

AIR FORCE TANKER PLANE CRASH KILLS 11 CREWMEN



INVADING THE WILD and woolly west, Keiko Takahashi, "Miss Japan," arrives in Los Angeles to compete for "Miss Universe" honors against girls from all nations. (International)

MEDFORD TRIBUNE

United Press—Full Leased Wire
50th Year 20 Pages MEDFORD, OREGON, JULY 13, 1955 Price 5c No. 97

Weather

FORECAST: Hot through Thursday. Chance of afternoon thunderstorms in mountains. Low tonight 60. High Thursday 98-100.
Temp. 78
Highest Yesterday 82
Lowest this Morning 60

Engine Suddenly Bursts in Flames, Eyewitness Says

6,000 Pounds of Jet Fuel Said on Board

Merced, Calif.—(U.P.)—A four-engined air tanker, loaded with 6,000 pounds of jet fuel, crashed today a few minutes after taking off from Castle Air Force Base, killing all 11 crewmen.

Air Force authorities said the plane, attached to the 93rd Wing, was on a routine refueling flight. The crash occurred about six miles north of the air base in a grain field near Cressey Bridge.

Engine in Flames
An eyewitness of the crash, Wilma Nelson of Cressey, said the plane was quite low when an engine suddenly burst into flames. "It looked like the pilot was trying to make a forced landing in the grain stubble field. The plane exploded when it hit the ground and threw bodies all over the place."

A nearby rancher, R. W. Stratton, said he reached the scene a few minutes later and found most of the bodies thrown out in front of the wrecked plane. Stratton said all the bodies "were burned to a crisp."
"It appeared that two or three of the men had tried to parachute out. It looked like they were wrapped in partially opened chutes."

A Cressey fireman, L. H. Moyer, said his crew found one of the plane's engines about a quarter of a mile from the rest of the wreckage.

"The engine was on fire and it took quite a while to put it out. I think the engine dropped off before the plane hit the ground."

Grain Field on Fire
He reported flames from the wreckage set fire to grain stubble and burned about 20 acres.

Mrs. Louise Flint, a Modesto newspaper reporter, said the plane's tail assembly and landing gear "were the only parts in one piece." She said "the center of the ship was in little pieces, it was just blown all over the place. I think the pilot was trying to make an emergency landing in the field."

"Firemen were hampered somewhat by the grain fire and had to fight this blaze before they could reach the plane."
"I talked with several other persons at the scene and all agreed the plane burst into flames before it crashed."

Roseburg Council Hits Passenger Train End

Roseburg—The Roseburg city council this week passed a resolution declaring itself against the plan to end passenger service on the Southern Pacific line between Portland and Ashland.

In addition, it asked that daylight service be added on the SP schedule in southern Oregon, as well as the nightly Rogue River passenger trains.

The city will file objections with the state public utilities commissioner to the SP's plans to discontinue passenger service Aug. 7.

The council volunteered its services in a cooperative attempt with the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce to keep passenger service alive.

Daughter of Pioneers, 96, Dies This Afternoon

Mrs. Ada Walz, 96, of 3045 Bellingham lane, died early this afternoon.

Mrs. Walz, a native of Jackson county, and lived here all her life, and was the daughter of a pioneer couple. Her husband preceded her in death.

Conger-Morris funeral home is in charge of funeral arrangements, which will be announced later. She is survived by several relatives in the valley.

Oveta Culp Hobby Quits Cabinet

Undersecretary of Treasury Selected To Be Successor

Resignation Comes As No Surprise

Washington—(U.P.)—Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby resigned today as secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

President Eisenhower selected Marion B. Folsom, undersecretary of treasury, to be her successor.

Mr. Eisenhower accepted Mrs. Hobby's resignation in an extraordinary public ceremony at the White House before a crowded room of reporters and photographers.

As Mrs. Hobby stood by, the President paraphrased Secretary of Treasury George M. Humphrey and bade an admittedly sad farewell to Mrs. Hobby by dubbing her "the best man in the Cabinet."

