



US BLASTS RED ACTION

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Plane Held Shot Down By Red Migs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States Saturday accused Russia of having "willfully and knowingly" shot down an American B-29 bomber over the sea of Japan in July, 1953. It filed a formal damage claim for \$2,765,492.94.

At the same time, the United States challenged Russia — if the Communists deny liability for the damages — to join in taking the dispute to the International Court of Justice.

Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen delivered the 17-page American note to the Soviet foreign office in Moscow Saturday.

In Washington, the State Department made the note public and announced that U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. has been instructed to circulate the text among the members of the U.N. Security Council.

It was the second time that the United States resorted to this extraordinary procedure in pressing what is clearly a campaign to get satisfaction from the Soviet Union for the destruction of American aircraft. The first instance was two weeks ago when Washington asked some 1 1/2 million dollars for a B-29 shot down off northern Japan in October, 1952.

There have been a number of cases where Soviet fighters attacked U. S. planes near Russian borders.

The incident in Saturday's formal diplomatic note occurred on July 29 last year and resulted in 16 Americans dead or missing.

The American account said the B-29 with 12 crewmen aboard was on a flight over the sea of Japan and approached to within 40 miles south of Cape Povorotny, which is in the region of Vladivostok.

It charged that at least two Soviet jet fighters "upon the deliberate and willful orders of competent Soviet authorities" — attacked the big plane without warning and destroyed it.

One of the crewmen, Capt. John E. Roche, the co-pilot, was rescued by American aircraft and naval vessels assisted by an Australian ship.

Three men died as a result of the attack, the Soviet Union was told, and 13 remained unaccounted for, despite a series of notes presented to Moscow in the past asking for information about them and for the release of any who may have been rescued by Soviet ships in the area.

The note said that a dozen Soviet motor boats, an armed trawler and Russian planes were seen near where the B-29 crashed into the sea.

Fort Tejon To Be Honored Sunday

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Oct. 9 (AP) — The 100th birthday of the once proud Ft. Tejon in the Tehachapi Mountains 30 miles south of here will be celebrated Sunday.

The fort, once one of the Army's most important installations in the West, was abandoned in the Civil War. It has been partially restored now and complete restoration is planned.

The Army maintained the fort to discourage rustlers, renegade Indians and stage coach bandits.

Officials Meet To Talk Over Plans For Jet Base At Klamath Falls Airport

Some 15 officials, representing interested parties in various phases of the Klamath Municipal Airport, to be reactivated as a jet base, conferred Friday to finalize details so that construction may commence.

The day-long meeting, held in the council chambers of the city hall, brought together the following:

Col. P. R. Hoehl and Col. George T. Buchmeier, Air Force representatives for the Northwest Region with headquarters at Portland;

Col. J. R. Davis, district public works officer, and Lt. D. W. Feinman, representing the construction agency, the 12th Naval District with headquarters at Seattle;

Herman E. Rohrs, A. J. Libasci, Maj. P. H. Plank, H. B. Lockard, Maj. S. E. Young and Maj. G. E. Ream of the Air Defense Command with headquarters at Colorado Springs, all from the Western Air Defense Force, headquarters at Hamilton Field, California;

Lt. Col. W. C. Morton, from the real estate division of the Air Force with headquarters at Washington, D.C., and William A. Hutchings, from the plans division of the Air Force.

W. M. Henderson and B. F. McCreary, of the Porter, Urquhart and Heavin Co., consulting engineers;

Max Tysor and John Batt, Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla, Washington, which corps is handling the acquisition of real estate.

Capt. Davis said today that construction is planned to commence in March or April of next year; contracts will be awarded sometime previous. Construction is expected to be completed by fall.

Procedure, as described by Col. Hoehl, is thus: When the Air Force has made all its requirements known to the construction agency, the Navy, that agency is responsible for drawing up plans, advertising for and awarding bids and supervising construction on bid specifications.

Col. Hoehl indicated that contracts will be awarded in most cases, on the basis of a low bid on specifications. Some jobs will be general projects, such as paving; others may be broken down into smaller items, but he and Lt. Feinman assured local contractors they will be in the running as far as bidding goes.

