

# SEVEN COMBAT PLANES MISSING

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
UNITED NATIONS, through its security council, orders the Dutch and the Indonesians to quit shooting and settle their disputes by arbitration or other peaceful means.

The United States and Russia, along with six other nations, vote FOR the order. Britain, France and Belgium—all three having foreign empires—decline to vote.

There is a minor scrap, in which Russia loses, over whether or not Dutch and Indonesian troops shall be required to withdraw to the positions they occupied when the shooting started. Russia insisted they should be required to move back. The dispatches as this is written are a little hazy, but the United States apparently contended they should stop where they are now. Russia LOST on the Dutch being in the shooting area. If the positions when the shooting stops are held as is, the Dutch will presumably have gained a point.

WATCH IT.  
It might be a sincere attempt on the part of United Nations (which hasn't accomplished much yet) to stop a war. It might be just jockeying for position.

KEEP THIS IN MIND:  
If United Nations can stop the shooting in Indonesia, it might be able to stop the shooting in northern Greece. If Russia HELPS to stop the shooting in Indonesia (where at present she isn't much interested), it will be worth while to see what she does in Greece, where she IS interested.

ANOTHER 500-pounder Jap mine, floating loose in the Pacific seas just off the mouth of the Columbia, is located and destroyed by the coast guard.

It takes a long time for war's aftermath to get out of our systems.

A 500-pound mine, all set and ready to go and floating wild where it might be hit at any moment by a ship, is bad business.

The explosive hatreds that are generated in men's minds by years of war and war's cruelties and griefs are even worse business.

In the long run, they are far more dangerous than derelict mines.

PORTLAND insurance man says automobile rates are due to come down in the next six to 12 months. Reductions, if they come, he adds, will be brought about by a declining rate of accidents and repair costs.

Here's hoping. Insurance costs are becoming a considerable item in the maintenance of a car.

JUNE's figures in Oregon, however, aren't too reassuring.

The secretary of state's office in Salem tells us this morning that gasoline sales in Oregon during the month just ended topped all previous June records AND SO DID TRAFFIC DEATHS IN OREGON.

That is to say, we're driving more but we aren't being any more careful.

At any rate, the Portland man's statement provides us with a good lesson on the nature of insurance.

Insurance isn't just manna from heaven. All insurance does is to

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## Solon Wants Answer On Draft Query

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—The senate war investigating committee's inquiry into a \$40,000,000 wartime airplane contract awarded Howard Hughes broke up in a row today over questions about selective service deferments for John W. Meyer, Hughes publicity man.

The questioning arose after Meyer had testified concerning extensive night club entertaining for Elliott Roosevelt, son of the late president, who as an air force colonel was head of a mission that recommended purchase of 100 airplanes for photo-reconnaissance work in Europe.

Tom H. Slack, attorney for Hughes, violently protested it was "impossible to get the truth" when Senator Cain (R-Wash.) suddenly turned the questions from cocktail parties and nylon stockings gifts to Meyer's wartime draft status.

Meyer had been attempting to explain more than \$165,000 worth of entertainment expenses in connection with the big airplane contracts awarded the Hughes company.

Suddenly Cain asked Meyer about what he termed Meyer's "six deferments" from selective service. Slack broke in to protest that the justice department rather than a congressional committee should look into that issue.

## Luree Ball Is Pirate Queen

COOS BAY, Aug. 2 (AP)—Luree Ball, 18, was crowned queen of the Coos Bay Pirate regatta last night before an estimated 10,000 spectators.

Her name had been kept secret until the coronation ceremonies, in connection with the pageant.

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## Cooler Since 1916 Is Recorded

Rumors that the Klamath basin was treated to one of its coolest Julys in years were confirmed Saturday when it was disclosed that average July temperatures were only 65.2 degrees, 3.5 degrees below normal. Weather for last month was the most moderate July period since 1916 when thermometers registered a 64 degree average.

