

# Plane Ditching Victims Tell Experience Of Being Cast Adrift in Pacific Ocean

Pearl Harbor — (U.P.) — Seven men who survived a Navy seaplane crash in the Pacific told today how they crowded aboard a leaking life raft and kept it afloat for 56 hours by plugging leaks with fingers and corks.

The survivors said that they could feel sharks bumping against the bottom of their life raft during the entire time they spent on the waters.

Finally, one of 40 planes searching for the men spotted them Friday and the Military Sea Transport Service ship Gen. Ainsworth rescued them the following day. They were all in good condition.

The survivors were Lt. James G. Measel, pilot, Norfolk, Va.; Ens. Harrison B. Nordstrom, copilot, St. Paul, Minn.; Ens. Robert N. Gordon, Watertown, Mass.; AET Robert D. Frames, Memphis, Tenn.; AMM Edward G. Novak, Buffalo, N.Y.; AMM William C. Pavay, Warwick, R.I.; and AET Jerome J. Warras, Detroit, Mich.

### Plane Develops Trouble

Their twin-engine Navy amphibian developed engine trouble last Wednesday on a flight from Johnston island to Kwajalein. They ditched the plane after sending a distress message.

After the crash-landing one of the rafts blew away before they could inflate it, and the seven men piled into the remaining craft. The plane sank soon after.

"Swells ranged from eight to 20 feet," they said. "The water was choppy and rain squalls came every 40 minutes. The kite for the radio wouldn't fly, so we inflated a balloon, which floated for an hour. Then the wind broke the antenna."

### Could Feel Sharks

"Friction caused by a CO2 bottle punctured a hole in the bottom of the raft. There being no repair kit, fingers and wooden corks from our handles were used to plug holes for 56 hours. A pump was used continuously. Sharks were bumping the bottom of the raft and five of us were seasick."

On Thursday, the men watched despairingly as two search planes flew overhead but failed to spot the raft. However, on Friday they saw PBDY2, a four-engine Liberator-type bomber, pass overhead.

"We started shooting flares, smoke bombs and all. The 21st of January became the Fourth of July for us. The plane sighted us after seeing the flares."

A few moments later, other search planes arrived on the scene and one dropped a 30-foot boat with food, water and medical supplies.

"Three minutes later, we were all aboard that boat. A welcome sight was the dry clothing aboard. We rode the boat until we were picked up by the Ainsworth."

## Alan Pattison Wins Ashland JC Award

Ashland—Alan Pattison, Ashland YMCA secretary, has been awarded the city's Junior Chamber of Commerce distinguished service award as Ashland's outstanding young man of 1954. The award was made by a former DSA winner, Don Lewis, business manager of Southern Oregon college, at a banquet Friday at the Bellview Grange hall. Pattison has been secretary of the Ashland "Y" for three years.

The winner has done YMCA work the most of his life and has worked with "Y" groups in New York and in Atlanta, Ga., as well as Ashland. He also has worked with the Ashland juvenile council and the Ashland-Talent Youth drive.



WE'LL FOLLOW ALONG—Helen Yu (center) tries out a drum throne for size in San Francisco's Chinatown as she and Dorothy Tom (left) and Carolyn Lim (right) vie for New Year's queen title. They'll reign over week-long festivities ushering in the Chinese New Year 4653 Jan. 24. This is the year of the Sheep. On Sunday, Jan. 30, called Humanity Day, Chinatown will be turned into one huge parade.

## Shady Cove-Trail News

Shady Cove-Trail — Mrs. Ernest Segessenman of Shady Cove has just received word of the death of her uncle, Albert Ansett of Fargo, N. D., who suffered a heart attack and passed away suddenly. He was the owner of the Pioneer coffee and Peanut roasting plant in Fargo.

Upper Rogue Grange is sponsoring a dance for the benefit of the March of Dimes jointly with the Prospect Lumberjacks and Jills. The dance, to be held at Upper Rogue Grange hall on Saturday, Dec. 29, will feature both square and round dancing.

Chet Pfluke of Oakland, Calif. is due to arrive in Shady Cove for a visit with the Ernest Segessenman family. He is the fiancé of Miss Mary Segessenman.

Tom Quail of the Shady Cove Cleaners has returned from his stay in the Veterans Hospital in Portland where he underwent surgery recently. He is to return shortly to the hospital for a check-up.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley of Shady Cove entertained the Saturday Evening Bridge club at their home on Jan. 15. Members present were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Arley Spain of Shady Cove and Ted Jantzer of Trail. Several members were absent and the following substitutes in their absence, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harmon and Mrs. O. L. Williams of Shady Cove. Refreshments were served following the evening of cards.

Prizes for high scores were won by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goode and consolation prizes went to Donald Harmon and Mrs. Ivan Hale.

