

# AIRLINER MISSING; 17 ABOARD

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK ENKINS**

**KING GEORGE**, in a speech to the British parliament just before it recesses until January 24, closes with this prayer:

"I pray that under the guidance of almighty God we shall overcome the difficulties that will beset us and reach the goal of a **STABLE AND PROSPEROUS** economy."

**THERE** are sharp differences of opinion as to how we should go about getting it, but I think the "stable and prosperous economy" King George prays for is what all of us, all over the world, really want.

**AS** we read those sonorous words, we get unavoidably a picture of King George VI standing before the British houses of parliament (the House of Commons and the House of Lords) presumably assembled in joint session in the lovely and impressive parliament buildings (once a royal palace) that sit by the river Thames.

In our mind's eye, we see him standing in the speaker's rostrum, erect, his face grave and kindly, as he talks to the members of the commons and the peers of the realm on subjects of great moment that confront the nation.

Below him, on the floor of the hall, the lords and the commons listen raptly as he pours out upon them his words of wisdom, closing with a prayer.

That is the picture we see.

**WELL**, it wasn't that way. The dispatch telling of it carries this inconspicuous sentence:

"His (the king's) speech was **WRITTEN BY THE GOVERNMENT**, in accordance with traditional practice. . . . It was **READ FOR HIM** in the house of commons and the house of lords."

**THAT** is to say: The king didn't write the speech. It was written for him by the "government."

He didn't even read it.

It was read for him by a flunky.

**IN** this country, we do it maybe a trifle better. Most of the speeches of our bigger shots are written for them, of course, by ghost writers, whom we the public never see and whom we hear about. But at least our heroes do **READ** their speeches to us.

**ANYWAY**, I think it's all saddening and disillusioning and even a little disgusting. I have the ancient and hoary notion that if public men are to address their constituents they should be required to write their own speeches. I think that might well go for the king of England, also.

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**Ruins Yield 18 Bodies**

**SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 16 (AP)**—With 18 bodies recovered from debris of the Swift and company plant explosion, officials of the firm said today that all who were in the building had been accounted for.

Seven of the 55 persons still in hospitals were on the critical list.

Two bodies were recovered yesterday from the jumble of concrete and twisted steel girders within the plant where 100 jobs were working when the blast came at noon Wednesday.



**SURVIVE SHIP EXPLOSION**—Survivors of the Dutch motorship Doros, which exploded and burned 300 miles off the coast of Florida, are transferred from a coast guard PBV rescue plane to a launch at Miami, Fla. These eight seamen, picked up by an American merchant vessel and transferred to the PBV at sea, said there was "no chance" for the men who failed to leap from the ship seconds after the mysterious blast. Ten men were counted as dead and six others missing.

## Cain Considers 'Ike' Candidate for GOP's Nomination in 1952

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)**—Another republican counterpunch to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in the race for the 1952 GOP presidential nomination today, despite the general's denial of interest.

Senator Cairn (R-Wash.) told a reporter the way things look to him now, it will be a three-man field with Eisenhower, Harold E. Stassen and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio down the stretch.

Cain added Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania, to what Rep. Hugh D. Scott Jr., former GOP national chairman, forecast would be a two-man race between Taft and Eisenhower.

Scott said a nine-day Western trip convinced him that "unless some favorite son comes along at the last minute" the Ohio senator and the retired general of the armies will be the leading candidates.

At Fort Worth, Tex., yesterday, Eisenhower told a news conference that "I have no political angle and I'm not going to let any sort of talk by others make me a candidate."

**Warning**

Then he continued his warning against too much government, one of his favorite themes. He said:

"Everybody today is scared of so many things. The poorest way to approach a solution is to centralize too much power in the federal government."

Cain reported that plenty of people are talking about Eisenhower. The senator said he thinks republicans ought to be concerning themselves with the 1950 congressional races instead of wondering what is going to happen in 1952.

**Farm Bureau Raps Brannan Subsidy Plan**

**CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (AP)**—The American Farm Bureau federation has rejected flatly the Brannan plan for direct subsidies to farmers.

The action was taken yesterday at the close of the powerful group's 31st annual meeting.

The federation's 5000 agricultural leaders from 48 states voted in favor of continuing and making more flexible the compromise farm support program enacted by congress this year.

**Stern Charge**

After refusing to permit administration sponsors of the secretary of agriculture's plan to address them, the delegates adopted a stern indictment of the Brannan proposal.

