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Food Shortage Threatens Alaska Cities

Russian Planes Fire on U.S. Plane Near Vienna Airport

VIENNA (CP)—Four Russian fighter planes made runs on a United States army transport and fired from two to four shots close to the plane's wings today as the transport came into the United States army airport at Tulln, just outside of Vienna.

The planes were identified as United States-built fighters furnished to Russia by American lend-lease. They followed the transport right to the ground.

JAP CABINET QUILTS IN BODY

TOKYO — Premier Shidehara and his cabinet resigned in a group today under pressure from leading political parties who were expected to join the deposed prime minister in forming a new cabinet.

All the ministers agreed to submit their resignations after Shidehara and Cabinet Secretary Narashi explained to them that this action was "necessary to stabilize the political situation."

Shidehara became premier six months ago after a series of political shake-ups which followed Japan's surrender.



SEARCH FOR REMAINING C-47 CRASH VICTIMS—The snow-covered wreckage of the C-47 transport plane that exploded in air and crashed into a snowbound canyon north of Truckee, California, is examined by a member of the searching party. Snow and rain hindered efforts of the rescuers in their search for the remaining victims of the crash. Twenty-three of the 26 aboard the plane were removed before nightfall. This was one of the worst peacetime crashes in history.

Cannery Men Picket Ships At Seattle

Second Strike Leaves Territory Extremely Short of Food

SEATTLE — Members of the Alaska Salmon Cannery Workers' Union continued to picket Alaska-bound boats today, and officials of the Alaska Steamship Co. said that the strike virtually would cut off all shipping to Alaska points.

The union is asking a 20 cents an hour increase in pay with a 40-hour week, and an increase from \$25 to \$40 for "standby" pay.

The strike, coming on the heels of the Alaska longshoremen's strike which withheld food supplies from the northern territory for 19 days, is creating a situation regarded as critical in the Alaska cities.

The union is picketing Alaska-bound vessels to see that goods for the territorial canneries are not loaded on north-bound boats.

Complicating the food situation in Alaska is a storm which raged over the week-end hampering the sailings of small vessels which set out from Ketchikan and other points to bring food supplies to some of the southeastern centres. At least two boats were damaged in the storm, both managing to limp into Ketchikan harbor. One of the vessels was damaged on a reef in Canadian waters, but managed to make repairs and get to Ketchikan.

The cities of Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway are said to be running low on food as a result of the two succeeding strikes and it is thought that emergency measures may have to be effected to relieve the situation.

ORGANIZING OF LOGGERS

Officials of International Woodworkers of America Visiting District

Nels Madsen, president of the International Woodworkers of America local at Vancouver, and Charles Fraser, international representative, are on a tour of this district organizing various camps in connection with the demand which is being made for a 25c per hour increase in wages, a 40-hour week and union security. Unless a settlement is reached, there is possibility of a strike being called, Madsen and Fraser state.

The two union officials are making the trip in their own boat, Amart, and arrived on Monday of last week from down the coast, leaving Wednesday night for Terrace whence they will return here this Tuesday night and proceed to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Jap Officers Go Underground

TOKYO — Frank L. White, Associated Press correspondent, reported today that many former Japanese army officers are forming groups and secreting supplies in the obvious hope of one day regaining power. White said that he had learned this from "reliable sources—Japanese, Allied nationals and occupation officials." In many instances the identities and locations of the groups are known. They are being watched. An authoritative source at General MacArthur's headquarters said: "To date there has been no evidence of any subversion on any extensive scale."

DIGGER'S DELIGHTS

The three most popular vegetables grown by amateur gardeners are, in order, tomatoes, string or wax beans and onions.

IRAN COURTS REBEL PROVINCE

TEHRAN — Premier Qavam of Iran announced today a seven-point program under which Azerbaijan province might return to the Iranian national government.

He said that his cabinet had "decided to permit the people of the province to have their ideals realized as far as the constitution and laws of the country permit."

He added that no action would be taken against the leaders of the "Democratic Party" in Azerbaijan and that the party would be free to operate in the future.

Eastern Snow Storm Stops Communications

HALIFAX — Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which were cut off from the rest of Canada by an Easter Sunday snow and wind storm that paralyzed communications were today slowly returning to normal. Telephone and air services were restored, but telegraph communications were still not functioning.

