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BRITISH JETS SENT AGAINST OMAN REBELS

Sultan Said To Be Seeking Troops To Oppose Rebellion

Religious War Declared by Rebels

Bahrein, Persian Gulf — British Royal Air Force jets were ordered into action again today against rebel tribesmen in the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman. The Sultan was reported demanding the use of British troops as well.

Sir Bernard Burrows, British political resident in the Persian Gulf, flew today from his headquarters here to the capital city of Muscat to confer with Sultan Said-Bin Talmur on his reported request for British soldiers to put down the rebellion.

Soldiers of Fortune

The Sultan has an army of about 2,000 men led by 10 British officers—former members of the British army who are on leave and call themselves Soldiers of Fortune. The rebel forces are smaller but so well dug in it would take a major force to dislodge them.

The rebels are led by the Imam (religious leader) of Oman, Ghaled Bin Ali, and his strongman brother Talib. They have declared a "jihad" or religious war against the pro-British Sultan and have captured strategic mountainous ground around the provincial capital of Nizwa which was once the capital of Oman.

Major Strike

The RAF announced a major strike today against the rebel center of Nizwa where leaders were dropped Tuesday giving the insurgents 48 hours warning. The ultimatum expires today.

Wednesday's single strike consisted of 12 rocket attacks by Venom jets on Fort Izki, 20 miles east of Nizwa, a massive structure with walls five feet thick. Reconnaissance planes reported the roof gutted and signs of severe damage to the ramparts.

17-Year-Old Arrested For Burglaries Here

A 17-year-old Medford boy was detained in the county jail today for questioning in connection with the burglaries of five Medford business houses.

City police arrested the youth this morning. Officers said he admitted entering Trowbridge and Flynn warehouse, Sherwin-Williams company, Westinghouse Electric company and Schmidt Distributing company Tuesday night and Padgham's Glass and Millwork company July 17.

An estimated \$22 was missing from Padgham's and about \$23 from Trowbridge and Flynn, according to police.

City Police Captain Appointed Guardian Of 82-Year-Old Medford Woman in Court

Police Capt. Clyde C. Fichtner was appointed guardian of Mrs. Ora Lee Adams, 82-year-old Medford woman, at the final session yesterday of the two-day hearing in Jackson county circuit court.

Giving the reasons for his decision Circuit Judge O. J. Millard said former guardians, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Adams, did not have control over Mrs. Ora Lee Adams, according to evidence presented.

He stated also that the inventory should have been made not later than 60 days after their appointment. Though prevented by doing so by the ward, they should have requested a court order if necessary, the judge pointed out. The inventory of her possessions when made should have been prepared in more detail, he added.

Judge Millard concluded by saying that the change appears best for the personal interest and mental happiness of Mrs. Adams. "Mrs. Adams may become antagonistic toward her new guardian as she is against the Adamses, but the court feels the new appointment is to her best interests," the judge said.

Sailor 'Scared' During Flight In Airplane Stolen in Medford

Ukiah, Calif. — A 17-year-old sailor admitted today he was "scared" when he looked out the window of his stolen plane and found he was making his first solo flight over the Pacific Ocean. Moreover, he was flying at night and his compass wasn't working.

Clips Couple of Trees

But the sailor, Charles Highsmith, made it back to land and eventually brought his plane safely down at Ukiah airport. He clipped a couple of trees in landing.

A reception committee, including the Mendocino County sheriff, was on hand to greet him. He was taken to county jail.

Highsmith, whose home town is North Worth, Tex., went AWOL from the carrier Bennington stationed in San Francisco last Sunday. He hitchhiked to Medford, Ore., and then decided he'd better be getting back.

Learned To Fly in CAP

Highsmith had learned to fly while a member of the Civil Air Patrol but he had never soloed before. He figured Tuesday night was as good a time as any to start.

He looked over a few Rogue Flying Service planes at Medford airport and soon settled on a single engine Cessna 170. He kicked over the engine and took off in the darkness. Then he began to wonder if he'd done the right thing.

"About a hundred miles out of Medford, I got caught in a lot of mountains," he said. "Everywhere I looked, a mountain was coming at me."