Items for construction, according to the lieutenant, include the following: runway and taxiway extensions, jet fuel storage, modifying existing runway lighting from medium to high intensity and the addition of high intensity approach lighting.

Multi-purpose recreation facility, gate house, navigational aids including a ground control approach and an instrument landing system.

Operational buildings, including relocation and enlargement of the existing fire station; base operation building, ready crew building, alert hangar, flight simulated training building.

Five dormitories, mess hall, heating plant, infirmary, cold storage building, paved open storage facilities for equipment, concrete igloo magazine, ready rocket storage building.

Airmen club, non-commissioned officers' club, post exchange and sales store.

Most of the plans for construction items have been started. Howard Perrin, local architect, is currently working on plans for the mess hall, infirmary and fire station.

The military and civilian personnel were invited by Mayor Paul Landry to attend the Rotary luncheon at noon.

Bids Called At Dalles Dam

PORTLAND (AP) — Bids will be called about Oct. 15 for another 10 million dollars worth of construction on The Dalles Dam, the Army Engineers announced Friday.

The work will include construction of the non-overflow dam, fishway entrance and channel, fish lock and approaches, superstructure for 14 main unit bays in the powerhouse, service station unit, fish turbine bay, and installation of government-furnished property at the damsite.

This will be the sixth major construction contract for the 300 million dollar Columbia River dam. Five preceding contracts have totaled \$80,908,000.

Hazel Still Out At Sea Today

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Hazel whirled its 125-mile-per-hour winds in the Central Caribbean Sea Saturday still on a west-northwest course that posed no immediate threat to land.

Navy hurricane hunter planes were not penetrating the great disturbance because of its violence. They were warned away from it after a crewman of a plane was injured.

The San Juan, P.R., Weather Bureau called Hazel "very dangerous." It was expected to continue on its west-northwest course in the open Caribbean Sea. The present course would take it south of Jamaica.

Winnie Calls For Water Glass

BLACKPOOL, England (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill, known throughout Britain for his love of brandy, called for a glass of water Saturday midway in his speech before the Conservative Party convention.

After drinking it on the rostrum, he was cracked to his audience: "I only do it to show you that I can."

Delegates roared with laughter.



ALL IN A WHIRL of dinners and dances, buying royalty's robes and breathlessly waiting for tonight were these five pretty girls, caught in the lens of the Herald and News cameraman while on a trip to Klamath Falls Friday. Tonight at the stroke of midnight, her majesty, Queen of the 1954 Klamath Basin Potato Festival and her royal court will be presented to her subjects at the Queen's Ball in the Merrill Community Hall. Votes for favorites may be cast until the witching hour. Left to right are Agnes Unruh, Malin, Maureen Lyon, Henley, Mary Johnson, Merrill, Joan Daley, Bonanza, and Marylou Steyskal, Tulelake. Candidates are chosen by vote of the junior or senior classes and the school faculties.

AAC Denies Air Alerts

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Alaska Air Command headquarters here disclaimed any knowledge Saturday of strange planes being detected recently in Alaska skies.

Air Command authorities said vapor trails at high altitudes could be caused by such things as Scandinavian Airlines planes on flights over the polar cap to the Orient, or bush flying making Arctic hops for which no flight plans are filed.

These "contrails" not made by U.S. military planes are not necessarily created by enemy aircraft, the Air Command said.

The Air Command's comment was in response to queries about a published report Friday which said unidentified planes had been detected over Alaska recently, both by sighting of vapor trails and by radar.

Freighter Rescues Five Survivors Of Boat Upset

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The Coast Guard said Saturday the Greek freighter Macedonia had picked up and identified five survivors from the 48-man crew of the capsized ore freighter Mormackite.

The Macedonia also said it had recovered one body.

Meanwhile, one of the Coast Guard search planes over the area, about 150 miles east-southeast of Cape Henry, Va., reported that survivors are scattered over a wide area, making recovery by the vessels in the vicinity difficult.

The pilot reported he was afraid some of the men were going to die and for that reason he asked and received permission to land his seaplane and attempt to recover some of the survivors.

The Coast Guard 5th District headquarters at Norfolk, which granted the pilot permission to land, described it as a dangerous operation.

