

## RUSSIA ASKED TO HELP KEEP GERMANY DISARMED

### 39 Killed In Worst Commercial Aviation Crash In History

#### Giant Airliner Cracks Up Soon After Takeoff At Newfoundland Base

Stephenville, Nfld., Oct. 3.—A four-engine trans-Atlantic airliner exploded against a rocky hillside 12 miles east of here early today, and a ground rescue party which reached the scene five hours later indicated that all the 39 persons aboard had been killed.

Only visual communication with the ground party had been established, but pilots flying over the ruined plane said their hand signals indicated none had survived.

It was the worst tragedy in the history of commercial aviation, and most of those aboard the American Overseas Airlines DC-4 were Americans, a number of them wives and children of Americans in Germany who were flying to join their men.

The plane, en route from New York to Berlin, had landed to refuel at Harmon field here, because Gander, Nfld., 160 miles away, was weathered in. Gander was the scene just two weeks ago yesterday of the crash of a Sabena (Belgian) Airlines plane, in which 27 died.

Captain James Johnson of the Harmon field tower crew and public relations section of the Air Transport Command here, said others watched the big plane make a normal takeoff, under a 5,000-foot ceiling, just before 3:30 a. m.

Then, they watched in horror (Continued on Page Fourteen)

#### Boy Severely Burned

Pittsburgh, Oct. 3.—James Cox, Jr., 15, was in serious condition today after being severely burned when he touched a high-tension electric cable. The boy, unable to ride to school because of the power strike, was knocked from a steel cable tower of radio station W-C-A-E yesterday and fell 25 feet. He suffered burns about the chest and a broken right leg.

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## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

DREW PEARSON SAYS: BLANDY AND AIDES DEPLORE CANCELLATION OF THIRD A-BOMB TEST; SCIENTISTS SAY "FIG 311" STORY IS HOAX; TRUMAN TURNS DOWN MCKELLAR ON FLOOD-CONTROL SPENDING.

Washington.—It will probably be denied, but Vice Adm. William H. P. Blandy and several of his top associates are boiling mad at the cancellation of the third atomic bomb test.

This was the test which the scientists predicted would really show the world the true power of the A-bomb, and which would have shown modern navies to be completely obsolete.

Unfortunately the reports of the colossal damage done by the first and second bombs were only made public piecemeal, days after the explosion took place, so that the public never got a clear picture of the fantastic destruction caused by the bomb.

Admiral Blandy and his aides have now made a confidential report which shows that more than half the men who would have been aboard the Bikini fleet would have been instantly killed; while more than 60 per cent of the survivors would have been permanently disabled or died of wounds.

Test No. 3—underwater—would have been even more horrible. That is why men like Blandy who have been doing everything possible to educate the public to the truth about atomic energy are now pretty well disgusted. One example of the mistaken conclusion which the public got as a result of bombs No. 1 and 2 is the case of "Fig 311."

"Fig 311" is the porker supposed to have been placed aboard ship near the center of the explosion. (Continued on Page Eight)

#### Bellwood Woman Abord Ill-Fated Airliner

A Bellwood woman, Mrs. Alda B. Stabler, 29, en route to Assenbach, Germany to join her husband, Lt. James Stabler, was listed today by American Overseas Airlines in New York as one of the passengers aboard the trans-Atlantic airliner which crashed near Stephenville, Nfld.

Mrs. Stabler spent last week-end with her mother, Mrs. Gertrude (Henry) Boyd of 504 South Tuckahoe Street, Bellwood, Pa. The mother is a well known retired school teacher.

Paul Henry of Spruce Creek is an uncle of Mrs. Stabler. It is understood that the parents of the young woman aboard the ill-fated airliner are natives of Huntingdon County.

The couple met in Washington, D. C., where Mrs. Stabler worked in the federal personnel department. They were married March 19, 1944 at Miami Beach, Fla. Lt. Stabler, veteran of 10 years Army service, went overseas last June.

#### 16 JAPS JAILED FOR WAR CRIMES

Tokyo, Oct. 3.—Three Japanese officers accused in the execution of U. S. fliers, and 13 other war criminals suspects have been arrested and jailed in Sugamo Prison, the Allied Headquarters legal section announced today.

One was Maj. Gen. Saburo Kawamura, charged with ordering the arrest of 7,000 Chinese at Singapore. Five thousand of them were executed.

#### REPORT 3RD BOMB TEST SET FOR 1947

Washington, Oct. 3.—The Armed Forces Journal said today that the third atomic bomb test, involving a deep water explosion, will take place in 1947 as scheduled.

