

Pilot's Troubles Accumulate, Air Force Investigates Story

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Washington—It may be a long time before Lt. David A. Steeves, 23-year-old jet trainer pilot, knows whether the air force will back up his story that he survived 34 days in snow-covered California mountains after his plane exploded last May 9.

Air Force investigators are digging deeply into all the circumstances and are searching for the plane. Steeves, now under interrogation at Bolling Air Force base here, said: "I told the story as it happened; people can believe it or disbelieve it as they choose."

Among those choosing not to believe it are Steeves' wife, Rita, of Fairfield, Conn., who is starting divorce proceedings, and Clay Blair, Jr., associate editor of the Saturday evening Post who cancelled purchase of Steeves' "True Life adventure" because of alleged discrepancies in it.

Siding with Steeves on the record so far are officials of Sequoia-Kings Canyon National park, near Fresno, Calif., who said they found Steeves' parachute, a monogrammed handkerchief and other evidence in the high-altitude wilderness where Steeves claims he chuted down. The plane was not discovered, but they said any number could crash in the rugged area and never be found.

Air Force Disagrees

The Air Force doesn't agree with this. But it is not yet talking for publication except to admit the inquiry is underway, that it will take a long time, and that Steeves is being examined by doctors and flight-safety experts.

Steeves himself seems unperturbed. He stands firmly on his story and even retraced with guides the route he says he followed from the crash scene to a ranger cabin in Simpson meadow where he says he survived on wild game until he could make his way to safety.

To his wife's divorce proceedings—in the wake of rosy plans for a second honeymoon after his return to civilization—he said: "It's definitely not my decision—it's hers."

Steeves said he parachuted into a snow-swept area 12,500 feet above sea level. He said he hurt both ankles and waited two days before starting to walk to the outside world.

He said he walked more than 15 miles—until he came to the ranger cabin perched in a 7000-foot high valley. Park superintendent Thomas J. Allen said park rangers found the parachute and the handkerchief near a burned over area where Steeves is reported to have started a fire

to draw attention to his plight.

Find Snare

District ranger William J. Briggie said in further substantiation of Steeves' claims that remains of a snare rigged up with a revolver to shoot a deer were found along with a pile of deer bones near a shed Steeves said he used as a shelter.

Briggie's report also indicated Steeves' clothing was badly soiled when he showed up at cedar Grove, park headquarters, July 1. This was contrary to some reports his clothing showed no evidence of his ordeal.

Allen conceded in an interview with the Scripps-Howard newspapers that Steeves' survival was an herculean achievement. Asked whether a man with injured ankles could traverse the Rocky Terrain, he said: "well, that depends on how bad-

Umatilla Indians' Money Approved

Pendleton — The confederated Umatilla Indian tribes announced Monday their Cello settlement money has been approved in a program offered to the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Board of trustees chairman Elias Quaempts said area director Don Foster met with the board and Indian agency officials here to outline the Umatilla program for per capita payments and distribution of the funds.

Quaempts said Monday night more than four million dollars in funds.

Some major changes were made at the meeting but essentially the program approved in August by the Umatilla confederation would be acted on. He said he had no idea how soon the per capita payments would be distributed.

The settlement fund outlines an immediate payment of \$3,000 to each enrolled member of the tribe, and a similar amount to each enrolled minor. The funds for minors would be kept in private trust funds until they marry, or come of age.

Quaempts said the money would not be given out in "hand-over-hand" payments, but that the recipients will have to submit statements referring to what they plan to use the money for. The funds are to be put to use for "self betterment for family progress, and not for free spending," he said.

Artist Rockwell Kent and stage designer Jo Mielziner teamed up to paint the mural on the ceiling of the Cape Cinema at Dennis, Mass.

by a man was injured. The Lieutenant said he took about two weeks to make it. He said he kept his head.

"And we found deer bones there," Allen continued. "We also found the snare he said he used to catch the deer."

In a separate telephone interview with the New York World-Telegram and the Sun, Albert Ade, a professional guide at Sequoia-Kings canyon, gave unqualified backing to Steeves' story. He said "Everything Lt. Steeves said checked perfectly."

Ade said he accompanied Steeves and his wife and the Saturday evening Post's Blair as they retraced the territory. He said he followed Steeves' tracks "all the way back to the cabin."

