



DREAD OF THE TANKER SEAMEN—Two loaded oil tankers, the 7256-ton Panamanian tanker Buccaneer and the 10,788-ton Swedish tanker Johannishus, collided and burned in a fiery holocaust in the North Sea out of Amsterdam, Holland. Twenty-one are feared dead. The Buccaneer reported it had brought its fire under control and was picking up survivors of the Johannishus which is shown above burning as water pours into hole in side caused by the collision.

HST Hopes To See Stevenson As 1956 Democratic Nominee

Portland — (U.P.) — Ex-President Harry Truman said Saturday he hoped to see Adlai Stevenson as the 1956 Democratic candidate for president.

Democratic national chairman Paul Butler declared he believes that Stevenson can have the nomination. However, he said Stevenson "must seek" the nomination if he wants it.

Would Back Candidate
Butler declared that he has no choice of his own for president. And Mr. Truman emphasized that he would support any candidate nominated by the Democratic party.

Butler said Mr. Truman would return to the coast in September for major speeches in Los Angeles and San Francisco. He said the former president also would appear in Michigan in August in behalf of the Democratic campaign.

Mr. Truman, asked if he

would serve as a convention delegate from Missouri, said he would be happy to do so, but that was up to the party chairman of the state.

Would Address UN
He also said he would be happy to address the impending United Nations anniversary meeting in San Francisco if it

Motorcyclist Dies In Crash With Truck

Roseburg — (U.P.) — George Joseph Batinovich, 19, of Aberdeen, Wash., was killed Friday night when his motorcycle struck an oncoming logging truck on highway 99 4 1/2 miles north of here.

Coroner Jim Powers said the youth was dead on arrival at a local hospital. He said Batinovich apparently tried to pass a loaded truck and trailer when he was hit by the oncoming vehicle.

could be arranged without embarrassing anyone, "but that doesn't" include me because I can't be embarrassed."

Truman said he was encouraged by recent signs of easing cold war tension, and was hopeful for further improvements in international affairs at the Big Four conference.

He said he said little essential difference between his and President Eisenhower's foreign policies and declared the Republicans had had to return in many instances to the so-called Truman-Acheson policies.

Patterson Opposes State Property Tax

Portland — (U.P.) — If a referendum holds up a bill providing for a surcharge on income taxes, a state property tax will be inevitable, Gov. Paul Patterson said here Friday.

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"If the referendum is applied," the governor said, "the state tax commission would be obliged to levy the property tax. I hope and pray that doesn't happen."

He added that a referendum on the cigarette tax would not mean a property tax.

Church Vies With Peron Government For Public Support

Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — The government and the Roman Catholic Church vied for public attention in their tense struggle Saturday by holding separate rallies simultaneously.

The two gatherings were expected to attract thousands of citizens, and authorities feared the spotlighting of the state-church friction may lead to demonstrations and disorder.

Religious Procession
The Catholics planned a Corpus Christi, religious holiday procession inside the Metropolitan Cathedral on Central Plaza de Mayo, overlooking President Juan Peron's official residence.

The government, specifically banned the procession in the streets, but the church apparently sought to circumvent the order by holding the ceremony inside.

In a counter move for public attention, the government scheduled for precisely the same hour an appearance of Pascual Perez, the world's flyweight boxing champion.

The confusion surrounding the celebration of the Corpus Christi holiday added to the explosive potentialities. The government said church authorities were mistaken when they "assumed they were authorized" to hold the procession today.

Corpus Christi Day actually was Thursday. But the church postponed the traditional street

Widespread Region Of Nation Pelted By Weeklong Rain

By UNITED PRESS

Week-long rains continued to pelt widespread sections of the nation early Saturday. They told a story of death and near-death on land and sea and in the air. The rains extended from the Dakotas to Virginia and from Southeast Colorado to Northern Minnesota.

Rain and fog which impaired driving visibility were partly blamed Friday night for the death of a father and his two young sons whose panel truck was sheared in two by a New York Central passenger train at Clermont, Ind.

The victims, Lewis Jones, 25, of Clermont, and his sons, Theodore, 6, and Perry, 3, were thrown about 100 feet from the crossing.

State police said Jones apparently was also distracted momentarily by the children.

A Brewster, N. Y., couple and their tiny baby escaped injury earlier when fog and light rain forced their light plane to crash-land on a farm near Hobart, Ind.

The single-engine Cessna, carrying James Leland, his wife, Muriel, and the baby, nosed over after making a rough landing on a freshly-plowed field, according to the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

At Panama City, Fla., meanwhile, puzzled officials continued their investigation Saturday into "apparently false reports" that squalls in the Gulf of Mexico had capsized a pleasure fishing boat with four or five persons aboard.