Folsom, 61, former executive in the Eastman Kodak Co. at Rochester, N.Y., was to be formally nominated later in the day.

Mrs. Hobby's departure from the Cabinet has been expected for some time. The administration has sought to depress the idea, voiced particularly in Democratic circles, that her departure would be due to her handling of the Salk polio vaccine program.

Mr. Eisenhower has praised her publicly for a "magnificent" job in handling the vaccine program. He said she is being forced to leave government service because of the illness of her husband, W. P. Hobby of Houston, Tex., former governor of Texas.

Expresses Regret
Mrs. Hobby, second woman Cabinet member in the nation's history, issued a statement expressing "regret" and "a deep sense of sadness" in leaving government service.

Mrs. Hobby later told reporters that she informed the President in January that she would have to leave the government. Asked whether the polio vaccine controversy, which did not begin until months later, "forced" her out, she said, "nothing could be further from the truth."

Houston, Tex.—(U.P.)—The Houston Post announced today that Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, who resigned today as secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, will become president of the Post Publishing Co.

Mrs. Hobby's husband, former Gov. V. P. Hobby, now president of the publishing company, will become chairman of the board when Mrs. Hobby returns to Houston.

Neuberger Proposes End To Auto Racing

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) yesterday said that it is time Congress prohibits the "bloodshed" of auto racing.

The Oregon Democrat told the Senate that "the time has come for the United States to be a civilized nation and to stop carnage on race tracks."

He cited a number of recent fatal racing accidents, and said, "deaths on our highways are sad and tragic, but at least they are not staged for profit and for the delight of thousands of screaming spectators."

Weather Bureau Shifts From 'Fair' to 'Hot'

Medford office of the U.S. weather switched its prediction from "fair" to "hot" today on the heels of yesterday's 98 degree temperature which brought in an abrupt end a spell of "cool" weather.

The weather bureau looked for a maximum of near 100 degrees today and its forecast was "hot through Thursday." A maximum temperature of 98 to 100 degrees was forecast for tomorrow. Thermometer at the weather station read 82 degrees at 10:30 a.m. today.

There is a chance of afternoon thunderstorms in the mountains.

Brush, Timber Blaze On Klamath Reservation

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—More than an acre of heavy brush and timber on the Klamath Indian reservation north of here was burned before a small forest fire was brought under control early today.

The blaze, which foresters said was caused by smoker's carelessness, was spotted by the Agency Butte lookout station about 3 p.m. Tuesday. A nine man crew with two power wagons, a pumper and tractor was dispatched to control the flames.

It was Klamath county's first forest fire of the season.



OVETA CULP HOBBY Resignation Accepted

Oil Right Leases For 12,000 Acres In County Secured

Oil right leases for more than 12,000 acres of land in the northern part of Jackson county have been secured, it was reported today by R. A. James, chairman of a landowners committee.

They will be placed in a safe deposit box in a local bank Monday, July 18, pending arrangements for exploratory drilling, he said.

It was necessary to obtain lease agreements covering at least 12,000 acres before Natural Resources association, San Jose, could agree to work on drilling arrangements. James said the leases cover more than the necessary minimum acreage.

No leases will be accepted for deposit later than Saturday, July 16, unless mailed with a postmark dated earlier than July 16, James added.

The Natural Resources firm will now discuss exploratory drilling operations with major oil companies.

The landowners committee has been actively investigating the proposal since early this year, and the leases have been discussed at several meetings of those interested within recent months.

Elk City Water District Approved

Residents along Highway 99 between city limits of Medford and Central Point yesterday approved incorporation of the Elk City Water District.

The unofficial vote was 38 in favor and 12 against, James McGoodwin, attorney for the group, said today. McGoodwin said the Jackson county court will canvass the vote soon. After incorporation, an election will be held on whether or not residents of the area should issue bonds to finance construction of water mains.