One Discrepancy

Blair has issued a statement in Washington saying that one discrepancy in Steeves' account can easily be checked by rangers.

"A day or so after Steeves came out of the mountains," Blair said, "a ranger went to the cabin at Simpson meadow (near Dusky Lake). He was surprised to find a forest fire burning. Steeves had not mentioned the fire. Examination of the roots, the ranger said, showed it had been burning for at least five days, or prior to the time Steeves came out of the mountains."

When we returned to cedar Grove with Lt. Steeves, the rangers asked Steeves about the forest fire. He denied all knowledge of it. This puzzled the rangers because it seemed inconceivable that the fire had been blazing so close to the cabin without Steeves being aware of it. I questioned Steeves repeatedly about the fire while we were in Simpson meadow, and he continued to deny all knowledge of it," Blair said.

"Later I suggested to Steeves that it might have been a good idea to start a fire—as a signal to the outside world. He said he had considered starting a fire, but rejected the idea for four reasons:

1—He could not be sure it would be seen; 2—it might endanger the lives of parachuting fire fighters if it was seen; 3—There was danger the fire might burn down his own cabin; and 4—It almost certainly would scare away the game in the area."

"Later Steeves admitted to me that he had started the fire and that it had burned five days and nights before he left the cabin and that 'at night it lit up the whole valley in a spectacular way,'" Blair said.

"The question in my mind concerning this situation is this: Why did Lt. Steeves deliberately make these false and misleading statements concerning this fire?"



MAUREEN O'HARA ON LOCATION—Actress Maureen O'Hara (right) chats with Anthony Alber in Malaga, Spain, during filming of movie, "Fire Over Africa," in October of 1953. Testimony before the criminal libel trial of Confidential magazine placed the Irish actress in a heated petting session in Hollywood's Grauman's Chinese Theater at the time. Miss O'Hara claims she has a passport and 10 witnesses to prove she was in Spain at the time the magazine claimed the incident took place.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a woman's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. J. B.—Cynthia is too shy. Cynthia A.—It's not right for a girl to make the advances.

Mrs. J. B.—I would like to help my 26-year-old daughter, who is having a hard time finding the right man. Cynthia is a pretty girl, but doesn't have many dates because she says she'd rather not go out at all than go out with someone she doesn't like.

For the past two years she has been interested in a man she sees on the bus going to work every day. She says he seems to be interested in her, too, but they have never spoken. I tell her she should just sit down next to him and strike up a conversation, but she says she should do it first.

Cynthia is very unlucky with men. She was in love with one of the executives in her office for a whole year, but he wouldn't give her a tumble. I tell her she is just too shy. She must be more forward with men.

Cynthia—Maybe it's true I'm just not aggressive enough, but I can't think it's right for a girl to make all the advances—especially when it's really a pickup in a public place. I know lots of girls do things like that, but I would be so embarrassed I would hardly know what to say.

My mother is constantly pushing me to talk to different young men in our apartment building, but again, I think it's the man's place to start the ball rolling. I'm just old-fashioned that way, I guess.

My married sister has introduced me to a few men, but they rarely call again. I guess my trouble is shyness. I realize I'm not a very lively date, but I can't help it. I freeze up when I think the man isn't especially interested in me.

The Council: Shyness and lack of aggressiveness are the least of Cynthia's problems. Her main problem appears to be a lack of interest in life, an unwillingness to do anything but await

the appearance of some dream man.

Only a girl leading a very empty life could fix her interest for two whole years on a stranger in a bus. Only a girl who prefers a dream life to reality could "fall in love" with a man who pays no attention at all to her. Only a girl who is deeply engrossed in herself would "freeze up" when she thinks the man "isn't especially interested."

Mrs. J. B. and Cynthia say nothing about the girl's activities—other than going to work. They say nothing about her girl friends, clubs, church work, community services, courses, hobbies. All these things are activities which draw people together and give the individual a chance to live and expand.

If Cynthia took an active interest in many things, she would not have to think about the problem of her shyness and lack of aggressiveness. She would feel more alive and would want to share her interest and excitement about life with others.

If she met men through her activities, Cynthia would not have to face the problem of whether or not to talk first. Certainly, picking up strangers is not the best way for a girl to meet a man, yet romances and friendships have been started that way.

