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Airliner Crashes In Newfoundland



Smoke rises slowly from the remains of an American Overseas Airline (top) which crashed after leaving Stephenville, Nfld. A young mother, Mrs. Harriet Van Houten, 21, of Yonkers, N. Y., and her six-month-old daughter, Janet, whom she is shown holding were among the 39 persons who perished in the crash. Map at bottom shows scene of crash. Gander at bottom shows scene of a Belgian airliner crash several weeks ago.

German Politicians Demand Acquitted Nazis Face Trial

Bremen, Oct. 5.—(AP)—High German political officials of the British and American occupation zones proposed formally today that the three defendants acquitted on war crimes charges in Nuernberg be tried by a German court on charge of "crimes against the German people."

The proposal was put forward in a resolution adopted unanimously at a German unification conference attended by Ministers-Presidents from the two zones. Officials from the Russian and French zones were invited but did not attend.

The resolution said the conference was of the opinion that the Nuernberg tribunal had tried the defendants on the basis of international but not domestic crimes.

GIFFORD PINCHOT, 81, EX-GOVERNOR, DIES

New York, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Gifford Pinchot, 81, twice governor of Pennsylvania and an expert on forestry, died last night in Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center here.

Pinchot, ill for some time, had been in the hospital for a week. His wife was with him when he died at 10:30 p. m. EST.

Pinchot gained national fame as a supporter of President Theodore Roosevelt's conservation program. He was chief of the federal department of conservation under Roosevelt and President Taft.

PeaceParley Commission Finish Work

Treaties Will Go Before Full Meet For Final Action

Paris, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Peace conference commissions today completed their work on treaties, which now go before full sessions of the conference for action.

After a 28-hour session, the Balkan economic commission ended a deadlock on reparations, by adopting a British proposal calling for Bulgaria to pay \$125,000,000 jointly to Greece and Yugoslavia, the amount to be divided later by the foreign ministers.

The vote of nine to five was along a 5-5 line.

The delegates were tired as the session ended.

A four-hour virtual filibuster by day delegates, who wanted the Bulgarian reparations question referred to the full commission, ended a 16-hour session. Bulgaria pay \$100,000,000 to Greece and Yugoslavia together and a British proposal to pay that sum to Greece alone, and settle with Yugoslavia later.

Other conference commissions had completed their work on all other clauses of the five peace treaties—for Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary, Italy, and Romania—after three long days and nights of rush-work at the end of 10 weeks of debate.

Market Resumes Saturday Trends

New York, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Little enthusiasm accompanied the resumption of Saturday stock market sessions today and leading issues backed into losing ground on one of the smallest volumes of the past two years.

The ticker tape moped along from the start. Sporadic attempts at recovery generally failed to follow through and declines of fractions of a point or more predominated near the close.

Transfers dwindled to about 400,000 shares.

HOW ABOUT PACUSAN?

Washington, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Everybody knows what a dreamboat is, but how about "Pacusan" as applied to the army's Honolulu plane?

The War Department explained that Pacusan stands for Pacific Air Command, U. S. Army.

The final "N" was tacked on just a round out the word. It doesn't stand for anything.

P. S. As reported received by the Great Falls, Mont., army air base (3 a. m. MST) today placed the bird-seeking plane over Pelly's point, between 100 and 150 miles northwest of the magnetic north pole. The big aircraft was flying at 15,000 feet and reported good weather.

PROJECTS APPROVED

Raleigh, Oct. 5.—The Public Works Administration has agreed to approve projects of the first partial federal-aid secondary and urban roads program. W. Vance Baise, state highway engineer, said today.

Expenditures of the federal funds allocated July 1, had been halted by President Truman's recent emergency order curtailing federal public works, Baise said.

Cab Investigators Probe Stephenville Plane Crash

Stephenville, Newfoundland, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Veteran investigators of the U. S. Civil Aeronautics Board lifted bits and pieces of a giant four-engine airplane today trying to learn why the crash hurled head-on into a 1,200 foot wall of rock Thursday morning, smashing 39 persons to death.

"It is the worst crash in my 37 years experience," said George Gay, regional CAB chief, after visiting the scene of the tragedy.

