

Ten Of 12 Meet Death In Plane Crash

Says Slash Would Harm Occupation

TOKYO, Monday, Feb. 24—General MacArthur expressed confidence today that congress would not slash the budget to a point that would "prejudice fulfillment of occupation objectives," and warned that cutting off American relief would make starving Japanese "easy prey to any ideology, however evil," which offered food.

The occupation commander's statements were made in a long letter to the war department, which had requested his views to be presented to congress in support of appropriations for occupational purposes.

MacArthur lauded the objective of economy, saying it guided his every strategic plan during the war, and expressed "full intention to recommend removal of existing military controls over Japan as soon as civilian controls safely may be substituted."

He warned, however, that the occupation might last a long time and that occupation forces in Japan already had been cut to "the lowest numerical level consistent with either reasonable security or the accomplishment of the regeneration of an entire race."

He continued, "highlighting all else of course, lies the grave responsibility of protecting our national security against future threats to our Pacific coast; in short, the consolidation of the gains which victory has brought, that we may have peace."

"Our task is thus but a final phase of war, and it is inescapable that its avoidance may only be at the expense of victory itself."

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Grocery Store Hit By Blast



The force of a mysterious explosion which leveled the three-story Mohawk Valley Knitting Machine Corporation in Toledo, Saturday demolished the front of this grocery store, operated by Joseph Panetta. Twelve persons were injured in the blast. (Men unidentified. (AP Wirephoto).

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It Worked

DENVER, Feb. 23—(AP)—A grandmother who packed 3,500 parachutes for the army during the war tried one out yesterday "just to see if they really do work."

The parachute "worked," and Mrs. Lavada Ann Sneed, 42, commented happily as she picked herself up from the mud after her 4,000-foot jump: "I'm as thrilled as a little old country girl on a picnic."

Mrs. Sneed, who changed harnesses on 11,000 more in addition to packing the "chutes, is now employed in the drapery department of a Denver store. The other day she decided she "just wanted to ride on some of that silk she'd been handling."

She rented two parachutes, repacked them and then hired a pilot to take her up.

Denny Pyle Injured In Crash, Dies

Injuries sustained in an auto-bus accident Saturday night on the South River road, three miles from Zanesville, were fatal to Denny Pyle, 21, of Blue Rock, Route 1, who died at 8:50 Sunday morning in Bethesda hospital.

Pyle's companion, Donald Ellis, 22, of Blue Rock, Route 2, was described as in fair condition at the hospital Sunday night. Ellis was driver of the car which crashed into a privately owned bus.

Pyle sustained a possible fractured skull, internal injuries and an injured right hip. Ellis is being treated for deep cuts on his head, a possible fractured right arm, and a fractured hip.

According to Deputy Sheriff Ray Thompson, who investigated, the bus was owned by Rev. Charles Wood of 940 Vine street, and had stopped to permit a passenger to alight when Ellis' car crashed into it.

Passengers on the bus were members of a newly organized club formed by Rev. Wood and were being taken to their homes following a meeting of the Calvary Lutheran church at Luck avenue and Vine streets, Thompson said.

Driver of the bus was Vance Peck of Philo, W. Va. Bailley of Dietz Lane, was alighting from the bus when the accident occurred.

Ellis and Pyle were taken to the hospital in a Keck ambulance. Thompson said the impact of the crash knocked the bus, which weighed more than four tons, a distance of 30 feet. None of the six bus passengers was injured, he reported.

Ellis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ellis, is a veteran of World War I.

Evelyn Is Not Listed As Survivor

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 23—(AP)—His youthful, stormy romance with Evelyn Nesbit, his only wife, was so buried in the past that the former showgirl for whom he shot Stanford White was unnamed today in the list of survivors of Harry K. Thaw.

Nor was the name of Russell K. Thaw, Miss Nesbit's son, whose parentage he contested, listed as a survivor of the multi-millionaire former playboy who died here last night at 75.

