

# Flying Boxcars Collide S6 Soldiers Killed

## BLAST DESTROYS OHIO BUILDING; 20 KNOWN DEAD

**By RICHARD E. FALES**  
United Press Staff Writer  
Andover, O. — (U.P.) — The bodies of two more persons were recovered today from the wreckage of a block-long building demolished last night by an explosion and fire, bringing to 20 the number of dead.

Neither of the two new bodies was identified. They, like most of the others, were burned beyond recognition.

They were taken to a hastily assembled morgue in the garage of this small town's only funeral home.

**Torsos, Extremities Matched**  
Officials attempted to identify the charred victims after matching torsos with extremities that had been counted as separate bodies.

Rescue teams searched the smoldering ruins for more dead, and one volunteer said "We'll be finding this debris for a couple of days."

"We haven't even gotten into the rubble," the volunteer said. "Most of the bodies were taken from the top fringe of the debris."

He said rescuers worked with Army wreckage equipment and pick and shovels to clear away the debris.

**Victims Seated at Tables**  
The deafening explosion ripped through the building at the height of a lashing rain and electrical storm during the dinner hour Wednesday night. Most of the victims, including 18 injured, had taken shelter in a dairy store and an adjoining restaurant when the blast happened.

Several victims trapped in the dairy store, burned beyond recognition, were found seated at tables with food before them.

Nancy Mock and Mike French, operators of the dairy, said at least 10 employees were in the store at the time. Only two were accounted for by early today.

Miss Mock and French, who were standing outside when the explosion rocked the building, said they had smelled "something like sewer gas." They said they had no idea how many customers were in the store at the time.

**Many Critically Injured**  
Bodies of the dead were covered with blankets and put in the temporary morgue in a nearby garage. No effort was made immediately to establish identities.

The injured, many in critical and serious condition, were taken to hospitals in Ashabula, Youngstown and Conneaut.

James Strickler, program director for radio station WMTW, Meadville, Pa., reported from the scene that only a pile of debris remained where the big two-story brick building once stood. It housed four other commercial establishments besides the dairy and restaurant.

Two other buildings, one housing the Ohio Edison Telephone Co., exchange, were gutted by fire as flames spread rapidly.

The town was isolated for several hours without telephone service or electric power. Hundreds of lines were felled by the heavy rain.

"Rescue workers continued to search the ruins into the early morning hours," Strickler said. "It was a gruesome sight. Every now and then, they would pull out a part of a body."

## No Leads Found In Attack Case; Cars Checked by Police

No new leads have turned up in the investigation of an attack on Mrs. Evelyn Dutschman Tuesday night at the Y Oil company, 1908 Table Rock rd., state police reported this morning.

Three youths are being sought in connection with the case. The attack occurred at about 10:15 p.m. Screams by Mrs. Dutschman foiled what apparently was a robbery attempt.

**Head Gashed**  
Mrs. Dutschman was treated at Sacred Heart hospital for three severe gashes in her head. She was released from the hospital and her condition was listed as satisfactory.

Mrs. Dutschman's husband, who was sleeping at the time of the attack, had loaned a wrench to three unidentified men earlier in the evening. They returned the wrench and got gasoline and oil for their car.

Two of the men were washing the windshield of the car and the third was inside the station. Mrs. Dutschman told police. The man in the station reached into his back pocket, she said, and thinking he was going to pay for the gas and oil, she opened the cash register.

**Car Checked Out**  
He hit her with some object, and she screamed, waking her husband, who arrived in time to see two of the youths fleeing from the station.

State and city police checked out several cars in the area shortly after the attack, but turned up no definite leads.

No complaint had been filed in the district attorney's office this morning.

## Columbia Gorge Land Sought for Park Use

Portland — (U.P.) — The State Highway Commission, holding its regular meeting here, was told today steps are underway to acquire 13 tracts in the west end of the Columbia gorge for park purposes.

C. H. Armstrong, state parks superintendent, said it is hoped that some of the land will be under option by the commission's September meeting. A sum of \$50,000 has been budgeted by the commission this year to buy more land in the gorge. The tracts are located between the south of the Sandy river and Multnomah falls.

The commission agreed to buy about 150 acres at the mouth of the Deschutes river for later development as a state park.

Salem — (U.P.) — Three escapees from Hillcrest School for Girls who were captured in Eugene Wednesday will be returned to the school tomorrow, Superintendent Marjorie McBride said today.

Springfield — (U.P.) — Springfield's new \$500,000 sewage disposal plant was dedicated yesterday.

## Linda Bowen Returns To Home in Gold Hill

Gold Hill — Linda Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowen, Gold Hill, who was paralyzed as the result of a fall last year while trying to rescue a kitten from a tree, is home from the Shrine hospital in Portland, friends reported today.

She is taking a few steps by the aid of leg braces and tripod crutches, and it is believed that she may walk by herself in time. She probably will have to return to the hospital for further treatment.

