

CHINESE REDS SEIZE US BOAT

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WHEN THIS BIG FREIGHT RIG jackknifed and overturned on the hilltop curve at Klamath View Auto Court just south of town shortly after midnight last night, traffic was badly snarled for hours. Sam Campagna, Portland, driver and owner of the rig, would not allow it to be moved until an insurance adjuster could investigate. Until the rig's tractor unit was moved the icy highway was almost completely blocked and

several cars attempting to get around went into the ditch. Campagna's brother, Joe, was asleep in the cab's bunk when the wreck occurred. Neither of the brothers was injured. Campagna said he went into a skid when he braked the rig because an approaching car was skidding into the wrong lane ahead. The freight van was loaded with produce.

30 Airmen Die In Crash

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—A four-engined transport plane crashed and exploded in a ball of fire south of here last night, killing 30 airmen passengers from a Rowell, N. M., base and five civilian crew members.

The plane, a Transocean Air Lines DC4, struck a hill near Decoto just a few minutes after it cleared for a landing with the Oakland Airport. Decoto is the area of California's worst air disaster—50 killed in the crash of a United Air Lines plane under similar circumstances Aug. 24, 1951. That plane, too, was about to land.

Alameda County Sheriff's Capt. Richard E. Condon at the scene of the Transocean crash said there were no survivors.

HEAVY DRIZZLE
Eyewitnesses said the aircraft, flying through a drizzle, smashed into the hill, broke into bits and then burst into flames.

Mrs. Henry Andrade, who lives only 300 yards from the crash scene, said she heard a crash and then a series of explosions. She ran as close to the burning plane as she could.

"I saw men with their clothes on fire — some on the ground — some trying to get up, staggering, falling back into the flames."

Alameda County sheriff's officers said bodies could be seen burning within the portion of the fuselage that remained intact. The wreckage of the plane was scattered over a quarter-mile radius in the soft, newly-plowed field where it fell.

The civilian crew included two stewardesses. The 30 airmen were from Walker Air Force Base. The Air Force said the airmen were support and maintenance specialists en route to the Far East for a tour of duty with the 509th Bomber Wing. The wing's location was not disclosed.

Man Brutally Stomped To Death In Mystery Slaying At Beatty; Suspects Held

A young Indian man—still unidentified at noon—was beaten and stomped to death early this morning in a house at Beatty, and two persons are temporarily held in custody at Beatty in connection with the brutal slaying.

The man appears to be in his late 20s or early 30s, and possibly may not be a member of the Klamath tribe.

Officers investigating the crime put two Indians, Francis Alvin Hutchinson, 29, and Eileen Foster, 56, in jail at Beatty for questioning.

The slaying occurred at Ellen Foster's house, located back of the Frank Schmidt store and near the jail, right in town at Beatty. Apparently the victim died around midnight or shortly afterward.

Blue Book Draws Fire

SALEM (AP)—A legislative committee is going to confer with Secretary of State Earl T. Newby to try to get the Oregon Blue Book improved.

Rep. Francis Ziegler, Corvallis, promised that his Ways and Means Subcommittee would look into the matter after Rep. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie, launched a sharp attack on the book as being obsolete, carelessly edited, and only of limited use.

The book, containing information about Oregon and its state and local governments, is published every two years. The next edition will be printed late this year.

Dr. George H. Adler, coroner, said the beating the man took was "the most vicious" he had ever seen in his 20 years as coroner.

He performed an autopsy at Ward's Funeral Home and determined that there were no bone fractures, that a severe brain hemorrhage was the cause of death.

Dr. Adler said it appeared to him that the man had been stomped and kicked with high-heeled cowboy boots. Probably, he said, the beating continued long after the man was unconscious or dead.

Officers followed bloody boot tracks out of the house over to the residence of Francis Hutchinson, and found Hutchinson in bed, asleep or passed out from drink. His clothes were blood-stained.

Mrs. Foster had gone to bed at her house. Asked if she didn't see the dead man on the floor, the woman said she did, but thought he was sick.

Officers found two empty whisky bottles in the house, another outside, and several empty beer bottles.

The Klamath Indians received per-capita pay checks Thursday and Friday.

Bulletin
MALIN BOY INJURED
Clyde Bushaw, 18, was reported seriously injured in an automobile wreck 1 1/2 miles south of Malin about 1:30 this afternoon. A car driven by Jake Taylor, another Malin teenager, went out of control and sheared off several fence posts. The car was said to have been almost completely demolished. Young Bushaw received emergency treatment at Malin and was given a blood transfusion. He was being brought to Klamath Valley Hospital here at press time.

