



AFTER LANDING—Two U. S. Marines stand and watch as amphibious "duck" troop carrier takes a corner in desert terrain.

East Germans Release Nine U. S. Army Men Held Six Weeks

Frankfurt, Germany — (UPI) — The East German Communists Saturday released nine U. S. Army men held for six weeks in a vain attempt to blackmail the United States into recognizing the East German regime. All were sun-tanned and appeared in good health.

The nine men, eight officers and one enlisted man, were seized by the East Germans June 7 when their helicopter strayed over the east-west border during a thunderstorm and came down at Karl Marx Stadt, a town 25 miles inside the Soviet frontier. All aboard were from the 3rd armored division stationed in Frankfurt. Nothing was said about return of the helicopter.

Search Continues For Missing Plane

Muscataine, Iowa — (UPI) — The disappearance of a single-engine plane with four passengers aboard missing for eight days, puzzled Civil Air Patrol authorities in three states Saturday.

Diving operations at a gravel pit near here Friday night failed to turn up any evidence. Two workmen earlier said they heard an explosion, and saw a flash of light and a big splash of water in the 50-foot-deep pit the day of the disappearance, July 11.

Billy Graham Warns That Americans Are Not Special Pets

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Evangelist Billy Graham warned Friday night that "Americans are no special pets in the eyes of God—he loves the Russians just as much."

Graham, returning to the city where he first won national recognition nine years ago, said that while armies mass in the Middle East and "the world stands on the very brink of Hell itself, Americans are on vacation."

"We are a nation taken up with materialism—with sex, entertainment and comfort," Graham told his overflow audience of some 40,000.

Graham, fair-haired, handsome and deeply tanned, held sway over his vast audience as of old, but it was a new and more mellowed Graham who sought to bring the word of God to the masses.

The new Billy Graham whose sermon inspired an estimated 2,100 persons to make "decisions for Christ" Sunday night was no longer the fire and brimstone young North Carolinian who nine years ago shook the world with his shouts of condemnation.

Gone were the diatribes against the sinful in Hollywood, the ringing phrases delivered in a broad southern accent that seemed directed to the secret hearts of the listeners.

The new Billy Graham that returned to Los Angeles for a one-day visit was confident and easy-going—a world-wide traveler who had lost all but the slightest trace of his southern accent and who was used to addressing crowds totaling more than 25,000.

The occasional warnings were still in his sermon—the references to the end of the world and the sins of mankind—but they were subdued and lost in the pleasing sonority of the speaker's voice.

SP Station Here Is Remodeled

Remodeling and modernization of the Southern Pacific's Medford passenger station has now been completed, according to C. B. Stevens, local freight and passenger agent.

With completion of the program, the freight, Pacific Motor Trucking, accounting, passenger, yard, and trainmaster departments are now all under the same roof, Stevens said.

The interior of the station at 149 North Front st., has been rearranged, and fluorescent light fixtures and a new vapor heating system have been installed, the agent said.

Stevens also reported that all phone numbers will remain the same except the freight office phone which has been changed to SPing-3-7308.

Mountain lions still roam some of the isolated forest areas of New Mexico, posing little threat to people but preying on sheep and cattle. Until recently, the Department of Game and Fish retained a professional, full-time hunter.



as F. Van Atta was on hand to greet them at the Army's Bonames airstrip.

The nine men seemed cheerful. All were rushed immediately to a hospital for a physical examination. They were to go home to their wives as soon as possible.

The East Germans, by releasing the men, tacitly admitted defeat in their efforts to force the United States to recognize East Germany as a sovereign state—as the Soviet Union and Red satellite states have done.

Diplomatic Victory

However, the East German government press office crowed that the release was a diplomatic victory for the Reds. It argued that the United States, through the Red Cross, had "recognized the existence of the German Democratic Republic as a sovereign state."

But the Red Cross is not a United States government agency. In fact, there was no governmental recognition.

The East Germans insisted that official U. S. representatives negotiate the release of the men. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles called the Reds "kidnappers."

The Russians refused to intercede, although they appeared embarrassed by the lengths to which the East Germans had gone.

Men Turned Over

East German Red Cross president Ludwig Werner turned over the nine men to American Red Cross representative Robert S. Wilson at Toepen, near Hof, Bavaria.

Carrying small bundles with their personal belongings, the men boarded a helicopter and flew to Frankfurt, where 3rd Armored Division commander Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Westbrooke, Lt. Thomas J. Westbrook, Macon, Ga.; Maj. James R. Zeller, Mount Joy, Pa.; Capt. Ian A. Brister, Wyncote, Pa.; Capt. Paul E. Jones, Cleveland, Ohio; CWO Leroy J. Malone, Rice, Kan.; and M/Sgt. Carol Ruffin, Howe, Tex., 1st Lt. Mike Ellis, Columbus, Ga.

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Stevenson Gets Warm Welcome

Moscow — (UPI) — Twice defeated Democratic presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson received a warm welcome Friday from citizens and officials at Tashkent where he is visiting with his two sons, Borden and John Fell, and his party.

Stevenson called on the deputy leader of the Moslem church and talked with the chairman of the Uzbekistan Supreme Court and toured the city.

Stevenson and his party will fly to Samarkand Sunday for a one day visit before returning here.

He will visit a collective farm here Monday before moving on to Alma Ata.

MAN TO REFEREE TENNIS

New York — (UPI) — Adrich Jr. of New York, former captain of the U.S. Davis Cup tennis team, has been named official referee for the American Zone Davis Cup finals at Rye, N.Y., Aug. 15-17. The United States will face the winner of the Argentina-Israel matches.

Joel McCrea's Sister Killed in Accident

Agoura — (UPI) — The sister of actor Joel McCrea and his 3-year-old niece were killed Friday as they were driving to his house for a week end visit.

Mrs. Lois Caldwell, 58, Ventura, Calif., and Janet Ann McNair died when Mrs. Caldwell's car swerved out of control and hit an on-coming pickup truck carrying four men, California Highway Patrolmen reported.

Officers said all four men in the pickup truck were critically injured. The accident occurred near this suburban Los Angeles town.

NO TOM OR HARRY?

Syracuse, N. Y. — (UPI) — Tennis coach Gene Garrett of Syracuse University gets good response when he hollers, "Hey, Dick." Four Richards form half of Garrett's eight-man squad. They are: Richard Morey of Oswego, Richard Scolaro of Auburn, Richard Woodley of Bronxville, and Richard Young of Longmeadow, Pa.

Three Men Arrested For Bombing Home

Birmingham, Ala. — (UPI) — Three white men were charged Friday night with dynamiting a Negro home.

Police Commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor said the three men admitted placing a charge of six sticks of dynamite in a vacant field 500 feet from the bombed house, but denied having anything to do with the actual blast.

Police Chief Jamie Moore said Herbert E. Wilcutt, 23, was transferred to the county jail while Cranford Neal, 28, and Ellis Lee, 41, was held in city jail for further questioning.

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