They said "the ultimate effect of such a program would be nationalization of agriculture and the distribution system," the cost would be "staggering," and it "would place a ceiling on opportunity in agriculture."

The convention re-elected Federation President Allan B. Kline of Vinton, Ia., who has led the opposition to the Brannan program.

**New PO Has Everything But Stamps**

Complete postal service could not be offered today at the opening of the Stewart-Lennox post office sub-station No. 3, due to delay in arrival of postal equipment and supplies.

"Scales, postal guide, rubber stamps and other equipment is evidently tied up in the Christmas mail load somewhere," Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins said.

The sub station is able to sell stamps, money orders and register letter but can not accept parcel post. Parcels to be mailed must either be brought to the main post office or one of the other sub-stations.

Hawkins said the Stewart-Lennox office would offer complete postal services as soon as necessary equipment arrives. Announcements will be made in The Herald and News and over radio stations.

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## Steel Price Hike Seen As Threat to Economy



**WINNER OF THE Modoc Toastmaster's club high school speech award is Bob Southwell, Klamath Union high school student, who walked off with first place Wednesday night at the annual contest sponsored by the club. Left to right, President Robert A. Mitchell presents the trophy; Dewey Lambert, third place winner; Beverly Burke, second place, Bob Southwell.**

**Fuzzy Scribe Celebrates New York Water Holiday**

**By ED CREAUGH**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)**—Skip the formality, folks. Just call me "Fuzzy."

Today, for the first time within memory, I came to work wearing—among other things—a day's growth of beard.

Nobody lifted an eyebrow. No boss frowned or cleared his throat portentously. One or two of the bosses were pretty brittle-jowled themselves.

Take it from one longtime slave of the razor: New York's shaveless, showerless Friday is a wonderful idea.

Well, a pretty good idea, anyway.

Anyhow, it's an idea.

At 5:32 a.m. my wife gave me the regulation farewell peck, then rubbed cheeks experimentally, then wrinkled her nose.

"I feel now," she said, "how it would feel to fall face down in a privet hedge."

"Now, now," I said. "Today a beard is a badge of honor. It says so in the paper. And if you know how it pained me to omit my usual cold shower—"

"Ha! You haven't taken a cold shower since—"

"—and how much it grieves me to go forth unshaven—"

"Get along with you," said my wife. "This is the first time since we were married that you've left for the office looking happy."

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**Klamaths Elect Three Delegates**

**KLAMATH AGENCY**—Dice Crane and Boyd Jackson will be returned to Washington next month as delegates of the Klamath Indian tribe to congress.

They, along with Hiram Robbins, were chosen in a heavy tribal election vote yesterday.

The tribal election board counted the ballots today and reported 892 were cast. Jackson received 184 votes to lead in the balloting. Dice Crane received 181 and Robbins 148.

**Others**

Other votes went to Wade Crawford, 132; Ida Crawford 108, Delford Lang 101; and Dorothy McNulty 40.

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**Protestant Union Group Established**

**GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 16 (AP)**—A permanent body aimed at eventual organic unity of the Protestant church in the United States was formed today at the conclusion of a three day conference on church union.

Delegates from denominations with 14,000,000 to 16,000,000 members joined in summoning the balance of America's 47,000,000 Protestants to work for "an organic union."

**Chairman**

Bishop Evan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Mo., president of the Methodist World Federation and of the Methodist Council of Bishops, was named chairman of the executive committee.

The new continuing body was named "The Conference on Church Union."

Bishop Holt said: "The conference is one of the most important Protestant meetings ever held in the United States. . . ."

"We are not ready yet to draw any blueprints of a new church but we are very sensible of the fact that we are being led in that direction."

The next meeting of the new conference should be held "not later than the early months of 1951," according to the amount of programs made, the statement said.

**Vice-Chairman**

The Rev. Dr. William Barrow Pugh of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of the U. S. A., was appointed vice chairman.

A statement addressed to the Protestant churches of the nation said:

"We believe that the time has now come for the churches of America to formulate a plan for organic union, by which we may outwardly and concretely express that spiritual union which already exists among the churches which acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and savior."

**Portland Holds Man for KF**

A man identified by city police as James Conway, alias James Dugan, is held in jail at Portland and is to be returned here on burglary charges.

Conway is accused of breaking into two service stations last summer and stealing the station cash registers. The registers were found several weeks ago dumped in the irrigation canal.

Conway was arrested on a warrant sent to the Multnomah county sheriff's office from here.

