

# INDOCHINA REBELS AMBUSHED

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### Weather Stops Plane Search



#### Youth Panel To Hit Air Over KFLW

By calling 811 between 8:30 and 10 p.m. tonight, Klamath residents may query "Build the Basin" panel members, broadcasting over KFLW, on the topic "How Can Youth Best Contribute Toward Building the Basin?"

A panel of seven has been selected for this week's broadcast, four members of the youth set and three adults.

They are KUHS seniors Marvin Nerseht and Sylvia Hillis, both 17-year-olds; Tulelake senior Sally Thomas; OTH student body Pres. Lyle Read; Mrs. George Clark; Francis Skinner and Don Sutcliffe.

Program listeners are urged to participate by phoning in questions pertinent to the topic in panel members, or to the panel at large.

This will be the eighth panel in the "Build the Basin," the third one dealing with youth and its problems. The forum is the climax of an exploratory study conducted through the Herald and News. An opinion poll was published in last Thursday's paper; readers were asked to answer the questions and mail the form in.

As usual, KFLW Mar. Bud Chandler will emcee the program.

Introductory statements will be made by each of the panel members, and because of past numbers of questions received, the length of statements will be limited to but a few minutes so more questions can be asked during the allotted time.



#### Champ Knifed By Assailant

Jim Maloney, 48-year-old former heavyweight fighter, was reported improving today at Klamath Valley Hospital from knife wounds received in a brawl late Saturday night.

His assailant, whose identity has not been determined by City Police, skipped out and was not located at noon today.

Maloney, working at the Driftwood, apparently had trouble with the man earlier Saturday, and the argument was renewed later on at the Town Club. They went out into the alley back of the club to fight and the second man evidently introduced a knife into the tussle.

Maloney started out of the alley bleeding badly from several severe cuts on his body and arm, and a patrolman took him to the Kanteen for emergency aid while help was coming. At the Kanteen, towels were used to try to stop the flow of blood and as a tourniquet on his badly slashed left arm.

Maloney was taken to the hospital where it was determined an artery had been cut in his arm, and that he had a long gash on his right side, another on his left side below the ribs, and two others below that one. He reportedly said the hospital he did not know who cut him.

Police Chief Orville Hamilton said there apparently were no witnesses to the fight in the alley.

In his younger days Maloney was near the top among heavy-weight fighters, getting into the ring with some of the best in the late 1920s.



#### Reno Robbery Still Mystery

RENO (AP) — Millionaire L. V. Redfield said Monday the burglars who carted off his safe with \$2,500,000 got currency "so hot they might as well light their cigarettes with it."

Most of the \$300,000 in the safe was in big, old-fashioned bills, including two \$10,000 notes.

The eccentric millionaire said they would be almost impossible to cash, and so would \$2,000,000 in negotiable securities. The balance was in distinctive jewelry.

Police appeared more concerned about the Friday robbery than did Redfield.

He once battled a brick swinging footed to get \$2,500, but lost won gambling. The thing didn't get the \$2,500 but sent Redfield to a hospital for two weeks.

Five people were picked up in Montana Sunday night for "examination at Reno's request." But Sheriff Jesse Harris at Elko, Nev., said all five were in Elko at the time of the daylight burglary. His officers spotted them, Sheriff Harris said, after Reno police notified him they were headed that way after having been questioned about gambling irregularities in Reno.

And the Reno police chief said he didn't put out the pickup order, and didn't know who had.



#### Steele Seeks Sheriff Post

Frank Steele, 50, filed for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Klamath County this morning.

He is the second candidate to go on that ballot. Murray (Red) Britton, who has been serving as Sheriff by appointment since Jan. 16, filed several weeks ago.

The lone GOP nominee so far is Deputy Dale Matton.

Steele, who is employed as Klamath Falls Street Department superintendent, resides at 3704 Cannon. He has two sons in the armed forces, one in Germany.

He has lived in Klamath County since May, 1934, coming here from Centralia, Wash., and for about 15 years was a railroader for Weyerhaeuser Timber Company. He has been with the city about three years.

Steele is a member of the Moose Lodge, Royal Neighbors of America and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineermen.

