

Cornett Plane Crash Rated Top News Story Of Year By Associated Press Editors

By The Associated Press

The disaster in which Oregon's governor, two other top state officials and their pilot died in an October 28 plane crash topped Oregon's news stories in 1947.

Associated Press editors and news editors of Oregon Associated Press newspapers and radio stations were unanimous in selecting as the year's major story the crash which took the lives of Gov. Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., Senate President Marshall Cornett and Pilot Cliff Hogue. The crash, and the resulting change in top state government personnel, transcended any other event of the year and its stunning impact would place it high on any all-time list.

Voted into second place, by a wide margin, was the story of the flying saucers—those peculiar discs which flashed before the eyes of hundreds of persons in late June and early July.

The story started at Pendleton when Kenneth Arnold, Boise businessman, told of seeing the discs while flying over Southeastern Washington. Although, as the days passed, the disc reports spread to all parts of the country and even into Canada and Australia, the Northwest retained its position as the center. With the year's end there still was no explanation—whether the saucers existed or were evidence of mass hysteria. Each side had its adherents.

Following these two top stories were a dozen which vied for places in the first 10.

Defeat of the sales tax in the October 7 special election moved into third place in the editors' opinions. Closely grouped for fourth, fifth and sixth, with only one point separating the three, were the Mormon cricket infestation of Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties in May and June; the state's longest legislative session with its community property, tax change and other laws; and bank robbers who were at work

in spectacular holdups at Oakland, Sweet Home and Carlton. Seventh place in the state's news went to the Broadhurst case in which Mrs. Gladys Broadhurst was convicted of accomplishing, through her cowboy paramour, the murder of her sixth husband, W. D. Broadhurst of Caldwell, Idaho, on a lonely Malheur county road. Both Mrs. Broadhurst and the cowboy, Alvin Lee Williams, went to the penitentiary under life sentences.

War souvenirs—Japanese mines floating to the Oregon coast, endangering shipping and beach homes—won eighth place in the rating. Unanswered was the question of whether the missing fishing boat Zarembo III might have been a victim. It never came back after leaving Astoria September 8.

In ninth place was the story of little Miss X, found badly beaten June 15, at Weed, Calif., and subsequently identified as Mary Jane Medlin of near Grants Pass. The story moved to its climax as the child's mother, Mrs. Louise Medlin, and Hugh Gilreath were arrested near Grants Pass and later were sentenced there to terms in the Oregon penitentiary.

Rounding out the top 10 was the story of last spring's telephone strike. In cities where there were no dial phones, normal routine was seriously disrupted and nearly everywhere in the state long distance calls were limited to emergencies and subject to extensive delays.

Also high in interest but rating slightly less favor were such events as the continuing story of disposal of Camps White and Adair, Swan Island and other war assets administration property; appropriations cut for Bonneville power administration; death of the pioneer stunt pilot, Tex Rankin, in a February crash at Klamath Falls; search for the "wild man of Mule creek" after a mountain wilderness slaying northwest of Grants Pass; the search for and eventual finding of the crashed plane which carried to their deaths the Paul Lund family of Roseburg; the fatal Evans apartment fire at Klamath Falls; the dramatic trek to safety of Lavern Hughes and Thomas Miller after their light plane crashed near Roseburg; high prices and such efforts at halting the spiral as the Newburyport plan; the Ryder cup golf matches; Portland department store holdups and the arrests; state ban on coin-operated pay-off devices; and the June flood at The Dalles which took one life and made scores of transient workers homeless.

The editors completed their vote on the top stories just before the December 21 crash of the Oregon Journal helicopter in which C. S. "Sam" Jackson and Ambrose Cronin Jr. were killed. That story would have rated a place among the first 10 or 15.