**O'Dwyer Weds Next Week**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)**—City hall announced today that Mayor William O'Dwyer, recently reelected for a second term, will marry Miss Sloan Simpson in Stuart, Fla., next Tuesday.

The announcement was made by William J. Donoghue, executive secretary to the mayor, after a telephone conversation with the city's chief executive. O'Dwyer is convalescing in Florida from a recent illness.

The mayor, 59, and a widower, and Miss Simpson, in her 30s, is a fashion stylist.

## Mexican DC-3 Long Overdue

**MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16 (AP)**—A Mexican Aviation company DC-3 plane with 17 persons aboard was missing today in the Vera Cruz coastal area.

The craft carried 13 passengers and a crew of four. All were Mexicans.

The plane left Mexico City at 5 a. m. for Merida in Yucatan. It was flying near Vera Cruz when it should have arrived at 6:30 a. m.

It was reported last over Nautla, 80 miles north of Vera Cruz on the gulf coast, at 6:05 a. m.

Search planes were sent from Mexico City, Vera Cruz and Minatitlan at 9 a. m.

Another crash was reported in Mexico today.

A DC-3 plane operated by the U. S.-Mexico Aftosa commission cracked up on the takeoff at Mexico City today, injuring one person.

**O'Mahoney Dubs Raise Unjustified**

**PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16 (AP)**—Big U. S. Steel corporation hiked its steel prices about \$4 a ton today.

Other top basic steel producers are expected to follow the leader.

However, congressional investigators are trying to head off a general steel price increase because they say it threatens America's economy.

**Two Charged With Illegal Auto Usage**

Charges of taking and using a motor vehicle without consent of the owner have been filed against Raymond Hoover, 17, and Preston Howard Kimbol, 20, Indian youths admittedly involved in numerous car prowls and thefts.

Hoover and Kimbol are held in the county jail. They were arrested by city police yesterday morning.

Two charges have been placed against the latter, and both have waived preliminary hearing and are held in lieu of \$1000 bail.

Another youth, Grant Hill, 22, involved with Hoover and Kimbol, was booked by city police for vagrancy.

**Man Resigned To Execution**

**CANON CITY, Colo., Dec. 16 (AP)**—"I want to die. I don't want any more stays. I know I don't have a chance and I am ready to go."

With these words, Paul J. Schneider, 24, awaited his execution tonight in the lethal gas chamber at Colorado's penitentiary.

The execution is scheduled for 8 p. m. Schneider will be the 23rd to die in the gas chamber since Colorado adopted that method of execution in 1934.

**Last Meal**

Warden Roy Best said that Schneider so far had not requested a last meal. "If he does," the warden said, "his wish will be granted."

The warden said Schneider has asked that religious book on which he has been working while held in the death-house be given to his sister, Mrs. Marie Nash of Woodburn, Ore.

Schneider eight times won stays of execution after being convicted of the killing of Frank J. Ford, Denver filling station operator, on September 20, 1947.

**B-29 Crashes, Killing Six**

**ROSWELL, N. M., Dec. 16 (AP)**—On the edge of Roswell, an air force B-29 crashed and burned late yesterday, killing six.

Three crewmen were seriously injured. Five others walked away from the flaming wreckage with cuts and bruises. None of the dead or injured were from the Pacific Northwest.

The bomber, roaring in to a landing at Walker air force base where it was stationed, sheared off a windmill and tumbled to the ground.

**Oekarno Heads New Republic**

**BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 16 (AP)**—Radio Jogjakarta announced today that President Oekarno of the Indonesian republic has been elected first president of the new United States of Indonesia. He is to be sworn in tomorrow morning.

The new nation, in the rich East Indies is to come into formal being shortly after Christmas, when the Dutch turn over to the Indonesians the reins of government they have held for three centuries.

**Crew Chutes, Two Injured**

**RENO, Nev., Dec. 16 (AP)**—One man suffered a broken leg and another a broken arm when six crew members bailed out of an air force C-52 cargo ship in distress shortly after midnight about 38 miles east of here, the Washoe county sheriff's office reported.

Five of the airmen hiked out and were picked up by a passing motorist on highway 40, Deputy Sheriff Earnest Gray said. A rescue party with a stretcher was being sent back to pick up the man with the broken leg.

The plane, en route from Lowry field, Denver, to Alameda, Calif., landed safely at Hubbard field here.

**Meet the People**

A FAMILIAR FACE TO a lot of you sports fans is MacL Lillard, snapped in the middle of the ring at the assembly.

