

HEAVY FIGHTING FLARES IN KATANGA

Leads Probed In Search for Portland Girl



MONA RAE MINYARD
FBI Helps in Advisory Capacity

Portland — (UPI) — Multnomah county detectives were checking several leads today in the search for six-year-old Mona Rae Minyard, missing since noon Saturday from her home east of here.

Police began combing files for known sex offenders and questioning suspects. The FBI entered the case in an advisory capacity and to determine if federal law had been violated.

Search Abandoned
A search of the area around the girl's home was abandoned Sunday and county detective Walter Graven said. "At the present time, it doesn't look good for the little girl."

The blonde, blue-eyed child left her home to buy some groceries for her mother. She said she was going to stop at the home of a friend on her way to the store. She never reached either place.

Police first thought she had made purchases at the market, but later investigation indicated the sales had been made to another girl. One witness reported seeing the girl and her dog at the store, but her parents said the dog never left the house.

Father, Stepfather Help
A search party of about 40 persons, including 25 Sea Scouts, searched the area

Freelands Sell Store In Shopping Center
Prospect — The Prospect Shopping Center grocery store has been sold, it was announced today.

Owners, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Freelands have sold their interest in the store to Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Beck, who will assume operations Jan. 2.

The Freelands had operated the store for about two years.

Oregon Students Rank Ahead of Average
Salem — (UPI) — High school freshmen and junior in Oregon have been ranked more than one and one-half years ahead of the national average in educational achievement.

The finding was issued by the Oregon Department of Education on the basis of reports from Science Research Associates of Chicago.

Dairy Producers Slate Thursday Session in Salem

Possible Price Drop Concerns Group

Salem — (UPI) — An emergency meeting of dairy producers from throughout Oregon has been scheduled here Thursday morning, State Sen. Arthur Ireland (R-Forest Grove) revealed today.

Ireland told United Press International "I expect up to 300 producers from every part of the state will attend." Ireland said producer groups, concerned over possible milk price drops when the present milk stabilization law expires at midnight tonight, asked him to arrange a meeting place.

Confusion Reigns
Sen. Ireland, vice chairman of the Legislative Interim Committee on Agriculture, said the meeting was not called by the interim committee.

The meeting was called so hastily there was confusion over where the session would be held.

Genevieve C. Morgan, head information officer of the State Department of Agriculture, said she had reserved the agriculture conference room at the request of Sen. Ireland.

Ireland, however, said he understood the meeting would be held in room 6 of the Capitol Building.

The session apparently was scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Kenneth Sawyer, chief of the milk audit and stabilization division, told UPI he understood the agriculture conference room had been reserved, "but it will only seat about 50."

One Notice Filed
Sawyer said this morning no other milk price reduction notices had been filed with his office.

He announced Saturday that one "average size" Willamette Valley dairy had filed notice of intent to reduce the price about 2-cents a quart, beginning Tuesday.

Ireland said the hastily-called meeting of producers "was caused by reports of pending cuts in the price of milk."

"The dairymen are quite concerned. They decided to call a meeting of representative dairymen from throughout the state to try to forestall any price cuts."

"They also plan to discuss legislation which might correct the situation."

"The dairymen seem closer now to reaching agreement," he said.

Ireland said he did not believe processors were being invited to attend the meeting, "although I think some will be there."

Ashlander Seriously Hurt in Accident
Yreka — Patrick Moran, 23, of Ashland, is in Siskiyou county hospital here with serious injuries following a one-car accident on old Highway 99 north of Hornbrook early Sunday morning.

Moran, of 385 North Main st., Ashland, suffered a compression fracture of the back, elbow injuries and contusions and abrasions, but was described in good condition.

The accident occurred when a car driven by Moran failed to negotiate a sharp turn and went off the road, according to California highway patrol.

The car overturned and burst into flames.

A passenger, Anthony Ballman, 20, of 693 Valley View rd., Ashland, sustained minor injuries, and a subsequently was lodged in the county jail on drunk charges.

When Moran is released from the hospital he faces a citation for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, officers reported.

Trailer Destroyed In Gresham Fire
Gresham — (UPI) — Fire destroyed the 40-foot trailer home of Adolf Amstad, Gresham, Sunday morning.

Firemen estimated damage at about \$8,500.