## Red China Calls for Meeting To Seek Peaceful Settlement of Korea Problem

London — (U.P.) — Red China's Foreign Ministry called today for a Far Eastern conference "to seek peaceful settlement of the Korean question."

A New China news agency broadcast said Communist China was seriously concerned by demands of the Republic of Korea that the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission leave the country.

**Seek To Eject Communists**  
"The countries concerned should not stand idly by," the Red broadcast said.

For eight days, groups numbering from several hundred to as many as 2000 or 3000 South Koreans have attacked American guards at compounds in the Neutral Nations Supervisory

Commission. The mobs sought to seize and eject the commission's Communist members before Saturday.

"This is a serious action, aimed at outright destruction of the Korean armistice agreement," said the Communist statement, broadcast by Radio Peiping.

"The commission must be respected by both sides of the armistice."

**End of Riots Asked**  
"The countries concerned should convene a Far Eastern conference with broad participation of Asian countries to seek a peaceful settlement of the Korean question."

The United States has asked Republic of Korea President Syngman Rhee to call off the

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## Donald A. Quarles Appointed as New Air Force Secretary

**Electronics Expert To Succeed Talbott**

Washington — (U.P.) — Donald A. Quarles, the Pentagon's top official on the earth encircling satellite program and "push-button" guided missiles, today was appointed secretary of the Air Force.

President Eisenhower named the 61-year-old electronics expert to succeed Harold E. Talbott who resigned during a controversy over his private business affairs.

Quarles is now assistant secretary of defense in charge of research and development. He will play a major role in the planned launching of the unmanned satellite which the United States intends to launch between mid-1957 and the end of 1958.

**Directs Research**  
A former vice-president of Bell Telephone Laboratories and Western Electric Co., Quarles was president of the Sandia Corp. at Albuquerque, N.M., when he became assistant secretary of defense in 1953. The corporation runs an atomic energy facility.

Of slight build, friendly but reserved, Quarles has been in charge not only of research on the push-button weapons of the future but of all weapons used by the armed forces.

**Especially Cautious**  
Quarles, known to reporters as being especially cautious about military secrets, has taken the position that the planned Earth satellite program will reveal no technical information that will benefit any enemy.

Quarles, who was appointed on recommendation of Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, met with reporters in Wilson's office. He said that he will continue to emphasize modern weapons development and "long range missiles are a prominent part of that kind of new weaponry."

After serving as a field artillery captain in World War I, Quarles went with the Bell Laboratories in 1919. His home town is Englewood, N.J., where he once was mayor.

He is married and has four children.

## Personal Injury Suit Under Way In Federal Court

The federal district court today is hearing the case of Nancy J. Copeland vs. Montgomery Ward company, a personal injury suit.

The case concerns injuries allegedly received by the plaintiff when she slipped and fell in the Roseburg branch of the store.

The case was expected to go to the jury late this afternoon.

Attorney James Landye is representing the plaintiff, and Philip Lowry, the defendant.

Yesterday, Judge Alger Fee found for the defendant in a personal injury suit, Kenneth Iverson vs. J. E. Brownlee. Iverson charged that Brownlee, proprietor of an eating place near Yreka, was instrumental in an assault on Iverson. H. C. Collins was attorney for the plaintiff, and Robert Duncan and Carl Brophy represented the defendant.

The next case scheduled for the court is Mildred Balderson vs. O. D. Rasmussen, an auto accident case. C. S. Crookham, Portland attorney, will represent the plaintiff, and Roberts, Kellington, and Branchfield, a local firm, the defendant.

Yesterday Judge Fee announced the district court session in Eugene, at the Lane county courthouse, will be postponed from Aug. 16 to Aug. 23.

## Flying Finn Twins Sign Parole Papers

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The flying Finn Twins signed their parole papers today but insisted in writing on them that they were doing so "under protest."

Federal prison officials on Terminal Island said they were checking with parole officials in Washington to determine if the "under protest" notation would prevent releasing the brothers later today.

The twins signed the papers after a two-hour conference with their attorney, Joseph Scott.

Earlier the twins refused to sign the papers because they claimed doing so would "brand them as criminals."

## Medford Donors Give 201 Pints of Blood

A total of 201 pints of blood was collected here yesterday at a regular visit of the Bloodmobile collection unit, according to Red Cross officials. They had hoped to obtain 240 pints.

During the afternoon, 233 donors, including 64 "walk-ins," appeared at the collection center in the Medford Elks temple. There were 32 rejects.

Collection officials had hoped to have 300 donors for yesterday's collection program.

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## Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Friday with variable cloudiness. Windy in the afternoon. Low tonight 57; high Friday 92. Temp. Highest Yesterday 96. Lowest this Morning 56.

## Storm Losing Punch

Cape Hatteras, N.C. — (U.P.) — Hurricane Connie lost some of her punch today.

Although winds of hurricane force were sweeping the North Carolina coast, the velocity of the mighty tropical blow dropped from 115 to about 100 miles an hour.