The point-count for all stories with 15 given for first place selection, ranging down to 1 for 15th place:

First 10	
Governor's Plane Crash	300
Flying Saucers	251
Sales Tax Defeat	176
Mormon Crickets	165
Legislative Session	164
Bank Robbers	164
Mrs. Broadhurst Case	125
Japanese Mines	123
Little Miss X	109
Telephone Strike	108
Second 10	
War Assets	97
Bonneville Appropriation	85
Tex Rankin Death	78
Wild Man of Mule Creek	59
Paul Lund Crash	55
Evans Apartment Fire	41
Fliers' Safety Trek	35
High Prices	32
Ryder Cup Matches	32
Portland Store Holdups	29

Pay-off games ban, 25; The Dalles Flood, 24; Miss Oregon selection, 13; blue babies operations, 12; highest barley and timber prices, 12; slaying of state policeman at Hood River, 11; Hill Military academy "misdemeanor" mystery in January, 9; collapse of announced plans of Sheldon Sackett for chain of newspapers, 9; death of William Hayward, retired University of Oregon track coach, 8; grain company fires at Pendleton and Hillsboro, 7; Vaughn street baseball park condemnation, 6; Oregon's football comeback, 6; Waterloo horse vs. man tug-of-war, 5. Significantly missing this year were forest fire stories.

Solons Predict Increased Outlay In Greece To Slow Spread Of Soviet Influence

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Several members of congress predicted today that Russia will increase pressure on Greece by extending official recognition to a new "independent communist" regime in the northern part of the Mediterranean nation.

Some said the result may be a call for more American millions to store up Greek resistance to communism. Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.) guessed that the administration might ask as much as \$400,000,000. This would be in addition to the \$300,000,000 Greek share of the

\$400,000,000 congress appropriated last spring to stiffen resistance against Soviet encroachment in Greece and Turkey.

Army Blamed

Rep. Teague (D-Tex.), one of those who thinks Russian recognition of the new "state" will be the next move dictated by Moscow, told a reporter the situation would never have developed if "the Greek army had made a decent effort to clear up that guerrilla situation."

Markos Vafiades, leader of the forces fighting the Greek government in the north, proclaimed by radio Wednesday the creation of an independent communist staff but did not name the boundaries or capital.

Soon afterward, Athens police announced the arrest of 454 persons accused of a red conspiracy to assassinate former Premier Stylianos Gonatas and other political leaders.

Rep. Jonkman (R-Mich.), a member of the house foreign affairs committee, said the announcement of a new communist state "has been cooking for some time and Russian recognition is the next logical step."

Rep. Bloom (D-N.Y.), who was foreign affairs chairman when the democrats ran congress, said the developments do not mean that American efforts to beat back communism in Greece have failed.

"If it were not for our program," he said, "the communists would have been all over Greece today. If they once get it, it's almost impossible to get them out. It's better to spend a dollar to keep them out than \$500 to get them out."

Couple Held On Kidnap Charge

DENVER, Dec. 27 (AP)—Denver sheriff's officers today arrived here from Walla Walla, Wash. with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ashwood, arrested there on a kidnapping warrant sworn out by a young Denver matron.

An infant girl, which Mrs. Noreen Cox charges the Ashwoods abducted from her after the, had agreed to stay with the child while Mrs. Cox worked, was placed in Denver General hospital.

Mrs. Cox contends the Ashwoods stole her two-and-a-half-month-old daughter, Delberta Marie, and fled to Washington. Both Ashwoods denied to Walla Walla police they had kidnapped the child, and said the infant with them was their own. They did not explain, Denver Sheriff Tom Mainland said, any connection between them and Mrs. Cox.

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Monitor Carries Homestead Story

Klamath basin people will be interested in an article which appeared in the December 18 issue of The Christian Science Monitor, featuring the Tulsa homesteads.

The story, written by Robert R. Brunn, staff correspondent, appears on the front page of the newspaper as well as does a picture of a young veteran homesteader and his small son.

Prominently mentioned are the prosperity and industry of the veteran farmers and the forthcoming land opening slated for January 29.

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Michigan Football Team Attends Movie Premiere



The Michigan football team, out in Hollywood, to play Southern California in the Rose Bowl New Year's Day, attends the Hollywood premiere of "The Bishop's Wife" and met some movie stars. Lorena Young, film actress, shakes hands with bashful Dick Kempthorn, while a teammate, John Gindira (right), laughs at his shyness.

Storm Stalls Train Runs

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—Thousands of residents of the metropolitan area had a night out last night but even those with a bit of the playboy in them didn't relish the experience.