From eye witness accounts and the flame fused remnants of the American Overseas Airlines plane, investigators today fashioned this version of the crash, the worst in commercial aviation history. The plane was a DC-4 Douglas Skymaster. It had stopped overnight at Harmon Field, on the southern coast of Newfoundland because of bad weather at Gander airport across the island.

Carried 31 Passengers

A crew of eight and 31 passengers were aboard. The tanks had been filled with 2,900 gallons of high octane gasoline for the long overseas hop to Shannon, Eire. The plane used a run-way pointing in a northwesterly direction toward a range of rock capped mountains eight miles distant, which ranged up to 1,200 and 1,500 feet.

Ground crews watched the craft descend normally, a half-hour before dawn, with an estimated 150 feet of altitude before it reached the end of the runway. Suddenly a great billow of flame flared into the sky and cascaded down the stone face of the mountain. There had been no indication the plane had been in trouble.

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RESCUE LADDER NEEDS HELP NOW



HAVING FIGURED in scores of thrilling rescues, a high aerial fire ladder finds itself in need of a little help here. Speeding to a Brooklyn, N. Y., blaze, the fire fighting apparatus was hit by a milk truck and the ladder now looks as though it had had a double milk shake. (International)

Cafe Owners Pleased With OPA's Decision

Meat Meal Prices Can Be Increased Up To 15 Per Cent

Washington, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Restaurant owners accepted with satisfaction today OPA's decision that they may increase prices of meat meals up to 15 per cent next Thursday.

Walter F. Clark, president of the National Restaurant Association, predicted that now they had made their point, many will not take advantage of the full increase.

"Only in some cases where restaurants have had to absorb higher costs will they be passed on to the consumer," he said. But, he expressed gratification that "we have been able to show OPA some adjustment was necessary."

In abandoning its attempt to hold the price of meat meals at the June 30 levels, OPA announced it had acted "to restore the prices of restaurant meat offerings to their normal relationship to the prices of other meats."

Under the new price order, when the increase is applied to a meat offering, which cost 20 cents or more the price will be computed to the nearest nickel. Thus a 30 cent sandwich will go up to 35 cents, not 34 1/2. On charges on less than 20 cents, the prices will be raised in even cents.

Pittsburgh Strike Now Being Felt In Other Cities

Pittsburgh, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Pittsburgh's 12-day-old steelworkers power strike, which has made more than 100,000 workers idle here, today began to have repercussions in other sections of the country.

The basic steel industry in the district is practically unaffected since most of the producing companies have their own generating plants.

Hard hit, however, are the processors and fabricators, makers of finished and semi-finished products, who have been forced to shut down almost unanimously throughout the 47-square-mile affected area. Cancellation of shipment of their products was beginning to make itself felt.

At Detroit, the Chrysler Corp. mentioned the power strike as a contributing factor in an equipment shortage expected to force the lay-off of 25,000 Chrysler and Briggs Manufacturing Co. workers.

British Aircraft Forced Down By Yugoslav Action

Rome, Oct. 5.—(AP)—A British plane was forced down in Yugoslavia today by Yugoslav action, reports reaching Allied headquarters at Caserta said.

Whether the "Yugoslav action" was by fighter plane or by anti-aircraft fire was not learned.

The plane was believed to be the RAF's Bari - Belgrade - Bucharest courier plane, which has been flying this route for months.

Sharp Protest Sent President By Attlee In Palestine Issue

U. S. Statement On Jewish Immigration Resented In London

London, Oct. 5.—(AP)—The British government today sent a sharp protest to the United States against a statement by the President's administration on Jewish immigration in Palestine.

The British press predicted a sharp protest from the British government as a result of the President's statement, a British official spokesman, checking the note had seen it, said it was "personal" and did not expect that it would be made public.

He said Britain was "puzzled" to learn that Mr. Truman had acted so precipitantly, and that the President did not accept the decision of the government "bearing the responsibility for Palestine."

Britain's sole ruler.

Thus the spokesman indicated the view that Britain under its League of Nations mandate remains in control of Palestine and has no obligation to accept suggestions made by the U. S. or any other outside power.