Preliminary engineers' surveys of the district have been made.

The district includes both residential and industrial sites, and is the most likely area for future industrial development, McGoodwin said, because it is along Pacific highway and Southern Pacific railroad tracks.

Northwest Loggers Protest Proposed New Tax on Tires

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Washington (Special)—Pacific Northwest loggers are protesting proposed new taxes on truck tires which House Democrats have advanced as a means of paying for a stepped-up federal highway building program.

Both parties are in favor of a new highway program, but they have been in conflict over how to finance it. President Eisenhower proposed a plan by which revenue bonds would be issued by a government corporation set up to finance the program, with the bonds being paid off later by general taxation.

When Democrats jumped on this scheme as a "give-away" to bankers, pointing out that for every dollar spent on road build-

Argentine Navy Demands Peron Be Ousted From Land

Army Also Said To Favor Action

Santiago, Chile—(U.P.)—The rebellious Argentine Navy is still insisting on the removal of President Juan D. Peron and is demanding that he be placed aboard ship and sent out of Argentina, reports here from Buenos Aires said today.

The reports were unofficial but came from persons in close touch with the situation in Argentina as it has developed since the bloody but apparently short lived June 16 revolution.

These reports said the Army also favors eliminating the Peron influence but that it wishes to do so gradually.

The Army is said to believe that such a policy will prevent confusion and tension which might result were Peron removed now.

It was learned here that evidence came out at a Navy court martial directly linking former Minister of Interior and Justice Angel Gabriel Borlenghi with the Argentine flag burning incident which later was used as an excuse to desecrate Roman Catholic churches in Buenos Aires.

Catholic demonstrators had been accused of tearing down the flag and burning it.

Evidence was presented at the court martial of Rear Adm. Anibal Oliveri, former Navy minister accused of leading the revolution, that the flag burning was ordered personally by Borlenghi.

In New York, where he arrived from Montevideo yesterday, Borlenghi denied any connection with the flag burning incident.

Council To Study Trimmed Budget

The 1955-56 Medford city budget, trimmed of \$66,510, will be presented to the city council for approval at a special meeting tonight.

The trimming was necessary after residents by a vote of 636 to 207 on July 5, turned down a proposal to exceed the 6 per cent limitation on budget increases by that amount.

City Manager Robert Duff has been working the past week to make the cuts, which he said will amount to an average of about 10 per cent for all departments. His detailed proposals will be reviewed by the council, which has the power to make last-minute changes in the budget within the over-all limitation.

A public hearing on the budget will also be conducted during the meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

State law requires that the budget be filed with the county auditor's office by Friday, July 15.

Medford Hearing Due On Container for Pears

Salem—(U.P.)—Two hearings will be held at Hood River and Medford this month as to whether Oregon apple and pear growers and shippers should be free to use any kind, size and style of container.

The Medford hearing will be held Thursday, July 21, at 2 p.m. in the Medford hotel.



GETS JC POST — Thomas J. Reeder, above, Medford attorney, has been named state chairman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce safety program, it was announced today. He will attend a meeting of the state executive committee in Salem Saturday, at which time he expects to be briefed in his new duties. The appointment was made by Ike Congelton, Portland, state JC president.

Dial Service Due Telephone Users In Applegate Area

A Pacific and Telegraph company construction project will bring dial telephone service to more than 200 subscribers in the Applegate valley region in well under way, it was reported today.

Jack Creager, company manager here, said the new service will replace present "farmer line" service, where requested. Surveys indicate initial demand for 257 telephones by January of 1956, he added.

Construction crews have started erecting telephone poles along 20 miles. Other work to be done includes placing 111,700 feet of aerial cable, 1,400 feet of buried cable, and 150 miles of aerial wire.

Estimated cost of the entire project, Creager said, is \$147,000.

Telephone users in the Applegate valley region will have new Jacksonville numbers.