American Jets Down 5 MIGs

SEOUL (AP)—Allied Sabre jets today shot down five Communist MIGs and damaged seven others in the skies over North Korea.

Two American pilots downed their 10th MIGs and became double aces during the furious air battles.

Capt. Manuel Fernandez Jr. of Miami, Fla., and Capt. Harold E. Fischer Jr. of Swea City, Iowa, each raised his MIG destruction score to 10, the Fifth Air Force said.

Fernandez shot down two MIGs this afternoon while Fischer shot down one.

On the ground, there were only sporadic clashes between mud-caked soldiers as steady rain soaked the 155-mile battlefield until near dawn.

Allied fighter bombers sliced through clearing skies to strafe and bomb the Communist front and just behind the Red lines.

Twenty American Superforts blasted Red troop and supply centers in North Korea during darkness.

First Lt. Richard P. Guidrez, from Louisiana, made two MIG claims—one downed and one damaged—his first of the war.

He got the first MIG and sent flames streaming out of the Red's tail pipe. Guidrez then went after another MIG that was on the tail of his flight leader and opened up. With one MIG down and another damaged, the Reds broke off the fight and fled.

Zapotocky Takes Over Czech Reign

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—Antonin Zapotocky, 48-year-old former Nazi concentration camp trustee wanted by the Dutch on war crimes charges, was elected Communist President of Czechoslovakia Saturday.

Prague radio announced the rubber-stamp Czech Parliament voted unanimously, 271 to 0, to put the one-time trade union leader in the seat vacated just a week ago by the death of President Klement Gottwald, 56, caught in a fatal cold at the funeral of Joseph Stalin in Moscow, according to Communist announcements.

The deputies, summoned Friday to a session to elect a President, learned only after they got into the hall who was to be the nominee.

Then it was announced the Central Committee of the Communist Party and the Communist-dominated national front proposed Zapotocky, a life-long revolutionary and union boss who got only an elementary education in his youth.

The announcement by Deputy Prime Minister Vilem Siroky was greeted by loud cheers, and Zapotocky was sworn in within 15 minutes.

The supreme Soviet, in Moscow, had more notice when it was called upon just last Sunday to confirm Georgi Malenkov as Stalin's successor as Prime Minister. Malenkov had previously been chosen by the higher echelons of the party and government and had been in office nearly 10 days when the Soviet Parliament was called upon to rubber stamp him.

The Czech Central Committee also proposed to Zapotocky that Vilem Siroky be the new premier.

Prague radio also announced the Central Committee had appointed Antonin Novotny to head the party secretariat, another job formerly held by Gottwald. Novotny was made a member of the eight-man politburo in December, 1951. The broadcast disclosed to the outside world for the first time that he has been a vice-premier, and said he would keep that job.

Zapotocky has been premier since shortly after the Communists seized power in February, 1948, by threatening Eduard Benes, the ailing and aging President, with bloodshed and forcing him to agree to an all-Communist cabinet.

Medford Man Said Owner Of Craft; 7 Others Aboard

By FRED HAMPSON
HONG KONG (AP)—A 42-foot sailing boat flying the American flag and carrying two U.S. news and radio correspondents and five others was captured Saturday by a Chinese Communist armed vessel between Hong Kong and Macau, the Royal Navy Observatory said Friday night.

The craft was towed toward Communist controlled Lapsalai Island, 16 miles west of Hong Kong, the Navy reported.

The craft was believed to be the yacht Keri, owned by U.S. newspaper and radio correspondent Richard Applegate of Medford, Ore.

Applegate, accompanied by International News Service correspondent Don Dixon left Hong Kong Saturday morning on a projected one day sail to Macau. They planned to pick up International News Photo Service photographer David Cicero at Macau for the return trip.

The other five passengers were not identified but reportedly included a reservist in the U. S. Navy.

It was not immediately clear whether the boat was on its way to Macau or returning to Hong Kong at the time of capture. It was about five miles from Lapsalai Island.

Lapsalai is six miles due west of Hong Kong and along the main route to Macau, 40 air miles distant from the crown colony.

EASTERN DUTY
Applegate came to Hong Kong recently after covering the war in Korea for several months for the United Press. He resigned from the news agency in Tokyo and has been representing the National Broadcasting Co. here.

He purchased the Keri, a yawl and was outfitting it for a world cruise.