Radio Goes Out

Soon after, his radio went out. "By then I didn't know where I was. So I dropped down low, to take a good look. The ocean was beneath me. That's when I really got scared. So I headed in a direction I hoped was land."

Not Direct Route

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he soon found the outlines of Ukiah airport. By then it was dawn.

"I saw a row of trees right in front of me. I tried for altitude, but I couldn't pull over them. Then I saw two trees with some space between them. They just seemed to part for me. I could feel the leaves brushing under the fuselage. And then I set her down."

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PATROLMEN ATTEND CLASS—Four patrolmen of the Medford police department are shown above attending recruit training classes conducted by the department. Shown from left to right are Patrolmen Bruce Long, Elvin Renfro, Garnet Stoltenburg and Charles Chisum, with Sgt. Keith Gildesgard, one of the instructors. Classroom training four hours a day is combined with observation four hours a day during the two week session which ends July 31. Another recruit, Patrolman Roy Thompson, is not shown. Some older members of the force also attend.

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FPC Permit for Dams 'Astonishes' Morgan

Salem — Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan today wired the Federal Power Commission asking that hearings on Pacific Northwest Power Company's application for a permit to build two dams on the Snake river be reopened.

Morgan protested as "astonishing" the FPC examiner's recommendation that upstream storage on the Snake was not urgently needed.

The FPC examiner recom-

mended that the power company be granted a 50-year license to build Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley dams.

"The conclusion of your examiner that upstream storage is not urgently needed is directly contrary to massive and well-known facts," Morgan wired. "Neither the private power companies nor the general public can sustain much longer the failure to develop the largest possible amount of upstream storage in the Columbia Basin."

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Oral directions were issued by the then presiding judge for the parties involved and witnesses to appear in August. Judge Millard has since ruled that such a citation required by statute is not sufficient to confer jurisdiction on the court for a hearing to be held on the guardianship appointment.

During the testimony of the recent two-day hearing it was revealed that Captain Fichtner had declined responsibility for Mrs. Adams when asked by Public Health Officer Dr. A. Ervin Merkell during the March 1 commitment hearing. Fichtner had opposed commitment to the state hospital at that time.

During an inventory of Mrs. Ora Lee Adams' household possessions a small metal box was discovered containing approximately \$17,600 in small bills. Papers found about that time also revealed the address of the Los Angeles relatives. They were asked by letter to contact the appointed guardians, but according to court testimony did not. Later they filed the petition to have Fichtner appointed as guardian. Fichtner later agreed to the proposal.

Humphrey To Quit Post Next Monday

Washington — George Magoffin Humphrey will hang up his homberg next Monday as Treasury secretary.

Behind him he leaves the prospect of a third straight balanced budget — the first time this three-in-a-row feat has been accomplished since the great depression of the 1930s.

During his regime the national debt was reduced by \$2 billion to \$272 billion. He also leaves some hot controversies over his policies — notably the celebrated "tight money" situation and the high interest rate the government has been paying lately on its own securities.

Ahead of the Cleveland industrialist is another tour of duty in big business, this time as board chairman of National Steel Corp., Pittsburgh.

The White House announced that Humphrey will depart next Monday. His resignation was announced in May. His successor, former Deputy Defense Director Robert B. Anderson, will be sworn in the same day at 7 a.m. (P.S.T.) in President Eisenhower's office.



GEORGE HUMPHREY
Another Balanced Budget

Fourth Trial Due For Sherry Fong Early Next Fall

Portland — Sherry Fong faced trial for the fourth time today for the 1954 slaying of Diane Hanks, a 16-year-old girl whose body was found wrapped in blankets near Washougal, Wash.

District Attorney Leo Smith said Wednesday he would move officially to request a trial date early next fall as soon as a mandate from the State Supreme Court arrives. The court recently reversed the second degree murder conviction of Mrs. Fong and ordered the case remanded to Multnomah county.

In Jail Since 1955

Mrs. Fong has been in the Rocky Butte jail here since early 1955. At her first trial she, and her husband, Wey Him Fong, were convicted of first-degree murder, but the verdict was set aside. Her second trial was declared a mistrial and her third trial resulted in the second degree murder conviction.

Meanwhile, her husband was found innocent in a directed verdict of acquittal at a separate trial.