Around the city of Moncton, in New Brunswick, snow piled into four-foot drifts and blocked all road traffic.

SPY SUSPECT DENIES CHARGES

SEATTLE — Lieut. Nicolai Redin, 29, of the Russian navy, pleaded innocent today to five counts of an indictment charging that he committed espionage by obtaining secret plans for the U.S. destroyer tender Yellowstone while he was with the Soviet Purchasing Commission here.

Redin's attorneys issued a statement this morning which said that the accused man hopes that the charges against him will not have an adverse effect on Soviet-American relations.

BUZZER TYPES

There are about 3,000 species of mosquitoes.

CHINESE DENY AIR INCIDENT

CHUNGKING — A Chinese government military spokesman today labelled as a "complete fabrication" a charge by the Chinese Communists that United States aircrafts has strafed their forces at Szechingka, Manchuria, last week. United States authorities in China said that the statement had been made by the Nationalist spokesman after an investigation into the alleged incident.

ATOMIC BOMB MORE POTENT

One Could Wipe Out Two Great States of Illinois and Indiana

WASHINGTON — War Department officials denied today the existence of an atomic bomb powerful enough to wipe out two states as charged Sunday by Harold Laski, British Labor Party secretary.

LONDON—Harold Laski, general secretary of the British Labor Party, said yesterday that the United States had developed an atomic bomb of such great power that one could destroy the two great industrial states of Illinois and Indiana while five of them could devastate all of the United States below the Mason-Dixon line.

Laski deplored the secrecy which prevailed over atomic research development.

Jet Plane Whizzes N. York-Washington In 26 Minutes

WASHINGTON — Capt. Martin Smith, U.S. Air Force pilot, flew a jet-propelled P80 plane from New York to Washington today in the record time of 26 minutes and 40 seconds. In the 226-mile flight, the plane made an unofficial speed of 506 miles an hour.

Local Tides

Tuesday, April 23, 1946
High 5:15 17.6 feet
Low 12:15 6.3 feet

The veins are blood vessels which return the blood from the capillaries toward the heart.

CONTRACT FOR SOVIET STAR

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa — A contract at a salary of £20 (\$90) a week and all hotel and travelling expenses for six months has been offered to Halina Lipiawa by a film company which wants her to appear on the stage in the Union.

Halina, who came to Port Elizabeth from Russia to join Harold Seabourne, a South African ex-prisoner of war who denied that he had married her, is a ballet dancer and singer. She also plays the guitar.

She is unable to make any definite reply to the offer until the government has come to a decision about her. The immigration authorities have extended her immigration permit, which expired on March 8, to May 8.

Among the letters Halina has received recently was one from an engineer in Johannesburg offering to marry her.

OVERSEAS VET HEADING HERE

Leading Aircraftsman L. H. Mayfield, who gives his address on leave as "c/o Mrs. Painter, Box 242, Prince Rupert," is among Royal Canadian Air Force personnel returning to Canada from overseas aboard the liner Ile de France which is scheduled to dock at Halifax on Tuesday of this week.

MORE GERMAN PRISONERS ARE POISON VICTIMS

NUERNBERG — United States authorities said here tonight that more German prisoners of war had been stricken with arsenic poisoning in mysterious attempts to kill 15,000 Nazi SS men. The new cases raised the total number of victims ill at Stalag 13 since last Monday to 2,283.

No deaths have been reported yet and none are expected. Four bottles of arsenic were found under the floor of a local German bakery which supplied the arsenic-dusted bread to the regiment of prisoners.

WHALE FLEET IS GOING NORTH

VICTORIA — After four years of inactivity, Victoria's whaling fleet will head north from Victoria this season, Consolidated Whaling Co. officials announced today. Two of the five vessels of the fleet will enter shipyards this week for overhaul and repairs.

Royal Commission Arrives In City

Municipal representatives from various points in this district including Prince Rupert, Terrace and Smithers will present their cases to H. Carl Goldenberg of Montreal, royal commissioner for the province of British Columbia on provincial-municipal relations, who will arrive on the Prince Rupert this Wednesday from Vancouver. The sessions of the commission will be held Wednesday and Thursday. One of Mr. Goldenberg's engagements while here will be as guest speaker at the Prince Rupert Gyro Club luncheon on Wednesday. The commissioner is being accompanied here by Mrs. Goldenberg.