Overross Trial Said 'Parade of Herring'

Salem—(U.P.)—Marion County District Attorney Kenneth Brown today accused the defense of making "a parade of red herrings" at the trial of Casper Overross, accused of the first degree murder of Ervin Kaser at Silverton Feb. 17.

In his closing arguments to the jury, Brown said the defense had made "much to do" about the hiring of Charles Raymond, Portland, as a special prosecutor.

"What difference does it make as to the guilt or innocence of this man whether I or 20 others prosecute?" Brown asked the jury.

The defense was to give its closing arguments and Judge George Duncan gave his instructions before the jury took the case under advisement.

Dulles Will Seek Allied Unity in Advance Meeting

Secretary of State En Route To Paris

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was en route to Paris today to seek Allied unity on Germany, disarmament and other controversial East-West problems in advance of next week's top-level Big Four meeting at Geneva.

Dulles will confer in Paris with British Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan, French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay, and representatives of the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization—which Russia wants to wreck.

Plans Discussed
President Eisenhower and Dulles discussed their plans for the Big Four conference with congressional leaders of both parties Tuesday.

One of those attending the conference said Mr. Eisenhower and Dulles made these points:

1. The United States will not try for "substantive solutions" to existing problems but rather will seek "new approaches" to those problems and try to inject a "new spirit" into the attacks on those problems.

2. This country will not agree to discuss Asian problems without representatives of those countries being present.

3. From the outset, the United States will stress its desire for reunification of Germany.

To Insist on Inspection
It will seek a limitation of armaments but will insist on adequate inspection machinery because, as Dulles was reported to have put it, "nothing can be taken on faith."

5. The U. S. delegation will reiterate the U. S. position that free elections should be held in Communist satellite countries, but Mr. Eisenhower and Dulles do not know whether anything can be accomplished along this line.

6. It was believed that Russia would press for a relaxation of restrictions on trade between the free world and the Communist countries.

Bulletin

Melvin Glenn Wier, Phoenix, a driver for Medford Furniture store, told city police early this afternoon that the fire which heavily damaged the store last Friday was caused accidentally.

He and Gene Wallace Lauderdale, a temporary employee of the store, were looking for a specific color of mattress in a dimly lighted storage room, he told officers, and used matches to furnish light. He accidentally dropped one, which started the fire. Wier told police. He was dictating his statement and was to sign it this afternoon.

He said he has been "worried sick" about it ever since the fire, and was "glad it's over," according to Police Chief Charles Champlin.

Brattleboro, Vt.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Lucille Miller, a Vermont housewife, was convicted by a federal jury today of advising young men to dodge the draft.

Defendant's Sanity Becomes Main Issue In Trial for Murder

The sanity of Bernice Hampton (Tex) White became the primary issue this morning in the first degree murder trial now under way in circuit court.

White, 37, of 228 Hartley rd., is charged with the death of Eugene Raymond Birk, 32, Phoenix.

The importance of the sanity issue became apparent this morning in the opening statement by Defense Attorney Robert Duncan. He told the jury, "We know that Gene Birk is dead, and we know that he died as the result of being struck on the head by a piece of lumber in the hands of the defendant."

Three state witnesses had appeared on the stand by the noon

recess today, and two of them testified that they saw White strike two blows against Birk. Both identified a piece of two-by-four lumber as the weapon.

Richard Dale Blunc, 24, Ashland, who was a "lineup" man for White at the Talent mill, where the attack was committed, told of seeing White knock Birk down with the piece of lumber, and then strike him again after Birk had fallen.

William Bushnell, 25, Talent, who was working as an edger picker in the mill on March 2 when the attack occurred, gave substantially the same testimony, although he said he could not see whether the second blow actually struck Birk.

Doctor Testifies
The third witness for the state, and the first to appear on the stand, was Dr. A. E. Merkel, Jackson county health officer, who testified concerning an autopsy conducted on Birk's body, and on the cause of death.

