

C-47 PILOT CRAWLS TO SAFETY

In The Day's News

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Max. (March 22) 31	Min. 20
Precipitation last 24 hours (to 10:30 a.m.)	0.50
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Herald and News

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Tax-Slashing Bill Goes To Truman

Slavs Take Back Offer On Trieste

ROME, March 24 (AP)—Yugoslavia backed out today from an offer to trade Trieste to the Italian city of Gorizia.

The Yugoslav foreign ministry voiced regret over the "apparent assumption abroad" that Yugoslavia would insist on obtaining Gorizia in exchange for Trieste.

At the same time, a ministry spokesman hinted that Yugoslavia might consider some other swap for the great Adriatic port now in free territory partially occupied by Yugoslavia.

An Italian spokesman said yesterday Italy would reject any Yugoslav renewal of her offer to barter her claims to Trieste for Gorizia. Yugoslavia first suggested the swap in November, 1946.

No Proposal

The Yugoslav spokesman said last night Foreign Minister Stanjko Simic did not intend to advance any specific proposal when he told newsmen Monday that Yugoslavia is ready to seek a compromise on Trieste through mutual efforts.

The spokesman said the fact that Simic mentioned the talks of 1946 and declared Yugoslavia prepared again to go so far in those talks was misunderstood.

The spokesman contended Simic said in the spirit of those talks but did not mean to imply the terms necessarily would be the same, or that Yugoslavia has any specific proposal in mind at present.

Paponek Assails Russia Before U. N.



Jan Paponek (seated, right) addresses the United Nations security council at Lake Success, N. Y., declaring that Russia engineered the communist grab in his native Czechoslovakia. "God help me, I shall prove this to you," asserted the man unseated by the Czech government from the security council. Seated left is Andrei A. Gromyko (dark glasses), Soviet delegate. Paponek was voted a seat at the table by a 9 to 2 vote despite bitter objections from Russia and the Poles.

Veto Looked For By GOP, Demos Alike

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—The house passed today the \$1,800,000,000 tax-slashing bill, sending it to President Truman.

The measure cuts taxes for all the \$2,000,000 income tax payers and drops 7,496,000 low income persons from the tax rolls.

The vote was 289 to 66. This is 52 votes more than the two-thirds which would be needed to override a veto.

Veto Expected

Mr. Truman is expected to veto the bill quickly, perhaps with a message citing needs for more billions for military preparedness in the drive to stop communism.

The question then will be whether the bill's backers in congress can put it into law over his veto. It takes a two-thirds vote in both senate and house to do that.

That test may come some time next week.

With large numbers of democrats deserting the president on the issue, Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) and Senator Taft (R-Ohio) confidently predicted a veto will be overridden with votes to spare.

In the house debate, Rep. Doughton (D-N.C.) expressed hope a veto, if there is one, will be overridden. Doughton was for many years (when democrats controlled congress) head of the tax-writing ways and means committee. The present bill was written by his successor in that job, Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.).

The senate vote on the bill Monday was 78 to 11. But some democrats in both house and senate who voted for the bill might switch and vote to uphold a veto.

The house originally voted last February for a \$5,500,000,000 tax cut. The senate trimmed that down. One purpose was to try to win enough votes to beat a veto.

As finally sent to the White House, the bill cuts taxes 12.6 per cent for those with the smallest incomes on which taxes must be paid. The cut ranges down to 5 per cent on the highest incomes.

Under the bill all tax withholdings from wages and salaries would be reduced or May 1. But the tax cut would be figured from January 1. Taxpayers would get refunds next year on overpayments between January 1 and May 1.

Safe



MAJOR JOHN B. HARDING

Harding Has Broken Leg, Frostbite

WOODLAND, Wash., March 24 (AP)—A tragic story of how death slowly extended an icy hand against most of the eight men who perished in a C-47 plane crash Sunday came today from the isolated mountain crash scene.

Two men—one with a broken leg—survived miraculously to bring from the Southwest Washington mountain area yesterday afternoon the first word of their fate.