Amstad and his family were not at home at the time.

Two power transformers near the scene exploded and burned causing a power outage over a wide area.

Firemen said the blaze began in the kitchen of undetermined causes. Little of the metal trailer and one wall of the wooden addition remained.

Four Firms Damaged in Sunday Morning Fire

Blaze Believed To Have Started in Big Y Cleaners

House and Garage Saved From Damage

A building on Table Rock rd., which housed four businesses, was heavily damaged by fire and water early Sunday morning.

The businesses were Big Y Laundromat, Frank Boone Barber Shop, Virginia's Big Y Beauty Salon, and the Big Y Cleaners.

Some 15 firemen, including four off-duty men, fought the blaze which was reported at 6 a.m. Cause of the fire has not been determined, but it is believed to have started in the cleaners which is at the south end of the structure. Flames spread to the other businesses through an attic, firemen said.

Owner of the building is Marshall Bessonet. Walls of the concrete block structure remained standing after the fire. The ceiling collapsed in both the cleaners and laundry, firemen said.

Laundry Damage
Raymond Niehaus, owner of the Laundromat, said this morning that the majority of the damage to his firm is covered by insurance. He noted that customers' laundry at the firm was not burned and has been taken to another laundry for cleaning. He added that the majority of the damage to equipment was caused by falling debris.

Majority of the equipment at the barber shop was not damaged, according to Boone. Insulation in the ceiling of the shop was credited with keeping fire damage to a minimum.

Owner of the cleaners is Adin Hall of Boise, Idaho. Local manager is James A. McCuan who was not available for comment this morning.

Firemen Save Equipment
Part of the equipment in the beauty salon, owned by Mrs. Elva Penwell, was saved through the efforts of Medford firemen. Mrs. Penwell said she had received permission from the state board of cosmetologists in Portland to open her shop in the garage at her home, 2049 Gary ave., until the shop is rebuilt. She hopes to have the garage remodeled and open for business next week. The business was not insured.

Bessonet was not available this morning, but from information received from the individual business owners, he plans to rebuild the structure.

During the fire, firemen sprayed water on a two-story house and a truck garage nearby. Several firemen remained at the scene the majority of the day. The city fire marshal today is attempting to determine the cause of the blaze.

Eagle Attacks Small Car, Hunters
Melrose, N.M. — (UPI) — An eagle swooped down on a Volkswagen near here Saturday and attacked two rabbit hunters inside.

Jim McNeil, 23, of Clovis, N.M., and Kent Flemings, 23, of Mountain Air, N.M., said the eagle clawed them so badly they had to go to a doctor.

McNeil said he and Flemings were driving into the rabbit country south of here when the eagle rose from the ground near the highway and flew directly at the small car.

The car was traveling about 45 mph and the eagle shattered the windshield and set upon the two men, McNeil said.

He said he was able to stop the car and both men jumped out and began shooting at the bird.

It had a wingspan of six feet and they said it took several shots from .22-caliber rifles to kill it.

GETS FEDERAL CONTRACT
Portland — (UPI) — The National Biscuit company's Portland plant has been awarded a contract to produce 1,600,000 pounds of crackers for the Civil Defense fallout shelter program, the Defense Subsistence Center announced today.



BUSINESSES DAMAGED—Four firms in one building across from the Big Y Shopping center, were destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Burned in addition to the Big Y Laundromat (shown here), were the Frank Boone Barber Shop, Virginia's Big Y Beauty Salon, and the Big Y Cleaners. Firemen saved some of the equipment in the barber and beauty shops and falling debris damages some of the equipment in the laundry. Cause of the fire has not been determined. (See pictures on page 2.) Knackstedt photo

Deadline Set for Flying Service To Pay Rent Money

Rogue Flying Service has been given until 5 o'clock today to pay 50 per cent of the more than \$8,000 it owes the city and offer a plan for payment of the balance within six months, according to City Manager Robert Duff.

"If these conditions are not met by Rogue Flying Service," Duff said, "we will have no choice but to close down the operation."

Duff said the firm was notified of the city's intentions in a conversation Friday between City Attorney William Mansfield and counsel for Rogue Flying Service, Attorney John R. Dellenback.

Mansfield said Dellenback did not indicate at that time what the firm's intentions were.

