

REDS RECAPTURE ISLANDS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The mystery of our air force transport plane that has been missing in the general neighborhood of the Hungarian border since November 19 has been cleared up. The communist government of Hungary announces this morning that SOVIET fighter planes forced it down and that the four members of its crew are being held prisoners in Hungary.

The Russian communist government adds that "the plane was carrying equipment to help anti-communist spies and saboteurs behind the iron curtain."

A Washington dispatch adds: "Thus the reds have four more American HOSTAGES to use in pressing demands that the United States pay up its ransom for the release of American business man Robert Vogeler."

The Hungarian government says the United States has returned only an insignificant part of the property it had promised for the release of Vogeler.

Interesting? Certainly is. And rather terrifying.

If the communists can go on kidnapping our people at will, . . . and if all we can do about it is to RANSOM them . . . and if, after we've paid the ransom, the communists can go on claiming that we didn't PAY ENOUGH and so they're kidnapping some more of us.

Where will it all lead to?

I can't answer that question. But I'm quite sure that the only way we can stop it is to get so strong, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY, that when we tell the Russians and their stooges that it's GOT to be stopped they'll take us at our word and stop it.

That, of course, poses the 564 question: How can we get strong enough?

Well, it seems to me that if we are to get as strong as we need to be in this present-day world we must have leadership WHOSE INTEGRITY AND ABILITY WE CAN AND WILL TRUST IMPLICITLY.

With that kind of leadership we can and WILL work together toward the objective of building our strength to the point where it needs to be built. If we Americans will work together, nothing can stop us.

Personally, I believe that General Eisenhower can provide the kind of leadership we need, and I hope he is the Republican party's candidate for President next year.

A lot of people are saying that if General Ike wants to be the Republican party's candidate he ought to throw his hat into the ring NOW and get into the campaigning up to his ears.

I don't see it that way.

He is doing a tremendous job for his country. A critical job. A job that may save the free world. A job that probably ONLY HE CAN DO. Out of experience born of the last war, EUROPE TRUSTS GENERAL EISENHOWER. Europe might not, possibly would not, trust any other American.

In the job he is doing, he isn't handicapped IN ANY WAY by the possibility that he may become President of the United States. If anything, the fact that he may become the American President adds to his stature in Europe.

I'd say (speaking as one American citizen) that if he can't finish his job in Europe by the time the Republican convention is held NOMINATE HIM ANYWAY. If he is elected, it will be because the American people trust him. They will trust him all the more if he sticks with the job he is doing until it is finished, even if it takes him until election day to finish it.

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U.S. Jets Score Victory



SNOW was both pesky and picturesque this morning. In the top scene, H. Lipe, 1548 Martin, wrestles with a city snow plowing rig; lower picture is a scene on 3rd street.

Airlines Okay Merger Move

SEATTLE, (P)—Consolidation of West Coast and Empire airlines to serve three Pacific northwest states under the West Coast banner was announced last night by West Coast president Nick Bez.

Bez said the merger was approved Friday by members of the board of West Coast airlines. Gwin Hicks, Empire vice president, reported last night Empire stockholders also voted for the tieup, Bez said.

The consolidated still is subject to approval by the civil aeronautics board, which is expected to order a public hearing.

The new line will cover some 1600 miles in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Main terminals will be at Seattle, Spokane and Walla Walla, Wash., and Portland.

Empire now serves 22 communities in Idaho, Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon, while West Coast flies from Bellingham, Wash., to Medford.

Death Driver Suspect Held

A truck driver arrested here yesterday afternoon by city police will be returned to Portland today to face a negligent homicide charge.

Harold J. Blakely, 47, Portland, was a passenger on a freight truck bound for Los Angeles when apprehended by a patrol car officer on Kit Carson way about 4:45 p. m. Sunday.

Portland police alerted city officers here to be on the lookout for the man. Portland police reported Blakely was driver of a hit and run car which killed a pedestrian in Portland Saturday night.

Blakely is held here in the city jail under \$3500 bail awaiting arrival of police from Portland.

Gang-Style Chicago Slaying Touches Off Manhunt When Two Gunmen Shoot Down Former Capone Man For Talking

CHICAGO, (P)—A scorching scandal touched off by an ex-convict's income tax disclosures remained white hot today following the man's gang-style execution.

Two gunmen blasted Sam Rinella, 49-year-old former Capone henchman under indictment for income tax evasion, as he left his home late Saturday night. They caught him in the glare of a flashlight—as though they were making sure they had the right man—then opened fire.

Rinella's slaying came just 11 days after he talked to a federal grand jury about finances of his ill-fated Loop nightclub, the Copacabana. Treasury department investigators said Rinella named as one of the investors in the club Thomas J. Duffy, 66, then a \$5,200-a-year police captain.