Miss Nesbit reportedly was in seclusion in Atlantic City. Thaw's attorney, Sidney Werner, said no word had been received from her. The whereabouts of Russell was unknown here.

Werner gave only two names as close survivors of the man whose activities were a sensation half a century ago. They were Mrs. C. G. Whitney, a sister of Milton, Mass., and Lawrence Thaw, a nephew, of Connecticut. No other address was given for the nephew.

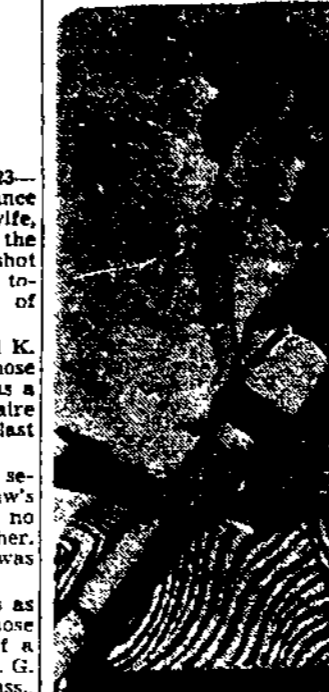
Thaw's colorful life ended at 8 p. m. as the result of a heart attack suffered a week ago. His death, in contrast to his life, was peaceful.

The body will be sent to Pittsburgh tomorrow, where the Sanson funeral home is to make arrangements for services in a Presbyterian church, probably on Thursday. He will be buried in the family plot there.

Thaw burst onto the roof garden of the old Madison Square Garden on its opening night, June 25, 1906, and fired three shots that killed White, an outstanding architect who designed the landmark. Thaw alleged that the shooting resulted from White's relations with Evelyn Nesbit before her marriage to Thaw.

Two trials on a charge of murder followed. In the second Thaw was acquitted of the murder charge, but was declared insane and ordered confined to an asylum from which he made a sensational escape after one year. A jury found him to be sane in July, 1915.

Wants Insurance



Evelyn West (above), 24, has applied to insurance brokers of Lloyd's of London to have her silhouette insured for \$50,000. Lloyd's brokers have agreed to arrange for the insurance for the San Francisco held Sunday afternoon at the KGI—currently in Los Angeles. (AP Wirephoto).

Communist Offensive Resumed

NANKING, Feb. 23—(AP)—Chinese dispatches from Manchuria today said Communists had resumed an offensive along the Sungari river, north of Tientsin, which is 125 miles each of Mukden.

These Mukden reports said Communist brigades were advancing on the Tughwa region and had at their backs the support of powerful fortresses built along the river in recent months.

Other dispatches from Tsinan, capital of Shantung province in China proper, said Communist forces still were retreating northward under government attack but were regrouping for a new stand in central Shantung.

Associated Press Correspondent John Roderick reported from Peop that the Shantung fighting already had shifted to the central part of the province and that very heavy encounters were said to be in progress just south of the "Great Wall" railway.

Chinese field reports said government troops had stormed and captured Yuncheng, 95 miles southwest of Tsinan, along with a number of smaller places.

Declares State Tax Delinquent

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 23—(AP)—County Auditor Fred C. Dunn said today the state of Ohio was a tax delinquent and declared he was out to collect about \$120,000 in back real estate taxes on state property here including the State House.

The list of Franklin county law delinquents published yesterday included a long list of state property which owes the county treasury taxes, mostly for street assessments.

The bills included: State House, \$35,237.06; State Office building, \$20,742.22; Ohio State university, \$5,832.62; and School for the Blind, \$10,714.72.

Coast Guard Seaplane On "Mercy" Trip Near End Of Flight As Disaster Hits

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 23—(AP)—A Coast Guard "mercy" seaplane crashed near Tijuana, Mex., last night killing ten of the 12 persons aboard.

The dead included the patient for whom the mission was made—a sick civilian fisherman, Gabe Leavitt of San Diego.

All the other dead and injured were Coast Guard personnel. The injured were named at the naval hospital where their condition was reported serious, as Motor Machinist Mate 2-C Howard L. Day and Radioman 1-C Roy Hughes.

