

United States Figure Skating Team Members Die in Crash of Airplane

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Screaming Negroes Battle Guards in United Nations



BATTLE UN GUARDS — Screaming, fist-swinging Negroes, said to be pro-Lumumba supporters, battled United Nations guards at the Security Council chamber in New York today in the midst of a debate on the Congo crisis. The demonstration erupted as Adlai Stevenson, United States ambassador to the UN, was speaking. (UPI Telephoto)

Fight Breaks Out During Speech by Adlai Stevenson

Two Photographers Suffer Injuries

United Nations, N.Y. — (UPI) — A screaming, fist-swinging demonstration by pro-Lumumba Negroes that U.S. officials said was Communist inspired disrupted a meeting of the United Nations Security Council today.

The demonstration erupted as U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson was making a speech declaring Russia's demand for the dismissal of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld and termination of the UN effort in the Congo "a declaration of war on the United Nations."

Two photographers were injured by the demonstrators. Photographer Knocked Out Stanley Hall of the New York Mirror was knocked unconscious and Joel Landau of United Press International, seeking to aid Hall, suffered a deep gash in his forehead when a demonstrator struck him with brass knuckles or a length of chain.

Council President Sir Patrick Dean of Britain recessed the council for five minutes and ordered that the public gallery be cleared.

The demonstration erupted without warning when Negroes leaped up in several parts of the packed public gallery, which seats about 400 persons, and began screaming. Demonstrators Wrestled

UN guards rushed down the aisles to remove the demonstrators, who refused to go quietly. Scuffles and fist-swinging occurred as the demonstrators wrestled several demonstrators up the sloping aisles to the public corridors.

The uproar broke out when the U.S. ambassador was declaring that the world could not "cast aside the one and only instrument mankind has devised" to keep peace.

"This issue even transcends the fate of a suffering 14 million Congolese people," Stevenson said. "It involves all mankind. The issue is, shall the United Nations survive..."

Pandemonium broke loose at that point.

Lumber Industry in Spotlight At Hatfield's Economic Parley

Salem — (UPI) — The sagging lumber industry came in for the lion's share of attention Tuesday at an economic conference called by Gov. Mark Hatfield and attended by business, labor and government leaders who agreed things should look better in six months.

This is a time of "mingled concern and anticipation," Hatfield told the 55 persons at the outset of the three-hour meeting. Fourteen persons representing a cross section of the economy spoke. Another meeting, with suggestions for economy ill cures, was scheduled for Feb. 27.

Loran Stewart, president of Bohemia Lumber Co. in Lane county, predicted a spurt of bankruptcies in the lumber industry in the next six months, but an eventual upturn this year.

He predicted more consolidations of companies and more direct sales, thus bypassing wholesale costs.

David H. Cameron, Oregon employment commissioner, said employment in sawmills and logging has dropped 40 per cent since 1951 while plywood has gained more than 100 per cent. He noted Oregon has some labor surplus cities but still no "distressed" areas as defined by the federal government.

Heavy manufacturing also is hurting in Oregon, according to Earl M. Jennett of Willamette Iron and Steel. He urged aggressive action to get more defense contracts and military jobs.

Other industries, expressed optimism, including transportation, tourists, fisheries, electronics and textiles.

Don E. Ellis of Tektronix Inc., said electronics was booming and that some firms expect to grow in the near future by as much as 400 per cent.

A spokesman for Jantzen, Pendleton Woolen Mills and White Stag said if the state didn't repeal its personal property tax on business inventories, little or no further expansion in the textile field could be expected.

Public Utility Commissioner Jonel Hill said some of the current economic gloom may be psychological. Francis J. Murnane of the Longshoremen's Union said "to a worker without a job, it's an economic problem."

Tax Commissioner Charles Mack said collections indicate Oregon is in a recession but "not one to cause panic."

County Budget Work To Start

The Jackson county budget committee will start reviewing the new fiscal year budget March 13, County Judge Earl Miller said today.

Budget committee members are Arnold Bohbert, Central Point, Gordon Hudson, Medford, and Archie Pierce, Medford.

The committee's work is tentatively scheduled for completion May 1. Publication of the proposed budget and a public hearing are scheduled tentatively early in June.