One of the survivors, Michael Angel Hernandez, chief steward of the Mormackite, said the 6,000-ton freighter had capsized. Coast Guard officials estimated the ship sank early Thursday when there were high winds and rough seas in the area.

Other survivors were listed as Sheld Sullivan Jr., an oiler, John Davis, a deckman, Charles Williams, an ordinary seaman, and Tadeoel Valle, an able seaman.

Meanwhile, the S.S. Maritime Trader reported that it had arrived in the area and that planes were directing her to the survivors.

The Mormackite was said to have a crew of 48 aboard and no passengers. Bound from Buenos Aires to Baltimore, it was last heard from Wednesday at 8 p.m. Her owner, the Moore-McCormick Line, reported the ship overdue at Cape Henry Friday afternoon and the Coast Guard launched an immediate search.

Sewer District Meeting Planned

Residents of the south suburban area interested in formation of a sewer district met last night in preparation for a general meeting to be called in the near future to inform residents of the facts and cost of the proposed annexation to the city of Klamath Falls.

The group is headed by Frank Steele.

Interested persons may call Mrs. Frances Schmeck, 4019, Mrs. Hazel Sturgeon, 4009, Roy Arnold, 6010 or George Mende, 7505.

Weather Balloon Experiment Opens

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Any mysterious white balls or flashing lights seen moving across the United States from now to Dec. 15, high in the air, will have no connection with flying saucers, the Air Force announced today.

They will be 37-foot plastic balloons, released near Tracy, Calif., and designed to rise to a 38,000-foot altitude where prevailing westerly winds of from 28 to 110 miles an hour will float them eastward.

Timing devices will explode the gas-filled bags after between two and three days' travel, and 300 pounds of "experimental equipment" suspended beneath them will parachute to the ground, to be turned over to the nearest air base by anyone discovering them.

Ullman Pledges "Buy Back" Of KF Transmission Line

Al Ullman, Democratic candidate for Congress, said Friday night he would "fight to provide the Klamath area with a source of low-cost power for industry by introducing legislation to buy back the Klamath transmission line which was peddled by the administration to tighten monopoly control and raise power rates a year and a half ago."

"The people of Klamath County were robbed of their heritage when the transmission line was sold out, isolating the area from the Columbia Basin's potential 30,000,000 kilowatts of power," Ullman told a Democratic meeting at the fairgrounds.

"In the face of declining population, Klamath County needs the Bonneville transmission line so that new industry can tap the low-cost power supply. When I get to Washington I will introduce legislation to buy back the Klamath transmission line at cost, less depreciation."

"Only a small portion of the line was unfinished when the administration, with the approval of my opponent, sold the line. Since that time power rates in this area have crept an average of 20.4 per cent."

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As usual in general election years, the minds of our people in Oregon are occupied this year with candidates. It might be well to remind ourselves this far in advance that on the ballot at the 1954 election there will be measures as well as candidates.

There will be eight statewide measures on the Oregon ballot — five of them submitted by the legislative assembly and three submitted by petition.

It's none too early to be giving them some thought.

There will be a proposal to amend the state constitution by removing the STATE from the present six per cent limitation on increase in STATE tax levies (the minor subdivisions such as counties, cities, school districts, etc., would not be affected.)

In its place a limit of SIX MILLS on the dollar of assessed valuation for STATE purposes would be imposed. There would be two exceptions: 1. Levies required for debt service (interest on bonds, for example.) 2. Levies authorized by vote of the people.

I'm going to mull that one a while. If we're going to have a limit on state property taxes, I think I'd rather stick to the old six per cent one, with which we're reasonably familiar.

There will be a constitutional amendment permitting creation of sub-districts within a county (or a legislative district) for election of senators and representatives. Thus Klamath County might be divided into senatorial or representative districts instead of having all legislative candidates go before the voters of the whole county.

I'll vote NO on that one. In Southern Oregon, at least, our counties are homogeneous economic units. Let's not stir up rivalries by creating legislative DISTRICTS within counties.

