

Siren Wail Breaks Up Chess Game As Jet Pilots Streak Into Skies

Travis Air Force Base, Calif. — (U.P.) — Col. Joseph H. Perry and Maj. Sam Berman were playing chess in the upstairs "ready room."

"Whose move?" Berman asked. "Yours, you knucklehead," Perry answered. "It has been for an hour and a half."

The scene could have been in any officer's club, except for the fact that the two jet pilots were wearing their flight suits and had their crash helmets next to them.

Perry and Berman were on the "alert watch" at 82nd Flight Interceptor Squadron headquarters here.

Siren Breaks Calm

As they good naturedly ribbed each other over chess a shrill siren broke the twilight calm and the two men grabbed their helmets, clomped down a flight of stairs and jumped into their flight-ready F86D jet fighters.

Radar stations in the area had reported an unidentified aircraft and it was the two pilots' job to find it as fast as possible.

The second siren sounded ground crews ran to the two planes and had the jet engines started with a "booster" motor before Perry and Berman could get their oxygen masks adjusted. Less than five minutes later, the sleek, silver jets boomed off the runway 60 seconds apart in pursuit of the unidentified plane. An hour later they were back on the ground.

"Just some commercial jockey who got lost," Perry said. "But we can't afford to take chances."

The fighter intercept squadron here, which the 35-year-old Perry commands, is part of the Air Defense Command. Its job: To maintain a 24-hour, seven-day

guard against the possibility of an enemy bomber trying to make a sneak attack on this country. **Playing For Keeps** "We're not playing games

Britain Continues Arms To Mideast

London — (U.P.) — Britain will continue arms shipments to the Mideast for the time being, the Foreign Office disclosed today.

The abrupt American suspension of arms shipments to the Middle East appeared to have caught the British government by complete surprise.

The Foreign Office learned of the Washington move in halting a shipment of tanks to Saudi Arabia from press reports this morning.

There was no immediate indication when or if Britain would follow the American lead.

Rather, a spokesman told reporters at the midday Foreign Office news conference that Britain's policy on Mideast arms supply remains "unchanged."

Britain's policy was defined only two weeks ago in Parliament by Minister of State Anthony Nutting.

Nutting said that Britain intended to continue supplying arms to the Arab states and Israel for "legitimate self defense, internal security and defense of the area as a whole."

Evansville, Ind. — (U.P.) — Jewler Paul Forston was notified he was the winner of a two-week vacation in Bermuda for selling the most hearing aids in a recent contest. Forston had not been aware a contest was being held.

here," Perry said. "This is for keeps."

The twin forces of Strategic Air Command bombers, capable of becoming airborne and ready for attack within three hours, and the Air Defense Command jets, geared to go after hostile bombers in less than five minutes, give the United States the most deadly and efficient protection possible.

Travis Air Force Base ranks as one of the nation's best on both counts.

Stevenson Attacks Nixon's Statement

Boise, Ida. — (U.P.) — Adlai Stevenson said yesterday Vice-President Richard M. Nixon's recent reference to the Supreme Court decision of "our great Republican Chief Justice" was a "very calculated statement."

Nixon, in a speech in New York, mentioned the past political affiliations of Chief Justice Earl Warren in lauding the high court's ruling in favor of desegregation of public schools. The court's opinion was written by Warren.

In a press conference prior to leaving for speeches in Salt Lake City, Stevenson said he was "shocked" by the remark and called it a "very calculated statement."

Asked if he thought President Eisenhower should "take the vice-president in tow," the Democratic presidential aspirant said "I shan't take to advising him."

In an address here last night, Stevenson called Nixon an "all purpose politician" who uses "socialism" as an all purpose word to slam the gains made by the Democratic party.

Two Return Home After Plane Crash

La Grande — (U.P.) — Two Washington fliers were to return to Kennewick today following their rescue from the scene of a light plane crash in the Blue Mountains near here.

The rescue, accomplished with six men and a snow vehicle, was climaxed with a reunion of the men and their wives here about 4 p.m. yesterday.