Leg Broken

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 24 (AP)—The condition of Maj. John B. Harding, Portland, and Pfc. John M. Belmonte, East Boston, Mass., only survivors of 10 aboard a C-47 which crashed Sunday near Woodland, Wash., was "improved" today.

Barnes hospital reported that their principal need is rest and nourishment.

Harding suffered a broken leg and frozen hands and feet. Belmonte's hands and feet were frozen and one hand was burned.

Two others, alive when the pair left the scene, had lost the battle for survival in the snow-covered wilds before rescuers arrived last night. The survivors said only two of the 10 aboard were killed outright.

Bodies Brought Out

Bodies of the eight were to be brought today from the area where the California-to-Portland transport plane crashed.

Survivors were Major John B. Harding, Portland, the pilot, and Pfc. John M. Belmonte, East Boston, Mass. They are in the Barnes General hospital, Vancouver, Wash. All aboard but two have been identified.

The two survivors had climbed through several miles of deep snow in the timbered wilderness—the pilot with a broken leg—to reach a cabin Monday night. The next morning they called to loggers working nearby.

Their rescue was the first clue to the whereabouts of the military plane that had vanished Sunday afternoon during a torrential rain storm. The transport was approaching Portland air base for a landing after a flight from Fairfield-Suisun base, California.

Bodies of the others were found last night by searchers. Four were huddled together under one wing of the plane. Another—his leg severed below the knee—was found leaning against a tree several hundred yards down the mountain from the shattered transport. A sixth was seated in the burned out radio cockpit.

Removed From Wreckage

Two bodies were located about a mile from the wreckage when a searcher persisted on the possibility that there were more than the officially listed eight men aboard.

Le. E. A. Toomey, casualty officer of the Fairfield-Suisun air base, said the identification of the two hikers on the plane was not immediately known. They had boarded the plane just before it departed.

In addition to the survivors, the others known to be aboard were:

Capt. Frederic J. Ziegler Jr., Portland, Calif.; Capt. William H. Tillery, Fairfield, Calif.; Capt. Wiley A. Garber, Oakland, Calif.; 1st Lt. David H. Greiss, Vallejo, Calif.; Sgt. Stephen J. Pressley, Oakland, Calif.; and Pvt. Olney Ralph Horn, Longview, Wash.

Cowlitz County Coroner Gordon Quarstrom reported he was advised the transport altimeter was jammed at 2700 feet. This was about 100 feet below the crest of the mountain.

Fuselage Burned

The plane fuselage had burned. The two engines were ripped from the aircraft and scattered. Both wings were sheared loose as the plane plowed into a fir grove.

Major Harding was quoted as saying the plane flew into a "thunderhead" at about 3000 feet altitude. He said the plane flipped over, but by the time it was righted again, they had lost altitude and crashed. Two were killed in the crash, he said. Three others died Sunday night. Major Harding told one rescuer two were living when he and Belmonte left the wreckage for aid. The circumstances of the eighth death were not made clear.

The scene was about 18 miles east of here and about two miles off the nearest roadway. Search parties drove trucks and jeeps behind a tractor snowplow to reach the area.

Extra Passengers

Search was pressed for the extra two men after Major Harding was quoted by one rescuer as saying he had taken aboard two passengers just before the plane left California. Their names did not show on the plane personnel list at the base.

Later, Quarstrom reported papers on one of the victims indicated he was not among those on the official list. The tentative identification of the first six bodies found also did not include Pvt. Horn of Longview. Fresh searching parties were being sent out today.

Rains Soak Dry Land In California

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24 (AP)—Drought-plagued California was soaked today.

Rains, reaching downpour proportions in the north, spread southward through the rain-hungry Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, rich sources of the state's production. They spread over the Tehachapies into Southern California.

In the Sixtyons area of Northern and Central Sierra, the heaviest snowfall of the year deposited up to two and a half feet of new snow. It was snowing this morning at all mountain peaks.

The snow pack is vital to hydroelectric reservoirs.