In 1948 he won the Democratic nomination for Sheriff from a field of eight candidates for that party.

Steele's entry into the race for Sheriff provides the second local contest on the Demo ballot for the May 16 primaries. The other is for the nomination for assessor. Three Democratic candidates have announced.

So far the Republicans do not have a single local contest for the primary. Filing deadline is March 7.

#### Camp White Work Slated

MEDFORD (AP) — Six million dollars worth of work to place Camp White on a standby basis will begin May 1, Sen. Gordon (R-Ore.) said Monday.

Gordon sent word from Washington, D.C., that the Army had notified him contracts for the work would be awarded April 15. The Army said there are no plans at present to activate the camp.

The planned work is to place it in condition for use in case of general mobilization in this country.

The planned contracts: \$4,298,000 for utilities; \$190,000 for roads; \$29,000 for a railroad spur; \$27,000 for a telephone and telegraph building.

The remainder of the six million dollars will be used to rehabilitate present buildings and to acquire enough land to make the camp about 1,300 acres in size.

The camp has been unused since World War II.

#### Former Cop Faces Court

MEDFORD (AP) — Discovery of a sack of pennies buried in his yard led to the arrest of a former Medford police sergeant.

The former policeman, Richard H. Baise, pleaded guilty Saturday to taking \$1,600 in nickels and pennies from Medford parking meters.

A steamer trunk, half full of small change, was found in the basement of the Baise home, Police Chief Clatus McCreadie said.

Baise, though he was unable to get rid of the pennies, used the nickels for purchases from distant mail order houses, McCreadie reported.

Sentencing of Baise was delayed until he could get an attorney.

Baise was employed in the public works department. He had transferred there from the police force Jan. 1.

#### Weather

Drizzles Monday night and early Tuesday morning, partly cloudy Tuesday. High Tuesday 36, low tonight 21. Northern California, showers.

High Sunday	32
Low last night	22
Precip Sunday	0.2
Precip since Oct. 1	12.77
Normal for period	-8.26
Period last year	12.01

(Additional Weather on Page 10.)

#### Lost Man's Wife Flies As Observer

By WALLACE MYERS

Aerial search for the Air Force transport missing with eight men aboard was temporarily called off by the Klamath Air Search and Rescue Unit last night.

But Mrs. Vernon Moe, wife of the missing plane's copilot, says she will stay here several more days. The attractive little brunette came here Friday night to join the search for the lost plane.

Yesterday, Mrs. Moe made two search flights as an observer. She flew with KASRU Pilot Doug Hovser on morning and afternoon missions over the area between Medicine Lake and Day, a small California town some 60 air miles south of Klamath Falls.

Several other KASRU planes were on the search yesterday and they were joined by a Modoc Sheriff's posse plane from Cedarville. Four of the Modoc posse men flew in here to coordinate their efforts with the KASRU. The quartet from Cedarville was Walter Lowe, Albert Turner, C. A. Hironymous and Maxvian Coch.

**BAD WEATHER**

Heavy snow still on the ground in the Medicine Lake-Day search area caused last night's search postponement. And today, more snow blew in from the West bringing a low ceiling that would have prevented aerial searching anyway.

A dream which Mrs. Moe had several nights ago was primarily concentrated the past few days between Medicine Lake and Day. But since then, new clues to the missing C-47 have come to light bolstering the possibility the big ship may have come to grief in that area.

Two reports, which KASRU men here had not been informed, were made within a few hours after search was instigated for the plane in late December. One report from MacArthur, Calif., a few miles south of Day, said a large plane circled that community about dusk on Dec. 26 and then headed north flying unusually low.

The second report, that is significant without lights, that is significant because of the missing plane's radio silence. The plane radioed Municipal Airport here at 4:17 p.m. Dec. 26, that it was flying toward San Francisco and that it was the last time the plane was ever heard from. If the ship's electrical system failed, it would explain the dusk flight over MacArthur without lights and also the radio silence.

A second report, by a rancher just north of Day said "a C-47" flew over his ranch late that same evening and headed northwest toward a gap in the mountains.