The Red Cross chapter of Panama City said that a message from the cutter Cartigan reported picking up survivors.

But the Coast Guard at New Orleans reported that the Cartigan reached the scene 15 miles west of Panama City and a mile offshore and failed to find anything.

Early morning temperatures were in the 50s from the Rockies to the Appalachians and Northern Texas to New England. Florida reported readings in the 70s and 80s.

But the nation's hot-spot once again was the Southern California desert, where temperatures were expected to reach 100 degrees or more for the ninth straight day.

procession until Saturday because Peron recently declared the holiday a regular working day. Church authorities refused to conduct the religious ceremonies during a regular working day.

BIG DEAL
Bellare, Ohio — (U.P.) — A used car lot Saturday offered a \$50 discount for any customer brave enough to show up wearing Bermuda shorts and a free pair of shorts for anyone who bought an automobile while wearing long trousers.

Onetime POW at Camp White, Now German Radio Man, Visits Medford on Tour Across U.S.

Werner Baecker, a 36-year-old German radio announcer and commentator, spent most of Friday and Saturday in and around Medford, visiting the area where he was a prisoner of war just 11 years ago.

On a tour of the United States under the sponsorship of the Governmental Affairs Institute, Washington, D.C., Baecker has visited New York, Washington and San Francisco so far on his trip, but Medford is the only "small city" on his itinerary. He had expressed a specific desire to see the Camp White area where he spent a number of months as a POW.

Arriving by plane Friday morning, he was met by Mark Goldy who as chairman of the World Affairs Council here, acted as his host. During the two days he visited Camp White, was entertained by several groups, and toured some of the valley areas where he worked as a POW. He was interviewed by James Dunlevy for a KYJC radio broadcast.

During conversations Saturday, Baecker expressed himself in fluent English on a variety of subjects. He displayed a wrist-watch, which he purchased in Medford as a prisoner and still wears. He mentioned that a radio broadcast from Camp White which he watched in 1945 was the first he ever saw, and that this and a correspondence course in journalism from the University of Oregon, led him into a highly successful career in radio journalism in Europe.

Baecker was enthusiastic about the type of exchange program which brought him to this country, saying that it was one of the most effective methods of cementing international friendships. He said he hopes that it can be

broadened so that young Americans in greater numbers can go abroad, as well as residents of other countries visiting the United States.

Since Germany is right next to the Red army, and there is a constant stream of refugees entering the Federal Republic of Germany from the east, Baecker said there is no danger of the West Germans being taken in by Communist propaganda.

"The tanks of the Red army are only 30 miles from my home," Baecker, who lives in Hamburg, explained.

He added that a majority of Germans seem to be in favor of rearming their nation because they know that the freedom of the west must be protected, and can be protected only by strength. It is only the younger generation, which has grown up since the war, that is dubious about army service, he said. He added that they lack the realization of what they have to lose.

Sees Democratic Army
Baecker at one time proposed that the new German army be trained in the United States, where it would have the influence of democratic procedures, and might better get away from the old Prussian tendencies so long identified with German militarism. While this proposal appears impossible, he said, he still hopes that the new army can be built along democratic lines, with civilians in control at the top, as in the United States.

Virtually all West Germans give at least lip service to the ideal of unification with East Germany, he said, but he doubts that the Russians will ever permit unification on acceptable

terms. There is a strong but largely unspoken sentiment against unification too soon, he said, for it would have a serious impact on the booming economy of West Germany.

"Say you are living comfortably in your own home, and suddenly seven poor relatives come to live with you," he said, giving this as a simile of what might happen if Germany were unified overnight.

Mutual Attraction
Germans and Americans seem to be attracted to each other by an attraction for efficiency, and a certain materialism, Baecker indicated, saying that the two nations had much in common.

The involvement of Germany in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Steel and Coal community lays the groundwork for the possible eventual fulfillment of the ideal of a United States of Europe, Baecker said. But he added that something in the realm of common ideals and understanding must be added to the military and economic alliances before greater real unity can be achieved.

During his tour he is writing articles for the North West German radio, which are mailed back and broadcast several times each week.

His radio organization, Baecker said, usually broadcasts all night long, for residents of East Germany can more easily listen to banned radio broadcasts at that time. News broadcasts are made at different times of the night to avoid jamming by Communist radio technicians.

Baecker left for Portland by train Saturday night.

CAA Gets Requests for Removal of Old Wreck

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — A request was filed with the Civil Aeronautics administration here Friday asking permission to remove the wreckage of an old plane crash in the Deep Crater area of northern California.

Investigation by the Klamath air search rescue unit showed the plane was forced down May 22 and that the pilot had walked to safety.

Local officials were not notified of the downed plane until inquiries were made Thursday. At first it was thought the crash was recent and an investigation was started.

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