Over a 24-hour period three inches of rain fell at Santa Rosa, San Francisco.

Water storage behind Shasta dam passed 3,000,000 acre feet. James K. Carr, district manager for the U. S. bureau of reclamation, said storage increased 64,000 acre feet in the past 36 hours. It is now nearly a quarter million acre feet greater than storage this time a year ago.

But welcome as was the belated rainfall, it did not solve the long range power and water crisis plaguing the state.

In fact, in four of the seven major drainage basins in California, the annual water requirements exceeded annual yield in normal periods when there is no drought such as the current one.

This was revealed by Perry A. Thompson, regional forester of the U. S. forest service.

House Fight On ERP Fades

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—Prospects of a house fight to cut the \$6,205,000,000 foreign aid bill faded today.

As the measure to pit American billions and military help against communism in China and part of Europe rolled into second day's debate, Rep. Jonkman (R-Mich.) told a reporter he is for the full amount.

In the past, Jonkman has led battles to slash foreign aid programs. He opposed them, he said, because he was against letting the state department handle business matters.

But the new program, he said, provides for an administrator free of state department control.

Rep. Lawrence H. Smith (R-Wis.), who teamed up with Jonkman for cuts in other bills, said he hasn't made up his mind on this one.

Long Wait--- But OK Now

CHENEY, Wash., March 24 (AP)—Three-year-old Charlene Shoemaker got her "picture with daddy" today after a seven-week wait.

Spokane "March of Dimes" campaign officials asked for a picture of Charlene Shoemaker, junior class president at Eastern Washington college, and his daughter, Charlene, who was stricken by infantile paralysis in 1946.

The college sent the picture February 5, and every day since then Charlene has been scanning the newspapers looking for it.

Yesterday the photograph came back to the campus. Stamped on it were the words: "Found in supposedly empty mail sacks at mail equipment shops, 6th and W streets N. E., Washington, D. C."

It was given to Charlene today.

No Host Dinner Planned In Honor Of Tillotson

A no-host stag dinner honoring Mitchell Tillotson, who is leaving here to become vice president of the First National bank of Portland, will be held Tuesday night of next week at the Pulejan party room.

Friends of Tillotson are welcome to attend, according to the sponsor, the Klamath County chamber of commerce.

Space limitation, however, will hold the attendance down to 50, and the first 50 who make reservations at the chamber of commerce will be accommodated. Advance reservations are absolutely necessary from all who attend.

Andrew M. Collier will be master of ceremonies.

Tillotson has been manager of the First National here for several years, and has been active in many civic enterprises.

Red Question Unanswered

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—A question of Henry A. Wallace for president today refused direct answer to senators' questions as to whether he is a present or former member of the Young Communist league.

The witness, Seymour Linfield of New York City, later was allowed to read his prepared statement opposing both a draft and universal military training.

He appeared before the senate armed services committee as "veterans director of the national Wallace-for-president committee representing the progressive citizens of America."

Chairman Gurney (R-S.D.) and Senators Baldwin (R-Conn.) and Saltonstall (R-Mass.) tried for more than a half hour to obtain a "yes or no" answer from Linfield to this question:

"Were you or are you a member of the Young Communist league?"

Instead of answering directly, Linfield quoted what he said was a pledge by Wallace, third party candidate for president.

This statement said Wallace would not accept support of any group seeking to restrict civil liberties.

Klamath County Struggles Out From Under Heavy Fall Of Snow As Storm Nears End

Despite continuance of intermittent snowfall, the Klamath country today had largely shed the transportation and power difficulties resulting from the big spring storm that deposited a deep, wet snow blanket over the region yesterday.

Only two school centers—Merrill and Bly—were closed down. Classes resumed at all other places after full suspension yesterday.

Merrill had the deepest snowfall of any valley area, apparently, with depths up to 18 inches reported in that district. Buses could not operate over some of the roads there, and classes were not called. At Bly, danger of operating buses over mountain roads made it advisable to suspend school.