Dixon and Cicero arrived in Hong Kong from Formosa for a holiday before returning to assignments in Korea.

The Royal Navy said its observatory on Lapsalai Island saw the sailing craft intercepted about 5:25 p.m. and taken to low toward Lapsalai, about 10 miles farther west from Lapsalai.

The observatory lost sight of the two vessels as they neared the Communist Isle.

In New York, spokesmen for United Press and the International News Service said they had been unable so far to ascertain definitely whether the two staff members were aboard the boat.

Arnold Disher, U.S. Navy manager, said Applegate was the yacht's skipper and that the crew consisted of seven men.

Applegate said he had copied several sources to try to determine if Applegate was involved, but so far had no further information.

Applegate, 37, has worked for the UP for 17 years, and formerly was UP's Southeast Asia manager with headquarters at Saigon. He was in the Navy in World War II, returned to the UP New York office, and went back to the Far East in the fall of 1945.

Russ Chief Resigns As Secretary

MOSCOW (AP)—Prime Minister Georgi M. Malenkov, new chief of the Soviet government, has resigned his post as secretary of the Russian Communist party's powerful Central Committee. A five-man Secretariat, headed by former Ukrainian party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev, takes over.

The change was announced today by Pravda, the party's newspaper. It said a plenary session of the Central Committee accepted Malenkov's resignation March 14.

The announcement made it clear that the 58-year-old Khrushchev, who gained a reputation for firm policies in the Ukraine, will devote his full time to the task of administering the party. He will operate under the leadership of the committee's 10-member Presidium, which is still headed by Malenkov.

FULL ATTENTION
The new setup will allow Malenkov to concentrate full attention on his post as prime minister.

The four other members of the new Secretariat were listed today—probably in their order of importance—

Mikhail Suslov, 81, former party leader in the North Caucasus and Lithuanian republic and recently editor-in-chief of Pravda.

Peter Popov, ex-Pravda editor who long headed the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute as a leading theoretician.

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Reed Prexy States Policy

PORTLAND (AP)—If the college differs from the business world, that is well and good, Dr. Duncan S. Ballantine told Reed College on his inauguration as Reed president here Saturday.

"It is the diversity of its purposes which makes a society democratic... The unity of a free people does not depend upon their uniformity," he said.

"There is no more sense in a society made up of identical parts than in a football team composed entirely of quarterbacks or left tackles... If our off-professed concern for the individual means anything, we must be willing also to accept individuality—being different."

Grog By Glass Due On May 4

PORTLAND (AP)—Liquor by the drink will be available in Oregon by May 4 if Gov. Paul Patterson signs the bill which has been approved by the Legislature. He has said he will sign.

That was the report Friday of the State Liquor Commission which met here to discuss enforcement and administration policies.

The proposals included: Establishment of three additional liquor commission warehouses—at Roseburg, Grants Pass and Medford.

Licensing as many as possible of the state's planned 800 liquor-by-the-drink outlets to open for business at the same time.

Establishing the policy that density of licensed premises—which cannot exceed one per 2,000 population—will be determined on a state-wide basis. Some areas will have more outlets than their populations would allow and others fewer.

Decided that use of liquor bought outside the state or use of illegally distilled liquor, will be punished by confiscation of equipment and revocation of licenses.

Announced that applications for licenses may be obtained Monday from the commission or from its inspectors.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Partly cloudy through Sunday with high of 46. Low Saturday night 28. High yesterday 32. Low last night 22.

Girls Stage Major Riot In California School As National Guard Alerted

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP)—The riot-ridden Los Gatos School for delinquent girls quieted to an uneasy tenseness during the night, but California Youth Authority Director Heman Stark called the situation a potential powder keg.

Police threw an all-night cordon around the school grounds following two riots in the past 24 hours.

Stark had received an okay from Gov. Earl Warren to alert a company of National Guard troops from Santa Rosa in case of an emergency. But they have not been ordered on to the school grounds yet.

Police said the 160 teenage girls are still uncontrolled. Many are armed with knives and broken glass, officers added.

School officials were overheard commenting that the recent break-up of a homosexual ring may have incited the riot.

The first riot broke out at dinner time Thursday when 15 girls, breaking windows, overturning tables and ripping window screens, made a break for freedom. They were all captured within hours.



LITTLE STEVEN ECCLES had a bad cold this morning and his mother, Mrs. Ivan Eccles, 2135 White, brought him downtown to see a doctor.