

Recent Claim Shows Gains By Commies

TOKYO (AP)—The Communists have realized some gains from the puzzling Soviet charge that a survey ship was attacked by South Korea last Dec. 28.

South Korea denied the accusation, but in doing so, it stated for the record where its small navy operates. That took the teeth out of its threats of force against the movement of Koreans from Japan to Communist North Korea in Soviet ships. The issue also clarified U.S. responsibility for South Korean naval operations.

If that is what the Soviets were fishing for with their Dec. 31 charge, it worked. They have not bothered to pursue the issue or to reply to South Korea's counter-charge that the attacker was a North Korean gunboat, probably firing by mistake.

It would be logical now for Moscow to use the alleged attack as an excuse for stepping up its Pacific fleet operations and perhaps for arming and escorting Soviet ships carrying Koreans from Nikita, Japan, to North Korea.

Moscow charged the hydrographic ship Ungo was attacked by a South Korean gunboat 35 miles northeast of the 1953 armistice line between North and South Korea, causing serious damage and killing one and wounding three crewmen.

South Korea's navy then told the world its warships never operate so far north, even though the waters are international. Navy headquarters said that for safety's sake it keeps its patrols south of the eastward extension of the land boundary.

Had this been public knowledge earlier, there would have been less anxiety over possible attack when the first shiploads of Koreans left Japan for North Korea last month. The ships' course lies far to the north of the line mentioned by the South Korean navy.

Another result of the accusation was to clarify the relationship between the South Korean navy and the U.N. Command. For the sake of Korean prestige, U.S. officials generally soft-pedal the fact that South Korea's navy is under U.S. control. The Soviet charge, however, produced U.S. military backing of Seoul's denial and widespread reporting of U.S. responsibility for the South Korean navy.

Business Changes

LAKEVIEW — Two business changes were effected in Lakeview with the beginning of 1960. M. D. Anderson, operator of a Chevrolet station here since 1948, has announced sale to Ray Engberg of Reno. Anderson has not revealed his future plans.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Giles have bought Pete's Market in the north limits of town and have renamed it Don's Market. Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Pete" Reynolds, former owners, are tentatively planning to leave Lakeview and look for another location.

REBEL LOSSES MOUNT — ALGIERS, Algeria (UPI)—French troops killed 358 Algerian rebels and captured 146 more last week, the French high command announced today. French losses were 45 killed.

23 Years Ago

Monday, January 10, 1937—A program carrying out a night club motif will be presented for the enjoyment of the Lions club Tuesday noon at the Willard Hotel, by the Helen Thranett dance studio. Several unique features have been planned, and a large attendance is expected. Vern Moore will be the chairman for the meeting.

Tuesday, January 11, 1937—The finance committee of the chamber of commerce will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Members are J. W. Kerns, E. M. Chilcote, P. O. Landry and S. W. Percy.

Wednesday, January 12, 1937—Election of officers of the Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for the dinner meeting Monday night. Candidates are: Charles Mack, Kenneth Clark, Jack Brandon, Mohr Reymers, Bob Hooker, Jim Roney, Les Stebbins, Dave Shirr, Sam Mushen, Stew Botsiger, Odell Olson, C. Raney.

Thursday, January 13, 1937—Mr. and Mrs. Bowman of Merrill entertained at a charmingly appointed bridge and pinocle dinner Wednesday evening with five tables of cards in play.

Friday, January 14, 1937—An organized course in skiing instruction, the first ever offered in the Klamath country, is being planned by the Snow Club, local winter sports club, according to an announcement made by Bryant Williams, president of the organization. Five instructors will cover every phase of skiing and are Cecil Morris, Jack Morrison, Hans Heerlein, N. B. Drew and Howard Crawford.

Saturday, January 15, 1937—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker of Merrill, looking for a warmer climate, traveled just after Christmas to sunny, southern California. During their stay six inches of snow hit Los Angeles. San Francisco shivered and roads to Oregon were blocked. The travelers headed north, arriving in Merrill Saturday night.

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Basin Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Becholdt and Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Stewart of Bonanza were called to Eugene by the death of Mrs. Lester (Etta) Abbott.

Eldon Seattle of Langell Valley is employed in Grants Pass.

Mrs. Clyde Wooten of Langell Valley will be hostess for the Bonanza Garden Club January 22. A plant sale will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nork of Klamath Falls visited Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Nixon and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hadley of Bly last Sunday.

Mrs. Luther Noble and Mrs. Howey Roberts will be hostesses for a card party benefiting St. Barnabas Church Guild at 8 p.m. January 16 at the parish hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vaden of Langell Valley entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller of Los Angeles, who were on their way to Corvallis and Seattle.

Midland Extension Unit will study rug making and knitting instead of soup preparation, as originally planned. The meeting is 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the fairgrounds.

Keno Unit of Klamath County Home Extension will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 13, at the home of Marie DeGrande. Homemade soups will be the topic.