California Oregon Power company, which had widespread transmission and distribution line trouble yesterday, reported all was clear this morning.

Some telephone lines were out in local areas, but telephone communication was generally good today.

United Air Lines planes, which went over without stopping yesterday, put in today at the municipal airport, where the long runway had been cleared of snow.

Lake o' the Woods homeowners, worried about heavy snow on their cabin roofs, were unable to get to the mountain resort. A request was made to the county road department to open the road, but the department reported it had no equipment available. County equipment was engaged in snow clearing in the Langell valley, Bonanza, Swan Lake, Merrill, Malin and Fort Klamath areas. All main county roads were reported passable.

State highway department put out the following information on major roads in and out of this area:

Odell lake, Willamette highway—30 degrees, snowing lightly, packed snow and slush on road from Salt creek tunnel to east end of Odell lake. 108 inches roadside snow.

Sun mountain, The Dalles-Calloway highway—26 degrees, snowing hard. 2 inches new snow, 68 inches roadside snow.

Hayden mountain, Greenings highway—28 degrees, snowing, 1 1/2 inches new snow, chains advised.

At noon today the sun broke through the clouds, and it appeared the storm may be over. The forecast is "partly cloudy," which was the official forecast for today given yesterday.

The snowfall was valued at tens of thousands of dollars for agriculture in this region.

Skier Forced Back By Snow

CASCADE SUMMIT, March 24—Jack Meissner, who started on the final lap of his 300-mile ski trek to Crater lake, returned to Cascade Summit from Indigo lake, a point 14 miles out of Crescent lake. His two companions, Don Temple of Oakridge and Gordon Bissell of Eugene, returned with him and went to their respective homes not expecting to continue on the journey.

Meissner said the snowstorms were too bad for traveling and not enough food was left to hold out until they reached Crater lake but after the storms let up and he had replenished his supplies he will set out alone.

Upon his return, Jack found out that a camera had been left at the last campsite so he set out at 4 o'clock in the morning from Cascade Summit, went back up to the spot above Crescent lake and was back by 11 o'clock in the morning. On the last trip he was accompanied by his dog, Laddie, who was such a good traveler he might be drafted for the last lap to Crater lake.

Snow Buries Summit Homes

CASCADE SUMMIT, March 24—Summit residents are beginning to complain about the steady snow which has fallen without let-up since Friday, March 12, and has now piled up to the roof-tops. Many houses now have just a peep-hole near the top of the windows to see out and others are just plain buried.

An outdoor stairway leading down to the E. V. Adkissons from the railroad track is completely out of sight and snowshoes and skis are necessary to negotiate the steep incline now. This stairway has 40-foot steps and a high railing. One lost soul wandered around looking for a directional sign that should have been at a certain spot and finally found it by digging for it. In summertime that same sign is looked up to by the average-size person. However the snow bunnies and sports enthusiasts are enjoying it immensely.

Seaside Whale Buried On Beach

SEASIDE, Ore., March 24 (AP)—Coastal residents here were enjoying the sea breeze again today.

The dead whale washed ashore sometime early Monday to plague harassed city officials was buried under the beach sand where—the whole town hopes—it will stay.

A bulldozer went to work on the disposal problem after high tide yesterday heaved the mammal inside the city limits. Prior to that the officials had tried—unsuccessfully—to ignore the delict.

Vet Groups Back RC

Solid support for the Red Cross campaign was voiced at a meeting of representatives of veterans groups with Red Cross workers last night.

Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marine Corps League and Disabled American Veterans were represented, and the veterans agreed to provide at least three men each to help push solicitation for the annual Red Cross quota.

It was reported that much of the city has not yet been covered in the solicitation. Women of the auxiliaries of the veterans groups will help in the residential areas.

People who have not been contacted and wish to give to the Red Cross may take or send their money to either of the following: Chapter headquarters, 518 Main. Campaign headquarters, Balsiger building.

War Planes Sold For Red Export

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—A congressional witness testified today he bought 46 war-type airplane engines from the war assets administration last year and sold them for export to Russia and Poland.

