

GENERAL GEORGE KILLED IN CRASH

Hero Of Bataan And Melville Jacoby, Newsman, Die In Australia

ALLIE D. HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIA, Apr. 30.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Harold H. George, the man who accomplished the impossible with the tiny U. S. air force on Bataan, has been killed in a flying accident. Allied headquarters announced today.

The announcement disclosed also that Melville Jacoby, Time and Life magazine correspondent, died with Gen. George. No details of the accident were made public, but it was recalled that a Lockheed airliner with 12 military passengers had been missing since April 21 en route to North Australia, and that two days ago this aircraft was given up for lost.

On recommendation of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, General George was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal posthumously and was cited in today's War Department communique for his personal courage, unceasing devotion to duty, ingenuity and leadership "in the execution of seemingly impossible tasks" while keeping his force "intact and effective" in the tragic operations on Bataan.

General George, 49 years old and slight of stature, commanded all air corps effectives in the Philippines from last Dec. 21 until he accompanied General MacArthur on his dramatic trip from Bataan to Australia. Here, he had been air officer on General MacArthur's staff.

The man who kept MacArthur's air force going on Bataan was extremely popular and aggressive. He ate and lived with his men and mixed freely with mechanics and pilots alike.

He won the Distinguished Service Cross for shooting down five German planes while a lieutenant in the air corps in the first World War. A year ago he sailed for Pacific duty and last January he was made a general officer for his distinguished service in the Philippines.

General George's widow and

President Addresses The Nation



Seated at his desk in the White House with microphones before him and his manuscript in a loose-leaf notebook, President Roosevelt is shown as he addressed the nation by radio. He informed the civilian population of the United States that its every member would feel the effect of his newly announced program for stabilizing the cost of living and called for self-denial and sacrifice in the interest of victory.

Jobs Sought For Men Past Forty Years Old

"The U. S. Employment service through its office in Wilmington is sponsoring a national employment week in an effort to secure employment for the men past forty."

Maurice H. Moore, manager of the local employment office announced Thursday night.

daughter, Peggy, 19, live in Redlands, Calif. A son, Robert C., 21, is a private first class at Camp Lockett, near the Mexican border.

Jacoby, 25, also came from Bataan last month with his wife after covering the defense of the peninsula. He was cited today by General MacArthur "not only for literary talents but for complete devotion to military standards," and the communique added: "He could well have served as a model for war correspondents at the front."

The bodies of General George and Jacoby arrived at headquarters tonight and were met at the air field by an air corps squadron acting as a guard of honor.

General George's funeral will be held Saturday with full air force honors. The Jacoby funeral arrangements are incomplete.

"The week of May 3-10 has been designated by President Roosevelt and the governors of the 48 states in order to stress the importance of hiring men of experience and judgment. The employment services are cooperating with the American Legion and other organizations in order to make this week an outstanding success in placing the forty plus worker," Mr. Moore said.

"The cooperation of employers is earnestly solicited in this drive he continued.

"The Wilmington post of the American Legion is bending every effort to make National Employment week, to be observed from May 3 to May 10, an outstanding success."

"This announcement was made Thursday by Robert Strange, commander of the post, who said the purpose of the observance is to find jobs for the 'man over forty'."

National Employment week has been proclaimed throughout the nation by the president, Mr. Strange said, and in North Carolina by Governor Broughton, who has issued a special proclamation designating May 3 as employment Sunday. It is expected that churches in this area will call attention to the problem on that day.

"The prospects for solving the problem of the older worker are brighter today than they ever have been since the inauguration of National Employment week in 1938," said Mr. Strange, "because of heavy increases in the demand for experienced men in national war effort industries."

On April 13, a proclamation was issued by President Roosevelt setting aside national employment week. He said:—

"Annually for the past three years I have designated a National Employment week, urging all people of the nation to give particular attention to the employment problem of older workers, and especially of veterans of the last World war. It is fitting remembrance with respect to the latter, that these men who were in the ranks of America's military forces in 1917 and 1918 not only can serve, but are vitally needed in the ranks of industry and agriculture today. They had something to give in youth and valor then; they have something to give in experience and skill today."

Give The Boys Real Send Off, Stimson Urges

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30.—(AP)—Recruits departing for training camps should receive send-offs from the homefolks in the form of parades and community demonstrations, Secretary of War Stimson said today.

The departure of selective service groups has been marked with considerably less public display in this war than was the case in 1917-18, Stimson said, and War Department officials have been "very sorry" that was true.

