

Ground Fighting Ceases

Navy Plane Hits Near San Diego, 11 Airmen Perish

SAN DIEGO, (AP)—A Navy PBM (Martin) seaplane plunged into the ocean seven miles west of here yesterday, carrying 11 airmen to their death. It was San Diego's worst military plane disaster in a decade.

In another Southern California plane crash, a B-29 bomber burst into flames near March Air base, but its 13-man crew parachuted to safety.

An eyewitness to the PBM crash, said the plane, a two-engine craft, plunged straight downward, hitting the water with a terrific splash.

"It was diving so fast, I thought it was a jet plane," said Donald Hibbard, truck driver. He said he was on a hill along the coast looking out to sea at the time.

The navy said the plane, attached to fleet air wing 14, on a routine training flight from the San Diego air station, broke into pieces when it struck. It did not burn, but soon sank. Cause of the crash was not immediately determined.

Three officers and eight enlisted men were aboard. Their names were withheld by the navy pending notification of the next of kin.

Four bodies were recovered. Search for additional victims was to be continued today by navy and coast guard air-sea rescue craft.

And so on.

As these words are written, the teletype in our news room is bounding excitedly on its iron feet and tongue, in its eagerness to transmit the latest turn in the news in Korea, the metal and glass and plastic robot seems almost human.

The dispatch from Korea goes on.

U. S. Eighth army called off patrols under orders to stop aggressive fighting but to resist any attacks.

THE EIGHTH ARMY DENIED ISSUING ANY SUCH ORDER, but AP Correspondent Milo Farnett said he saw the order. A third division officer said the purpose of the order was to show the sincerity of the allies in creating a cease-fire line to become effective if a full truce is signed within 30 days and to see how serious the enemies are about the 30-day agreement.

The officer said the order instructed commanders to maintain COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS so their troops would be ready for a new offensive if truce talks ran into a stalemate.

Don't hold it too much against the military if the Eighth army did issue such an order, and then PRETEND to deny it. When politicians do things like that, it's practically always bad. But high-up soldiers sometimes have to seem to trifle with the truth. Surprise is an element of the utmost importance in warfare. In war, mis-leading your enemy is so SUPREMACY important that the end is regarded as justifying whatever means you feel required to use.

The dispatch continues:

The agreement on a provisional cease-fire line specifically provided that fighting would continue until an armistice is signed.

Well.

Negotiated agreements can provide that while negotiators go to their job of deciding whether to quit shooting or to go on shooting the shooting WILL go on, but the men out in the fox holes, it just can't help seeming silly to go on fighting under such circumstances.

So, the shooting stopped. From this distance, it looks very much like a common sense prevailed.

What's the good of going on shooting each other if there is a fairly good chance that before long the shooting may be called off?

SHOOTING.

There is that time when the Chinese sent back a lot of our prisoners with a statement that they (the Chinese) were tired of fighting and would like to quit.

Right after that came the big push that nearly did for us.

And also there are these lines, which we've all read and remembered vaguely:

"Which I wish to remark, 'That for language is plain, 'That for words that are dark, 'And for tricks that are vain, 'The HEATHEN CHINESE is peculiar."

That sounds like Kipling, doesn't it? The first time I looked it up I'd have BET MONEY it was Kipling. It isn't. It's from our own Francis Bret Hart's Plain Language from Truthful Japs.

Anyway, let's be thankful that for the moment at least the shooting has stopped in Korea. For a long time it has been very difficult indeed for any of us to see how getting killed in Korea can be anything but a tragedy.

SHOOTING HOURS

November 29

Open 8:44 Close 3:36

Knee Broken In Gym Class

A KUHS senior, 17-year-old Jim Conner, 3009 S. 6th, suffered a broken left knee in gym class yesterday afternoon at the high school.

Conner was reportedly climbing an exercise rack on a wall of the gymnasium when he fell and hooked his knee in a rung of the ladder.

The boy was first taken to a physician's office and then removed to Klamath Valley hospital when X-rays indicated the broken knee.

Reports of as high as \$4.25 per hundred pounds for boxed spuds in Wenatchee area were mentioned yesterday.

Shipments of Klamath potatoes continued at a high pace this week, with a total of 103 cars via truck and rail, as compared with approximately 1700 to date last year.

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31 Fired in Tax Cleanup



OPEN HOUSE to give the public a chance to look over the new city jail building is to be held Friday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and shortly thereafter the building is to be occupied.

The upper photo is of the main entrance, fronting on Walnut, and a couple of prisoners carrying supplies into the building. In the lower photo Police Chief Orville Hamilton affixes the name plate over desk sergeant's business window.

Today's mystery: Who cashed the loaded sawed-off shotgun under the house on Pine Street?

The weapon was found last night by R. G. Hall, who is doing some work renovating the residence of Harry Goeller Jr., 31 Pine.

He turned it over to Sheriff Jack Franey.

The gun, a 1897 model Winchester 12-gauge pump bearing serial number E-444297, apparently had not been under the house long. There was little rust on it, and the weapon looks ready for action.

A deteriorated piece of rubber in the barrel was wrapped around the barrel end.

The shotgun was on the ground, just under the west side of the house where it had apparently been poked through an opening in the foundation.

