

Search Intensifies For Lost Transport Plane

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Flares Seen In Isolated Lake Region

By ROY CARPENTER

MONTEPELLER, Idaho (AP) — The aerial search by a fleet of private and Air Force planes for a missing C-46 "troop transport" with 40 aboard, was tightly concentrated Thursday in the area where Idaho, Utah and Wyoming join.

A jeep posse was unable to reach the spot on the east side of Bear Lake where a farmer reported he saw three flares Wednesday night.

Sheriff Gilbert Arnall said planes were checking the area Thursday. If the pilots find nothing, Arnall said a horseback party will attempt to reach the site, which is inaccessible by jeep.

Arnall said the farmer, Jesse Schlegger of Paris, also reported seeing a light move horizontally along the ground. Schlegger lives eight miles north of Big Bear Lake, which spans the Utah-Idaho border.

EN ROUTE

The missing plane was en route from Seattle, Wash., to Fort Jackson, S. C., where the Korean veterans were to be released from service.

The crew of three included a pilot, copilot and stewardess.

The two-engine craft last reported by radio while over Milled City, about 50 miles west of where Air Force officials, Civilian Air Patrol leaders and the aeronautics directors of three states have pooled their ships into a well organized aerial hunt.

Most of the military planes are from Hamilton Field, California, and Lowry Field, Colorado. The search planes are flying from fields in Montpelier and Pocatello, Idaho, Rock Springs, Wyo., and Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Although broken clouds were reported at 11,000 feet over the Bear Lake region, below that the visibility was excellent.

SNOW

The terrain is under a frozen cover of snow, ranging up to 12 inches. Between five and six inches fell Wednesday.

What one of the three crew members said about the search, "I don't know how far they will search, but I hope they find it."

If the troop-carrying plane, believed missing in the Bear Lake area of southeastern Idaho, met with disaster it would be the 11th crash of military or military-chartered planes around the rim of the Pacific Ocean in little more than two months.

A jeep-mounted sheriff's posse headed into the mountains east of Bear Lake last night to investigate a report by a farmer and his wife that they saw three red flares.

The posse turned back because of deep snow and the rugged terrain after several hours but planned to try again after daylight.

Jesse Schlegger and his wife, who live near Paris, Idaho, on the west side of mile-high Bear Lake, reported they saw the flares across the lake. This would approximate the course of the plane after its pilot radioed his position near Milled City, Idaho, in the predawn hours of Wednesday morning.

Bear Lake County Sheriff Gilbert Arnall led the search party into the wild country.

Searchers planned to attempt a crossing of brushy Antelope Flats, which is more than 6,000 feet high, in the daylight hours and to scour the jagged mountains in the area.

Air-rescue planes were scheduled to search the area.

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Rain, Snow, High Winds Lash State

By The Associated Press

Snow was piled up deep in Oregon mountain passes Thursday, wide areas were getting power over emergency facilities—and the Weather Bureau said a new blow was on the way.

A storm Wednesday dumped an inch and a half of rain on Portland; blew down trees, power lines and telephone wires; started fires and briefly closed the Columbia River Highway.

Although the southwestern part of the state was hardest hit in loss of power, there were failures all over Western Oregon. By Thursday morning, though, most customers were getting power from one source or another.

Bonneville's southwest area manager at Eugene, W. E. Trommerhausen, said that crews walked along 50 miles of line before finding and repairing a break on the wires to the coast near Lake Sillcoos. He said Copco's line giving an alternate Roseburg-Cooos Bay connection was in "serious trouble" still with one break due to a fallen tree and another to a toppled tower. Bonneville is taking care of the Copco customers on an emergency basis and the North Bend steam plant is sending power into Cooos Bay and Coquille, he said.

POWER LINE

A power line near Dayton fell on a telephone cable, burning it in two and putting phones in the Dayton-McMinnville area out of order. Phones in the Cooos Bay area also went out for a time Wednesday. So did many in the Milwaukie area south of Portland.

The blow, which hit 70 miles and blew in gusts as early as 10 a.m., did distress off the Oregon coast but it jettisoned its deck load of lumber and headed for San Francisco. It was the schooner Cynthia Olson, which Wednesday night off Bandon had sent a SOS that it later canceled. Only two weeks earlier, the sister ship, the Karen Olson, had cut loose its deck load of lumber under similar circumstances.

SLIDE

A slide came down on the Columbia River Highway 50 miles east of Portland as rain-sodden ground let go, but Thursday morning one-way traffic was going through.

The highway department, warning that the snowstorm was continuing unabated in the mountains, required that motorists use chains at Timberline, Santiam Pass, Willamette Pass, Chemult, Keno, Ochoco Summit, Austin and Seneca.