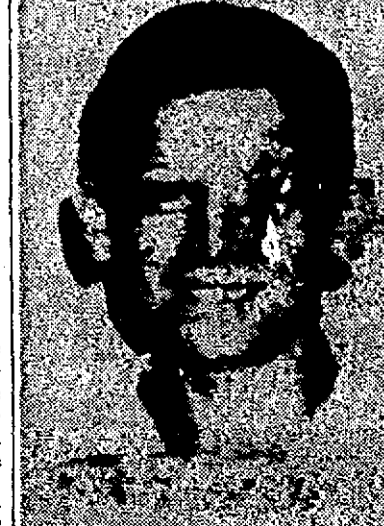
Writing in the journal's October issue, Maj. Hal D. Steward, associate editor of the semi-official Armed Forces publication, said he obtained his information from the staff of Joint Army-Navy Task Force One.

President Truman issued a statement on Sept. 8 in which he said Test "C," the deep underwater explosion, would not take place "in the near future." He said the joint chiefs of staff did not feel completion of Test "C" in the near future was justified.

#### Meet Your Carrier WENDELL EUGENE STAKE — Mount Union

Wendell Eugene Stake, known as "Salty" to his friends, is really not as salty as his nickname would indicate. He is a real boy, filled with the desire to work as well as play and he is one of the most business-like carriers of The Daily News in Mount Union. At home and in school he is known as Eugene Stake.

He was born at Mount Union on December 31, 1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Stake. His father is a Pennsylvania Railroad fireman on a run from Con-



EUGENE STAKE

#### 3 ACQUITTED NAZIS GET SAFE PASSAGE TO BRITISH ZONE

By EDWARD BEATTIE United Press Correspondent  
Nuernberg, Oct. 3.—German civil authorities and the American Military Government agreed today to give Franz von Papen, Hjalmar Schacht, and Hans Fritzsche safe passage to the British zone without threat of German arrest.

Nuernberg de-Nazification officials had ordered the three men arrested as former Nazis. One hundred policemen had surrounded the Palace of Justice waiting for them to come out. The police were withdrawn on directions of the American Military Government.

The arrest order remained in effect, however, and the three acquitted Nuernberg defendants may spend another night in their chosen sanctuary—the Nuernberg jail.

Schacht said earlier that he was not leaving the courthouse, partly because of the police outside and "besides it's safe and cheaper in here."

The German police chief said the directive to withdraw his men came from "higher American military authorities."

Arrangements had not been completed for guaranteeing the three men safe entrance into the British zone. A U. S. military escort presumably will be required, as well as a promise to keep (Continued on Page Six)

#### College Founder Dies

Boston, Oct. 3.—Miss Lucy Wheelock, 89, sponsor of the first founder of Wheelock College, died at her home here yesterday.

#### Hull's Condition Is Most Critical

Washington, Oct. 3.—Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull is in a "most critical condition," the Navy reported today.

The Navy said in an official 9 a. m. (EST) bulletin: "Mr. Hull had a very poor night. His condition continues to be most critical."

The white-haired elder statesman was fighting a grim but apparently losing battle for life at the nearby Bethesda, Md., Naval Hospital.

He took a turn for the worse last night—his 75th birthday. The father of the United Nations, who suffered a stroke Monday night, clung to life with the same determination that carried him to his triumphs in world diplomacy. (Continued on Page Fourteen)

#### WILL HOLD STATE MILK PRICE LINE

Harrisburg, Oct. 3.—The State Milk Control Commission saw little threat today that increase of New York City milk prices would result in a "very damaging" drain of Pennsylvania's production and reaffirmed its pledge to hold the price line here.

Chairman H. N. Cobb said he believed the boost to 22 cents a quart in New York City "probably won't be very damaging" from the standpoint of siphoning this state's supplies into that market, where higher prices prevail.

"Definitely we're not going to increase the retail price," Cobb said. He cited a possibility, however, that "some dealers may have to increase" the amounts they pay farmers, but pointed out that this situation probably would last only until production rises reasonably in December or January.

#### State Police Say

Accidents are sometimes fault. Make certain the fault is not yours by always being on your guard. TAKE IT EASY

#### Hope You Can Bear This One



Bear in the picture above must have been able to read the want ads and sympathetic enough to sacrifice himself during current meat shortage. A Superior, Wis., market ran an ad in the newspaper offering to buy bear meat. Shortly thereafter the bear was seen waddling along a downtown street leading to the market, and police shot him. Above, meat market employees prepare the bear for butchering.

#### Business And Labor Asked To Ease Up On Price, Wage Boost Demands

BY SANDOR S. KLEIN United Press Correspondent

Washington, Oct. 3.—Reconversion Chief John R. Steelman today appealed to business and labor to ease up on price and wage increase demands.

