

# RED CHINA FREES 11 U.S. FLIERS

## State Mishaps Kill 14; G. Pass Wreck Claims Four Lives

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Fourteen persons died in Oregon weekend accidents, seven on the highways and seven by drowning. There were two accidents that resulted in four deaths each.

James William King, 30, Lowell, drowned while swimming in Fall creek east of Eugene late Sunday, according to Lane County Coroner Fred Buell.

The treacherous waters of Winchester bay at the mouth of the Umpqua river in Douglas county overturned a pleasure craft Saturday and four men drowned. The victims were identified as Clifford Kenneth Flory, 51, Sutherlin, whose body was recovered and Cecil Haig, Sutherlin; Robert S. Nau, Oakland, Ore.; and Royce Bowman, Reedsport. Rescued were Albert Lewis, Reedsport, and Lloyd A. Baertlein, 40, Sutherlin.

**Medford Man Truck Dredged**  
A convertible and a daimler truck collided near Grants Pass Saturday resulting in death to four persons. The victims were

Mrs. Leonard Blair, two sons, Douglas, 5, and Dennis, 2, and Pearl Baker 18, a friend of the family. Driver of the car Leonard Blair, was taken to a hospital along with three other Blair children. Robert Ivy, 32, driver of the Jorgensen's Dairy truck, was uninjured.

Two Prineville men drowned in the turbulent Crooked river near Madras yesterday when their rubber boat upset while they were boating downstream. The victims were Jerry Battles, 32, and Martin Martinson, 46.

**Found Dead in Car**  
Phillip A. Glahn, 48, Portland, was found dead in his car last night after it plunged down a 300-foot bank northeast of Estacada. The body was found by a fisherman trolling in the Clackamas river.

James E. Benson, 16, was killed when a car struck the Pudding river bridge near Woodburn Sunday.

Floyd Holmes King, 22, Independence, was found dead in his wrecked car at the bottom of a slough near Monmouth.

## Civilian Prisoners First Topic Of Geneva Am. Ambassador Meeting

### Opening Session Arranges Agenda; To Resume Tuesday

### Gradual Recognition Of Red China Feared

Geneva—(U.P.)—The United States and Red China agreed today to discuss the release of 40 American civilians held by the Communists as the first order of business at the Geneva talks.

This course was decided upon after Chinese Communist Ambassador to Poland, Wang Pingnan, announced that 11 airmen were being freed from Red China and will reach Hong Kong Thursday.

The surprise announcement by the Chinese Communists immediately shifted the emphasis in the talks between Wang and the American Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, U. Alexis Johnson, to 40 civilians imprisoned or detained by the Red Chinese.

Wang and Johnson opened their talks with a 45-minute session to fix the agenda and put the American civilians' release at the top. The meeting resumes tomorrow.

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## Broadcast Says Men Should Reach Freedom Thursday

### Action Seen Effort As Propaganda Victory

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Red China today announced the release of 11 U.S. Airmen held in Communist jails for two and one-half years and said they should reach freedom in Hong Kong by next Thursday.

Announcement of the "immediate release" of the airmen who had been convicted and imprisoned on espionage charges, was made by Peiping Radio, barely an hour before the opening of direct Chinese-American talks in Geneva in which their fate was the top item of the conference agenda.

Chinese Ambassador to Poland Wang Pingnan, who is Peiping's representative at Geneva, said the freed airmen should reach the British Crown Colony at Hong Kong by Aug. 4.

### Crew of Superfort

The 11 men were the crew of a B29 Superfort, shot down near the end of the Korean war. Red China's refusal to treat them as war prisoners and repatriate them with other Korean war prisoners had been the source of major tension between the United States and Red China.

Today's unexpected announcement by Peiping Radio said the Supreme People's Court of China on July 31 decided "to release these 11 criminals before the completion of their terms and notified the authorities in charge to carry out immediately the release procedures and to send them out of China."

### Propaganda Effort

The Peiping broadcast, monitored here and in London, was made barely an hour before the opening of direct talks between United States and Red China representatives at Geneva in which the case of the imprisoned airmen was scheduled to have been a major subject for discussion.

Red China's timing of the announcement was accepted by the West as a maneuver to achieve a propaganda victory in the Geneva talks even before they began.

Normally Americans and other Westerners who are released by the Chinese Reds are handed over at the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong which has a frontier with Red China.

The men to be released are: Maj. William H. Baumer, Lewisburg, Pa.; Airman 1C Steve R. Kiba, Akron, O.; Airman 2C John W. Thompson III, Orange, Va.; Capt. Eugene J. Vaadi, Clayton, N. Y.; Col. John K. Arnold Jr., Montgomery, Ala.; Lt. Wallace L. Brown, Montgomery, Ala.; Lt. John W. Buck, Armathwaite, Tenn.; Airman 2C Harry M. Benjamin Jr., Worthington, Minn.; Sgt. Howard W. Brown, St. Paul; Capt. Elmer F. Llewellyn, Missoula, Mont.; and Airman 2C Daniel C. Schmidt, Boise, Ida.