It said from 8 to 19 inches of new snow lay on the mountain passes as of 9 a.m. It recommended that chains be carried at Government Camp, Lapine, Bly and Brothers and cautioned against spots of ice at Lakeview and Meacham.

LIGHTNING

Lightning, a wintertime rarity, was blamed for several fires. It also put power lines out for a time early Wednesday at Newport. In Eugene, lightning-caused fire destroyed a house and burned the roof off another. South of Stayton a barn with 16 tons of hay burned when power lines shorted. A house at Falls City was hit by lightning but damage was limited.

The weather bureau said temperatures would stay mild—the Wednesday snow was turning to slush at Klamath Falls—but winds of up to 60 miles an hour could be expected late Thursday all along the coast and as far inland as Portland.

Illness Fatal to Mrs. C. Vanderbilt; Leader of America's 'Regal' Society

NEW YORK (AP)—Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, recognized leader of New York and Newport, R. I., society for half a century, died of pneumonia at her Fifth Avenue home last night after a long illness.

Mrs. Vanderbilt, who was in her 80s, had been inactive in recent years but never lost her top social standing.

She was the widow of Brig. Gen. Cornelius Vanderbilt, great-grandson of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, founder of one of America's greatest railroad empires with the New York Central as the key stock.

Gen. Vanderbilt, who did not share his wife's fondness for society in his later years, died aboard his yacht in Biscayne Bay, Fla., in 1922.

Mrs. Vanderbilt entertained and was entertained by many members of European royal houses than any other woman in America. She was considered one of the last remaining links between the regal pre-World War I American society and the larger and more democratic post-World War II society.

The famed hostess and beauty entertained in a conventional man-

ner, and remained aloof from the merrier elements of cafe society. She seldom dined in public and attended the theater infrequently. However, she was a regular attendant at the opening night of the Metropolitan Opera. Her box was social headquarters for the Diamond Horseshoe set during intermissions.

Mrs. Vanderbilt was the former Grace Wilson, youngest daughter of Richard Thompson Wilson who came to New York from Nashville, Tenn., shortly after the end of the Civil War with a fortune he had built up as English agent for Southern merchants.

The marriage estranged the bridegroom from his parents for a time and brought a substantial reduction in his inheritance.

The general's father, who died in 1890, left him \$500,000 and the income for life from a one mil-

lion dollar trust fund. Each of the other children received 7½ million dollars, and the bulk of the fortune—set at 27 million dollars—went to Cornelius' brother, the late Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt. Later, Alfred gave Cornelius six million dollars.

Almos, from the time of the young people's marriage, social rivalry developed between the bride and her mother-in-law and the two had rival salons at Saratoga, N. Y., for a time.

The younger Mrs. Vanderbilt plunged into European regal circles in 1902 when she and her husband entertained Kaiser Wilhelm II aboard their yacht at Kiel. They later were his dinner guests.

A 58-room mansion on Fifth Avenue was the scene of many of Mrs. Vanderbilt's social triumphs. Others were at her Newport Villa, Beaulieu. The mansion here has been torn down and an office building erected in the site at 40th Street.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Robert Livingston Stevens, the former Grace Vanderbilt, of Manhattan and Water Mill, N. Y., who was with her when she died; a son, Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., publisher and traveler; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

State's Building Program Threat to Balanced Budget

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP) — A \$545,321,388 balanced budget for the two years beginning next July 1 will face the Oregon Legislature when it meets here Monday. And it probably means that the lawmakers won't have to levy any more taxes.

The budget, submitted by Gov. Paul L. Patterson, is 40 millions more than the budget presented to the 1951 Legislature.

It contains a surplus of \$10,781,424 of estimated income over recommended expenditures.

However, it doesn't include requests by the State Board of Higher Education and State Board of Control for more than 18 million dollars worth of new buildings; the proposed \$3,500,000 hospital for aged mental patients in Portland

which the voters authorized in November; salary increases for state employees; and some other expenses.

So, if the Legislature includes any substantial part of these 20 million dollars worth of requests, it will have to sharpen its pencil.

If it were to approve all the requested buildings and also accept the budget, it would have a deficit of about 10 millions.

Of the total budget, the Legislature is being asked to appropriate \$187,284,262, which is only 7 million more than the 1951 Legislature authorized. State Finance Director Harry E. Dorman said this small increase is caused by higher wages for the 14,000 state employees and by inflated costs.

Dorman warned, however, that the estimated revenues for the two-year period are based on the assumption that economic conditions won't get any worse, and thus cause a shrinkage of state income tax receipts.

Gov. Patterson recommended that the state's complicated tax system be simplified by allowing direct spending of income tax receipts.

Income tax receipts now can be used only to reduce property taxes, and there hasn't had to be a state property levy since 1940.