Otherwise, he warned, the nation's economy will wind up in a boom and bust.

The consuming public could help, Steelman said, if it refused to buy things at higher prices. Business should even reduce prices, where it can.

He made his plea for cooperation from the major economic segments of the nation in his first quarterly report to the President and Congress since taking on the job as director of war mobilization and reconversion.

Steelman, who only a few weeks ago issued an order modifying wage stabilization controls in order to end a maritime strike, declared that the nation's economy has now reached a fork in the road. One highway could lead to a greater, more stable prosperity than ever before. If the other is chosen, it will lead to a disastrous inflation and economic collapse.

"As the second year of peace begins," he said in the very first (Continued on Page Sixteen)

#### Late Bulletins

Washington, Oct. 3.—President Truman said today there is a real danger of wages going down still further in terms of their purchasing power. He said the government is trying to stop this trend.

Mr. Truman made these comments in reply to a news conference question. He also read a statement pointing out the high lights in report on the nation's economic health by Reconversion Chief John R. Steelman.

The President said the government is doing everything it can to keep prices from going up—that is, everything it can possibly do with the tools available.

#### Is His Face Red?

York, Pa., Oct. 3.—Blair M. Wilson, captain of the Levistown Fire Department, was fined \$100 today for turning in a false alarm.

#### 17 State Wartime Laws Illegal; Still Operative

Harrisburg, Oct. 3.—Seventeen state wartime emergency laws scheduled to expire within a year after the end of hostilities were still operative today despite a Justice Department opinion which, in effect, ruled them illegal.

#### LEGION DEBATING TRAINING PROGRAM

San Francisco, Oct. 3.—The American Legion debates today whether to support its national commander, John Stelle, or Veterans Administrator Gen. Omar Bradley on the controversial on-the-job training program for veterans.

The subject will be brought up when the Legion's national employment committee makes its report to the 3,800 delegates attending the 28th convention. The committee was expected to favor repeal of a bill placing "ceilings" of \$175 and \$200 a month for ex-GIs enrolled in the program, and (Continued on Page Sixteen)

#### BLACKOUTS DUE TO POWER STRIKE AT STEEL CITY SPREAD

Pittsburgh, Oct. 3.—Federal conciliators held representatives of Duquesne Light Co. and the independent union of its employees in almost constant conferences today as blackouts resulting from the 10-day power strike spread.

Current was cut off for a brief period early today to the populous residential districts of East Liberty, Homewood, Oakland and Squirrel Hill.

The company said a supply line to the highland sub-station failed. Service was restored by juggling circuits.

Approximately 300 homes and apartments in the Grandview section on the bluff of Mt. Washington overlooking the Golden Triangle were without power because of a line break. Company officials said it could not be repaired until the strike was over. The 1,200 residents of the district were forced to use candles and oil lanterns.

Long sections of Pittsburgh main streets and boulevards were without street lights. Carbon arcs in the lamps burned out. There were no crews to replace them.

Yesterday, the three federal conciliators spent hours conferring separately with company and union representatives. They finally arranged an hour's joint conference shortly before 11 p. m.

When the meetings were adjourned until today, none of the conferees would comment. At last reports, the union continued to (Continued on Page Six)

#### NEW CONSCRIPTION PLAN PRESENTED; SEEK COMPROMISE

By JOHN L. CUTLER United Press Correspondent

Washington, Oct. 3.—The War Department today showed a willingness to compromise with Congress to get compulsory military training.

Congressmen warily approved the spirit of compromise but promised nothing. Their comment indicated peace-time conscription would get tough sledding in any form.

The Army's latest proposal for one year's military training for every physically and mentally fit youth was unveiled late yesterday after Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson asked the American Legion in San Francisco for its support.

The plan proposes six months of intensive training by the Army and six months more of a semi-military character.

Rep. Overton Brooks, D., La., member of the House Military Affairs Committee, thought six months of active training too long.

"It would be better to limit it to 90 days or 18 weeks," proposed by the American Legion; (Continued on Page Five)

#### SEEK 3 MEN FOR SABOTAGING LINE

Pittsburgh, Oct. 3.—Sheriff Walter C. Monaghan said today that he was seeking three men in connection with the sabotaging of a high-tension power line of strike-bound Duquesne Light Co. The Sheriff said a man employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad who was working in a signal tower near where the power line was short-circuited, reported seeing the men just before she was blinded by a flash. When she was able to see again, the men were gone.

