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In The Day's News

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This is Veterans Day.

Veterans Day grew out of Armistice Day.

Armistice Day — meaning the FIRST Armistice Day — was unique in human history because it was inspired by the worldwide belief that it MARKED THE END OF WAR. We weren't just celebrating a military victory on that first Armistice Day. We thought we were celebrating the beginning of a world at peace. Back in 1918 our victory over the Kaiser's Germany seemed to us so decisive that there never could be another world war.

That is why it was celebrated so fervently.

We were mistaken then.

Let's look now at some other mistakes.

We made an epochal one when Hitler invaded Stalin's Russia. Common sense should have told us to stand aside and let the two dictators destroy each other. We didn't.

We stepped in and saved Stalin.

We made another mistake at Yalta, when we placed the boundary between communism and the free world on the Elbe river.

As a result of that mistake, we had to turn back from Berlin and give half of Germany and all of Czechoslovakia to Stalin and communism.

Why all this talk of mistakes?

MISTAKES ARE IMPORTANT.

They are important because they are identifiable in the clear light of hindsight.

We should STUDY mistakes and seek to avoid making more of them.

At the moment, it looks like we're getting ready to make another epochal mistake.

The printed pages and the air waves are full of talk of a CRASH program, which will cost BILLIONS, to put an American satellite into outer space months ahead of the time we had planned to do so.

WHY?

That race is LOST.

That horse is DEAD.

Why spend BILLIONS to reincarnate a dead horse?

More powerful rockets—YES!

Rockets are missiles. Missiles carry warheads. More powerful ones will hit the enemy farther away.

An anti-missile missile to INTERCEPT enemy missiles and destroy them before they get here—YES!

Making better missiles and making them faster than the Russians can make them, meanwhile perfecting our techniques of bomber retaliation so that the Russians will hesitate to start something they may not be able to finish—YES!

All that makes sense.

But spending BILLIONS to toss another satellite into outer space months ahead of the time we had planned to do it, just because the Russians have already done it, . . . That would be confusion worse confounded.

In that way lies madness.

Stone Too Big, So Rites Off

LONG BEACH, Calif. (U)—

Bricklayers' faces were as red as the brick in their new union hall.

Members of Local 13 of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union gathered yesterday to lay the cornerstone and dedicate the building.

Secretary John J. Murphy of Washington, D.C., laid the mortar in the hole prepared to receive the granite stone.

Brother bricklayers hoisted up the stone. It was too big for the hole.

So they carted it back to the old union hall and rescheduled the ceremonies for Nov. 20, by which time the hole will be enlarged.

Typhoon On Rampage In Luzon Area

MANILA (U)—Typhoon Kit

lashed populous Luzon island to day. Political observers saw it as a possible boost for President Carlos P. Garcia's already strong chances in tomorrow's presidential election.

The big storm, carrying winds of up to 120 miles an hour, was expected to cut completely across Luzon, north of Manila, through sections considered strong for major opposition candidates Jose Yulo of the Liberal party and Manuel P. Manahan of the Progressive party.

Since typhoons usually bring heavy wind and flood damage, it was considered likely many voters in the rural areas would not be able to reach the polls. Garcia's administration and his Nacionalista party's machine also are in a better position than others to provide transportation to the voting booths.

Garcia's office said there was a possibility the storm might ground his plane tomorrow, preventing him from return to his home island of Bohol to vote.

Clark Field, the U.S. air base, was in the path of the storm and transport planes were flown to Formosa and Okinawa. Jet fighters were lashed down or put into hangars.

Meanwhile, scattered political violence increased as campaigns neared an end. Tension mounted principally in areas where bitter congressional battles are being fought.

Two followers of Garcia's Nacionalista party were killed over the weekend in Ilocos Norte province, a Liberal party stronghold. That raised to 13 the number of political killings since the campaign began.

The total, however, remained lower than in the 1953 presidential and 1955 senatorial campaigns.

Garcia, 61, is favored to win four years in the presidency, to which he succeeded last March when President Ramon Magsaysay was killed in a plane crash.

Many Flee As Po Dikes Fold

ROVIGO, Italy (U)—The rain-swollen Po, North Italy's mightiest river, burst its dikes Monday, flooding thousands of acres of farmland and driving hundreds from their homes.

Soldiers, firemen and police were rushed to the danger zone in the Po delta, where dikes guard towns of up to 25,000 inhabitants who live almost at sea level.

Eleven big tugs battled the swollen river's floodtide to haul tons of sandbags and stone to teams of volunteers trying to plug breaches in the dikes.

The city of Rovigo sent scores of rowboats by truck to be used in rescuing marooned farm families from lands in some places seven feet under water.

The peril magnified hourly as a strong east wind carried an exceptionally high tide into the "vast rice and grain growing delta from the Adriatic to pile up against the river's flood current."

The dikes were built, or in some places raised, after disastrous floods killed 100 and sent tens of thousands fleeing six years ago this month. Damage in that flood was estimated at 48 million dollars.