There will be a constitutional amendment increasing the number of signatures required on initiative petitions for CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION OF OREGON. The present requirement is eight per cent of the legal voters. The proposed change would raise the figure to ten per cent. (The percentage is figured on the number of ballots last cast for justice of the supreme court.)

That one I'll vote for. I'd vote for it even more readily if it increased the percentage to 25. Constitutions are BASIC laws. As such, they should be changed only when there is a real and pressing need for FUNDAMENTAL change.

In Oregon, we change our constitution as easily as we change our shirts.

There will be a constitutional amendment to permit the legislature to fix the salaries of its members.

I'll vote against that. It's not that I lack faith in the integrity of our legislature. Such a system lends itself too readily to grandstanding by featherbrain demagogues. The members of our congress (which lists its own salaries) provide a shining example of that. Nothing could be more absurd than the antics of a lot of our U.S. senators and representatives on the subject of their own salaries.

P.S. I think legislative salaries in Oregon are too low and should be raised to some reasonable figure — say \$1200 a year.

There will be a bill to authorize location of a state mental hospital in the vicinity of Portland. (One purpose of the bill is to get around the provision in the Oregon constitution that state institutions can't be located outside Marion County without express consent of the voters of the state.)

I'll reserve judgment on that one until I know more about it.

There will be an initiative measure to repeal the Oregon milk price control law.

I'll vote against that one. In these days, nearly everybody has price protection in one form or another for his product. If anybody deserves price protection, it



JENNY WILSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne A. Wilson of Medford, has been selected by the office machines technology class members at OTI as their candidate for Homecoming Queen. She is a first year medical technology student after finishing high school at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Jennie will compete with four other girls, each of whom is being sponsored by other classes.

GOP Sounds Rally Call

DENVER (AP) — Republican leaders beamed urgent appeals Saturday to independents and Democrats to rally behind their drive for a GOP-controlled Congress.

Confronted with a gloomy state-by-state roundup of Republican chances, party leaders who conferred with President Eisenhower here Friday were reported to have decided the only way they can win this year's election is to interest in their cause the independent enthusiasts credited with electing Eisenhower in 1952.

A White House source said that there was a discussion of critical Senate races, including those in Ohio, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Oregon and Idaho, with varying opinions as to whether the Republicans in those states could beat off their democratic opponents.

Weather

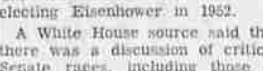
FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy through Sunday with few showers Sunday. Low tonight 31, high Sunday 65.

High yesterday 59

Low last night 27

THE CAMPAIGN STETSON

of the late Walter Pierce, ex-governor of Oregon, is back in circulation, this time worn by Al Ullman, Democratic candidate for Congress. The hat, given to Pierce when he first became governor, was taken out of storage and presented to Ullman by Mrs. Pierce, who says that after this campaign he will be presented to a museum in La Grande.



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Ullman said his opponent would be in this area next week and suggested that voters "ask him what he will do to help bring in low-cost energy needed to attract industry."

Ullman said the history of Northwest power development shows that new industrial development has followed extension of Bonneville system transmission line.

"Sale of the transmission line closed off the hopes for new business growth, new jobs and more industry just like turning off a faucet," he added. "I want to see more competitive, free enterprise brought to Klamath County."

Ullman also discussed liquidation of the Klamath Indian Reservation and warned that the new law contains no provisions for sound watershed management practices nor sustained-yield logging practices after disposal into private hands.

"Both these programs are needed to protect the economy of this area for generations to come," he said.

Ullman left for a speaking engagement in Bend Saturday. He will return to attend the Merrill Potato Festival on October 23, and for a rally tentatively scheduled for October 29.

IN A HUDDLE OVER HAM

Discussing the ham dinner to be served Saturday, October 16, in the Sacred Heart Academy gym are, from left, football captain, Gary Thill; dinner chairman, Mrs. John Howard; coach, Jim Souza; food chairman, Mrs. Neil Hurley. Serving time is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the SHA athletic fund and the event is sponsored annually by the Mothers Club, of which Mrs. Lyle Durrell is president. Menu includes ham, apple sauce, string beans, mashed potatoes, relishes, homemade cake and ice cream. Tickets are available from club members, SHA students, and will be on sale at the door.

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