Figures compiled by R. R. Best, Klamath district manager of the bureau of reclamation, indicated that the maximum temperature for last month occurred July 17 and 21 when thermometers shot up to 90 degrees. Minimum fell on July 3 and 11 when 42 degrees were recorded.

Comparing these figures with July, 1946, last month's maximum was 10 degrees below the 100 degree high of last year. Minimum for 1946 was 39 degrees.

Total precipitation for July was slightly above normal (0.30 inches) with 0.60 inches of rain being recorded. This exceeds the July, 1946, total by 0.12 inches and July, 1945, by 0.57 inches.

Although the weather was comparatively cool in July, residents saw the sun every day with the exception of two days. Reports indicate that there were 16 clear days, 13 partly cloudy and 2 cloudy days during the month.

## Ford Strike Set Tuesday

DETROIT, Aug. 2 (AP)—Union negotiators announced after a brief session with Ford Motor company officials today that they will recommend a strike Tuesday for 107,000 production workers.

The CIO United Auto Workers executive board was scheduled to act on the recommendation later in the day.

40 Plants Hit  
Richard T. Leonard, UAW-CIO vice president and national Ford negotiator, announced the union negotiators' decision and reported no progress toward a settlement of a pension and union liability dispute.

A union spokesman earlier said that a walkout in some 40 Ford plants across the nation had been tentatively set for some time Tuesday.

John S. Bugas, Ford vice president in charge of industrial relations, replied "no comment" to all questions after the one-hour negotiating session.

Ford and the union scheduled another last-ditch negotiating session for 10:30 a. m. (EST) Sunday. The international executive board of the UAW-CIO, which speaks for 107,000 Ford production workers, was scheduled to meet this afternoon to act on a request for strike approval. Heads of the UAW's Ford department made the request.

Company and union negotiators broke up a conference late yesterday after reporting "no progress."

## Kids Sleep With Bears

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Aug. 2 (AP)—An overnight snooze this week in a cave with a family of bear cubs didn't faze 11-year-old Harold Lewis and his brother, Fred, 9, except for a few scratches and minor bites being proudly displayed today by the younger boy.

They had gone fishing on Klawock creek Wednesday with their father, George Lewis, Jr., and wandered away. Thinking the youngsters had returned to their home in the Indian village of Klawock, Lewis did not begin a search for them until he had gone back to the settlement.

The boys' dog led a party to the cave where the two were found sleeping with the bears. Both groups of tenants had become accustomed to the housing situation.

## Highway Crash Leaves 4 Dead

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Aug. 2 (AP)—Four persons were killed and 10 others injured, four so seriously they may die, when a state forestry fire truck and an automobile carrying eight persons collided head-on last night on State Highway 1 near Davenport, 14 miles south of here.

The Dutch said they captured 10 Germans and three Japanese at Pematangsiantar, and four other Japanese in south Sumatra and west Java.

## Dutch Army Shows Gains

BATAVIA, Java, Aug. 2 (AP)—The Dutch army announced that mopping up and consolidation were under way throughout Java today, while in Sumatra they claimed new gains in a drive southward on the Medan front.

These reports were contained in a communique issued just after news reached this Dutch colonial capital that the United Nations security council would ask both the Dutch and the Indonesian republic to cease hostilities in progress since July 20.

The republicans by their own admission were anticipating intensification of the Dutch push toward their capital of Jogjakarta in south central Java.

A broadcast from Jogjakarta yesterday reported that the republican high command had declared the city and surroundings to be a military area and had ordered Lt. Gen. Oerip Soemahardjo to direct preparations for a last-ditch defense.

The Netherlands army's communique, in the first official report of any Indonesian army surrenders to the Dutch, said 36 republican officers and men had voluntarily given up their arms at Lawang above Malang, east Java.

## Soldier Let Out Of Jail For Marriage

NANKING, Aug. 2 (AP)—Two American soldiers, one of whom became a bridegroom after his arrest, were held for courtmartial on manslaughter charges today by U. S. advisory group officials as the result of a midnight prank which brought death to two Chinese.

