



BIG FAMILY WELCOMES SMALLEST MEMBER HOME — Mrs. Raymond C. Baker, whose 18th child was born recently returns to her Joliet, Ill., home with baby, Richard Manuel, to be greeted by her other children and husband, who stands beside her in doorway. Left to right: Larry, 10, Joe, 12, Allan, 8, Mary, 13, Ann, 9, David, 14, June, 22, (holding her 4-day-old son, Earl Sulzberger), Father Baker, Mother Baker, Robert, 2, Joyce, 7, Bill, 19, Elsie, 5, Janet, 18, Johnnie, 3, Donna, 17, Jimmy, 4, and Althea, 15. One son, Sgt. Raymond C. Baker, Jr., 23, who is stationed at Port Townsend, Wash., was absent.

Senators Told N. African Air Bases Work Hurried

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WASHINGTON (AP)—An Air Force official told senators Friday that the joint chiefs of staff ordered rush construction of air bases in North Africa soon after the Communist attack in North Korea.

Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Edwin V. Huggins offered this explanation for the hurried aspects of the construction in testimony to the Senate Preparedness Investigating subcommittee.

The senators are digging into reports of waste and extravagance on the multi-million dollar costs of overseas air bases.

"This was an urgent job," Huggins said.

"The emergency was part of a decision by the joint chiefs of staff."

Wary Huggins indicated, but did not say directly, that top Pentagon leaders were apprehensive of a Communist drive in Europe or Africa after the Korean invasion in June, 1950.

The senators had developed earlier in the hearings that the Air Force asked speedy completion of five air bases in French Morocco, North Africa, within six months at an estimated cost of more than 300 million dollars.

Sen. Hunt (D-Wyo.), acting chairman, noted that the original schedule called for equipment to be moved to the air base sites in January of last year and for the bases to be completed by July.

Instead, Hunt said, delays in negotiations with the French on the sites stalled the start of the program until April.

Hunt asked if the "Air Force was negligent" in insisting upon completion by July 1 despite the delay.

Downey Rice, committee attorney, noted that Pentagon reports on the job cited "delays, false starts, confusion and some waste."

Construction was under supervision of the Army Corp of Engineers, but private contractors were hired to do the work.

Rice said "engineering standards and specifications were flagrantly ignored." He asked Huggins if the Air Force agreed to this.

"You can't do an emergency program without spending more money than on one that is not urgent," Huggins replied.

Huggins went on to say there was no attempt to complete the entire 300 million dollar project between April and July. He said only minimum facilities for moving in airplanes and crews were sought as urgent.

Sen. Hunt ordered the holiday hearing after two public sessions Thursday developed these assertions:



CHARGED WITH KIDNAP-FLOGGING OF COUPLE — Ten former Ku Klux Klansmen of the Fair Bluff, N.C., Klavern, charged with kidnaping and flogging a couple on Oct. 6, 1951, are shown as they arrived in Fayetteville, N.C., to be arraigned. The government indicated it may ask the death penalty for the night raiders since they allegedly took their victims across the state line. Left to right, front: Bob Hayes, Early Brooks, Steve Edmund, Horace Strickland and Sherwood Miller. Back: Pittman Strickland, George Miller, L. C. Worley, Bobby Brooks and Ross Enzor.

2 Convicted Of Murder

RED BLUFF, Calif. (AP)—James McKay and Robert Sturm were convicted Friday of first degree murder of two Shasta County sheriff's officers. The jury recommended life sentences.

Jury Foreman John Swetka read the verdict shortly after midnight.

He said the "jury hopes that their life sentences will be for the natural life of the defendants."

Superior Judge Curtis E. Weter of Tehama County will impose sentence Monday.

McKay, 19, and Sturm, 20, killed Shasta County Undersheriff Earl Sholes and Deputy Sheriff Dan Heryford on May 25, 1950, at Gibson, about 40 miles north of Redding.

The officers were returning the two from Seattle, where they had been arrested after fleeing from a California Youth Authority camp in a stolen automobile.

The two were convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to death in Redding last year. Their appeal from the death sentence gave them a retrial and change of venue from Shasta to Tehama County.

Tehama County Sheriff Wayne Kranig said that during the time Sturm and McKay have been in jail here they have been continual trouble makers and that a pocket knife, a three foot length of log chain, an iron bar and a heavy piece of pipe have all been found secreted in their cell.

SOLIDARITY URGED
BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Reduction of passport and customs barriers among Arab states were among the recommendations made at the concluding meeting of a Congress of Arab Chambers of Commerce held in Beirut and Tripoli.

Stephen Foster, who popularized Florida's Suwannee River in song, never saw it.



SOMETHING TO DO—
Rosalind Courtright of Hollywood sings in nightclubs because she "loves a career and doesn't like to just sit around and play canasta." She is married to a wealthy hotel owner and doesn't need her singing paycheck.