The city's action was taken Friday as a result of an ordinance passed by a 7 to 1 vote of the city council Thursday night. Duff told the council at the meeting that the firm has been in arrears for some time and has made no satisfactory offer for payment of rent owed on the lease.

Notice Posted
After Mayor John W. Snider signed the ordinance Friday morning, a notice was posted at the airport that the firm's real property was now owned by the city of Medford.

"If the firm fails to meet the city's terms today," Mansfield said, "the operators will be given a reasonable time to remove their personal property, and then the doors will be padlocked."

Airport Manager Gilbert J. Gutjahr said today, "The city has a responsibility to carry out the ordinance. Any further negotiations would have to be carried out on the basis of a temporary permit to continue operations. It would be up to the city council to consider any possible request for a new lease."

The city council, with three new members in the group, will hold its first regularly scheduled meeting of the new year on Thursday, Jan. 3.

Portland — (UPI) — The Oregon Health Board said today Oregon has recorded fewer birth and more deaths this year than last year.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Partly cloudy through Tuesday, except valley fog or low cloudiness Tuesday morning. Low tonight 25-30. High Tuesday 40-45.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 4:48 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:41 a.m.
Moonset tonight 10:15 p.m.
First Quarter Wednesday
This week the planet Mercury makes an appearance low in the west-southwest soon after sunset. Mercury is now about 94 million miles from the Earth.

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Century's Worst Blizzard Traps Thousands in Upper Northeast

Bangor, Maine — (UPI) — A surprise blizzard, the worst of the century in this section, trapped thousands of persons today in northern Maine and New Hampshire. Snow was piled to the roof-tops.

The snow, whipped to a face-cutting fury by winds up to 75 miles an hour, buried cars and buses and sealed off scores of communities.

Power was knocked out in many areas. Hundreds of families were without heat for hours in 20-below-zero temperatures. Snow drifts were 20 feet high.

Many Unprepared
At least two deaths were attributed to the storm, which caught householders, motorists and skiers unprepared. The Weather Bureau had predicted one foot of snow — and flurries in some areas — before the blizzard hit.

There were at least 13 weather-related deaths in the East, including two in the New England blizzard, six in Virginia and five in Pennsylvania.

Freezing and Windy
Most of the Northeast was gripped by temperatures near zero and raked by high winds. Up to eight inches of new snow blanketed northern Virginia.

Scattered snow fell Sunday from Minnesota into the Great Lakes, with locally heavy snow falling in the "snow belt" on the lee sides of Lakes Erie and Ontario.

Maine Gov. John H. Reed described the blizzard as "an emergency situation." Reed asked civil defense aid for stricken families.

Roads disappeared in snow. Thousands of cars were left abandoned. Wires and trees were blown down. Scores of highway accidents were reported.

Maine state police at Orono said at least 2,000 persons were stranded in a 50-mile area around Bangor. About 100 persons left their cars and took refuge in Pilot's Grille, a restaurant, in Bangor.

Once at the restaurant, police ordered them to stay there for their own safety.

A section of Bangor, a city of 40,000, was without electricity. In Bangor and elsewhere, the snow was gutter-high around low pitched-roof houses. Many families left their homes and moved in with relatives or neighbors who had heat.

The Bangor Daily News did not publish today for the first time in its 125-history. Managing editor John W. Moran said, "We could have put out a newspaper but we could not have dispatched it."

Men and machines were mobilized to battle the snow. But even gigantic snowplows were turned back by towering drifts.

Man Critically Hurt As Train Hits Car
Gold Hill — Damian Estremado, 59, of Gold Hill, was seriously injured this morning when his auto was struck by a train at the Sardine Creek rd. railroad crossing west of Gold Hill.

He was taken to Rogue Valley hospital, where at noon his condition was described as critical. Estremado suffered a fractured right arm, head injury, possible crushed chest and other injuries, according to a hospital spokesman. Full extent of injuries was still being determined.

The accident occurred at 9:45 a.m. not far from Estremado's home on Sardine Creek rd. Further details on the accident were not available at press time.

Ton of Squash Taken In Eagle Point Area
Someone in Jackson county is preparing for a large New Year's dinner. A turkey was stolen from the Mad Dairy at Eagle Point during the week end.

