

Rugged Trio Of College Men Make Quick Dash To Top Of Mount McKinley

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Aug. 1 (AP)—Three rugged ex-GI University of Alaska students claimed today the swiftest ascent of towering Mount McKinley on record and the first scaling of the highest North American peak for pure adventure since 1932.

The three who made a speedy 17-day trek from Wonder lake camp to the 29,276-foot peak and return were Gordon Herreid, 22, Santa Maria, Calif.; Frank Mills, 20, Cincinnati, and Henry Daub, 23, Boston.

They were resting at the camp in McKinley national park after their grueling trip to the mountain top, approximately 42 miles away.

The party made the climb without receiving any outside support from the air or ground.

Frank T. Been, park superintendent, said the climbers reported reaching the summit July 29. He said the party was the smallest ever to achieve the feat.

The party was the second to scale the lofty peak this year. The colleagues were preceded by the extensively equipped and airplane-aided Bradford Washburn expedition in June.

It was the second attempt of the year for Herreid, the leader of the trio. He was a member of a three-collegian party which turned back late in June after one of the group suffered from altitude sickness at 16,000 feet.

Herreid reported he suffered from the same sickness at 18,000 feet this time, but the trio kept plugging up the final heights in easy stages. They said they carried their own packs.

Since the Alfred Lindley-Harry Liek expedition 15 years ago, all other conquests of the mountain have been by elaborately planned

scientific expeditions, aided by airborne supplies and radio communications.

The colleagues said they planted a tobacco tin at the top, containing their names and the date. They said they encountered only six inches of new snowfall and a minimum temperature of 20 below zero.

Suspected Axe Slayer Held

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Aug. 1 (AP)—Leon Winfield Jones, 43-year-old carpenter who has been sought under murder warrants since the ax slaying of two men at an Indian camp July 20, was taken into custody yesterday 10 miles from the Gerale river camp where the slayings occurred, U. S. Marshal Stanley J. H. Nichols said today.

Special Deputy Bill Gough of Fairbanks, who made the capture, said he would take Jones to Big Delta, where he was employed on the army construction project. Jones' wife and three children live in Vancouver, Wash.

The two victims were Donald R. Harris, 33, Big Delta construction worker, and Carl Ahnstrom, 68, long-time Alaska trapper and prospector.

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Seaman Found Hanging In Cell

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—William V. Smith, 21, seaman second class, awaiting court-martial on charges of killing nine shipmates aboard an LST off the China coast, was found hanging in his cell at the Anacostia naval receiving station today.

Officers said Smith, of Asheville, N. C., had been held in solitary confinement pending trial August 19.

Charges against Smith, naval officers said, related that on April 23, 1946, he swept the deck of LST 172 with bullets from a carbine and pistol.

Nine of Smith's shipmates were killed and a tenth injured. Officers said his body was found hanging in his cell this morning, suspended by a strip of ticking torn from a mattress.

Statehood Meet Slated

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP)—A senate hearing on the Hawaiian statehood bill will be held in Hawaii next November. It was expected to take from three days to a week.

Senator Cordon (R-Ore.), chairman of the territory subcommittee of the senate public lands committee, announced today he will conduct the hearings. He said he did not know which committee members will be present.

Cordon said the subcommittee tried to find time to hold the hearings here before the adjournment of congress but the press of work was so great the Hawaiian bill could not be reached.

It has passed the house and Cordon said he hoped it could be reported to the senate early next session.

Cordon plans to depart for home Tuesday and said he will remain in Oregon until mid-September. He will then return here to accompany the senate appropriations committee on its round-the-world investigation trip.

He said he might be compelled to leave the committee at Cairo, Egypt, in order to go to Honolulu.

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Communications Union Man Quits

SEATTLE, Aug. 1 (AP)—E. L. Gilman, Seattle business agent of the American Communications association (Ind.), said today he is resigning both his union post and membership August 10 because "I can no longer tolerate conditions now prevailing in what was once an organization of which we were all proud to be members."

Gilman charged there is an "anti-labor element" in the union's national office and a drive for "totalitarian control" by a group within the union.

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Berry Growers Stop Insects

PORTLAND, Aug. 1 (AP)—Gresham berry growers today reported that a new insect invader apparently has been stopped without damage to berry crops in Oregon.

The pest is known as the "orange trotoir" an invader from California orange groves.

J. J. Fisher, manager of the Gresham Berry Growers cooperative, said it had appeared in three fields near Gresham, but prompt control measures prevented loss. A "gray program is expected to wipe out the invader next spring.

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