The witness, Leroy H. Lukand, of Dallas, Tex., said the engines were suitable for bombers or troop-carrying planes.

Testifying under oath, Lukand told a house subcommittee that the engines were shipped to Russia by the Moore - McCormack Steamship Lines.

He said they were new engines built for B-24s. And he said he sold them to Richard F. Pinckie, president of the Alpine corporation, Washington, D. C.

Late Spud Bulletin

LOS ANGELES, March 24 (AP)—USDA—Potatoes: 21 broken, 38 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—Oregon 5, Calif., 2, Idaho 13, Utah 5. 6 cars arrived by truck; market steady; Idaho Russets No. 1-A, \$3.25-30.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24 (AP)—USDA—Potatoes: 10 broken, 7 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—Colif. 1, Oregon 1, Idaho 1; market steady; Klamath Russets No. 1-A, \$3.50-75.

International Woodworkers Of America (CIO) Taking Strike Vote Through Area

A strike vote is now being taken among International Woodworkers of America (CIO) lumber and sawmill workers here and over the Northwest pine and fir territory and the results will be tabulated March 29 in Portland, just one day before the next scheduled wage negotiation session with operators, March 30.

IWA-CIO officers here said that the vote in itself would not call a strike but would authorize the union's Northwest regional negotiating committee to call a strike to back up the union's demands for a wage settlement.

Negotiations here yesterday broke off in disagreement after the union scolded down its pay-boost sights.

Previously IWA-CIO workers had asked a 32 1/2-cent hourly wage increase in the lumbering industry, plus pay for six holidays a year and the establishment of a 7 1/2-cent an hour fund for a health and welfare program.

Yesterday, the demand was reduced to a 25-cent hourly across-the-board pay increase, six paid holidays and formation of a bi-partisan committee to study welfare funds in other industries.

The Pine Industrial Relations committee, representing employers in this area, rejected the proposal. PWC has offered to settle for a 7 1/2-cent hourly increase, the same settlement that was made to AFL lumber workers several weeks ago.

The strike vote, to authorize calling a work stoppage, must show a majority vote of all workers affected in favor of the strike. At present a strike is only a possibility, not a probability. The lumbering industry here since 1945, right after the close of the war.

IWA-CIO contracts with local mills, including Weyerhaeuser Timber company, Okwuna Box company and other large operations, are due for renewal April 1, but carry a self-renewal clause which might forestall a work stoppage.

Recent union shop elections in this area showed all IWA-CIO mills and camps with the exception of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company plant voting to retain union shop provisions in their contracts. Several operations kept the union security clause by tight margins because many workers did not vote and law requires that a majority must be shown by all workers eligible to vote.

The Weyerhaeuser plant election lost by six votes and Tim Sullivan, IWA official, said today the Weyerhaeuser vote had been protested on grounds that several workers were out on a company train to vote. Still another type of election will be held at the Modoc Lumber company here April 1, when some 55 employees decide on union representation. They will choose between the AFL, CIO or decide to accept no union.

Anderson Asks Food Price Probe

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP)—Rep. Jack Z. Anderson (R-Calif.) wants to know who's getting all the money that the housewife has to pay for fresh fruits and vegetables.

It isn't the farmer, he told reporters today.

So he introduced a resolution in the house asking the agriculture department to find out and let congress know.

Oranges, Anderson said, were selling at retail for an average of 38 1/2 cents a dozen last month. The farmer, at the same time, was getting only 12 1/2 cents a dozen.

Producers of pears are selling to New York wholesale markets at \$2 a box of 150, while retailers are getting 10 cents each, or \$15 a box, he said.

Anderson has a pear ranch in California.

Fire Sweeps US Mail Train

BERLIN, March 24 (AP)—Fire of undetermined origin swept through a U. S. railway mail car on the Bremerhaven-Berlin train today as it was traversing the Russian occupation zone. Approximately four tons of American mail were destroyed.