Dr. Merkel declared that death was caused by a skull fracture and cerebral hemorrhage. He testified that these injuries apparently were caused by one or two blows, depending upon the weapon used.

Blunc's testimony brought a sharp exchange between Duncan and District Attorney Walter Nunley, concerning a statement taken from the witness by Duncan about 10 days after Birk's death in an Ashland hospital.

Most of Duncan's opening statement centered around White's medical history since the age of 14, when the defense attorney said White fell from a pony. Since that time, Duncan said, White has been subject to seizures, some of them convulsive.

Had Epilepsy
White has been diagnosed as a victim of epilepsy on several occasions, his attorney said, one of which resulted in his receiving a medical discharge from the Marine Corps in 1939 only four weeks after he had enlisted.

Duncan said the defense testimony would show that White received a sharp blow under the chin through an accident with a piece of lumber only a few minutes before the attack on Birk. He added that the defense testimony would show that Birk struck or shoved White on the chest at about the same time.

"Tests have been taken showing White is not normal," Duncan said. "This act is the product of a diseased mind."

Nunley's opening statement outlined the sequence of events preceding and including the attack on Birk, which he said would be given in the state's testimony.

Selection of a jury was completed at about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. The trial was recessed after the jurors visited the Talent mill.

Miss Oregon Contest Draws 12 Candidates

Seaside—(U.P.)—Twelve candidates will compete for the title of Miss Oregon of 1955 at the annual Miss Oregon pageant here this week end.

The event starts Friday night and ends Sunday. Represented contestants will be Portland, Columbia, Clatsop, Clatskanie, Coos, Clifton, Forest Grove, Lincoln, Newberg, Springfield and Willamette.

Polio Makeup Shots Given; More Slated

Make up shots for about 75 first and second graders who missed second anti-polio shots in a make-up clinic yesterday will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. next Tuesday, July 19, in the Jackson county health department office in the courthouse.

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, health officer, said today.

Some 139 children received second series make up shots yesterday, Dr. Merkel said, but records indicate that 70 or 75 more were notified and failed to report for the Salk vaccine shots.

The third shot, known as a booster dose, is recommended between seven months and a year following second shots. These will be given by family physicians.

Dr. Merkel stressed the need for the second shot because one does not give sufficient protection. The second shot, he said, gives the degree of protection recommended for controlling polio.

McKay To Report On Water Resources

Washington—(U.P.)—Interior Secretary Douglas McKay said today he hopes to give President Eisenhower by Aug. 1 a report covering the basic principles for a new national water resources policy.

McKay is a chairman of a cabinet committee named by Mr. Eisenhower May 26, 1954, to establish a uniform national water resources policy.

The report will not be a voluminous document, McKay said. He said it will recommend the basic principles to be followed to carry out a uniform policy by all government departments and agencies.

He said it will not go into the field of production of power from water sources. It will go into the use and control of surface and ground waters.

Northwest Loggers Protest Proposed New Tax on Tires

out that loggers in the region would be hit hardest by this tax, even though they "seldom use the interstate highways" which would be financed by the bulk of these funds.

"Nevertheless," Pelly told the House, "logging-truck owners would be compelled to pay this exorbitant \$50 or more tax on every tire purchased under this bill. The average logging truck has a complement of 16 tires, so that for every set of tires purchased an additional tax of \$800 or more would be assessed."

"I have received telegrams from some truckers who seldom if ever use interstate highway systems that the proposed 1,000 per cent increase in the tax on tires will put them out of business," declared Mack.

Brush, Timber Blaze On Klamath Reservation

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—More than an acre of heavy brush and timber on the Klamath Indian reservation north of here was burned before a small forest fire was brought under control early today.

The blaze, which foresters said was caused by smoker's carelessness, was spotted by the Agency Butte lookout station about 3 p.m. Tuesday. A nine man crew with two power wagons, a pumper and tractor was dispatched to control the flames.

It was Klamath county's first forest fire of the season.