They said Rinella said Duffy put more than \$100,000 into the night spot. Rinella was indicted Nov. 20 on charges of evading \$156,000 in

Communists Concede On Truce Talk

By JOHN RANDOLPH

SEOUL, Korea, (P)—American Sabre jets, outnumbered four to one, scored a sweeping victory Sunday in the mounting battle for aerial supremacy over Korea.

The Far East air force reported five Red Mig jets were shot down and three damaged without loss of any Sabres.

The calm along the Korean ground front remained unbroken Monday. The eighth army reported no significant action up to noon. There were a few light contacts on the central and eastern fronts.

A low cloud blanket cut down aerial strikes after Sunday's jet victory.

US OUTNUMBERED

Forty-seven F-86 Sabre jets took on 175 Miggs in that battle between Sinanju and the North Korean capital, Pyongyang.

All told, Allied planes flew 965 sorties Sunday against air and ground targets. B-29 superforts lasted six Communist rallies.

The Republic of Korea said Monday its forces are closing in on some 5000 Communist troops in South Korea. ROK troops are using planes, loudspeakers, propaganda leaflets and mine detectors to locate hidden arms caches. The Reds are all that remain of some 100,000 long ago cut off by U.N. advances northward.

Li Gen. Lee Chang Chan, ROK army chief of staff, said South Korean forces are tightening a loop around the Reds in their Chiri mountain stronghold.

MUNSAN, Korea, (P)—Communist truce negotiators today proposed behind-the-scenes inspection by neutral observers and a "complete freeze" on troops and arms in Korea, possibly paving the way for agreement on another step toward an armistice.

The move appeared to be a major concession on the part of the Reds. In the past they have refused adamantly to allow observers behind their lines and have insisted on the right to build up their armed strength while an armistice is in force.

QUESTIONS ASKED

The surprise compromise plan immediately drew from Allied envoys more than a score of searching questions.

The big one—an allied spokesman called it the 564 question—was what neutral nations do the Communists have in mind to police the truce?

The communists said they would answer 21 questions posed by the U.N. command when the negotiators meet in Panmunjom at 11 a. m. Tuesday (6 p. m. PST Monday).

The offer to permit inspection teams behind the lines was the Reds' biggest concession, even though they stipulated that any such inspection should be limited to "mutually agreed upon ports of entry."



Snow Plasters Basin Area But Damage Report Light, More Snow Due To Arrive

Basin travellers have apparently taken no in fairly safe stride. . . . Not a single serious traffic accident has been reported in the Klamath area since the snow started Saturday afternoon.

There has been a rash of crumpled fenders and bashed bumpers, some bruises and minor cuts but no one has been hospitalized because of the smashups.

Most serious weather injury reported was a broken wrist suffered Saturday by G. E. (Gib) Walters, 1544 Johnston. Walter fell on an icy sidewalk.

The Saturday afternoon snow caught most motorists unawares, without snow tires and chains, and the resultant traffic jams made many an hour or more late arriving home.

Both the 6th street under and overpasses were clogged as vehicles failed to make the grades.

Depth of the snow in Klamath Falls varied from four inches on the wind-swept airport aprons to some 10 inches in more protected spots.

New snow last night was hardly measurable in the city but Tulelake reported a much heavier fall.

Since yesterday morning, the downtown Klamath Falls temperature has been unusually stable. Late today the red line on the big Herald and News recording thermometer has wavered only about six degrees since 7 a. m. Sunday.

The temp at that hour was 22 and at noon today the redline had not gone above 28.

The Herald and News newsroom could hardly believe its collective ears when the weather was reported from down Dunsuir way this morning. The H&N correspondent at Danamuir reported the Southern Pacific precipitation gauge there showed a whopping 13.86 inches of rainfall during the past week.

Despite the deluge, no damage was reported.

This morning, the rain changed to snow. . . . snow so heavy that the California highway patrol said vehicles would not be allowed to travel in Shasta county without chains.

Woman Lost In Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., (P)—Searchers equipped with floodlights hunted through the night for a grandmother with failing memory lost on dangerous Double Oak mountain.

Sort, sharp cliffs, boulders hidden in thick brush and rattlesnakes added to hazards of the quest for Mrs. Ann Bragg. She disappeared at 10 a. m. yesterday while walking between two homes a quarter-mile apart.

Sheriff A. E. Norwood said Mrs. Bragg "blanked out" at times, and couldn't remember where she was. Relatives feared she wandered off the mountain trail and couldn't find her way back.

Five rural church congregations and boy scouts joined in the search 10 miles southeast of Birmingham. One party killed "three or four" rattlers, and all were warned to proceed with caution.

A forest fire burned on the mountainside two miles away, but wasn't considered a threat.

Mrs. Bragg was wearing a print dress, sweater and tennis shoes when last seen. She had a bandage around her head.

Two Klamath GI's Due In States

Two Klamath men are among the more than 6000 soldiers due to arrive in San Francisco today from the Far East.