Lakeview Branch, American Association of University Women, will sponsor a series of lectures on money management. First lecture will be Tuesday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the county courtroom of the Lakeview Courthouse. Robert Nichols, Lakeview attorney, will speak on wills. The lectures are open to the public.

Private Bobby Doyle, stationed at Fort Ord, was at home in Montague visiting his wife, Linda, the former Linda Fetters, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Grace Fetters, over the holidays. He returned last Saturday to his post.

Collector Finds Minting Error; Value Uncertain

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—It's a penny, or maybe a quarter. But to Tulsa C. O. Riley it could spell dollars.

Riley, a coin collector, has come up with a coin the color of a penny, slightly larger than a nickel and containing markings of a quarter.

The coin was received by a Tulsa bank in a shipment of new quarters and is what dealers term a "minting error."

Riley recalled a similar mistake was made in 1954 when a half dollar was stamped on a quarter planchet—a disc cut the size of the coin to be minted.

"The man who owns that coin was offered thousands for it," Riley said.

Chances for such an error escaping U.S. mint inspectors is considered one in a million.

Notre Dame, a Roman Catholic university, numbers nine Hindus, two Moslems and one Buddhist in its current enrollment.

Income Tax Facts

Editor's Note: This is one in a series of articles on federal income tax filing. These articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

THEFT, DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY
You can get some relief from casualty and theft losses by taking advantage of the legitimate tax deductions you are allowed.

Today's article considers the problems you may have in claiming deductions for theft or casualty losses. Later articles will offer advice on other tax problems of particular interest to homeowners.

There are a great many ways in which your property can be damaged or destroyed, as for example, by fire, storm, flood, or explosion. Generally, a casualty which will give rise to a deductible loss must occur with some suddenness. However, there are situations where the casualty occurs over a period of time and still results in a deductible casualty loss. For example, consider the damage caused by termites.

Say that you purchased your house in June 1957 and at that time a check by experts showed that there were no termites present. Then, in February 1958, you discover that termites have been eating your house from under you. Can you claim a casualty loss deduction for the termite damage? Yes, you can, even though the dam-

age took place over a nine month period.

The casualty here is the invasion of your house by the termites. The money you have to spend to repair the damage to your house as a result of the termite invasion is a good measure of the amount you deduct as a casualty loss. However, it is probable that a casualty deduction will not be allowed where the termite damage did not occur over a relatively short period of time.

You must have ownership of the damaged property to claim a loss deduction. It is quite conceivable that severe damage to the property around your house may cause the value of your property to decline. Although the damage occurred suddenly, you cannot claim a deduction for the loss in value unless your own property was actually damaged.

You can claim a deduction for a drop in the value of your car due to an accident. This is true regardless of whether you or another driver is to blame, unless the accident is a result of your willful negligence. However, if you are responsible for a car accident and have to pay for damage inflicted on

someone else's car, you cannot deduct the payment as a casualty loss.

Determining the amount you can claim as a casualty loss may be very difficult. Generally you are allowed to claim the amount by which your property decreased in value. In other words, the difference between the value before the casualty occurred and the value after the casualty. This may sound simple, but take a look around your house and count the number of items for which you could prove the sales value right now, if you had to. After the accident you can usually get an expert to give a written appraisal of the value, but it is the before-casualty value that may be difficult to prove, even by appraisal. In some cases, a repair bill will be considered suf-

cient to support your deduction.

The best thing you can do is gather together any information that may help support the amount you claim as a deduction. For example, if your house is badly damaged, a qualified architect can often give a reasonable estimate of the before and after value. The appraisal fee, by the way, is a deductible expense.

You can claim a deduction for the value of property that is stolen. The problem in claiming losses from theft is that you will prob-

ably have to show some evidence that the theft took place. Be sure that there is at least a police record of the theft and a report of any findings the police may have come up with. Also, you might keep track of newspaper accounts, insurance reports, and so on. Theft losses are deductible in the year you discover that your property is missing.

You can get additional information on casualty and theft deductions from the instruction booklet issued by the Internal Revenue Service each year.

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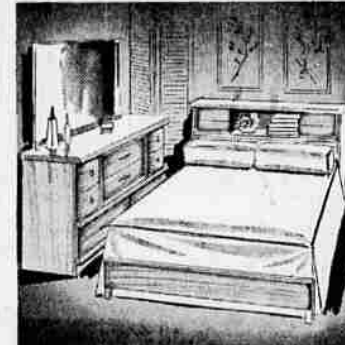
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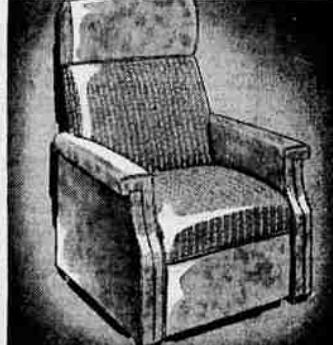
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