Such relationships, however, can flower successfully only if both individuals have vital interests—other than looking for a pickup or dreaming about someone they have never spoken to.

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Nevada Atomic Test Postponed Second Time

Las Vegas, Nev. — The Atomic Energy commission Monday night announced the second straight 24-hour postponement of its "Doppler" shot, the 13th in the summer test series, because of rain and strong winds.

The test was rescheduled for 5:30 a.m. Wednesday. "Doppler," a small-sized nuclear device, will be fired from a balloon, 1,500 feet above the Nevada Proving Grounds.

Presidents Have Called Congress Into Special Sessions 27 Times

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Washington — Presidents have called Congress into special session on 27 "extraordinary occasions" in the nation's history. President Eisenhower is threatening to make it 28.

Eisenhower says he will call Congress back to Washington this fall if it adjourns its present session without voting what he considers an adequate amount of money to run the foreign aid program. The House ignored the threat and cut the program another 800 million dollars. The Senate was expected to restore only a small part of the cut.

Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution provides that the President "may, on extraordinary occasions, convene both houses of Congress or either of them" in special session.

Foreign Aid Crisis

Eisenhower apparently feels that failure to get what he wants on foreign aid would give rise to an "extraordinary occasion."

In the past, presidents have announced their intentions to call a special session under varying and dramatic conditions. Woodrow Wilson did so in 1919 with a cable from the Paris Peace Conference, summoning Congress to legislate against the high cost of living.

Harry S. Truman, in accepting the nomination for president at the 1948 Democratic national convention, announced he would call Congress back to check inflation and meet the housing shortage.

John Adams was the first president to use his special session power. On May 15, 1797, he called Congress to suspend diplomatic relations with France at a time the United States was near open war with that country.

Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt hold the title for the most special sessions called—three each.

In addition to the 1919 summons, Wilson called Congress into session in 1913 to set up the Federal Reserve System and in 1917 to declare war against Germany. Roosevelt called a special session in 1933 to fight the depression, in 1937 to enact social reform, wages and hours and crop control laws, and in 1939 to repeal the arms embargo.

The cost to today's taxpayers for a special session would run about \$500,000.

The main costs would be the travel allowances to the lawmakers—20 cents a mile for a roundtrip ticket to and from their homes—and the cost of printing the Congressional Record at \$77 a page.

The travel cost would amount to between \$40,000 and \$45,000 for the 96 senators and about \$180,000 for the 435 representatives.

No Salary Increase

The senators and congressmen are paid their salaries on a yearly basis and would receive no additional compensation for an extra session. Their staff aides and the committee staffs also receive no extra compensation.

But the Senate and House pages would be recalled and their salaries would be an added cost. So would be the salaries of a few Senate and House doorkeepers who are let off at the end of each session.

Asiatic Flu Fails To Hit This Area

No cases of Asiatic flu have been reported in Jackson county, according to Dr. A. E. Merkel, health officer.

