

# Crewmen of Shrimp Boat Describe Shooting Attack

Key West, Fla. — (UPI) — A crewman of the American shrimp boat attacked Wednesday by Cuban MIG jet fighters says the planes fired machine guns, not rockets, at the drifting vessel.

"I could see the bullets spraying in the water, maybe a couple of hundred yards away," said Benjamin Washington, 27. "It was a machine gun. It wasn't a rocket."

The Defense Department, in announcing the attack, said the U.S. pilots who observed it reported that the Cuban-based jets fired rockets. The department conceded later, however, that the fliers may have been mistaken.

Radio Havana said the United States "invented" the attack on the shrimp boat Ala to cover up refugee raids on Cuban vessels. The transmitter said the Russian-made MIGs which "flew over" the U.S. craft were "trying to locate two Cuban fishing boats which were attacked a few days before."

Premier Fidel Castro re-

gime has blamed Cuban refugees living in the United States for the alleged "attack" on Cuban fishing boats.

**Hit The Deck**

Washington and Paris Jackson, 44, skipper of the two-man Ala said the attack occurred about 60 miles north of the Cuban coast.

"We hit the deck and lay there," Jackson told newsmen here after he and Washington arrived aboard a Navy destroyer escort.

"It really scared me. God, I was really scared. We just lay there because there wasn't anywhere else to go."

"We were scared to go into the pilot house or galley for fear they might think we had guns or ammunition or something in there. They'd sink us right there," said Washington.

The men said they left Fort Myers Feb. 10. They fished, collecting 800 pounds of shrimp, until late Sunday night, when their diesel engines burned out. Their radio was out, too, and their

# Hatfield Urges Reduction in State Holidays

Salem — (UPI) — In a special message to the Legislature today, Gov. Mark Hatfield paid homage to Presidents Lincoln and Washington—then urged their birthdays no longer be observed as state holidays so the state could save \$180,000 a holiday.

Hatfield repeated a message to the 1961 session asking that Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, and primary and general election days, no longer be considered state holidays.

He suggested instead that Feb. 14, Oregon statehood day, be established as a legal state holiday.

Hatfield said "It was estimated . . . that at least \$180,000 in productive time was lost each day of these holidays."

The governor pointed out that public schools and the department of higher education do not suspend operations through these four "particular" holidays.

"It simply does not make good business sense," Hatfield said. "By no stretch of the imagination should it be a sop in lieu of salary."

"Today the halls, the offices, the activities of state government—save for those involved in the legislative process—are virtually at a standstill. This was true ten days ago."

"I should like to emphasize that election day . . . has an even more specious basis in these days . . ."

The governor said "Since you adjourned from the 1961 session in which you declined my invitation to strike these four holidays we have paid at least \$1,080,000 in salaries for which we have not had commensurate productivity. In these days I could not contemplate a continuation of these circumstances without calling them to your attention through this special message."

The governor, in reference to Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays said "We honor their memory and their contribution to this nation and its people. We do not honor them less by working in the public service—even as they did."



**NINE PERSONS DIE** — Neighbors inspect in an early morning fire. The lone survivor escaped by leaping from a flaming window. near Lu-Ora, Ark., where nine persons died (UPI)

# Kennedy's Suggestion in Newspaper Strike Favored

New York — (UPI) — Two non-striking newspaper unions today backed President Kennedy's suggestion that the city's longest newspaper shutdown be solved by a third party.

The Newspaper and Mail Deliverers, through union President Joseph Baer, joined the New York Newspaper Guild's action in praising Kennedy's suggestion made at his news conference Thursday.

The guild Thursday night urged Mayor Robert F. Wagner to take the position suggested by the President and Baer agreed with the guild.

"I agree with the recommendations made by the President . . . that the strike should be settled on terms recommended by an independent body," Baer said. "I believe that Mayor Wagner is in a position to put the President's recommendation into effect without arbitration."

He said he believed Wagner's recommendation would be an "honest and reasonable basis" for a settlement.

At a mass meeting Thursday night, about 1,800 guild-

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# Radars Bounced Off Mars As Part of Plan

Goldstone Tracking Station, Calif. — (UPI) — Radar signals are being bounced off Mars to prepare for sending a spacecraft past the planet in 1965 similar to the Mariner 2 probe of Venus.

Scientists at Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said the experiments with the Earth's nearest planetary neighbor, and the planet believed most likely to sustain life, were begun by the deep space instrumentation facility here Jan. 21.

The planet was closest to Earth—about 63 million miles—Feb. 2. Data from radar waves indicates Mars has both rough and smooth areas similar to the Earth and the moon.

**Longest Radar Contact**

Similar radar probes were made of Venus preparatory to the Mariner 2 flight. A nd Thursday radar signals were bounced off Venus in calibrating JPL's parabolic 85-foot antenna. The 180 million miles was the longest radar contact ever made.