**DREAM**

Mrs. Moe herself does not place too much emphasis on her dream. She said her missing husband, Capt. Vernon Moe, appeared in the dream and told her they had landed the ship "at Day."

"I don't want people to think I came here to join this search just because I had a dream," said the courageous and pretty young woman.

Wednesday evening, Mrs. Moe is to be the guest of KASRU at their meeting in the Pilot's Club.

#### Greyhound Bus Strike In Population Centers Hits, Drivers Ask 40-Hour Week

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Full impact of the Pacific Greyhound bus strike hit commuters Monday as 3,500 drivers and other employees stayed away from their stations in seven western states.

The bus line and the striking AFL motor coach employees are 4.6 per cent pay boost and said that was the maximum allowable under Wage Stabilization regulations.

It also offered a cost of living clause. It rejected the five-day, 40 hour week, asserting that would cost the company \$11,650,000 a year.

It looks like this is going to be a long strike," said one union official.

The walkout began at 12:01 a.m. Sunday.

Big population centers like the San Francisco Bay region were particularly hard hit.

In this area, which has 14,000 Greyhound commuters, many had to drive to their jobs or arrange rides from towns which had no other public transportation.

Many communities however, had train, trolley or other bus services.

Pacific Greyhound lines service in California, Arizona, Western Oregon and parts of Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Texas came to a stop. The system carries an average of 100,000 passengers daily.

In addition to adjustments in working hours, the union asked that long distance drivers be paid \$8 for each 100 miles, instead of the present \$7.26, and that pay of the short run drivers be increased from \$1.63 to \$2.04 hourly. Its contract expired March 1.

#### HST's Friend Goes on Trial

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Neatly dressed in a dark blue suit, James P. Finnegan, personal friend of President Truman, was in a pleasant mood Monday as his federal trial began on charges of accepting bribes and other misconduct while he was internal revenue collector here.

U. S. District Judge Rubey M. Hulien overruled a defense motion asking for a continuance. The first Monday as his federal trial began on charges of accepting bribes and other misconduct while he was internal revenue collector here.

Ninety prospective jurors in all had been summoned for the selection of a jury, expected to take all of Monday and most of Tuesday.

The government is allowed six challenges without cause.

The defense is allowed 10.

A grand jury indicted Finnegan on counts of taking \$250 twice from the Karol-Kell garment firm—once "with intent to have his decision and action influenced" in a delinquent tax case pending in Finnegan's office and the other for allowing the company to pay over-due Social Security taxes in installments.

#### BULLETIN

**GAMBLING TAX UPHELD**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new federal gambling tax weathered a Supreme Court test Monday, the high tribunal upheld a lower court's refusal to rule on constitutionality of the new tax.

#### Freak Accident

PRINEVILLE (AP) — A Madras housewife was fatally wounded Sunday while she was operating a vacuum cleaner in her front room.

The victim of the freak accident was Mrs. Henry Miller, 57, wife of an irrigation farmer. She died of a 22-caliber bullet wound at a hospital here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Miller was cleaning out a front-room closet when the vacuum cleaner knocked over a rifle in the closet. The rifle fired, and the bullet struck Mrs. Miller in the forehead.

#### Coos Bay Milk Price Up

COOS BAY (AP) — Milk in paper cartons—and that is the only kind available—rose 2 cents to 25 cents a quart here Saturday.

The increase, which provides for a 24 cent price on milk on glass bottles, was announced by Carl Peterson, president of the Southwestern Oregon Milk Producers Association.

He said 70 per cent of the increase would go to producers.