Last night, an official speaking for the Prime Minister said flatly that Mr. Truman's statement "may well jeopardize" British sponsored negotiations to determine Palestine's future.

Earlier the foreign office said Britain would not act upon Truman's appeal "until the whole political future" of Palestine was settled. The President had said that further immigration could not await a settlement.

By diplomatic standards, Britain's statements were quick and sharp, and some London diplomatic sources said they indicated Attlee was angered both by Truman's proposals and his insistence on publishing them despite Attlee's request that publication be deferred.

Behind Britain's deep concern over the presidential statements, lay the following factors:

1.—A feeling that Mr. Truman had affronted the British government by publishing the statements against Attlee's wishes.

2.—A belief often expressed in authoritative British quarters, that Truman's 100,000 figure for immediate Jewish immigration tends to become an absolute minimum Jewish demand.

Churchill Blasts Palestine Policy

London, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Winston Churchill said today that Britain's labor government was "vacillating without any plan or policy" for Palestine and was "holding out a mandate in which they have no vital interest."

The former Prime Minister, speaking in Blackpool at a national conference of the Conservative Party, said the government's tactics "were gaining distrust and hostility both of the Arab and of the Jew and exposing us to worldwide reprobation for their manifest incapacity."

Churchill also charged that the Attlee government had mishandled the Indian problem so badly that "no one can measure the misery and anguish which will overtake these enormous masses of humble helpless millions or under what new power their future and destiny will be."

Capital Confirms Note From Attlee

Washington, Oct. 5.—(AP)—President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee of Britain have exchanged confidential communications in the Palestine question, White House officials said, however, they were not at liberty to disclose the contents of the exchanges.

Feathers for Fall



FOR that chic appearance on a Fall day here's one of the latest creations seen at a New York hat salon. It's a three-quarter type beret of mauve felt, heart-shaped in contour. Pink coque feathers create a graceful effect. (International)

2 Acquitted Nazis Taken From Prison

New Appeals Filed For More Germans; Von Papen In Jail

Nuernberg, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Hjalmar Schacht and Hans Fritzsche, were spirited out of the Palace of Justice jail during the night and hidden from the public in private residences in downtown Nuernberg.

The two were "protected" by American and German police, who had orders from the American Military Government to keep visitors away from their refuge.

The former Nazi financier and radio broadcaster were released without advance notice shortly before midnight and whisked in jeeps to homes obtained for them by U. S. army authorities.

Clemency pleas were filed for Herman Goerring, Walter Funk, Karl Doernitz, Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Alfred Jodl and the SD (swastika organization) just before the 3:45 deadline today.

This made 11 individuals and three organizations that had pleaded for lighter sentences. The final decision is up to the Allied Control Council in Berlin.

Goerring, Seyss-Inquart and Jodl are under sentence of death. Funk was sentenced to a life term and Doernitz to ten years in prison.

Von Papen In Jail

Pleas already had been filed on behalf of Martin Bormann, Hans Frank, Wilhelm Frick, Julius Streicher and Alfred Rosenberg, sentenced to hang, and Rudolf Hess, sentenced to a life term. Bormann, tried in absentia, is missing.

Von Papen remained in jail today. His appeal for permission to enter the French occupation zone was denied yesterday by the French military government. He asked officials to try to arrange for his entry into the British zone, where he originally was arrested when Germany collapsed.

The British army, however, announced at Herford that it would not let any of the three acquitted Nazis into its occupation zone.

Schacht and his wife went to a house on Freling Strasse, and the house financier spent the morning peering up and down, trying to decide what to do next.

Leo Stahl, German police chief, arrested Schacht sometime after midnight, but freed him immediately because a proper warrant had not been prepared. The chief said police would arrest both "later," when American guards had been withdrawn.

BUS CONCERNS WARNED

Raleigh, Oct. 5.—Bus companies operating in North Carolina were told by the State Utilities Commission today they must restore service to prewar standard or face penalties.

Commission Inspector John T. Armstrong said that in the agency's opinion bus lines have had sufficient time to cease overcrowding and use of unsafe equipment. He said most lines owned enough buses to prevent overcrowding but failed to do so because of the increased overhead.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair with little change in temperature tonight and Sunday.