JPL scientists say, however, that it is much more difficult to obtain usable data from Mars than it is Venus because Mars is only half the size of Venus and rotates much faster, thus smearing the return signal.

Scientists said more than 15 hours of data were required to produce clearly identified signals from Mars, but only a few minutes were necessary for Venus contacts.

# Area Men Arrested On Game Charge

Two Ashland men were arrested by state police yesterday on charges of illegal possession of an animal (venison), and one of them admitted he had forged checks and took some payroll checks in California.

They are David Allen Gramman, 28, and Walter Lee Davis, 23, alias Bill Gerl Owen, both of Klamath Falls Star route, box 76, Ashland, police reported.

Owen admitted to passing fictitious checks in California and is wanted by the Ventura, Calif., sheriff's office on charges of forgery, state police said. He also admitted taking some payroll checks and a check protector in California.

They are being held in the Jackson county jail.

# Senator Dies

Montpelier, Vt. — (UPI) — Asa S. Bloomer, 71, the senior member of the Vermont Senate, died Thursday.

# Oregon Stamp Society Denied Tax Exemption

Salem — (UPI) — Tax Court Judge Peter Gunnar Thursday denied a property tax exemption to the Oregon Stamp Society.

Gunnar ruled the group was a hobbyist society and not an exempt scientific or literary institution.

# Foreign Briefs

**POPE JOHN SENDS BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Vatican City — (UPI) — Pope John XXIII Thursday sent birthday greetings to his secretary of state, Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, who will be 80 years old this Sunday.

**LONG-MISSING ENGLISH STATUES RECOVERED**

London — (UPI) — Two 14th century statues of English kings that had been missing from Westminster hall for at least 150 years have been recovered, the public building ministry announced Thursday.

It said the statues were purchased from the owner of an empty manor house in Lincolnshire for \$140 each.

**BRITAIN CONSIDERS ASSISTANCE TO INDIA**

London — (UPI) — The British government said Thursday it is considering not only military but other forms of assistance to India in view of the strain on that nation's economy following the border attacks by Communist China.

John Tilney, undersecretary of state for Commonwealth Relations, told the House of Commons that it was hoped to announce a decision on the matter of further financial assistance to India after further consultation.

**VALUABLE PAINTING RETURNED BY MAIL**

Aix-en-Provence, France — (UPI) — A valuable painting stolen from the Granet gallery here last Sunday was returned by mail Thursday, according to a spokesman for the gallery.

He said the painting, a small portrait of a young girl by the 18th century German artist Lucas Cranach the Elder, was undamaged. The spokesman called the art work "very valuable" but he declined to estimate how much it was worth.

**UGANDANS DIE IN TRIBAL WARFARE**

Kampala, Uganda — (UPI) — Nearly 70 men, women and children died in tribal warfare in Uganda's wild northeastern district earlier this week, reports reaching Kampala said today.

men shouted approval of a resolution urging Wagner to submit concrete proposals for a "just settlement" to publishers and striking printers by next Thursday.

The resolution said that "all mediation has failed" and noted that Wagner, "as a result of four weeks spent struggling with the situation, is more familiar with all the issues involved in the state-mate than any other individual outside the bargaining ranks."

The mayor made no immediate reply. A city hall spokesman said he needed time to study the proposal.

Representatives of the printers and publishers were not available for comment. However, the publishers have suggested they would be willing to have the dispute resolved through arbitration, while printers' representatives say arbitration is prohibited by the union constitution.

The guild, one of 10 unions idled in the 77-day-old impasse, gave no indication

# California Senator Plans Objection To Appointee of Brown

Sacramento — (UPI) — A freshman state senator has said that he may use one of the senate's fraternal rules to prevent Thomas Braden's reappointment to the state board of education.

The statement came Thursday from Republican Sen. Jack Schrade of San Diego, who told newsmen that he would fight Braden's reappointment because "Braden is very obnoxious to me."

According to traditional rule, if a senator says on the floor that an appointee from his home county is "obnoxious" to him, the senate will refuse to confirm the appointment.

Braden, 43, is publisher of the Oceanside Blade-Tri, a newspaper that opposed Schrade during his successful campaign last November against the Democratic incumbent, Hugo Fisher.

"I suppose," Braden said, "that the reason Schrade is opposing me is that I opposed him as a newspaper editor in his district."

**Will Temper Remarks**

Newsmen asked Schrade if he would repeat his words on the senate floor when Gov. Edmund G. Brown's reappointment of Braden comes up for necessary senate approval in about two to four weeks.

"It's possible," he said, adding that "I will temper my remarks on the letters and communications I receive."

Schrade denied that his opposition to Braden resulted from partisan politics. "The education of our children is much more important than party politics," he said.

He said that he was acting because of letters, telegrams and petitions he had received protesting Braden's reappointment. He said the petitions were being circulated in San Diego and would be mailed to the governor.

"I was elected to represent the people," Schrade said. Senate president pro tem

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