### Good Prisoners

The Communist broadcast said the imprisoned Americans had "observed discipline and behaved themselves fairly well" while in jail.

"The authorities in charge so reported to the military tribunal of the Supreme People's Court and asked leniency for the men," the broadcast said.

The 11 were the last of 15 U.S. airmen admittedly held by Red China.

Four others, all Korean war veterans, were ordered "deported" and released by Red China last May 31.

### Fresh Crab Meat Spilled As Truck Turns Over

Oregon City—(U.P.)—Some \$35,000 worth of fresh crab was spilled on the Mt. Hood highway at Cherryville when a truck and trailer failed to negotiate a turn and upset, sheriff's officers said today.

Driver of the truck, Hugh John Andrews of New Westminster, B.C., was unhurt, but a passenger, C. R. Gray of Nooksack, Wash., received a broken leg.

Truck damage was estimated at \$18,000, while \$10,000 of crab was lost. It took workmen 13 hours to clear the road.

### Weather

FORECAST: Continued fair and warm through Tuesday. Low tonight 55. High Tuesday 52.

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| Highest yesterday   | 94 |
| Lowest this morning | 57 |

## Californian Nabs Top Rogue Roundup Award As All-Around Cowboy

Bob Woolery, a California rider new to Oregon rodeos, won the Gibson saddle for being the best "all-around cowboy" during the Rogue River Roundup, which ended here yesterday.

Woolery nosed out local competition before one of the "biggest crowds" the Roundup has ever had, according to Jim Henry, captain of the Jackson county mounted sheriff's posse. Woolery amassed a total of 90 points, 10 points ahead of his nearest rival.

**Clown Injured**  
Saturday night, rodeo clown Karl Doering received a broken arm when he stepped between a rushing brahma bull and a downing cowboy, Henry said. Doering was taken to a local hospital for treatment and appeared again in the Sunday show. Marlin Wilson, 21, Sprague River, was also treated for minor injuries received during the show. Both were taken to the hospital by Medford Ambulance service.

Young Clint Gibson managed to hang on long enough to become "top man" in the Kid's Calf event, limited to contestants 12 years or younger. Dick Swinney, in the 12-13 group, placed first in the saddled-steer ride.

## Big Audience Seen For Shakespeare Festival Opener

Ashland—The 20th year of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival opens here tonight, with indications that attendance may go 10 per cent higher than in previous years.

Opening night, with "A Midsummer Night's Dream," is a near sellout, although a few more tickets are still available, according to Festival Business Manager William Patton. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

**Speakers Listed**  
The Rt. Rev. Lane W. Barton, Episcopal bishop of Eastern Oregon, will open the festival tonight. Dr. B. A. Cope, festival association president, and Angus L. Bowmer, founder and producing director, will both speak briefly.

## Five Spectators Hurt as Race Car Smacks Guard Rail

Salem—(U.P.)—A racing car went out of control with its throttle stuck at Hollywood race track here Saturday night and struck a guard rail. Five persons were injured when struck by flying debris, one seriously.

Four of the injured were spectators and one was a city policeman on duty at the track.

Most seriously hurt was Richard S. Ketchum, 21, Salem, who received head injuries.

Others injured were Charles E. Emerson, 36; Mrs. Dale Collie, 29; Patrolman J. H. Sharp, 47, all of Salem and Daniel Van Brickman, 32, Silverton. They have been released from the hospital.



TURNCOATS ARRESTED—MP Capt. Walter R. Leahy (right) reads charges to the three turncoat GI's in San Francisco immediately after their arrival aboard the SS President Cleveland from Hong Kong. Listening solemnly are, left to right: Otho G. Bell, William A. Cowart and Lewis Griggs. They are being held at Fort Baker until their courtmartial.

## Canadian Girl Fails To Set Swim Record

Dover, England—(U.P.)—Veteran swimmers blamed a grinding cross tide today for 17-year-old Barilyn Bell's failure to break the women's speed record for swimming the treacherous English Channel.

They said the freckle-faced blonde schoolgirl from Toronto, Ont., despite her amazing finishing sprint yesterday, was unable to make up the two hours she lost battling the powerful current which swept her westward for five miles in mid-afternoon.

Although she missed the recognized record by 42 minutes, Miss Bell became the first swimmer this year to beat the 20-mile grind and the youngest in history.

## Louisiana in Path Of Tropical Storm

New Orleans—(U.P.)—The second major tropical storm of the year roared toward the Mississippi delta today at near-hurricane force.

The storm, code-named Brenda, howled across the Gulf of Mexico in an apparent west-northwesterly direction toward the Louisiana coast. The U.S. Weather Bureau expected the storm to grow slowly in size and intensity.

The Weather Bureau located the storm center, packing winds of 50 to 60 miles per hour, in the Gulf about 90 miles southeast of Burwood, La., on the tip of the delta.

Gales swept outward from the center for 80 to 100 miles.