Names and home addresses of the dead were withheld by the Coast Guard pending notification of relatives.

Lt. Emerson Miles was piloting the big two-engine, air-sea rescue PBM when it departed yesterday morning on the mission, the Coast Guard had previously announced. Aviation Pilot F. J. Keenan was his co-pilot.

The plane was nearing the end of its 1,400 mile round trip to Mexican waters when radio contact with it was lost at 10:30 p. m. as it came up over fog covered lower California.

It crashed against the side of a mesa, five miles south of Tijuana, and apparently bounded to the top, scattering wreckage over an area of 200 yards.

The wreckage was located about 8 a. m. today from a coast guard B-17 search plane, piloted by Lt. Ira McMullen.

An unnamed Mexican, who was among the first to reach the scene, (Turn to Page 13, Please)

Give Notice They Want Farm Funds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—(AP)—Farm state senators gave notice today they want funds for agriculture, as well as the armed services, in the so-called "unfathomable" part of the budget when congress swings its program.

Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) of the agriculture committee told a reporter he expects a strong fight to be made for farm appropriations in the individual bills even if the senate approves this week a pledge to cut \$4,500,000 out of President Truman's \$1,500,000,000 budget.

Strong bipartisan backing has made it almost certain the senate will approve this pledge—\$1,500,000,000 less than the house's \$6,000,000,000 economy promise—when it gets around to voting. A series of proposed specialties may carry the issue through congress's session and over till Wednesday, when the senate meets again.

A vote by midweek would send the budget ceiling resolution to conference from the two chambers for a settlement of differences. No matter what the final economy promise is, Lucas said congress is morally bound to carry out obligations to support farm services for the next two years under the program it adopted previously. This would not cost much if prices stay up, but Lucas noted that no one knows when a dip may come.

He said he does not believe cuts can be made, as suggested by some Republicans, in allowances for soil conservation, irrigation, reclamation and power projects.

McNutt To Fly To Japan And China MANILA, Monday, Feb. 24—(AP)—Ambassador Paul G. McNutt prepared to leave today in a state department transport plane for Tokyo and Nanking, to call on General MacArthur and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He will be back in Manila in seven days, and expects to return here soon thereafter to the United States.

A spokesman for the ambassador denied Shanghai speculation that McNutt might become ambassador to China. Instead, the spokesman insisted he will resume private law practice in America.

Shortage Of Cars Halts Newsprint MONTREAL, Feb. 23—(AP)—The situation created for Canadian newsprint mills by the current scarcity of freight cars "continues serious" but at last reports the plants were obtaining "barely enough" boxcars to keep operating, an industry official said here today.

The official who declined to be quoted by name described the situation as "very much a hand-to-mouth, touch-and-go business."

According to reports received Friday, he said, newsprint mills still were operating "but just barely getting by."

Merchandise Dies YOUNGSTOWN, O., Feb. 23—(AP)—Samuel Shapiro, 60, credit manager for the Rosenbaum Bros. Clothing Store here for the last 29 years, died today at his home of a heart attack.

President Home From River Trip

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—(AP)—President Truman returned to the White House today after spending the night aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg in the ice-clogged Potomac river.

Because of the ice, the yacht remained anchored off Mount Vernon before starting the short cruise back to the navy yard where it docked at 2:30 p. m. The president had boarded the Williamsburg there yesterday, with members of the White House staff, after placing a wreath at Washington's tomb.

Orders Evacuation Of Little America

LITTLE AMERICA, Feb. 22—(Delayed)—Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd today ordered final evacuation of Little America within 48 hours to escape the deadly encroachment of the Antarctic ice belt which is closing in on this central group of his operation high jump.

Byrd reached his decision at a conference with Rear Adm. Richard H. Cruzen, task force commander with the central group, and members of their staffs after Cruzen's icebreaker Burton Island dramatically broke through the ice in the Bay of Whales shortly before 6 a. m.

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