Military authorities said the prisoners were Sgt. Joseph Cervonne, the Bronx, New York, and Cpl. Frank R. W. Aldrich, Whiting, Ind.

Aldrich was released from questioning this afternoon long enough to marry a Wac sergeant who is returning to the United States Monday.

Authorities said the two soldiers and two companions were riding in a Jeep following a pre-nuptial celebration for Aldrich when they became involved with three Chinese sitting on a bridge spanning a small river near the military airport. Chinese witnesses said the Americans tossed two of the Chinese into the river, where they drowned. The other Chinese fled.

ATHENS, Aug. 2 (AP)—The steamship American Victory docked today with the first shipment of military supplies, vehicles and flour for the Greek army under the American-aid program. The vessel made a 14-day crossing from Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Ships May Be Heading For Action

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP)—The state department—alert over rumors of revolutionary plotting in the Caribbean area—today set off a widespread hunt for seven former army combat planes reported ready to skip the country.

Conceding it was acting on rumor, the department called on the customs bureau and other federal agencies to prevent "these alleged planes" from leaving the country.

The Florida state highway patrol speeded about the state combing deserted air fields but failed to find the planes. Air fields were checked between New Orleans and the Mexican border without result.

A department statement left in uncertainty whether seven such planes actually were prepared to or did take off from a Florida field.

## Everything Quiet

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, Aug. 2 (AP)—The government of Generalissimo Rafael L. Trujillo Molina said today that everything was quiet and all the usual activities of the country were proceeding as usual. The army was pictured as ready to meet an invasion of planes or landing barges, variously reported on the way here, but there was no sign of them.

The department disclosed that some 600 men were being received plotting in the effort to make sure that United States territory would not be used for conspiracy.

In its first formal statement on the situation, the department gave no information on where an uprising might be expected.

Actual officials have been receiving reports for some time that a force of hundreds of men had collected in Eastern Cuba to conduct an operation against the Dominican Republic. These have met with denials of Cuban and other officials.

The department's press officer, Reginald Mitchell, said in response to a specific question that the general alert was still in effect.

While the state department would not formally disclose the exact nature of the "rumors" received, it was learned that at least some of them came from American missions in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

For the most part they concerned sensational stories of an impending military action of some sort, which have appeared in the press down there.

Messages spreading the alarm to be on the lookout for the planes referred to them as two P-38s (Lightnings) and five P-51s (Mustangs).

War department officials said some had been sold as surplus and may be in civilian hands. "There are plenty of young fellows in this country who know how to fly these ships," an officer said.

Officials declined to express an opinion on the destination of the fast little fleet but one, declining the use of his name, observed: "You know there has been some trouble in the Caribbean."

A dispatch from Port-au-Prince today said Haitians returning from the Dominican Republic were quoted by Port-au-Prince newspapers as explaining they left because of apprehension over heavy troop movements.

Dominican Ambassador Julio Ortega Frier said here last Saturday that an army of 3000 "communist revolutionaries" from Cuba, Guatemala, Venezuela and Puerto Rico was mobilized in Cuba for an invasion. But Venezuelan, Cuban and Guatemalan officials have denied any knowledge of such an army.

## Pirate Shoots Navy Officer

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 2 (AP)—An attempt was made today to pirate the funds in the safe of the General A. W. Greeley, an army transport, and an officer was shot and wounded seriously, the army disclosed.

The wounded man is Q. E. Henley, 47, of Honolulu.

An all-points police broadcast went out at once for the arrest of a man described by the army public relations office as a former crew member of the General Greeley.

Normally, an army spokesman said, between \$50,000 and \$60,000 is kept in the safe of such a ship.

Henley, transport officer of the ship—a post corresponding to the office of purser on a commercial vessel—said that about midnight a man entered his office. The man aimed a pistol at Henley and demanded that he open the safe.