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Storm signals were changed to red and black hurricane flags from a spot south of Myrtle Beach to Cape Romain near Georgetown, S.C.

## Chamber Asking Ike For Special Session On Road Legislation

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is requesting President Eisenhower to call a special session of congress to enact a highway program.

At a breakfast meeting of the board of directors of the chamber today, the group unanimously voted to support the action of the highway committee in making the request.

Chet Hubbard, former chamber president, said the highway group is writing the president, pointing out the urgency of some sort of federal action on highways. The chamber supports no particular highway proposal, Hubbard explained. But he said the committee feels the states will withhold action of their own on highways until the federal government makes known its intentions.

**Defense Highways**  
Most important, Hubbard said, are the national defense highways, of which there are two in Oregon, Nos. 99 and 30. The federal government could be expected to pay for some 90 per cent of the cost of these, he added, with the states paying 10 per cent. But it appears that no action will be taken until congress lets it be known what it is going to do.

With the next session of congress six months away, and because it will be an election year, Hubbard indicated the vitally important highway work would be badly delayed unless action is taken immediately.

## Foreign Ministers To Meet October 27

Paris — (U.P.) — The conference of Big Four foreign ministers which will take up the tasks of ending the cold war begun by the Geneva summit conference last month, was scheduled today to begin Oct. 27.

The foreign ministers of the United States, Russia, Britain and France will meet in Geneva on that date to begin working under directives given them by the Big Four heads of governments.

Selection of the date for the beginning of the foreign ministers' meeting was announced by the French Foreign Ministry.

The Western Big Three look upon the forthcoming foreign ministers' meeting as the real pay off on the new policy of sweetness and light displayed by the top Soviet leaders at last month's Geneva conference.

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## Carriers Loaded With Paratroopers Fall in Germany

**Disaster Occurs Shortly After Takeoff**

Stuttgart, Germany — (U.P.) — Two U. S. Air Force C119 Flying Boxcars loaded with American paratroopers collided near Stuttgart today and crashed in flames killing 66 men, an Air Force spokesman announced.

The announcement by the 12th Air Force said:

"Two Air Force C119 troop carriers crashed this afternoon about 30 miles west of Stuttgart and initial reports indicated that 66 persons on board were killed.

"The C119s were part of a nine-plane flight which had just taken off from Echterdingen Airfield near Stuttgart on a training mission with troops from Seventh Army troops.

"Initial reports said that one plane developed engine trouble just a few minutes after takeoff, after reaching a cruising level of 4000 feet.

"The crippled plane lost altitude momentarily, then pulled up abruptly across the front of another aircraft in the formation.

"The crippled plane went down immediately.

"The first plane to crash had 41 passengers and a crew of five plus one loadmaster on board.

"The second plane carried 14 passengers, a crew of four and a loadmaster.

"The second plane flew level for almost one minute, then went out of control and nosed into the ground.

"The accident occurred less than 15 minutes after takeoff," the announcement concluded.

German police first reported the flaming double-crash.

Witnesses told of the breathless minute after the air collision when one of the two planes fought to stay in the air.

The pilot lost his fight to keep his plane up and it wavered and plunged into the ground behind the first plane.

Fire spouted high above the wreckage. Both planes apparently slammed into the earth out of control. There was little chance for any of the men aboard to live.

The fat silver transports still were climbing from their take-off to form up for the aerial maneuver when the collision knocked them from the sky.

## Entries Coming In For County Fair

The fairgrounds are being readied and entries are coming in fast for the county 4-H and Future Farmers of America fair, Aug. 16 through 20.

Home economics exhibits and other projects are to be at the fairgrounds Sunday. Big livestock is to be in by 10 a.m. Tuesday, and rabbits and poultry by 1 p.m. Tuesday. Equipment for the Young Farmers club display should be at the fairgrounds Wednesday morning.

The fair will be open to the public from Wednesday noon through Saturday. Food booths will be operated by the Young Farmers club.

Home economics contests and demonstrations, beef and livestock judging, and a style review will be highlights of the show.

An innovation this year is that home economics contests and demonstrations will be from 1 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The style review and awarding of trophies will close the fair at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Schmidt became glum when a reporter handed him a dispatch telling him that bigamy charges may be pressed against his 20-year-old wife, Una, for remarrying because she said she believed her husband was dead.

When asked for comment, Schmidt shook his head, but he took the Nevada City, Calif., dispatch with him as he walked off with the other fliers.

Another incident marred the occasion of the airmen's return to U. S. soil.

**Mood Changes**  
Capt. Elmer Llewellyn of Missoula, Mont., was smiling as he stepped off his plane but began crying when newsmen questioned him about torture inflicted on him by Chinese Communist captors.

"I certainly was tortured," Llewellyn said. "They gave me the works."

Then Llewellyn broke down and sobbed and an Air Force officer tried to calm him.