Mrs. Fong's attorney, Irvin Goodman, said he had "hoped that with reversal of her conviction by the Oregon Supreme Court she would be given her freedom."

Heart Attack Fatal To Central Point Man

Homer Arthur Denman, 71, died of an apparent heart attack about 10:30 a.m. in a downtown parking lot, city police reported.

A driver's license and other identification indicated his home address as route 1, box 356, Central Point.

Police said Denman suffered the heart attack while discussing where he had parked his car with another motorist parked on the lot. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris Funeral home.

Called To Wreck

City firemen were called to a truck wreck at Midway and Merriman rds. about 10:30 today to flush away gasoline spilled from the truck. Details of the accident were not available from city police since they did not have the information assembled. Firemen stood by until the truck was upright.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair tonight and Friday but occasional cloudiness and a little cooler Friday. Low tonight 55. High Friday 55-58.

Highest Yesterday 59
Lowest this Morning 54

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 4:57 a.m.
Sunset 7:39 p.m.
Moonrise Friday 4:23 a.m.
New Moon Friday night
Venus, low in west at 4:33 p.m., is now near the star, Regulus. This planet continues to move eastward on its orbit and in a few weeks will be seen near Jupiter.

Mysterious Hole Made in Airliner; Passenger Missing

Possible Bullet Holes Eyed by Investigators

George AFB, Calif. — A four by seven foot chunk of fuselage was mysteriously ripped early today from a Western Air Lines Convair carrying 13 passengers, one of whom was missing when the airliner made a successful emergency landing minutes later.

No other injuries were reported among the passengers or the crew of three of the twin-engine plane.

An unofficial FBI report to WAL after a preliminary check of the plane said there appeared to be four holes "similar to bullet holes" surrounding the tear in the fuselage in the lavatory section of the plane where the missing passenger last was seen entering.

Missing and presumed dead somewhere in the rugged and unpopulated terrain of the big California Mojave desert was S. F. Binstock, 62, a jeweler of Canoga Park, near Los Angeles.

FBI agents, admittedly seeking clues to a possible suicide, theorized that bullet holes "or whatever caused the holes" so weakened the skin of the plane that the slipstream of the 250-mph Convair tore it loose.

A WAL spokesman said the FBI reported initially that there appeared to be no powder or burn marks in the lavatory section such as a dynamite blast would make.

WAL said the plane was flying at 10,000 feet en route from Minneapolis to Los Angeles after a stop at Las Vegas. A company spokesman said the cabin was pressurized to 3,000 feet "but it wouldn't seem likely under normal circumstances that such a minor difference in pressure would account for a decompression blast."

Pilot Capt. Milt Shirk, Los Angeles, said the pressure was two pounds per square foot. "Decompression fractures usually leave only a small hole 8 or 10 inches across," he said. "In my opinion bullets would not cause that much structural damage."

Thought of Collision

"But it was an explosive compression," he told reporters in Los Angeles. "I felt it as a bang and I thought somebody had run into me. It wasn't like a normal decompression. Something else, something explosive, caused it, I believe."

Passenger Samuel Gilbert, 43, Los Angeles, said he was asleep when suddenly he heard a "sharp, loud single shot . . . and a gust of air rushed through the plane."

Dee Sharon, 25, blonde Hollywood model, said she told Gilbert when the incident occurred and preparations for an emergency landing were made.

"I thought this is it . . . we're not going to make it. I shook hands with Gilbert and blessed myself. I thought we were going down."

"It looked like an explosion," Capt. Shirk first radioed at 2:37 a.m. (p.s.t.) that he believed a window in the rear of his aircraft had blown out. He requested permission to land at this Mohave desert base.

They were 47 minutes out of Las Vegas, where Binstock had boarded the plane not long after telling his wife by telephone that he was coming in on Flight 39, Shirk's plane.

Dr. Sidney Binstock, Beverly Hills, son of the missing man, told reporters his father had been "under considerable business pressure" lately.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
(10 innings)
Cleveland . . . 2 8 1
Washington . . . 3 10 1
Carcis, Daley (10) and Heg-an; Kemmerer and Courtney.