Men who have been in the army for several months have developed a high morale, the secretary said, but the moment when a young man leaves civil life to become a soldier with the knowledge of difficulties and danger ahead of him, is a difficult one and is the time for his friends, "to show that we are proud of him."

"We in the War Department favor very strongly any demonstration of that feeling to him," Stimson said.

Colorado Community Is Ripped By Tornado

EADS, Colo., Apr. 30.—(AP)—Four persons were killed today by a tornado which swept through the pine flats farming area near this eastern Colorado community.

Mrs. Clara Koch of the Kiowa county sheriff's office said the dead were Mrs. Charles Davis, 36; Mrs. Max Mays, 23; a filling station operator named Gilbert and Sam Castelmann, about 60.

The tornado struck about 3:30 a. m. (MWT). Mrs. Koch said, and carried the Davis and Mays farmhouses more than a mile.

The Pine Flats school house also was demolished, she reported. Pine Flats is about 5 miles southeast of Eads.

Marriage Licenses Increase In March

Marriage licenses issued to white couples showed an increase of eight over the March figure while licenses received by Negro couples decreased by one, according to records in the office of the register of deeds.

Licenses were issued to 31 white couples and two Negro couples during April.

A total of 111 licenses were received by white couples during the first four months of the year, while Negro couples were issued 15 during the same period of time.

NEW 'RUBBER' TO GET TEST

Inventor Given Opportunity By Government To Put Up Or Shut Up

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30.—(AP)—Within a week or two, government experts will crowd into a little glass laboratory not very far from Washington and demand a put-up-or-shut-up show - down from a man who says he can make rubber from natural gas, grain, and either woodpulp or coal.

The turn of events in that laboratory may spell the end of the nation's rubber shortage—or spell D-U-D in large, crestfallen letters.

Anyway, it will be a chapter in one of the war's strangest stories.

For weeks, harried by the critical rubber situation, the experts have been checking into the inventor's claims - testing his product, attempting to analyze it, and losing sleep over its mysteries. Not even today will any of the government men pass official judgment.

It's the consensus that there's never been any material quite like it - except rubber itself. Known synthetic rubber reactions are missing, analyses seem to show crude rubber, while actual tests with tires indicate qualities superior to synthetic and equal or superior to crude.

Scientifically, the experts say, it's almost unbelievable; therefore, they have their fingers crossed. Thus far, the inventor has refused to disclose vital details of his process or permit government representatives to witness actual production.

But, since there's just a chance the inventor can do what he says he can do—make rubber that's better and cheaper than crude, using raw materials with which the United States is amply supplied—the government isn't missing any bets.

On the strength of the long chance, it was agreed that the inventor would build a small model production plant—of glass, for reasons of economy—and arrange for the show-down. To date, the government hasn't spent a dime and hasn't made any commitments, but Uncle Sam's hand is ready in his pocket on this one.

The inventor hasn't held out for millions of dollars, either. His reasons for moving so cautiously, he says, involve fears of a "run-around;" the process has not been patented, he says; armed men have ransacked his office and threatened him, and a protective police guard has been assigned to his family.

If the tests in the glass laboratory prove his claim, the government experts add dryly, the inventor and his process will become a military secret so fast his head will swim. Plus armed guards, spy-traps and all the fixin's.

Here in Washington, using materials supplied by him, officials have supervised the rereading of four tires. All have been placed on taxicabs and now have run about 3,000 miles. Under stress of taxi driving, they have performed notably.

One new tire also was made by the government, and its production left the experts completely at sea since they discovered the material could be used in making the complete tire—sidewalls, as well as tread.

If the process can be proven, officials say, production facilities could be built rapidly, at far less cost than synthetic rubber plants now under construction, while actual manufacturing costs would run far below those of crude rubber.

Four Naval Airmen Die In Plane Crash

SEATTLE, Wash., Apr. 30.—(AP)—Three officers and an enlisted man were killed and three enlisted men injured in the crash of a Navy patrol plane on a takeoff at an Alaska air station, the 13th Naval District announced today.

The dead: Ensign Frederick Andrew Smith,

pilot and commanding officer. Ensign Glenn R. Van Bramer navigator. Ensign John B. Carroll, co-pilot. Harold D. Cunningham, 2nd class aviation machinists' mate.

The injured: Alvin S. Zettel, radioman 3rd class. Gifford A. King, seaman 2nd class. Ralph Mitchell, radioman 3rd class.

The Navy's announcement did not give the date nor location of the crash.

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