

Navy Pilot Sees No Sign of Life At Scene of Crash

Anchorage, Alaska — (U.P.) — Navy pilot who flew over the wreckage of an Air Force C47 transport said today there was no sign of life at the crash scene.

Four Men Aboard

Four men, all from the 5039th Air Transport Group, Elmendorf Air Force Base, were aboard the plane when it crashed yesterday on the highest peak of the island, about 90 miles southwest of Kodiak.

The plane left Elmendorf AFB here yesterday morning with a crew of three and flew to Kodiak where a fourth crewman, a radar operator, was taken aboard.

It left Kodiak to air drop supplies to a preliminary survey party on the island in connection with plans for construction of a recently authorized \$4,000,000 Air Force base there.

An SA-16 Albatross left Elmendorf last night for the wreckage scene and paramedics of the 71st air rescue squadron were to jump to the scene if the Albatross was unable to land at a lagoon near the foot of Sitkinak Dome, the 16,400-foot peak on which the plane crashed.

Sandy Youngster Dies In Auto-Truck Mishap

Sandy, Ore. — (U.P.) — Ronny Searls, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Searls, Keose, Ore., was killed about noon yesterday when he fell out of his mother's car and was run over by a lumber truck.

The tragedy occurred about one-quarter mile west of Sandy on the Mount Hood Loop Highway.

Child Killed, Four Hurt in Collision

Seaside — (U.P.) — A six-year-old girl was killed and four other persons injured in a three-car collision seven miles east of Elsie on the Sunset highway yesterday.

The victim was Gilda Conner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lester Conner of Hillsboro. The Conners and another daughter, Sharon, 15, were taken to Seaside Hospital.

Also injured was Frank Probst, 67, Elsie. Hospital physicians said none of the four was seriously hurt.

PLANS NEW ORDER

Paris — (U.P.) — France's hero of the homeles, Abbe Pierre, plans to go to Rome to discuss formation of a new monastic order for helping the "wretched and the poor," Roman Catholic circles said today.

Tacoma Pilot Dies In Skyraider Crash Near Santa Cruz

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A Navy AD6 Skyraider crashed into the ocean near Santa Cruz yesterday, apparently killing Pilot Lt. (jg) Charles Herbert Nylund, 24, of Tacoma, Wash., the 12th Naval District announced.

The Coast Guard Air-Sea Rescue Station reported late last night it had abandoned the search for Nylund's body after searching the waters off Pigeon Point for hours after the crash.

On Practice Run Nylund, stationed at Alameda Naval Air Station, was on a routine bombing practice run, diving on a smoke pot floating on the ocean. Other pilots on the maneuver reported the plane flew too close and crashed into the water. It disintegrated on impact, they said.

After the crash, pilots in Nylund's VA Squadron 95 circled around the area until a Coast Guard helicopter and an Albatross amphibian from Hamilton Air Force Base could reach the scene. A Coast Guard cutter was also dispatched to aid in the futile search for the pilot.

Condon Pilot Sets Entry in Jet Race

Portland — (U.P.) — Portlanders will have more than usual interest in Saturday's annual National Air Guard jet race between Ontario, Calif., and Detroit, Mich.

Representing the Northwest's National Guard wing will be Lt. Col. Staryl C. Austin Jr., of Portland who said he entered the annual race because his wife wanted him to.

Col. Austin is commanding officer of the 142nd fighter interceptor group of the Air National Guard.

He said that "although there are some newer type planes than the F-86 Sabrejet in the race, they will be handicapped and I stand as good a chance as any in bringing the trophy home."

Austin is a native of Condon, Ore., who enlisted in the Air Corps as a private shortly after the start of World War II.

Last year's Northwest entrant placed fourth in the race and Austin said "I think I can shave that position a little bit anyway."

NEW MUSIC HALL

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. Morgan S. Odell, president of Lewis and Clark College, reported to the Oregon Presbyterian Synod yesterday that construction of a new \$360,000 music hall will be started on the Portland campus this fall.

FACTS... ABOUT THE MEDFORD ANNEXATION PROGRAM

Who is there in the city of Medford or in Jackson County who is not in favor of improving the sanitary condition of our communities. No one. The responsibility for good housekeeping and sanitation rests with those who create the problem and that is exactly the reverse of the annexation program proposed by the city. The citizens in Medford and in the proposed annexation area who have their house in order are being called upon to pay for those projects which have been built and promoted and left in the hands of innocent purchasers and are now the primary source of our worry. It is not enough to call on the citizens of Medford and those in the annexation area to foot the expense of cleaning up the sanitation and housekeeping of those poorly planned subdivisions whose promoters have left their customers in this mess and pocketed their profits and washed their hands of all responsibility but now comes the city government and proposes a plan to annex 3000 acres to a city whose total acreage is only 2000—an increase of 150%. The law of course permits the city administration to carry out an annexation program without the approval of the citizens and that is as it should be in the case of small annexations but the city administration assumes too much responsibility when they, without consulting the citizenry, decide to increase the area of the city from 2,000 to 5,000 acres. A careful survey of this undertaking could disclose that the city could bankrupt itself or tax the present property owners beyond all reason if they throw this additional load onto the present city structure. From the standpoint of the city dwellers and taxpayers, we must summarize this by saying that it is the responsibility of the city administration to make a careful survey of the problem and project the venture over the next 10 to 25 years as the case may warrant, and tell the story to the citizens of Medford in minute detail including all tax and future financial problems and finally leave it to the decision of the people to determine whether or not the city should assume this additional burden.