They spent the night huddled together in cold railroad trains stalled in the suburbs because of the record 25.8-inch snowfall, packed into the Terminal building at La Guardia field, or nearly buried in snow banks into which automobiles skidded.

Four hundred passengers who left Penn station at 10 o'clock last night on a 20-minute trip to Flushing, Queens, arrived within sight of the Main street, Flushing, station after 8 a. m. today.

Most of the passengers, who had been packed in seven cars, negotiated the last three blocks on foot—those who wouldn't walk were, at last reports, still en route to Flushing.

Another Long Island train was marooned somewhere between Baldwin and Rockville Centre and still others were reported stalled between Floral Park and Hempstead and near Valley Stream.

Three plane loads of outbound passengers spent the night at the Domestic air terminal at La Guardia field when their flights were cancelled. The condition of airport roads made it impossible to take them to hotels.

decreased number of flies. These pests need moist conditions for breeding places.

Christmas Bureau Thanks Donors

"Sincere appreciation" was the expression of gratitude voiced by the Christmas Bureau today as its holiday work wound up for the season.

Bureau officials said that it would be impossible to contact everyone who gave so generously of toys, food, clothing and money, and they wished to take the opportunity of a public acknowledgment to express their appreciation for kindness shown.

Tax Expert Slates Visit

Klamath county farmers will be assisted in making out their 1947 tax reports by a deputy collector who will be here in January.

The collector will be in Klamath Falls from January 2 to 15, inclusive; Klamath Agency, January 5; Merrill, January 6. He will visit Lakeview in Lake county January 7 and 8 and be in Paisley January 9.

Assistance will be given in preparing forms 1040-E3, declaration of estimated tax for calendar year 1947, or preparation and filing of income tax returns for calendar year 1947 in lieu thereof.

Other taxpayers will be assisted later, according to the internal revenue service of the treasury department at Portland.

Hans Nordland Fire Insurance, 123 N. 6th St.

Mrs. Fowler To Berkeley

Mrs. John Fowler, who was injured in an automobile accident in La Mesa, Tex., December 12, is being moved to Berkeley, Calif., this week, according to word received today.

Fowler, manager of the Klamath Valley Lumber company, advised Cal Raney, assistant manager of the company, that he would take his wife to Berkeley to see a bone specialist. Their little daughter is with them and they will stay with a relative, C. V. Fowler, 789 Vincent, Berkeley, for a few days.

The Fowlers were returning from a vacation trip when the accident occurred, wrecking the car and injuring Mrs. Fowler. They are traveling by train.

No Auto Wrecks In Alturas

ALTURAS, Dec. 27—No auto accidents marred the Christmas holiday in this vicinity. Ideal weather prevailed throughout the day and the spirit of Christmas was shown in the large family gatherings in the homes.

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Wartime Leaders To Be Executed

WARSAW, Dec. 27 (AP)—The convicted underground leaders charged with supplying state and military secrets to American and British diplomats, were sentenced today to die as traitors. Five other defendants drew prison terms as spies.

The condemned men are Wladyslaw Lipinski, 31, an ex-army colonel and former director of the Polish army historical institute, and Wladyslaw Marsawski, 36, one-time member of the Polish military mission and former attache of the Polish embassy in Washington.

The military tribunal gave life terms to Wincenty Kwasniewski, 31, former chief of staff of the WIN underground in Poland; Mrs. Helena Rosnowska, 51, pre-war Polish employee and Stanislaw Sejak, 34, ex-army officer and a former district commander of the WIN underground.

Mrs. Maria Marynowska, 36, pre-war translator for the American consulate in Warsaw and postwar translator for British embassy, was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment. Adam Owasik, 42, ex-chief of the press division of the Polish ministry of reconstruction, was given 15 years.

Committee Men

The five men and two women defendants constituted the coordination committee for underground organizations in Poland seeking to overthrow the Warsaw regime. It was charged.

It was also charged the defendants were involved in the collection of secret economic, political and military information which was handed over to Victor Cavendish-Bentley and Arthur Bliss Lane, the former British and American ambassadors respectively.

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