Mrs. Dora Elizabeth Dorich, 442 Handley rd., reported the theft of one ton of squash from her field this week end, to the county sheriff's office.

Traffic Toll Soars Past 200 Figure
By United Press International
Traffic fatalities during the Long New Year's holiday shot past the 200 mark today. The traffic toll had been running relatively low, but quickened at mid-day. The experts said the rate might climb in the waning hours of the year as motorists returning home from holiday trips and parties clog the highways.

There also was danger of heavy fatalities resulting from drivers who take to the road after drinking too much.

The breakdown at 11 a.m. showed 201 dead in traffic, 41 in fires, four in airplanes and 80 miscellaneous deaths for a total of 396.

REGIONAL WINNER
Corvallis — (UPI) — Walt Mendonhall of Willamina has been named western regional winner in canning crops by the National Junior Vegetable Growers association, according to word received here.

Tshombe Reported En Route To Lead Embattled Forces

Swedish Jets Back UN Ground Forces

Leopoldville, The Congo — (UPI) — Fighting erupted between United Nations and Katangese troops near Kamina today and Katanga President Moise Tshombe was reported heading back to lead his embattled forces.

Swedish and Ghanaian UN soldiers moved out from the big Kamina airbase 250 miles northwest of Elisabethville as part of an operation that began Christmas Eve.

The Swedish Defense Ministry in Stockholm said it had received reports of "heavy" fighting. It said the UN ground forces were supported by Swedish jet fighters.

The Swedish reports said one force of Swedish and Ghanaian soldiers set out for Kamina, another seized the village of Mitobwe and the railroad station and Lukoka and a third took up positions at three bridges six miles south of the airbase.

Vows to Resist
A dispatch from Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, said Tshombe left there this morning to return to somewhere in Katanga.

He told newsmen in Salisbury he would return and "lead resistance until the very end." He fled Elisabethville when UN forces took it over during the week end.

UN planes operating mainly from Kamina have all but destroyed the small Katangese air force, catching most of its planes on the ground. The UN command ordered the Katangese to turn over the rest of their planes by Tuesday under a guarantee of safe passage.

Elisabethville itself was quiet today and UN forces, fanning out through other sections of Katanga, were reported meeting little or no resistance.

Despite Tshombe's warlike words, UN Secretary General Thant sent word from New York that no action was to be taken against the Katangese president if he returned to Elisabethville.

Castro Demands Airline Schedules
Havana — (UPI) — The chances of more relatives of the released Bay of Pigs invaders going to the United States in the immediate future were dimmed today by a new price set by Premier Castro.

Castro issued a statement Sunday demanding that Pan American World Airways resume scheduled airline service to Cuba before he would permit further departures from Cuba.

In Miami, a spokesman for Pan American said the airline has no immediate plans to resume regular flights to Havana.

"Pan Am is unwilling to operate anywhere in the world where uncertainty leading to hazards exists," he said.

The statement issued by Castro's office said prospective exiles can leave the country "whenever they want to once flights to Havana are resumed."

PROGRESS NOTED
Portland — (UPI) — A year-end report from the Portland Chamber of Commerce says the Portland metropolitan area recorded more than \$28 million in capital plant investment for industrial expansion this year.

Other Funds Available
Commissioner Wendt suggested the hospital seek funds from public agency sources as soon as they see patients are unable to pay their bills.

David Kuhn, Jackson county public welfare administrator, suggested the hospitals seek money through the welfare's medical aid to the aged program as early as possible. Hospitals do not make use of this source as much as they could, he said. Also, they have a tendency to include some patients under the transient classification when they continue to live in the area, Kuhn noted.

Many elderly people are not aware of the medical aid to the aged program, Kuhn added.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

VIOLENCE BREAKS OUT IN HAVANA
Havana — (UPI) — Scattered violence broke out in Havana today after police dispersed an estimated 5,000 persons demonstrating in front of the Swiss Embassy for aid in leaving Havana.

ESPIONAGE CONVICTION UPHELD
Washington — (UPI) — The U.S. Court of Appeals today upheld the conviction of Irving C. Scarbeck for passing U.S. Embassy secrets to Red agents in Poland but recommended that this 30-year sentence be reduced to 10 years in prison.