## Driver Escapes Injury

Driver Joe "Moose" Steier of Seattle, Wash., said the throttle on his hard top racer stuck and he hurtled into a guard rail and a fence on a turn. All the injured were struck by flying debris.

Steier escaped injury. He said he shut off the engine and applied the brakes when the throttle stuck, but his speed was too great to control the vehicle.

About 1800 persons witnessed the accident but only 730 were seated on the turn where the racer crashed.

## Jackson Named to Resources Group

Washington, D.C.—Glenn Jackson, prominent Medford businessman and vice-president of the California Oregon Power company, has been named to the natural resources committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, it was announced today.

The committee's first meeting will be in St. Louis, Mo., next January. The appointment was announced by Richard W. Smith, secretary and manager of the natural resources department of the chamber.

The committee includes representation from all sections of the nation and from the forestry, mining, oil and gas, water resources and electric power industries. The group will keep the chamber headquarters informed on resource matters and will make recommendations of policy matters.

Frank E. McCaslin, president of the Oregon Portland Cement company, Portland, will continue as chairman for the third year.

## Former Soldiers Deny Aiding Communists; Showing Nervousness

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Three turncoat ex-soldiers showed the first signs of nervousness today over the possibility of facing a court martial for their actions in Korea.

The turncoats, William G. Cowart, 22, Dalton, Ga.; Otho G. Bell, 24, Hillsboro, Miss.; and Lewis W. Griggs, 22, Jacksonville, Tex., did an about face and denied Army charges of collaborating with the Communists.

The Army took the three into custody on their arrival Friday from Hong Kong. It charged them with informing on their fellow prisoners and helping the Communists while prisoners in Korea.

The three chose to go with

## Hedrick Retires as School Superintendent

E. H. Hedrick, 503 South Oakdale ave., retired today after 30 years as superintendent of the Medford public schools. He will be succeeded by Leonard Mayfield, 1 Black Oak dr.

Hedrick started teaching in 1908 at a Douglas county rural school. He was superintendent of schools at Central Point from 1919 to 1923. Hedrick came to Medford as superintendent of schools in 1925 after having served for two years in a similar position at Heppner.

Mayfield has served as assistant superintendent of schools for the past year after coming here from the Coos Bay public schools. He previously served as principal of Medford High school.

## Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Pittsburgh ..... 5 9 0  
Chicago ..... 4 9 2  
Hall and Shepard; Misner, Tremel (9) and Chitt.

## Laurelhurst Families Welcomed Into City

Eighty-one families who recently became residents of Medford through the annexation of Laurelhurst addition were welcomed into the city today by Mayor Earl Miller.

In a personal letter sent to each of the 81 families, Mayor Miller said "... you are now a full-fledged citizen of the city of Medford with all the rights and privileges of all other residents."

"Please use the services the city has to offer. The officials of the city will be glad to advise with you and outline procedures for obtaining street, water and sewer improvements. In the matter of public safety, call our excellent police and fire departments."

Annexation of the addition was approved at an election held July 5.

## Two Men Held Here Admit Part In 140 Safe Jobs, Burglaries

Delbert Lee and Glenn Eugene Crow, held in the Jackson county jail, have admitted in signed statements that they are part of a seven-man gang that has taken part in some 140 safe jobs and burglaries in southwest Missouri. Total \$500,000.

Law enforcement officers estimate that property damage and value of articles taken by the gang is more than \$500,000.

The Crows were captured here by state and city police and sheriff's deputies while blowing the big walk-in safe at the Mason Ehrman & Co. warehouse north of Medford on July 20. They had taken between \$800 and \$1,000.

Sheriff Howard Gault, with Sheriffs Glenn Hendrix and George Hickam, of Green and Jasper counties, Mo., are continuing interrogation of the brothers this afternoon. The Missouri lawmen arrived here Saturday.

Glenn Crow, 31, is tagged the "brains" of the smooth running Crow-McCarthy gang of the mid-west state. The seven, in the past years, have pulled 140 safe and burglary thefts in Missouri alone \$7,000 Robbery.

Included in the gang's escapades are a \$7,000 jewelry store robbery in Joplin, Mo., and a \$3,300 supermarket safe blowing in Lamar, Mo.

One of the seven is now in Folsom prison, two are free on bond in Missouri, and two are still at large.

Hendrix and Hickam said the gang always manages to eat and "drink some milk" while pulling a job. "Some lunch meat or an empty milk bottle are left at the scene," sheriff Hickam de-

## Adjournment Seen For Congress Tonight

Washington—(U.P.)—Members of the 84th Congress headed toward this session's finish line today with high hopes of adjournment before the night is over.

A deadlock over housing legislation appeared to offer the only real threat to adjournment plans as congressional leaders worked feverishly to clear away that obstacle to ending the 1955 session.

While a few other "must" bills remained on the calendar, they were scheduled to be acted upon with the same rapidity shown by the lawmakers Saturday in an overtime session in which the House unloaded 275 bills and the Senate 75.

Senate-House conferees today agreed on a compromise housing bill providing for construction of 45,000 new public housing units in the coming year.

The bill now returns to the Senate and House for final approval.