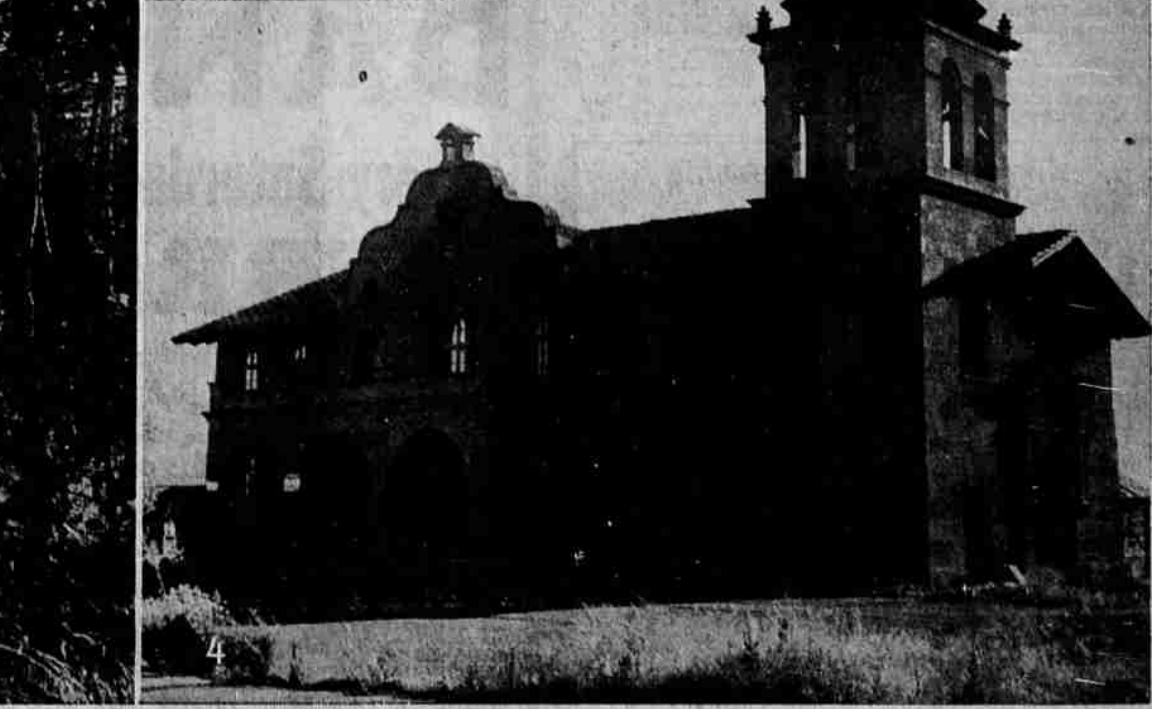
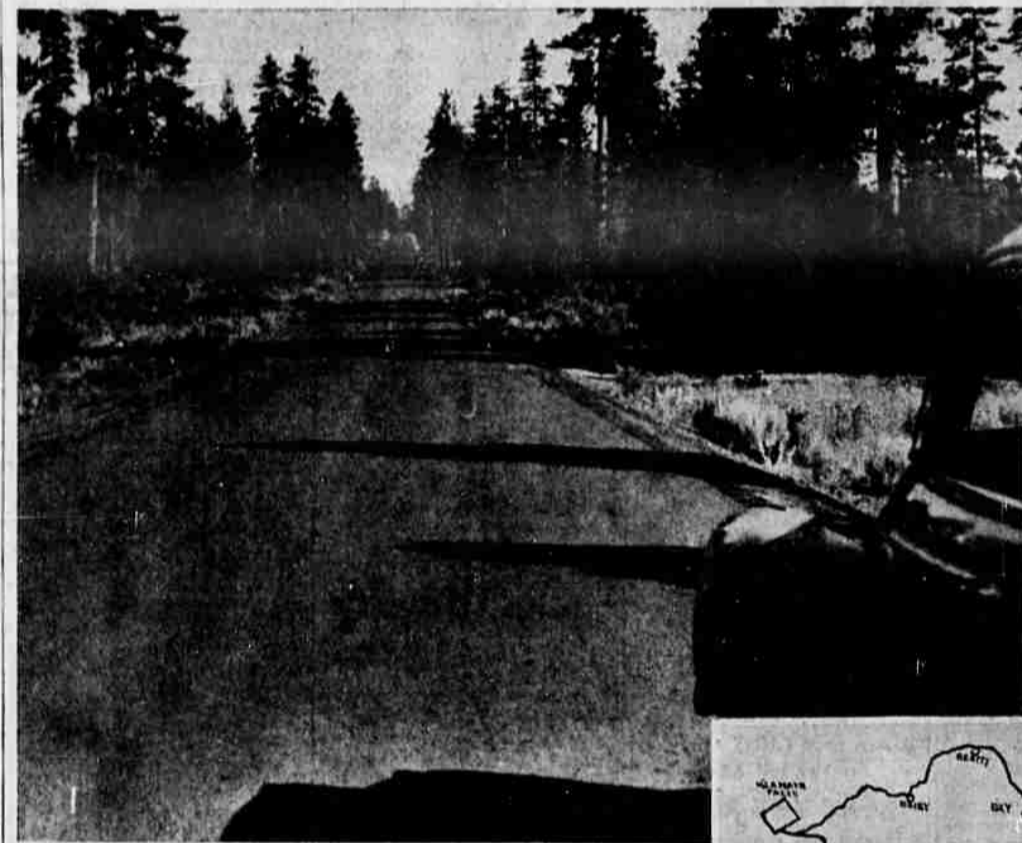
Henley said he refused, and that the man fired once, then ran to the deck and escaped.