All county department heads are scheduled to return their budget proposals to the county bookkeeping department by March 1 for tabulation. Tabulation is to be completed by March 10 and copies of the budget proposals given the committee.

The remainder of this month and the first week in March the county engineer and county court are scheduled to study county roads and bridges for inclusion in the budget.

County Treasurer Karl Janouch is scheduled March 10 to turn in his estimates of county receipts for the coming fiscal year.

Dellenback To Be in Medford This Week End

State Rep. John R. Dellenback (R-Medford) will be in Medford Saturday, Feb. 18, and will hold office hours for constituents during the afternoon, it was reported today.

Those wishing to talk to Dellenback concerning legislative matters may make an appointment by telephoning SP 2-5268.



JETLINER CRASHES—The wreckage of a Sabena Boeing jetliner lies burning in a field near Brussels, Belgium, after it crashed while attempting to land early today, killing 73 persons, including members of the United States figure skating team. (UPI Radiotelephoto)

73 Persons Killed As Craft Falls In Belgian Field

Laurence Owen Among Victims

Brussels, Belgium — (UPI) — All 18 members of the United States figure skating team flying to Prague for an international meet were killed today when a Belgian jet airliner crashed out of a bright blue sky near Brussels Airport. The crash killed 73 persons, including 52 Americans.

Among the dead was America's "queen of the ice," Laurence Owen, 18, who won the North American figure skating championship only four days ago in Philadelphia.

Relatives and friends of the victims watched in horror from the Zaventem Airport Terminal as the Boeing 707 faltered and fell into an endive field nearby. It exploded and burst into flames so intense there was no hope of rescue.

This was the first major air disaster of 1961, the first crash of a Boeing 707 jet in commercial service, and a great tragedy to American athletes. A number of American families perished with the skaters.

The cause of the accident only a mile from the end of an airport runway after a non-stop flight from New York was a mystery.

Lost Radio Contact
The sky was clear and the sun was shining brightly when the Sabena plane dived to the ground while circling for a landing. Airport officials said they lost radio contact with the pilot as the plane approached the field.

Sabena Airlines officials said there were "no survivors" among the 61 passengers and 11 crewmen. One man working in the field was killed and another was seriously injured.

Miss Owen, Winchester, Mass., and the other skaters were members of the U.S. team en route to Prague for the International Skating Championships which were cancelled because of the crash.

Mother Equally Famous
Also killed in the crash was Miss Owen's equally famous mother, Mrs. Maribel Vinson Owen, a nine-times figure skating champion herself, and Laurence's 20-year-old sister, also named Maribel, who is a skating star in her own right.

The disaster wiped out U.S. hopes for skating victories in the 1964 Olympics. U.S. senior men's champion Gregory Kelley, Colorado Springs, Colo., also was killed.

The man killed on the ground was another sports figure, Theo De Later, 21, a well-known cyclist who was released from military service just two months ago.

Child Hurt When Struck by Pickup

Gary Madison Mark, 6, of 128 Chestnut st., was taken to Sacred Heart hospital Tuesday afternoon after he was struck by a pickup truck operated by Donald Gus Stuart, route 4, box 349B, Medford, according to city police.

According to reports, the pickup was eastbound on West Main st. at Jeanette st., when the boy darted across the street into the side of the truck. Witnesses told police that the pickup veered in an attempt to miss the boy and hit a fire plug.

The boy was treated at the hospital and released, it was reported.

Jobless Benefit Proposal Seen Economy Booster

Washington — (UPI) — Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg said today President Kennedy's proposal to extend jobless benefits would provide a \$1 billion injection of buying power into the lagging economy.

Goldberg told the House Ways and Means Committee that the emergency program to pay extra unemployment compensation to an estimated 3 million idle workers was a "very crucial part" of Kennedy's antirecession plan.

Goldberg also said he feared the latest unemployment figures "may indicate a rise" in the country's 5.4 million jobless.

The House was expected to act with unusual speed in response to Kennedy's request for immediate legislation to aid jobless who already have used up their benefits.

Informed sources said the committee probably would approve the measure with amendments early next week. This would send it to the Rules Committee which could clear the way for quick floor action.

Worker Dies When Buried in Slide

Cave Junction — A construction worker for Grafe-Callahan died when he was buried under an earth slide at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday while working on the north approach to the Oregon Mountain tunnel near Cave Junction.