Sympathy of the community is extended to the Ray Mullen family of Shady Cove and to Art Mullen of Trail on the pass-

ing of Mrs. Flossie Mullen, whose funeral services were held in Medford on Monday. Also to Mrs. Charles Boatwright of Shady Cove on the death of her mother, Mrs. Nancy Weeks, pioneer resident of this area, who was buried from the Assembly of God Church in Shady Cove last Thursday.

Mrs. Pearl Adair of Shady Cove returned Thursday from Minneapolis where she had been visiting relatives since before Christmas.

Shady Cove-Trail Lions Auxiliary held its first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Ray Chubb in Shady Cove on Jan. 19. Ten members were present. Following the business session refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Earl Sheppard.

Mrs. Dolf Larson of Shady Cove entertained at her home Jan. 19 with a luncheon and afternoon bridge party. Present were Mesdames Clara Thurman, Jacalyn Langston, Arley Spain, Floyd Kelley, Max Hawks, Jerry Hicks, Carroll Watson and the hostess, Dolf Larson. Mrs. Larson is giving an afternoon pinocle and bridge party on Friday, Jan. 28, starting at 12 noon with a salad luncheon as a benefit for the Shady Cove Home Extension Unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rastall and family of Shady Cove returned last week from an extended vacation trip in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Dave Bergren of Shady Cove entertained at her home with a birthday party in honor of her son, Ricky Bergren who celebrated his 6th birthday on Jan. 15. Games were played and refreshments served. Guests were Morris Chamberlain, Judy and Janice Waltz, Diane Holder, Randy, Cathy and Connie Burnett, Marilyn and George Leam-

## Oregon Democrats Attack Plan for State Sales Tax

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon Young Democrats convening here rapped any plan for a state sales tax and told Democrats to support Gov. Paul Patterson in his request to offset federal income tax against state income tax.

The group charged also that suggestions to make the attorney-general's office appointive instead of elective were politically inspired.

"It is strange that Republicans should decide some office should be appointive just after Democrats have been elected to them," said Vern Cook, Young Democrat president.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton is a Democrat. Last week some state Republicans indicated they would attempt to remove the office from the ballot and have the attorney general appointed by the governor.

In other action, the Young Democrats voiced their opposition to the proposed Columbia Basin compact. It favored repeal of a state law which lets some property owners escape excise taxes, and repeal of the anti-picketing bill. The group called for extension of the state conciliation service and a full time paid parole board.

The group recommended a licensing and inspection service for rest homes and nurseries; adequate appropriations to meet public assistance needs and for a \$50,000 ceiling on campaign expenditures for persons running for state offices.

The Young Democrats decided to hold their state convention in Pendleton early this spring. An executive board meeting was scheduled in that city on Feb. 12.

## Snowstorm Reaches South To Florida

By UNITED PRESS  
A snow storm hit Dixie as far south as sunny Florida today and the midwest got some of its coldest weather of the season. The southern snow storm invaded Dixie as far south as Louisiana and northern Florida. Children at DeFuniak Springs, Fla., many of whom had never seen snow, spent yesterday building snowmen.

Charlotte, N. C., was buried under four inches of snow and Raleigh, N. C., had three inches. There was one inch at Macon, Ga., and snow covered Mobile, Ala., for the second time in 54 years.

In Florida snow fell on Pensacola, Tallahassee, Crestview and Milton, but spared the winter playground of Miami, where forecasters predicted a high of 78 today.

PRISON MUSIC RESUMED  
Boston, Mass. — (U.P.) — At least 15 inmates at Massachusetts State Prison were back in tune today. The music lessons that were suspended temporarily by last week's four-day revolt were resumed.

ing, Mike, Wayne and Bruce House, Sandra, Jimmy and Linda Paulson and Debbie and Kenny Bergren. Several mothers also attended, namely Mesdames Joe Waltz, Dave Holder, Ed Leaming, Kenneth Paulson.

Work of rebuilding the Willis Hawkins home at Trail which was destroyed by fire just before Christmas will be started Jan. 25 and anyone who would like to donate their services to help erect the building may do so and their efforts would be greatly appreciated.

## Congress Expected To Vote Pay Increase

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, a key figure in this Democratic congress, predicted today that congressmen soon will vote themselves a \$7,500 pay raise to \$22,500 a year.

The increases, he said in an interview, will be accompanied by pay boosts of \$7,500 and \$10,000 a year for federal judges and Supreme Court justices.

It appeared that a companion proposal to provide an official residence for Vice-President Richard M. Nixon is to be quietly buried.

### STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. FOLLAN  
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.  
To develop message for Tuesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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Good Adverse Neutral

## As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

### Rash Decision Can Mean Bitter Regret Later On

Seldom does a rash decision work out satisfactorily. Certainly decisions about one's whole future should not be made without careful thought from every angle.