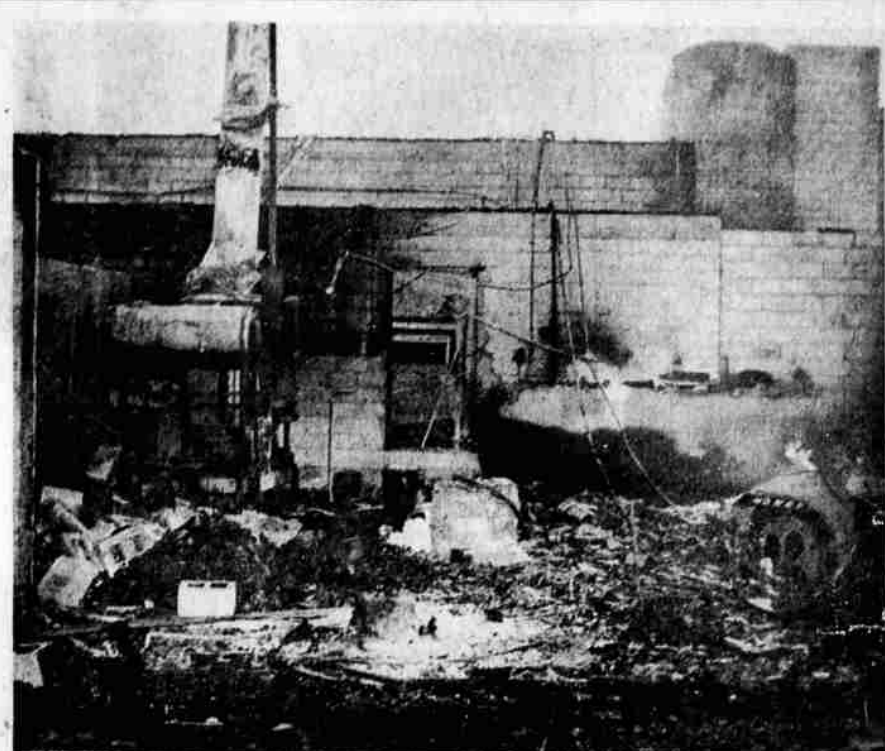
Butterfat content of the 25 cent milk has been increased 2-10ths of one per cent to 3.7 per cent. Peterson said.

#### Schrunk Urged For State Race

PORTLAND (AP) — Democrats are urging Multnomah County Sheriff Terry Schrunk to run for secretary of state, according to Howard Morgan, Democratic state chairman.

Earl Newbury, a Republican, now holds the post and has filed for re-election. No Democrats have filed as yet.

Schrunk said he did not want to run for another office until he has finished out his term as sheriff.



INTERIOR OF THE KLAMATH PACKING company, gutted by a Sunday morning fire. Owner Frank Lowell estimated the damage at around \$225,000. The packing plant was located on the Old Midland road.

#### Fire Destroys Packing Firm

A fire of undetermined origin Sunday morning destroyed the Klamath Packing Company plant on the Old Midland road. Frank Lowell, owner, estimated the damage at around \$225,000.

The interior of the plant was considered a complete loss, including a \$62,000 wing built less than four years ago.

The fire was discovered a little after 5 a.m. Sunday when Chi-Chi, a dog owned by Dean Lowell, awakened his master with furious barking. The fire at that time seemed to have started in the plant's boiler room.

The County Fire Department was called but could not save the building.

Besides the equipment, about 50 dressed hops and 50 dresses beeves were lost in the blaze.

Lowell said there was not enough insurance coverage to rebuild.

The plant employed about 30 persons.

#### Drive Report Due Friday

The Red Cross Business Division headed by Roy Murphy, is slated to make its first report this Friday, Exec. Secy. Virginia Dixon reported today. But already it's totaled some \$2000 of its \$8500 goal.

Mrs. Dixon said 12 industries had reported already, with the Swan Lake Moulding Co. one of the first to report 100 per cent employe and firm participation in the drive.

Klamath County's Red Cross chapter has a quota of \$25,000 to fulfill this year.

#### Chains Needed On High Passes

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Highway Commission warned motorists Monday to carry chains in the Government Camp, Timberline, Warm Springs Junction, Union Creek, Santiam Pass, Lapine and Williamette Pass areas.

Each of these points reported from 1 to 3 inches of new snow, with packed snow on the roads.

All other points reported bare pavement.

#### French Airliner Crashes Near Riviera Playground; American Ballerina Dies

NICE, France (AP) — An Air France airliner crashed in an olive grove near this Riviera fun spot Monday, killing 37 persons, including an American ballet dancer and two French actresses.

A woman taken alive from the wreckage was reported in critical condition.