#### Byrnes Agrees War Is Not Imminent; 40-Year Treaty Urged In Talk

By R. H. SHACKFORD United Press Correspondent

Paris, Oct. 3.—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, agreeing with Premier Josef Stalin that war is not imminent, today invited Russia to join the United States, Britain and France in a 40-year treaty to keep Germany demilitarized.

Byrnes urged all nations to avoid seeking political or economic advantages which might lead to war. He addressed the American Club of Paris.

"If we wish to avoid war, we must decry not only war, but the things leading to war," he said. "Just because war is not now imminent, we must take the greatest care not to plant the seeds of future war."

The difficulty is that while no nation wants war, nations may pursue policies or courses of action which lead to war. Nations may seek political or economic advantages which cannot be obtained without war.

Byrnes said the proposed Big Four treaty on Germany envisaged a continued need for limited but adequate armed forces, not for occupation but for insuring compliance with the demilitarization treaty.

He reiterated his Stuttgart promise that American troops will remain in Germany as long as the occupation continues.

"We propose the Allied occupation of Germany should not terminate until the German government does accept the required disarmament and demilitarization clauses."

Byrnes coupled his appeal for international moderation with efforts to answer French criticism of his Stuttgart statement rejecting "separation of the Ruhr."

"So long as such treaty is in force, the Ruhr could never become the arsenal of Germany or the 'arsenal of Europe,'" he said. "Byrnes originally proposed a 25-year treaty on Germany to the Foreign Ministers' Council last May. On July 8, Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov replied that 'Byrnes' suggestion was wholly inadequate in every respect.'" He said any treaty should be for at least 40 years.

Yesterday Byrnes called on Molotov for their first private talk since the 21-nation peace conference began more than 10 weeks ago.

"It is easy to get everyone to agree that war is evil," Byrnes told the American Club. "It is not so easy to get agreement as to" (Continued on Page Six)

#### REALTORS ATTACK RULES ON HOUSING

Harrisburg, Oct. 3.—Pennsylvania's Congressional delegation today was slated to receive strong demands from this state's realtors for lifting of all home construction rules and discontinuance of government-sponsored housing development.

Resolutions adopted by the Pennsylvania Real Estate Association demanded abolition of the National Housing Administration, "aggravating" rather than "alleviating" the homes shortage, and contended that government housing programs sometimes were used as a powerful political weapon to bring about socialization.

The 300 delegates who ended (Continued on Page Fourteen)

#### MINERS EXPECTED TO OPEN DRIVE FOR CUT IN WORK-WEEK

By RAYMOND LAHR United Press Correspondent

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 3.—The United Mine Workers (AFL) appeared ready today to open another drive for a reduction of the 34-hour work-week which has been in effect in bituminous mines since November, 1943.

While the resolutions committee continued its report to the union's general convention, the wage scale committee was at work on contract proposals involving wages and hours. It expects to report tomorrow.

The scale committee's report will recommend terms for a contract with private operators to replace the government agreement which has been in force since May 29.

UMW leaders wanted a reduction in the work-week this year but finally yielded to a government request for renewal of the 34-hour week because of a need for maximum production. That demand was created in part by the shrinking of stockpiles during strikes lasting seven weeks or more last spring.

The miners now work six nine-hour days a week, including travel time underground. The schedule includes seven hours daily at straight time rates and two at overtime with the entire nine (Continued on Page Five)

#### Dying Woman Bequeaths Eyes To Eye Bank

Philadelphia, Oct. 3.—The eyes of a dying Philadelphia woman were flown to the New York City Eye Bank last night to give sight to some blind person.

The woman, whose identity was not revealed, bequeathed her eyes to the eye bank several days ago. Yesterday the removal operation was performed at University Hospital. The Red Cross took the eyes to a waiting plane at southwest airport for transportation to New York.

#### MEAT REGULATIONS CRITICIZED BY DUFF

Reading, Pa., Oct. 3.—Attorney General James H. Duff, Republican nominee for governor, last night blamed the national administration because "hospitals are obliged to feed horse meat to the sick."

Attacking "unreasonable government regulations" in a campaign speech, Duff said: "When hospitals are obliged to feed horse meat to the sick, as they were doing in Boston last week, there is something wrong with the planning of the bureaucrats, especially when the farms of America are teeming with cattle."

Citing President Truman's refusal to remove controls on meat, Duff quoted a newspaper editorial in saying that "apparently Mr. Truman knows all there is to know about meat, except how to get it on the consumer's table."

He said also that the working man is "not deceived" by current high wages because "he has to pay more for everything that he buys that goes into the necessity of living."

In a preceding speech, Gov. (Continued on Page Sixteen)

#### Prices Up On Paint

Washington, Oct. 3.—The OPA today granted price increases ranging from 4 to 17 cents a gallon on paint.