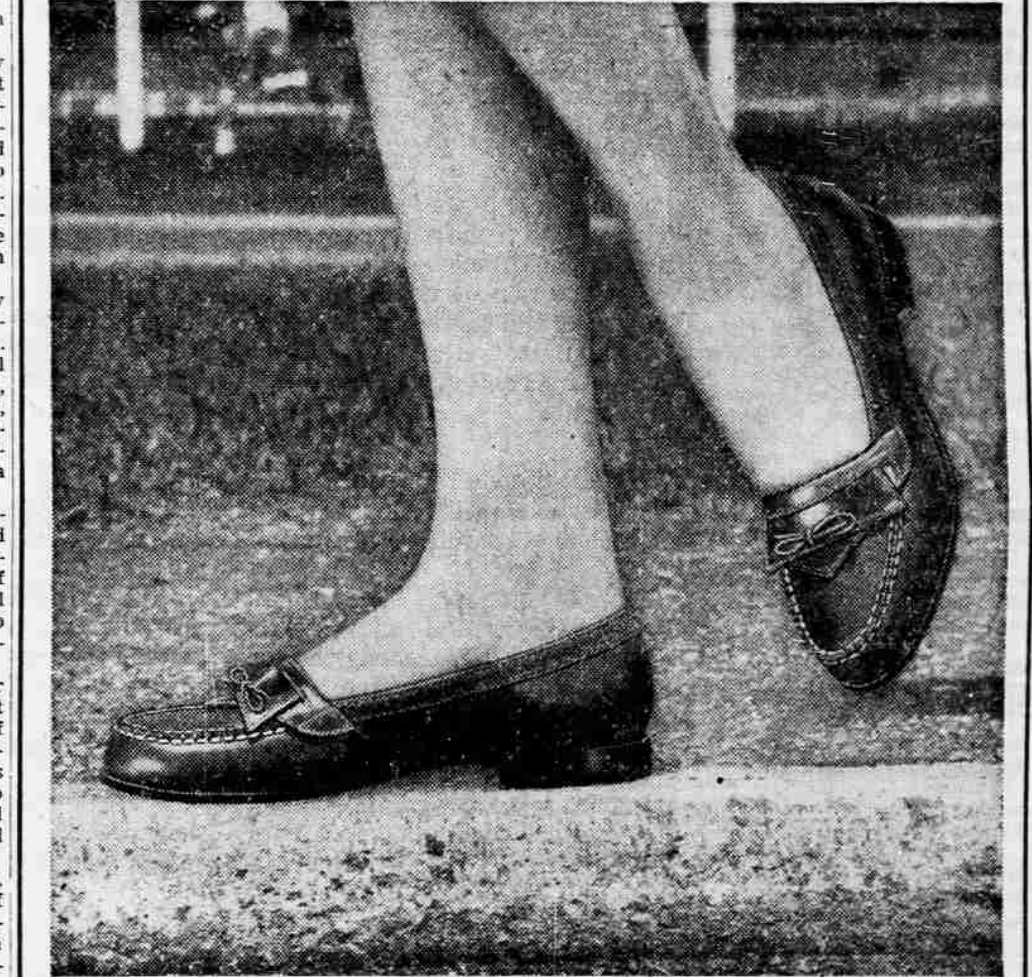
Three cases of the flu have been reported in the state which have been confirmed by blood tests, he added. Several cases of other varieties of flu have been reported here.

Dr. Merkel said that the Asiatic type flu does not differ from other types as to treatment. The health officer said no plans had been made in the county in case of an epidemic.

Special sessions last as long as it takes Congress to dispose of the matter the President puts before it. The longest on record is one called by William Henry Harrison to repair the nation's finances and revenue.

It began May 31, 1841, and ran for 269 days. Before the session began, Harrison died and John Tyler became president.

The shortest extra session was one called by Franklin Pierce in 1856 to make adequate appropriations for the Army to fight Indian tribes in the West. It lasted for 10 days.



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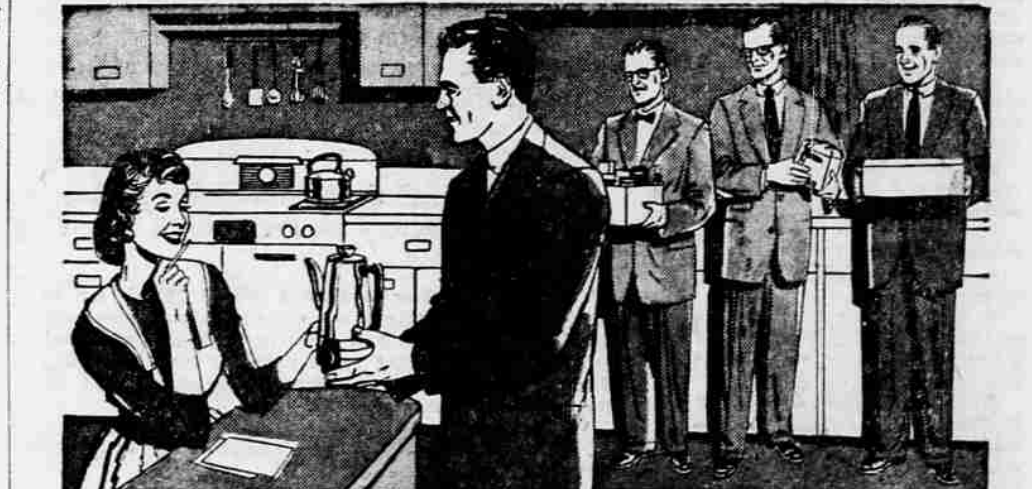
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