We have presented the concern of the average citizen in Medford, and now let us present the problems of the voters and property owners of the area to be annexed. For years to come the big tax load will fall on those who have investments in the area, exclusive of the undeveloped speculative land. The new Armory Auditorium and the new Hospital will represent large investments but these institutions will be tax exempt so it helps neither party of tax payers. We taxpayers in the new area to be annexed can be grouped into 5 classifications;

- Group 1 Home owners in subdivisions whose property is on small lots of less than an acre and whose congested area is causing the primary sanitation problem.
- 2. Home owners on land one acre or more.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Each subdivision outside of the city of Medford who desire to be annexed should prepare their facilities and their finances so that they will be acceptable to the city of Medford as a desirable annexation project without additional burden to the property owners in the city.
- 2. The city of Medford should prepare complete annexation specifications for new areas to be compiled with before a subdivision is qualified to become a part of the city and should be without expense to the present property owners.
- 3. The sale of lots in any new subdivision should be restricted until the promoters have the subdivision in acceptable financial and physical shape for annexation, according to the city specifications and requirements.
- 4. A complete study should be made of all the areas which may become potential future city area and those areas which should definitely be excluded from future annexation consideration. A comprehensive study should be made of the entire problem and projected in writing and on a map for the study of the people in the city and the county.

- 3. Orchard properties and farms.
- 4. Commercial properties.
- 5. Industrial properties.

Why are these various groups of taxpayers against annexation as proposed.

Group 1
A lot of these are desperate in their predicament and may have good cause for condemning the promoters who put them in this plight. Annexation is important for their community and their problem should be solved. They of course favor annexation but do not want to help to carry the large undeveloped area load.

Group 2
The majority of these have good housekeeping and good sanitation and they acquired their properties to enjoy the freedom of rural living and to get away from the necessary blanket restrictions which city government must enforce due to city congestion and many other factors and problems which are not applicable to rural living. Taxes are also a factor.

Group 3
These are the owners of the properties which are part of the bread basket of the community. Again these people feel the same as group 2 plus the fact that they are much concerned about any city government control which could materially and detrimentally effect the normal operations of their orchard and farms. If the former wants to build a chicken coop he doesn't want to be forced to ask the city boys for a permit or specifications. The extra tax to which his property will be subjected for which he will receive very little return, is also a grave concern to him.

Group 4
The same applies to this class.

Group 5
Annexation would be very discouraging to industry within the area for the same reasons set forth for the other classes. City Taxes and restrictions could easily stop all industrial expansion in the area or in other adjacent areas to the proposed city limits. New industry would fear another ambitious expansion program of the City of Medford and it would simply result in industry locating in other parts of the county or not at all. Industry close to the City of Medford means convenience to the industry employs. If you move industry to other parts of the county the employs will favor housing close to the new location of industry and not in Medford. Most city laws are not written or geared to industry.

SUMMARY:
After careful analysis we ask, who is in favor of this wholesale, ill advised annexation—you answer the question. What is the solution for the county and city?

- 5. The city council should not use their prerogative in accepting any large subdivisions or areas without the consent of the people in Medford. Other smaller areas which have complied with paragraph 2 above should present their petition to the council and have it published in detail in the newspaper 60 days before annexation and after the council has accepted and approved their petition.

- 6. An overbuilt city means low property values, lower incomes to business and property owners. The city and the county should do some intensive research as to the future basic industry income to determine if these industries will maintain their present high income and payrolls.

- 7. A statement by Ralph Moore in a recent Oregon Voter should be quoted "We are sold by what meets the eye more readily than what appeals to reason. We are accustomed to stylish attractive packaging of ideas and beliefs, all wrapped up for our convenience but only dimly understood as to content. This makes us peculiarly vulnerable to influence by slogan or mere rumor that sounds good but actually has no substance." So lets be careful.

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Let's Take a Look at Eric Allen's Views on The Annexation Problem

1. No one will take issue with Eric Allen's views on annexation, provided, however, that it is carried out on a fair and sound basis. We are happy that Eric brought some of the major issues to light in his editorials, but it is our belief that Eric fails to do sufficient research in the matter.
2. He fails to tell us what the advantages are of a package deal. It depends what you put in the package.
3. He fails to bring out the unfairness of a vote on this annexation by only registered voters without regard to the wishes of the many who will pay a large portion of the taxes who do not have a vote. This is taxation without representation.
4. He fails to bring out the facts pertaining to the cost of this annexation which will have to be borne by the present citizens of Medford, who are simultaneously being asked to permit the city government to exceed the 6% tax limitation.
5. He fails to bring out what city services are wanted or needed by the owners of property in the contemplated annexation area, with the exception of that limited area which has serious sanitation problems resulting from the creation of subdivision projects promoted and created without adequate sanitation, streets and other facilities required in a congested residential district.
6. His answer to question No. 2 states, quote: "Whether increases in services are worth the added cost is up to the individual to decide." The bulk of the taxes will be paid by taxpayers who will have no vote in the matter regardless of their decision.
7. He mentions G. L. Frazier as one who will vote No, and that "others located in areas where the ground is polluted from cesspool or septic tank overflow, where there is a crying need for new streets, street lights, sewers and pure water, will realize that an increase in taxes is a small price to pay for city benefits and will vote 'yes.' Our answer is:— Even those "others," who Eric says will vote "yes" if they study the financial problems of the city will come up with a "no" because they as well as the other citizens in Medford are not anxious to be burdened with the cost of this large undeveloped area and would prefer to come as a small unit into a city whose future financial problems will not be saddled with the 3000 acre White Elephant.
8. We are not happy with the job of being critical of our city fathers, and it is our belief that no personal selfish motive prompted them to promote this mass annexation. However, this matter has so many potential financial and other pitfalls, we must be critical of them, and particularly in taking the full responsibility of this large project without consulting the citizens of Medford and others who have a large stake in the matter.

Group Opposed To Mass Annexation

Pd. Adv. **Linna Dunivent, Secretary**