The Legislative Interim Tax Committee will introduce a bill to accomplish this.

Gov. Patterson praised state departments for co-operation in reducing their budget requests, saying they eliminated all their programs that are not vitally needed.

The requested new buildings will be submitted to the Legislature by the governor without recommendation.

Of the estimated revenues for the two years, the budget estimates \$80,000,000 would come from personal income taxes, \$37,359,482 from surpluses that will be on hand at the end of the current biennium, \$36,000,000 from corporation income taxes, \$42,432,444 from miscellaneous receipts, and from a \$198,976,686 general fund balance.

This total of \$198,976,686 in revenues is the amount that the Legislature will have for general fund appropriations.

UN Raiders Blast Reds

SEOUL (AP) — An Allied raiding party stabbed into Chinese lines on the Western Front today and blasted the Reds with practically every weapon in their Korean arsenal.

The raiders struck at dawn with flame throwers, tank fire, artillery and mortar shells, searing jellied gasoline bombs, air strikes, hand grenades, satchel charges and small-arms fire.

When the raiders withdrew 55 minutes later they counted 35 Chinese bodies strewn in the snow and the Panmunjom neutral corridor. At least 25 others were believed killed or wounded.

It was the second slashing raid by U. N. forces in 24 hours.

Wednesday night, raiding South Korean infantrymen and engineers blew up a tunnel which North Koreans had been digging into Anchor Hill, key position of the Far Eastern Front. They killed 44 Reds. Creeping up the tunnel, the ROKs killed three entrance guards and exploded 200 pounds of TNT inside the mouth of the cave.

Withdrawing after the thunderous blast, the ROKs smashed into a North Korean platoon and killed five and wounded nine Reds, bringing the total Red casualties in that action to 61, a U. S. Eighth Army spokesman said.

Another ROK raiding unit blew up a forward enemy ammunition dump south of Anchor Hill. They killed seven North Koreans in the battle that followed.

The rest of the 185-mile ground front was relatively quiet.

Basin Potato Shipments Up

Some of the heaviest potato shipments of the 1952-53 season were being checked out of the Klamath Basin this week, though the price trend on spuds here appeared to have weakened.

A flurry of higher prices here last week apparently hadn't taken as many local potato people expected it wouldn't. However, the prices are still above the low ebb earlier this season.

Yesterday a total of 98 carloads of potatoes were okayed for shipment out of the Basin by the shipping point inspectors; the day before the score was 89. Overall total shipments to date for the season amount to 4,924 cars, excluding California seed shipments.

Yardage of shipments as of Dec. 31, released today by the Oregon Department of Agriculture, shows the following:

Oregon points by rail, 533; Oregon points by truck, 142; total Oregon shipments, 665.

California points by rail, 579; California points by truck, 77; total California shipments, 656.

Month of December, including trucks, cars and overloads, 1,321. California seed, 420 for December, 799 for the season.

Overall shipment totals for season 5,346 carloads. Same date a year ago saw 5,709 cars shipped. During the month of December, the inspector's office reported, a total of 227 carloads of crated potatoes for the Army Quartermaster were shipped out with the season total of 539. These figures were included in the totals above.

A year ago 1,214 cars of crated potatoes had been checked out. However, heavy crate shipments were noted after the first of the year.

Shipments have picked up nationally as well as locally. The Extension Service weekly potato crop review reports shipments at the week ending Jan. 3 at 4,400 cars, up about 1,000 cars from the previous week. To date this season a total of 64,000 cars have been shipped, the report says, as compared with 59,000 cars a year ago.

City Skating Prospects Dim

Skating prospects at the city's Moore Park rink the next few days look dim. City Recreation Director Bob Bonney reported this morning it was raining.

At report time this morning it was raining. As soon as the present storms subside, snow now on the surface will be needed. The director said after that it will probably take at least two nights of good hard freeze to develop another hard skating surface in the rink.

No Change in Clover Market

No real change has been evidenced in the local clover market, except most of the local maliks, storage warehouses have been ok'd by the PMA for holding clover under government support agreements.

Perhaps 750,000 pounds of clover has been moved locally one way or the other so far. Local sources described the movement as merely a trickle "now and then."

The Basin's 1952 crop is estimated to amount to about 5,250,000 pounds—the largest single crop in the United States.

Job For Morse Senate Worry

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans are trying to lose to Democrats the hot potato of what to do about Morse (Ind.-Ore.) and the Democrats are unhappy about it.

That was one reason, it was learned Thursday, why the Democrats blocked—at least temporarily—quick Senate approval of a GOP plan to boost the size of 13 major Senate committees and cut down the size of five others.

This plan, authored by Majority Leader Taft (R-Ohio) and Sen. Case (R-SD), was rushed before the Senate late Wednesday.