Chicago . . . 6 8 0
New York . . . 2 4 2
Donovan, Moss (9) and Battey; Shantz, Dittmar (9) and Berra.

Kansas City . . . 3 6 1
Boston . . . 5 10 0
Gorman, Burnett (2), Cox (3), Urban (7) and Smith; Port-erfield and White.

Detroit . . . 0 5 0
Baltimore . . . 3 8 0
Lary, Sleater (6), Gromek (8) and House; Johnson and Triandos.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia . . . 5 8 2
Milwaukee . . . 3 9 1
Roberts, Farrell (9) and Lo-patz; Spahn, Trowbridge (6), McMahon (9) and Cragall.

"Now Let's See You Bring Him In"



Tenth Nuclear Blast Set Off From Balloon

Angels' Peak, Nev. — The Atomic Energy Commission touched off the 10th nuclear explosion of its 1957 summer test series at 5:30 a.m. (P.S.T.) today from a captive balloon anchored 500 feet above the Nevada Proving Grounds.

The blast was so bright it made the morning sun appear to dim by comparison. Its fireball lasted for approximately 10 seconds and the familiar mushroom pattern following the blast rose quickly.

Some 15 seconds after the

blast the mushroom's top became obscured at about 20,000 feet by a driving cloud. Dust stirred and tumbled on the floor of the desert.

The mushroom rose above the cloud within two minutes and still was rising at the 30,000 foot level.

At this level it appeared to lean slightly eastward as it drifted slowly higher.

The explosion was seen by reporters at this unofficial vantage point some 8,900 feet above sea level. The test was closed to news media.

Owens, today's test name designation, was a design of the University of California Radiation Laboratory at Livermore, Calif. It had a yield estimated by the AEC at "below nominal," possibly equal to more than 10,000 tons of TNT.

The device, named for a mountain peak in California, had been slated for detonation eight days ago but was postponed by adverse weather and inconsistent wind patterns.

Local Man Uninjured In Light Plane Crash

Jack William Lewis, 138 Highland dr., was apparently uninjured when his light plane crashed in a farmer's field near Junction City yesterday.

The United Press reported that Lewis' plane crashed about 10:30 p.m. yesterday.

Lewis was alone in the plane. His wife at home here receiving word that he was in Eugene this morning, and was not injured, she said.

According to an employee at Lewis' firm, Lewis Manufacturing company, 916 South Central ave., the Medford man left here at 1 p.m. Tuesday for a business trip to Portland. He was expected home last night, Mrs. Lewis said.

The landing gear, propeller and left wing of the plane were reported damaged.

Permits for Three New Firms Issued by City

Permits to erect three new businesses in downtown Medford were issued yesterday by the city building department.

Hugh Coleman of Crater Lake motors received a permit to construct a \$20,000 sales and service building at West Sixth and Fir sts. Myron Corcoran received a permit to erect an \$18,000 service station at 836 Crater Lake ave., and V. N. Smith to erect a \$6,500 dairy drive-in at 703 East Main st.

Improper Storage Listed As Cause of Building Fire

Cause of the blaze which extensively damaged the Palm building, 16 South Fir st., Tuesday evening, will be listed as "improper storage of combustible material," City Fire Chief Gordon Barker said today.

Barker pointed out that the fire originated in a small storeroom in the rear of Tri-County Office Machines and that the frame enclosed storeroom, and the mezzanine above were filled with combustible storage such as cardboard cartons. There was a gas hot water heater in the storeroom under a narrow steep stairway leading to the mezzanine, according to the chief.

On the floor of the storeroom, in addition to the cartons, were various containers of combustible materials, including alcohol in a one gallon can and an open paint can with a small quantity

of paint in it, Barker reported. One can, burned out, was found about six inches from the burner of the water heater, he said.

"It seems very obvious," the Chief stated, "that the fire originated right here in the storeroom."

The fire was first seen coming out a skylight above the mezzanine. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company service trucks were stored in a part of the Palm building. A power wagon for transporting personnel was extensively damaged and glass in three service trucks was broken, paint scorched and ladders charred. Four trucks were removed with minor damage.

Thirty-nine firemen fought the fire about two hours. Four trucks, including the aerial ladder vehicle, answered the alarm.