Officers Eye Gun Mystery

Freak Mishap Injures Man

AN ANDERSON Freight Lines driver, 36-year-old Clyde Caldwell, 4629 S. 6th, was injured early this morning in a freak accident on U. S. 97, five miles north of Aledo.

Caldwell was found by another truck driver, lying beside his stopped truck, unable to move his legs.

He told an ambulance driver he got out to check his cargo which was shifting, and a beer keg fell on his back.

Caldwell was taken to Klamath Valley hospital by Kaler's ambulance about 2 a.m.

A hospital attendant said X-rays taken of Caldwell did not show any broken bones.

Bennett Hit On Slot Stand

PORTLAND, (AP)—The Portland city council meeting opened with a prayer yesterday. But it closed with a bitter dispute between two commissioners, each accusing the other of dishonesty.

The Rev. Mark A. Talney, a Presbyterian minister, prayed for divine guidance for the council in its conduct of public affairs.

Each weekly meeting of the council will be opened with a prayer under a plan proposed by Commissioner Fred L. Peterson and approved by the council.

Ministers, rabbis and priests were offered a fee of \$10 for the service. They said, however, they would not accept the money.

The dispute between the two commissioners—J. E. Bennett and William A. Bowes—arose when Bowes read a lengthy statement on his attitude toward applicants for tavern licenses.

Three members of the council, Mayor McCullough Lee, Commissioner Orman Bean and Bennett, have refused to grant tavern owners licenses unless the applicant signs a statement that he will not permit pinball machines in his establishments. This, Bowes said, was a dishonest attempt to force prohibition on Portland by forcing the taverns to go out of business.

Bennett said that Bowes' attack on him was dishonest.

Weather

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Truce Hopes High But Enemy Balks On Final Terms

BULLETIN

SEOUL, Korea, Thursday, Nov. 29, (AP)—Orders from the highest source—possibly from the White House itself—brought the Korean ground fighting to a complete if temporary halt Wednesday, A.P. correspondent John Randolph reported through censorship today.

Randolph said the orders reached the U.N. troops late Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning, instructing them not to fire on the enemy unless attacked.

MUNSAN, Korea, Thursday, Nov. 29, (AP)—Ground fighting came to a complete stop Wednesday along the 145-mile provisional cease-fire line, field dispatches reported, just as though an armistice had already been reached.

Chinese lit bonfires and smoked cigarettes openly all along the front. But the U. S. eighth army warned:

"There is no cease-fire in Korea. There is hope, but that hope must not be sabotaged by wanton thinking."

The war still flared in the air and on the sea.

NEW HITCH

Truce negotiators at Panmunjom ran into a new stumbling block Wednesday in the second point of their agenda.

Communists, truce negotiators flatly refused to ban military build-ups during an armistice or to create joint Allied-Red inspection teams to police the agreement.

The Allies insist both provisions are necessary to guard against a surprise Red attack during an armistice.

Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief, United Nations negotiator, told the Reds unless they changed their position:

"I can only assume that you intend to build up your forces for resumption of your hostilities at some future time at your own choosing."

GAMES

As he spoke ground fighting vanished. Some Chinese troops even played volleyball within sight of interested American GIs, a U. S. third division officer told A.P. correspondent Milo Farnett.

U. S. eighth army troops called off patrols under orders to stop the fighting but to resist any attacks.

The eighth army denied issuing any such order. But Farnett, on the Western front, said he saw the order.

A third division officer said the purpose of the order was to show the sincerity of the Allies in creating a cease-fire line to become effective if a full truce is signed within 30 days—and, to "see how serious the Communists are" about the 30-day agreement.

ALERT

The officer said the order instructed commanders to "maintain combat effectiveness" so their troops would be ready for a new offensive if truce talks run into a stalemate.

United Nations truce negotiators had refused to specify a permanent cease-fire line because it would mean a de facto cease-fire. They said they wanted to keep military pressure on the Communists until they agree to all terms necessary for an armistice.

The agreement on a provisional cease-fire line specifically provided fighting would continue until an armistice is signed.

JET FIGHTS

In flaming jet battles over North-west Korea three Communist MIG-15s and one U. S. Sabre jet were shot down Wednesday. Three Red jets were damaged, the fifth air force reported.

An unidentified plane made one of the infrequent Red raids on the Allied front Wednesday night, dropping eight small incendiary bombs near Yonchon. A briefing officer said no damage was done.

The navy reported no break in the coastal raids of its warships.

SANTA MONICA, (AP)—Francesca de Scaffa is no longer Mrs. Jacques Etienne Pellissier de Bujae.

In English, that means actor Bruce Cabot has been divorced.

Miss De Scaffa, 20 year-old Venezuelan-born beauty, won her decree yesterday on testimony that Cabot, whose real name is De Bujae, swore at her, struck and kicked her.

They were married September 17, 1950.

Family Rift Translated

Fluoride Meet Here Tonight

A mayor-appointed committee to investigate the possibilities of fluoridation of the city water supply has scheduled a meeting tonight at the health center.

Chairman of Dr. M. E. Cooper, chairman of the committee, the meet is slated for 7:30 and will be open to the public.

9 O'clock Special

A RAINY CHRISTMAS has been forecast this morning as Twenty-Thirds Ed Maurmann and Wally Nordwall decorated the Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn.

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