The bullet lodged in Henley's chest. He was taken at once to the army's Letterman hospital at San Francisco for surgery.

The General Greeley arrived July 28 from Pacific bases and was docked at pier 7, Oakland army base.

Justice Douglas Gives Decision  
PORTLAND, Aug. 2 (AP)—Justice William O. Douglas of the U. S. supreme court lay on a hospital bed here, recovering from a tonsillotomy, and thought things over. Then he announced: "Fishing will be hot on the Big Mtnam when the salmon files start coming out—and that should be about now."

## Today's Travelogue—The Good Road To Alturas, And Then On To Reno, Or Back Home By Lakeview Loop



## Pine Forest Route Goes To Alturas

By M. E.  
Smooth, straight highway through a pine forest is a dominant feature of the route from Klamath Falls to Alturas, subject of today's travelogue. Here is one of the most pleasant trips available to Klamath motorists, with many interesting points along the way or on short side roads, such as the Lava Beds monument.

The trip takes in the Klamath basin area down through Tulelake, past the new homestead section and the former WRA center, on out through the edge of the lava beds, and then into the pine forest to Canby. A short distance this side of Canby is Howard's Gulch, where the highway makes a long sweep off a plateau and where a pleasant public campground is to be found. At Canby the route turns east and there is a quick run to Alturas, where it joins US 395. Going south from there, one can go on to Susanville, Reno, or even Southern California over a fast route. Turning north for a shorter jaunt, one swings back into Oregon to Lakeview, and thence home to Klamath Falls. That's a fine one-day loop, the distance being about 255 miles. (Try lunch in Alturas and dinner in Lakeview, or vice versa if you make the loop clock-wise.)

In The "Pictures"  
1. The excellent straight highway through pine forest in Northern Modoc county. 2. A slightly ragged California Republic Bear flag flies under the Stars and Stripes at the quarantine station between Tulelake and Canby. 3. A sylvan glade in the public campground at Howard's Gulch. 4. A striking building is the one-time Nevada, California, Oregon Railroad company headquarters structure at Alturas. A narrow gauge line, this road was built from Reno to Alturas and Lakeview many cars ago. It was later acquired by the Southern Pacific and made standard gauge. The native stone headquarters building is now owned by an Alturas resident and is used for business offices and living quarters.