Tortured Fliers, Japanese Hanged

SHANGHAI — Major General Kaburagi, former chief of staff of the Japanese 34th Army, and four of his subordinates were hanged today for their part in the torture parade and strangulation of three United States fliers in Hankow in December, 1944.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis: An active disturbance which has moved over the B.C. coast from the southwest has resulted in general rain and strong winds over coast. Two and one-half inches of rain reported in last 24 hours at Estevan Point on west coast of Vancouver Island. Temperature last night was four to six degrees higher on coast than night before while in the Kootenay region six to eight degrees lower than the previous night giving a minimum of 28 at Cranbrook.

Forecast for Charlottes and North Coast: Cloudy with showers today becoming overcast south of Bella Bella during night with intermittent rain beginning early Tuesday becoming generally cloudy and locally clear off Charlottes by afternoon. Minimum temperature Prince Rupert, 42; maximum Tuesday, 53. Strong southwesterly winds 20 miles per hour becoming moderate southeasterly 15 miles per hour during evening and southwesterly Tuesday morning.



CONSIDER MILITARY PHASE OF U.N.—Secretaries of the U.N. military staff committee, whose job is to draft plans for an international police force, pictured as they met in New York. Left to right, at table: Interpreter V. S. Guinzburg, Russia; Cmdr. J. H. Deprez, France; Capt. Denys Knoll, U.S.A.; Capt. Y. T. Chow, China; Col. V. M. Studenov, U.S.S.R., and Capt. R. D. Coleridge, United Kingdom. Standing are four interpreters, left to right, Lieut. N. E. Gorohova, U.S.S.R.; Lieut. V. Tate, United Kingdom; Flight-Lieut. F. Champanhae, United Kingdom, and Asst. Colonel-Major G. White, United Kingdom.

Pressure Charged in Iranian Case

NEW YORK — Australia's intention that the Iranian case would not be dismissed from the agenda of the United Nations assembly was given added support today with the release by the British government of a report by a diplomat recently returned from Iran.

The diplomat, Michael Foote, charged that he had learned from Iran that that nation's refusal to have the matter dropped from the U.N. agenda was made "strong diplomatic pressure by Soviet Russia."

Others here believe that Russia's request to have the case dropped is presented to the assembly tomorrow it is likely that the representatives of the nations will join Australia's Hodson in resisting the at-

COUPLE CHARGED WITH MURDER

VANCOUVER — Stafford Gee and his wife Beatrice have been charged with murder in connection with the death of William Kimbrell of Kimberley, who died from a third-storey window in a downtown building on Friday night.

A broken window was found where Korvenala was discovered lying unconscious in a fifth floor apartment and his wife apparently had been in the scuffle.

EXECUTIONS IN U.S. ARMY

WASHINGTON — Court martial sentences sent 142 United States soldiers to their deaths during the war years and in the ensuing months, the House of Representatives military subcommittee disclosed today in recommending an extensive overhaul of the army's system of justice.

The group reported that 72 were executed for murder, 18 for rape, 18 for murder and one for desertion.

There was only one execution in the Canadian Army during the Second World War. Last year a private was executed in Egypt after being convicted of the murder of a fellow soldier.

FAMOUS BRITISH FLIER MISSING

KARACHI, India — Royal Air Force authorities are signalling four centres between here and Cairo today for news of Jim Mollison, British Transatlantic flier who was scheduled to land here Saturday from the Egyptian capital. Nothing has been heard from Mollison since Thursday when he left Cairo. It is believed that he may have been forced to land.

ROYAL PLANE SAVES CHILD

CANBERRA — Nine-year-old Graham McFetters of Yass, New South Wales, was very sick. He had haemophilia and his doctor ordered that he be moved to Sydney more than 200 miles away immediately.

A car sped to Canberra, 33 miles away, with the boy and the doctor, but there was no aircraft available at the Australian capital at that time.

There was one last chance. A telephone call was made to Government House and the Governor-General, the Duke of Gloucester, offered at once his private aircraft. The aircraft was roaring toward Sydney with the small sick passenger.

BIT-AND-RUN KILLING

VANCOUVER — Gilbert S. McKeith, 60, was killed Saturday night by a car which left the scene of the accident.