(Q) "I am 21 years old and have a serious problem facing me. My parents will not let me date anyone of a different religion. I recently dated a swell guy in secret, but when he met my parents they blew a fuse. So we broke up. Fellows from my church don't even know I exist, though I'm an active member and attend all the affairs. Now I have definitely made up my mind to leave home and marry someone of my faith. I hate to do this, because my mother is ill and quite along in years. But on the other hand, I'm tired of living with a ball and chain on my foot. I'm desperate and will do anything to lead a new life. I have a good job and earn enough to leave home. What is your opinion?"

(A) It seems to me that you are in no mental state now to make a decision that will affect the whole course of your life. You may do something you'll regret bitterly unless you wait until your emotions calm down. So long as your parents feel as they do, you can be sure that you would cut yourself off from them forever if you married a man of another faith. With your mother old and in poor health, you certainly could not do that, no matter how you feel at the moment. Go to your minister and tell him how matters stand. He may be able to convince your parents that marrying a man of a different religion would not necessarily affect your own faith, that he might even be willing to accept your faith. He could certainly see to it that you met some young men of your own religion. He may not realize that you have not met any through your church activities. Surely you must meet young men of your own faith through your business associates. If there are none where you work now, why not get a job in an organization where you will meet some? You are only 21 years old. You have your whole life ahead of you. Don't throw it away in a fit of desperation. (Copyright 1955, General Features Corp.)



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### Cartoonist Reported To Be Slightly Improved

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Cartoonist James Murphy, 62, creator of the comic strip "Toots and Caspar," was reported to be "slightly improved" but still in critical condition today at St. Vincent's hospital. Murphy, a resident of Beverly Hills, Calif., was admitted to the hospital Thursday for uric acid poisoning. The cartoonist has undergone several abdominal operations in the last few years.

### NEW MAN, SAME NAME

Corsicana, Tex. — (U.P.) — Officials of the Corsicana State Home will have no trouble remembering the name of their new business manager, James William Irwin. Irwin will succeed James William Irwin Feb. 1. The two men are not related.

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## Chamber Committee Reaches Decision On Backing Bills

The legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce this morning at its second meeting voted to take no action supporting or opposing bills in the state legislature unless two-thirds of the committee members feel the measures be of major local importance.

The group under the chairmanship of Frank J. Van Dyke, approved a policy which calls for the review of all bills in the legislature by sub-committees. By two-thirds vote the committee itself may make recommendations to the legislature on individual measures, and by majority vote they can be referred to the chamber's board of directors for review or action.

To Submit Policy  
The policy statement will be submitted to the board for its approval or rejection at the board's meeting Thursday noon.

Reports on veterans legislation, proposals having to do with elections and reapportionment, and measures in the field of taxation were subject of reports at today's meeting. No action was taken by the committee on any bill.

The committee meets for breakfast each Monday at 7:30 a. m. at the Medford hotel.

### LEANED TOO FAR

Chicago — (U.P.) — Woodrow Bazzell, 36, was in a hospital today with a broken ankle brought on by a hangover. Bazzell became ill while appearing in court on a charge of drunkenness, ran to a window, leaned out a bit too far and fell two stories.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

## Actor, Bride Honeymoon At Undisclosed Location

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Carl Lee Ladd, daughter of film actor Allan Ladd, and actor Dick Anderson honeymooned at an undisclosed location today following their lavish marriage at the home of the bride's parents.

Ladd gave away the 21-year-old bride at the star-studded Saturday night wedding, one of the big Hollywood social events of the year.

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Oxydol Detergent	47-oz. Pkg.	69¢
Sunny Dawn Tomato Juice	46-oz. Can	19¢
Crackers Tea Timer or Hi Ho	1-lb. Pkg.	29¢
Red Hill Catsup	14-oz. Bottle	2/29¢
Heinz Ketchup	14-oz. Bottle	19¢
Pack Train Syrup	24-oz.	25¢
Lumberjack Syrup	24-oz.	29¢
Crackers Snowflake or Busy Baker	2-lb. Box	39¢
Smoked Ham SLICES	lb.	98¢
Fish Sticks	10 oz. Pkg.	49¢
Avocados	2	for 25¢
Grapefruit	8 lb. bag	49¢

SAFEGWAY



IN RED HANDS—One of the Communist photos brought back to the United States by UN Secy-Gen. Dag Hammarskjold (above) shows a group of the Americans held prisoner by the Reds. Left to right, facing the camera: Col. John K. Arnold of Silver Spring, Md., 1st Lt. Wallace L. Brown of Banks, Ala., and Capt. Eugene J. Vaadi of Clayton, N. Y. The others are unidentified.

COMING SOON GARY BURR COOPER-LINCOLN "VERA CRUZ" SUPERSCOPE