They are SFC William H. Kirk, Chiloquin, and Sgt. Roy Larsen, 1215 Main, Klamath Falls.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and northern California: Snow or rain showers tonight and tomorrow, with some clearing tomorrow. Low tonight 30, high tomorrow 39.

Precip last 24 hours14

Precip since October 15.10

Same period last year6.12

Normal for period2.91



BRUCE BRATTEN, 125 Pine, was doing you-know-what when the cameraman happened along this morning. Bratten is employed by Palmerton Lumber Co.

Hungary Holds American Crew Of Downed Plane

By The Associated Press

Communist Hungary announced today that Soviet fighter planes forced down a U.S. air force transport, missing since November 19, and that its four crew members are being held.

(At Washington, the state department announced that "immediate action" would be taken to free the four-man crew. A Moscow charge that the plane was carrying equipment to help anti-Communist "spies and saboteurs" behind the iron curtain was rejected.)

Thus the Reds have four more American hostages to use in pressing demands that the United States pay up its ransom for the release of American businessman Robert A. Vogeler. Vogeler was released from a Hungarian prison April 28 after the United States agreed to a number of concessions, notably the return of Hungarian property stolen by the Nazis and held by the Americans in West Germany.

Significantly, a Hungarian charge that the United States had not lived up to its bargain in the

Newell Hosts Farm Meeting

One hot item is on the agenda for a Tule farm center meeting at Newell tonight at 8: it's the storm-tossed Tulana Farms-reclamation bureau lease.

The lease for 2314 acres of Tule swamp crop land has been in the district reclamation office, Sacramento, awaiting government signing. Tulana Pres. Dick Henzel has already signed the lease which would give his firm another two years' use of land developed and farmed by Tulana since 1945.

Farm and veterans organizations are opposing the new two-year lease, arguing that the plot should be broken up into small tracts for lease to veterans.

Decision to give Tulana two more years was made by Interior Secy. Oscar Chapman. His action was a direct reversal of the reclamation bureau, which had announced the 2314 acres would be broken up into 18 plots of approximately 120 acres.

Tule farm center leaders say they will snowball through the California farm bureau and on into the national bureau.

In Sacramento, Friday, regional Reclamation Director Richard Bole said the Tulana lease would be tabled temporarily. His announcement followed a phone conference with G. W. Lineweaver, acting U.S. reclamation chief in the absence of Bureau Director Michael Staus.

Chinese Say 500 Allied Soldiers Die

WASHINGTON, (P)—A Chinese amphibious force drove South Korean guerrillas off an island near the Yalu river mouth Friday in the face of opposition by three British ships and planes from a U.S. carrier.

The North Korean radio, in a broadcast heard in Tokyo, asserted Red troops had recaptured three Allied-held islands—Taweha, Sowha and Toi—killing more than 500 Allied soldiers.

The navy, reporting the loss of Taweha island today, tied the action to the previously announced destruction of 10 Red planes, including six bombers, by U.S. air force Sabre jets.

The navy said about 1000 Chinese took part in the overwater assault on the island which has been used as an Allied raiding base for several months.

KB Burglar May Be In Utah Prison

Solution to the Klamath Billiards "cash drawer robbery" of July 19, 1950, may possibly be found in a cell at the Utah state prison.

Sheriff Jack Franey this morning said he is going to interview a man there this week who is "a likely suspect" of having pulled the \$2000 job.

According to Franey, Sheriff Denver Young of Salem, Ore., informed him of the suspect on information obtained from a prisoner who spent some time in the county jail at Salt Lake with the man.

Denver's prisoner apparently got quite talkative on the trip from Salt Lake City to Salem and told of this man who boasted of "pulling the KB job for \$2000 in Klamath Falls."

The description of the suspect, given by Denver's prisoner, fits closely that of the temporary janitor who disappeared the day the robbery occurred.

A felony warrant was sworn here the day of the robbery naming a "John Doe," also known as Pat Bond.

Bond had been doing odd jobs around the Billiards several weeks before the robbery occurred, and on July 19 was working as a janitor.

About 4:30 the morning of the robbery, another KB employee came to work and found the back door on the alley open and the janitor, Bond, missing.

Also missing was \$2000, which along with the janitor had not been seen till now.

Sheriff Franey said the robbery suspect, possibly Bond, is now serving time in the Utah prison on a felony conviction.

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Open 6:49 Close 3:35



DOUBLE WINNER—Minda Mae Mendenhall, 11-year-old Chiloquin girl is winning both a fight for life and lots of friends, many of them unknown well-wishers. Minda Mae, in Klamath Valley hospital from accidental gunshot wounds, is said recovering and gifts are beginning to pour in. Today, she received a whole box of presents from the famed "Eighth Street Gang," an anonymous group of Klamath Falls business men who often extend helping hands. (Earl's story on page 12).