The four-engine plane had just taken off from Nice airport. Instead of heading out as usual over the Mediterranean on the flight to Paris, the plane turned back.

It lost altitude, then smashed into bits in the olive grove, just missing a group of houses where 20 families live.

Airport employees said pieces of sea gull's wings and feathers had been found in the air intakes of the plane's engines, and this might have caused the crash. Air France officials in Paris could not confirm this. The two left engines had apparently failed.

The American ballet dancer killed was Brooklyn-born Joan Harriet Katzman, 21, who danced under the name of Harriet Toby with the Marquis de Cuevas Company.

She appeared Sunday night at Cannes in a ballet called "Del Amor y de la Muerte" (of Love and Death).

Lise Topart, 24, and Michele Verly, 41, were the French actresses who died. Eleven other victims had British addresses. Others listed their addresses in France or Italy.

The pilot, Theau Farrugia, 29, a veteran of 4,500 hours flying time, and his wife, were killed.

The plane was a Languedoc, used in European and North African services.

Air France officials in New York said it was the first fatality suffered by that type of plane in the six years the company has used it.

The plane crashed at 9:05 a.m. The scene was 150 feet from the railway station at the village of St. Augustin, the last stop before Nice three miles away.

#### French Beat Vietminh Drive Back

By LARRY ALLEN

SAIGON, Indochina (AP) — French forces turned the tables on the Communist Vietminh Monday by staging a series of ambushes on rebel columns which had infiltrated the Red River delta in Northern Indochina.

In one ambush, 35 miles south of Hanoi, a Vietminh column was blasted and 15 captured Frenchmen liberated. The attack took place near Phuly.

French land and air forces continued vigorously to push back two Vietminh divisions which made a two-pronged drive against the delta southeast of Hanoi.

Two big rebel ammunition dumps were destroyed near Kean, about 18 miles southeast of Hanoi.

The French High Command said its "operation Leap Year" already had resulted in a total of 531 Vietminh dead and 1,000 wounded.

The fierce attacks by the Communist-led Vietminh started last week 30 miles southeast of Hanoi. The French High Command said the Vietminh drove with 10,000 troops from the northern mountains and with 4,000 from the south, attempting to join, establish a foothold on the delta rice lands and thus split French communications.

The rebels strongly resisted French counterattacks but finally collapsed Sunday, a French spokesman said. They withdrew under fire of artillery, tanks and planes dropping napalm bombs.

The French spokesman said it was "impossible" for the Vietminh to resume a large scale attack in the delta. The French now have the initiative and intend to exploit it, he said.

#### Two Injured In Accidents

Traffic accidents Sunday injured two persons, putting one in Klamath Valley Hospital with a broken leg.

John Mickelson, 39, of Richmond, Calif., received the broken leg in an accident north of Chemult on U.S. Highway 97. Details of the wreck were not learned here.

A rear-end collision on U.S. Highway 97 south of Stewart-LenoX junction resulted in a chin cut to Shirley Smith of Klamath Falls.

She was passenger in a car driven by William T. Smith, 35, of Eugene. State Police arrested Smith on charge of driving while intoxicated. He is held in the County Jail in lieu of \$500 bail.

Police said he hit the rear of a new car operated by Thornton Douglas, 1919 Erie St.

#### Stassen Plans Oregon Tour

SALEM (AP) — Harold E. Stassen entered Oregon's May 16 presidential election primary Monday with a promise that he "will conduct an extensive tour of the state in behalf of his campaign."

With the deadline for filing candidates next Friday, Stassen thus joins Gen. Dwight Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur, both of whom were filed by petition.

Stassen's personal filing was brought here by Walter Roseberry, Portland lumberman.

Petitions to place Sen. Taft of Ohio and Gov. Warren of California on the Republican ballot also are being circulated.

Attorney General George Neuner said he would have an opinion late Monday on whether the secretary of state should obey Gen. MacArthur's request to remove his name from the ballot.

The opinion also would apply to Taft, who has said he doesn't want to enter the Oregon primary.

(More Ore side)



RESTING UP AT The Earley Hotel this morning were Southern Pacific railroaders L. A. Kiesel, engineer, and Lee Hargrove fireman.