AGA KHAN BETTER
CALCUTTA, India (AP)—The aging Aga Khan, 74, one of the world's richest men, flew off to New Delhi Saturday in apparent good health. He suffered a mild heart attack while flying here from Dacca Wednesday.

Man Believed Sea Victim

EUREKA, Calif. (AP)—The search for a towboat operator Altherton Leach, 50, formerly of Portland, Ore., believed drowned in Humboldt Bay, was abandoned Friday.

Leach's towboat was found on a mudflat last Sunday afternoon. The ignition was on but the gasoline tank was empty.

Sheriff Charles Raab said he believed Leach had slipped from the boat's steel deck, wet from rain.

Raab said that earlier Sunday Leach and two crewmen had delivered a bargeload of lumber to a dock.

Then Leach told the men to go home, and he would take the boat back.

Raab said the boat had drifted a considerable distance before it hung up on the mudflat.

The Coast Guard and the sheriff's office dragged the bay in a widespread search without finding a trace of Leach's body.

Trainmen Will Oppose Taft

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—President W. P. Kennedy of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen says his union will oppose Sen. Taft's bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

The Cleveland, O., union leader told brotherhood members from Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico Friday that the Ohio senator "represents a chosen few."

Marine Says Truman Right

EUGENE (AP)—A Marine Corps reservist, recently returned from Korea where he was a combat correspondent, told Oregon's newspaper publishers Friday that "President Truman is right about the Marines' propaganda machine."

"A well organized and hard working department of public information starts the Marine Corps legends, some of which are true," said Don Bonham, 28, who last December returned to his position as editor of the Sweet Home News after a year of active duty, much of it in Korea.

His reference to the President was in connection with a letter written by Mr. Truman in 1950 for which the President later apologized. In it he had said that the Marines have a "propaganda machine that is almost equal to Stalin's."

Bonham, opening speaker at the annual Oregon Press Conference at the University of Oregon, said that "when something doesn't happen in fact, the public information office often makes it happen on paper anyway."

He said that the Marine Corps issued considerable information and photographs on a claim of being first to transport troops to the Korean front by helicopter. Bonham said that was partly true—but it was first only with a test maneuver, in a safe sector, not under fire.

But, he said, the PIO let go with all barrels to show "The Marines had done it again."

He said one of the things he most disliked was writing about a PFG (private first class) getting a Bronze Star while a captain or a major might get a silver star for something "not worth a hill of beans."

Bonham was called to active duty as a private first class in September, 1950, for a year's tour.

Crash Kills 15 Civilians

PUSAN, Korea (AP)—Fifteen persons were killed and 20 injured when an F-84 Thunderjet crashed into a power plant, then careened into a hospital and four houses Friday, an Army spokesman disclosed Saturday.

The crash scene was at Sadukul, about 12 miles northwest of this Southeast Korean port.

Col. T. C. Green of Austin, Tex., commander of the U.N. Civil Assistance Command for the Kyongsang Namdo District, said the American pilot and 14 Korean civilians were killed. Among the dead were at least two women and a baby.

One estimate placed the property damage at \$100,000 dollars.

Witnesses said the speedy jet fighter apparently developed engine trouble.

The plane knifed completely through the hospital, and blazing jet fuel set the four houses afire. All six buildings were a total loss.

Portland Marks Tenth Fatality

PORTLAND (AP)—Portland's 10th traffic fatality this year was reported Friday.

Dead is Clarence E. Frampton, 79. He died at a hospital here after being injured when struck by a car Tuesday.

Last year at this time Portland had only six traffic fatalities.

H-Bomb Still Top Secret

WASHINGTON (AP)—The hydrogen bomb project is still top secret but the head of the Senate House Atomic Energy Committee says cautiously he is "not dissatisfied" with its progress.

Sen. McMahon (D-Conn.), chairman of the group, told interviewers on a radio program Friday night he could not give details yet.

But he said the atomic stockpile is so large that any attack by Russia now would be the "height of foolishness" on its part.

Rain: No Parade

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Hermes, god of commerce, didn't have much influence with the U.S. Commerce Department's weatherman.

It rained in New Orleans Friday night.

As a result, Hermes, who also is god of travel, didn't lead his 16-foot parade through the streets.

In fact, the whole show was called off until next year—weather permitting.

But the Krewe of Adonis went ahead with preparations for their excursion Saturday night after the weatherman promised clearing skies and no more rain until Tuesday—Mardi Gras—or Wednesday.

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Car Submerges, Man Escapes

OAKRIDGE (AP)—Randal Clark, manager of the Oak Theater here, was trapped in his submerged car Thursday night, but managed to free himself and swim to safety.

His car plunged into the Willamette River five miles west of here after skidding on ice.

Clark, at home Friday with a badly bruised leg, said his left leg was jammed under something as the car settled to the bottom of the river as he had a few anxious moments before working free.

DANCE
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