Objection of one senator could not block an immediate vote. Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), the Democratic floor leader, asserted the plan was "entirely unsatisfactory" in some respects to the minority.

Taft then announced that the matter would not come until Friday. He said he and Case would get together with Johnson to try for agreement.

Principal purpose of the GOP committee plan is to assure the Republicans a majority of one on each of the Senate's 15 committees. It also would give newer senators a chance for better committee places by enlarging major committees.

One effect would place Morse in the minority on committees. Thus if he kept the two major assignments he now holds—on the Armed Services and Labor Committees—the lineup of these two groups would be: eight Republicans, six Democrats and Morse, an Independent since he bolted the GOP to plus the Democratic ticket in the presidential election.

But this poses a tough problem for the Democrats. They had seven members on each of these committees in the last Congress and, in each case, all seven senators are returning this year.

One Democratic source said it was highly unlikely any one GOP member on either group would get off to take care of Morse.

Some Republican senators insisted an arrangement would be worked out to let Morse keep his two major posts.

Harriman Lodge Sold

Sale of Harriman Lodge, picturesque Upper Klamath Lake resort, has been announced here by attorneys and real estate men who handled the deal.

Friends of the Harriman family, who owned the lodge for several years, and Raymond W. Sikes, Davis, Calif., who formed a partnership with Ruth Johnson to purchase the property.

The lodge was built in the early 1900s by E. H. Harriman, then president of the Southern Pacific Railway Company. It was used by Harriman as a summer home and office headquarters.

Following Harriman's death, the lodge became a resort and guest cabins were built.

In 1939, the property was acquired by G. G. Johnson and Fred Fleet, well known Klamath Falls business man. Later, Fleet and Johnson dissolved their partnership, with Fleet taking the Point Comfort portion of the large tract and some timberland. Fleet has since sold Point Comfort to a Hollywood movie director.

W. Averill Harriman, prominent in the Democratic administration the past several years, is E. H. Harriman's son and spent several summers as a boy at the lodge.

RETURNEEES

Four Klamath Falls soldiers are among 3,846 returnees aboard the transport Gen. John Pope which docked yesterday in San Francisco from the Far East. They are Cpls. Andrew J. and Phillip F. Barry, 526 N. 9th; Cpl. Samuel J. Pool, 5142 Harlan Drive and Pvt. John R. Weinberg, 708 N. 9th.

9 O'Clock Special



TWO MILLS SCHOOL students, Ronnie Ybarra (left), 2234 White, and Dale Ellis (right), 2242½ White, make today's special.

7 Killed In Plane Crash

SEATTLE (AP) — Off course and afire in a storm, a commercial airliner from California carried seven persons to a flaming death at the foot of a mountain 15 miles east of here last night.

Two of the victims were children and two were women. The three men aboard were crew members.

The four-engine DC4, owned by the Flying Tiger Airlines of Burbank, Calif., barely missed Mount Rainier as it crashed into a forest about 10 miles from the worst wind and rain storms, apparently seeking Boeing field here.

Then, witnesses said, it appeared to catch fire at an altitude of 500-600 feet, nosed down and roared straight into a ploughed field.

Vincent Herlihy, a farmer, said his son Michael, 15, saw the plane from a window of their home and shouted, "There's a plane on fire out here."

Herlihy reached the window as the plane hit the ground, sending up a huge flash that lighted the area "like daylight."

He ran to the burning wreckage 600 feet away as explosions sent scraps of metal flying through the air around him. He said any rescue attempt was impossible.

Airline officials said the plane was flying from San Francisco to Boeing Field.

Those aboard were identified as: The pilot, Capt. Charles E. Greber, 33, Worlensdyke, N. J.

The co-pilot, Capt. Budiono Merrill, 48, South Pasadena, Calif.

Low temp. pilot, Warren C. Lowe of Burbank, Calif., and Brookfield, Mo.

Stewardess Janet Woodmansee, 20, Santa Monica, Calif.

Three passengers: Mrs. E. K. McIndeen, formerly of Los Angeles, and her two young sons Gary and Kelly.

Vincent Herlihy, who watched a Flying Tiger Airlines plane crash and burn near his home last night east of Seattle, is a former Klamath area resident.

He was raised at Algoma and later lived at Henley. He has lived in Washington only the last few years. He is the son-in-law of Ben Nork, Langell Valley.

Herlihy was a lieutenant colonel in the Navy's air service during World War II.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Rainy and windy Thursday and Thursday night. Showers of mixed rain and snow Friday. High Thursday 46, low last night 35 High tomorrow 46.

Low temp yesterday 35
Low temp today 35
Precip yesterday 2.9
Since Oct. 1 5.87
Normal for period 5.15
Same period last yr 5.99