The fliers, Karl Singhr, 29, and Harry Rutledge, 42, needed no medical attention when they were brought here about 2:15 p.m. even though they had been exposed to temperatures that dropped to 10 degrees below zero.

The crash occurred Tuesday while the men were on a flight from Halfway, Ore., to Pasco, Wash. A search plane spotted them late Wednesday and sleeping bags and food were air-dropped into the rugged country. Singhr said the crash resulted when he tried to land his plane to escape the closing-in weather. He said he "couldn't see his wing tips" and nosed the plane over.

Hop Commission Opposition Told

Salem — (U.P.) — First opposition to formation of a hop commission in Oregon was presented to the State Department of Agriculture this week in the form of a brief submitted by "The Independence Committee of Opponents."

It bears 12 signatures, representing growers now in production and some who have maintained their plantings and trellises but have not grown hops for two or three years.

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Highway commission will open bids on road projects estimated to total \$3,400,000 when it meets in Portland March 1-2.

FBI Agents Grab Prison Fugitive

Nashville, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Thurman Arthur Greene, escaped convict and one of the nation's 10 most wanted fugitives, was captured by FBI agents here shortly before Thursday midnight.

The FBI announced the 35-year-old fugitive from the Walla Walla, Wash., state prison was captured at an apartment where he had lived alone, under an assumed name, since last November.

He had been placed on the FBI's "most wanted" list on Oct. 24, 1955.

C. Erwin Piper, special FBI agent in charge at Memphis, Tenn., said Greene surrendered quietly and told the arresting agents he was "glad to get caught and get it over with."

The husky, tattooed man had taken a job of foundry worker under an assumed name, growing a mustache which slightly altered his appearance, and settled down after a flight ranging over the country.

Greene, who escaped on May 21, 1954, while serving six years for robbery, also was wanted for making his getaway in a stolen car which was later found abandoned in Iowa, the FBI said.

His record included convictions for robbery, burglary, possession of a concealed weapon and assault with intent to murder.

Piper gave tips of suspicious private citizens a share of credit for focusing the search for Greene when he settled here after keeping just ahead of the pursuit for months in his flight across the nation.

While the U.S. population was increasing 15 per cent from 1940-50, per capita use of oil jumped 56 per cent.

Beefy Chicago Women Continue Struggle

Chicago — (U.P.) — More than 1,000 hefty women wore a hopeful path between their mirrors and bathroom scales today as they determinedly trimmed off unwanted pounds.

The overweight housewives and career girls were slimming down in a YMCA weight-losing derby touched off a month ago by a calorie-loaded "final fling" banquet.

Breeze For Some

YMCA officials said reports at the half-way point indicated the beefy ladies would lose more than three and one-half tons before the reducing course ends next month.

For some, the avoirdupois strip-tease was going excruciatingly slow. For others it was a breeze.

"I'm discouraged. I don't feel so good," Mrs. Pearl Gustafson moaned.

"I feel great and pounds lighter," said Mrs. Leonore Melcarek. Hal Gibbs, chairman of the program, found reason for optimism in the postcard reports reaching his desk.

"It's coming off, slowly but surely," he said.

Twenty-two of the hefties, serving as pacesetters in the mass onslaught against unbecoming excess poundage, lived it up Jan. 16 at a glorious, 2,200-calorie dinner of no-no's like cream of mushroom soup, avocado salad with cottage cheese and dressing, and vanilla ice cream sundae with chocolate topping, whipped cream and cherry.

Average Loss Eight Pounds Then they climbed aboard the calorie wagon, pledging to restrict themselves to a measly 1200-1400 calories daily.

Today the YMCA said 18 of the 22 had lost 148 pounds, an average of more than eight pounds each. The other four had slipped into obscurity or off the wagon.

Mrs. Lenore Melcarek, who

weighed in at 249 pounds at the scales at 184, were racing pound "final fling," and Mrs. Violet Kluppelberg, who tipped the pounds.



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