Last Minute Entry Wins Pot

SAN FRANCISCO (U)—The first "Pauline Bunyan Log Cutting Contest" started shakily when it was found there were more prizes than contestants. The sponsors recruited petite Mrs. Jean Davis of Arrostook County, Maine, from the crowd to compete. When the sawdust settled, Mrs. Davis had won first prize.

Hopes Dim For Rescue Of Plane Crew; Lights Fail To Provide Search Clue

HONOLULU (U)—Hopes of rescuing any of the 44 persons missing since Friday night on a vanished Pan American stratoscruiser in the Pacific virtually flickered out Monday.

Three flares sighted Sunday night were probably "shooting stars" or from other search aircraft, a Coast Guard spokesman said. "They were flight flares and that's always kind of doubtful," as a distress signal.

But William E. Chapline, the Coast Guard commander of the search operations, said:

"We certainly feel the search is by no means over. We have not thrown in the sponge by any means."

Investigation of the flares continued after daybreak as part of a gigantic search operation covering 172,440 square miles of the ocean.

But no trace of the missing plane, "Romance of The Skies," had been found, more than 2½ days after last word from the huge flying clipper.

Additional search aircraft flew out from Oahu island at daylight to join the Pacific's greatest air-sea rescue mission. Planes, helicopters, submarines, the aircraft carrier Philippine Sea and a small fleet of Coast Guard vessels searched the ocean's swells for traces of the plane after a series of possible clues faded out.

The destroyer escort Epperson had been ordered to investigate the flares sighted Sunday night.

Monday the Coast Guard requested all scheduled airline flights to resume following their course between Honolulu and San Francisco. All lines had been circling the area where the stratoscruiser was last reported.

Long range radar-equipped Navy Constellation reported seeing two flares at different points—540 miles west of the plane's position when it radioed routinely Friday night before disappearing. The second was slightly west of the first.

Earlier, hope had flickered and faded with a report of the sighting of a yellow dye marker, "a flare and something red" at a spot 45 miles west of the airliner's last position.

Hours elapsed before two ships reported that nothing could be found at that spot. A Coast Guard spokesman said re-evaluation of the sighting—reported by a lone airman—indicated it could have been a school of whales instead of a marker, or possibly other fish.

Another hopeful report—that of an oil slick—was being thoroughly checked by surface craft.

The airliner—Romance of the Skies—carried 36 passengers and a crew of eight from San Francisco toward Honolulu. At 5:04 a.m. Friday it routinely radioed its position 1,028 miles east of Honolulu. The pilot was supposed to make another routine report at 6 p.m. He didn't. The plane abruptly, and silently, disappeared.

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Syria On Alert For Buildup

DAMASCUS, Syria (U)—All Syrian army units in the north were ordered on the alert Monday in a show of alarm at what an army spokesman called unusually large Turkish troop movements along the border.

Foreign Ministry sources said the cabinet held a two-hour meeting about midnight to consider "the motives of the sudden Turkish activities."

The army spokesman said "large-scale, night-long unusual and unprecedented military movements" of Turkish units took place, and as a result all necessary precautions were being taken by Syria.

Foreign Ministry sources reported about 300 Turkish vehicles, including tanks, began moving last night when Turkish villages and border outposts along the border were suddenly blacked out. These sources said the movements were noted at four points in the general area of Bab Al Hawa, northwest of Aleppo.

This how of alarm about the northern frontier, where Syria and the Soviet Union have been charging Turkey with making provocative gestures, coincided with a huge demonstration here against King Hussein of Jordan.

About 10,000 demonstrators, mostly Palestinian Arab students, paraded in the streets shouting "Down With King Hussein" and crying that he was seeking to negotiate with Israel at the expense of Palestinian Arab refugees.

Members of Syria's public resistance organization, carrying shotguns, joined in the demonstration. They carried placards saying "With Blood We Will Defend Palestine Against Intrigues and Treason."

Speeches in front of the government and parliament buildings also denounced Jordan Premier Samir Rifai as an "agent of the Americans and British."

Midwest Feels Mercury Gain

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Southerly winds warmed wide areas of the Midwest today after the season's coldest weather but it was cool again in most of the eastern quarter of the country.

Temperatures dropped to near freezing into northern Georgia as the cold air mass spread across the Atlantic Coast states. Only southern Florida escaped the chilly blasts. Generally fair weather prevailed in most areas.

Snow which fell yesterday in sections of Pennsylvania, New York and northern New England diminished except for flurries. Snow was reported from Syracuse, N. Y., to the Great Lakes region, with falls ranging up to 15 inches at Little Valley and 6 inches at Jamestown, in southwestern New York. Falls across northwestern Pennsylvania ranged from 2 to 8 inches and from 6 to 8 inches in Erie and Warren counties, near the Lake Erie shore.

Wed 51 Years, Each Die 14 Hours Apart

SEATTLE (U)—Mr. and Mrs. Linton P.