The man was identified as George Loghry, 46, of Redway, Calif. He was standing at the foot of the mountain when the slide started. He was buried under three feet of earth and suffocated before workers could uncover him.

Loghry's death is the first since work started on the tunnel.

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon Senate, faced with a heavy calendar, today scheduled its first afternoon meeting of the 1961 session.

Dr. Mayfield Named In Damage Suit in Lane County Court

Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, Medford school superintendent, has been named defendant in a \$52,000 damage suit filed in Lane county by Raymond E. Pettet, former employee for the state system of higher education and former Ashland resident.

Pettet had offices at Southern Oregon college when he was assistant professor with the state system of higher education's statewide general extension division.

In the suit, Pettet claims that Dr. Mayfield wrote a letter Jan. 26, 1960, to Pettet's superior in Eugene which resulted in Pettet's being dismissed from his duties.

The story, written by Bob Walters, then a member of the staff of the Mail Tribune (now a reporter for the Portland Oregonian), detailed the number of people taking advantage of adult education opportunities through the extension division in various parts of southern Oregon.

The article concluded that, on a per capita basis, Medford had less participation in these classes than other communities.

Pettet is now a field representative for a school equipment firm. Before coming to southern Oregon with the state system of higher education, he was an employee of the state department of veterans affairs.

Dr. Mayfield said today he has no comment on the suit at this time.

School Principals Reelected by Board
Seven Medford school principals were reelected by the school board last night. All other principals in the district are on tenure, and reelection by the board is not necessary.

Reelected for the third year were Herb Wing, West Side, and Bori M. Cox, McLoughlin Junior High School. Reelected on tenure were Mrs. Myrna Frink, Griffin Creek; Harold Boner, Howard; Francis Guidry, Jacksonville; Lee Merriam, Lone Pine; and Boyd Gibson, Ruch.

Previously, the board had extended for one year the contracts for Superintendent Leonard B. Mayfield, and Assistant Superintendents Elliott Becken and Russell Acheson.

Europeans Watch Eclipse of Moon
London — (UPI) — Millions of Europeans on both sides of the Iron Curtain today watched the skies as the moon passed between the sun and earth, causing a total eclipse in a wide area of southern Europe.

Hundreds of scientists observed the phenomenon from observatories, mountain tops and high-flying planes.

Air Pollution Samples Taken at Courthouse
Two air pollution samples will be taken at the air sampling station at the courthouse this week, according to T. M. (Ted) Gerow, district sanitary engineer, Oregon state sanitary authority.

The first will be taken today and a second tomorrow. The courthouse station is one of several in the national air sampling network sponsored by the U.S. public health service, Gerow said.

Construction Engineer Assures Ashland Chamber Emigrant Dam Is Made Safe
Ashland — J. A. Callan, construction engineer for the Talent Irrigation project, assured the Ashland Chamber of Commerce Tuesday that the Emigrant lake dam is as safe as it can be made.

Callan went over construction factors in detail. The latest techniques in construction design and methods have been used, he said.

The base of the dam is 1,100 feet thick, Callan said. Minimum thickness at the top is 35 feet. The new dam has been built around an old concrete dam, which will raise the dam's height to 190 feet, enabling a reservoir capacity of 40,000 acre-feet of water.

A clay core has been blended with harder materials and packed around the old dam, Callan said. The clay core is 470 feet thick at the base, he indicated, and extending on each side of the core is another 300 feet of sand, gravel and rock.

When the reservoir is full, the water level will be 12 feet below the top of the dam, Callan said. A 150-foot wide concrete spillway has been constructed a quarter mile from the dam to insure that the water will not rise above the 12-foot level, he said. The spillway has a capacity of 11,300 feet of water per second.

An eight-foot thick concrete tunnel has been bored into the side of a mountain at one side of the dam to insure additional flood control, Callan said. The tunnel will have a capacity of 700 feet per second.

Callan said there is a sandstone area behind the dam which could fall into the reservoir. No damage will result if this happens, he said. Other fissures have been sealed with concrete, he told the chamber.

Completion date of the irrigation project should be in April of 1962, Callan said. Some work on the Emigrant project, Bear creek and lateral has not been completed. Bids for a 20-mile lateral extending from near Ashland to Griffin creek will be received March 7, he said.