

Paratroopers Tossed Sea, Dropped For Missing U.S. Plane

Pilot Radios Report Of Seeing Rafts Planes & Ships Join In Search

SHANNON AIRPORT, Ireland.—Forty planes crisscrossed the cold waters of the Atlantic today in a hunt for a giant United States Air Force transport with 53 persons aboard. They were spurred by a report that "quite a few" had been sighted in the search area.

Five ships were also steaming full speed for the area about 450 miles west of Ireland.

An NBC broadcast from London quoted the British Admiralty as source for information that survivors already were being taken aboard. The Admiralty denied it had used such a report. It could not be confirmed by the U. S. Air Force mission at Shannon, either.

A B-29 pilot, in two dramatic radio messages, reported sighting five life rafts in four different locations in the general search area. His plane was not equipped to drop life rafts or provisions, but several others in the area were.

Gunmen Fail To Crash Castello's Apartment

NEW YORK.—Police reported three men, one of them armed, failed to gain entry today to the apartment of Gambler Frank Castello, a witness this week at the Senate Crime Committee hearing in New York.

He had told the committee he kept \$40,000 to \$50,000 in cash in the apartment, located on the 18th floor of a building overlooking Central Park.

There were conflicting reports whether Castello was in the apartment during the pre-dawn visit.

First police reports said he was not.

But Martin Kelly, superintendent of the apartment house, said Castello spent the night there and left at about 2:30 M. (EST).

Efforts to reach Castello by telephone were unavailable. A maid said he would be away for a week.

Police said the three men forced an elevator operator to take them to the apartment, but did not indicate what they wanted.

After failing to gain entry, the three returned to the first floor, rushed outside, and fled in an automobile driven by a fourth man. The men apparently lost interest after being told that Castello was not home.

Whether this indicated they intended to do him harm was unclear.

Elevator operators Thomas Goggin and Joseph Peraball told police the three entered the apartment lobby at about 4:25 A. M.

All said "Hello," then one drew a gun and said:

"Take us to Castello's apartment."

Police said the fact they did not know on what floor Castello lived.

The three crowded the operators into an elevator and were taken to the 18th floor, where Castello has a lavish nine room suite.

The elevator operators said they told the men "Castello is away."

Disregarding this, the three rang the door and rang the bell. They rang several times. Getting no response, they returned to the ground floor, the operators said.

Argentina Claims Atom Discovery

Peron Announces
By JOSEPH F. McEVROY
BUENOS AIRES.—President Juan D. Peron announced today that Argentina has discovered a new method of producing atomic energy. He said it would be put to use on a big scale in power plants and other industrial establishments.

Peron did not disclose the method, but said it was similar to the way the sun produces atomic energy. The source of the sun's atomic energy is hydrogen. Top scientists in the United States have said it is not possible to use the sun's method either to develop atomic heat for power or for making the hydrogen bomb.

Peron commented that the Argentine scientists from their goal of producing an H-bomb.

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The President said the discovery was of "transcendental" importance to the United States, Argentina, and not to doubt, the entire world.

(Peron's announcement set diplomatic wheels in motion, thinking about possible political and military effects. It came just before the opening on Monday of the U. S.-Argentine foreign ministers' conference, and provided a major topic of conversation for diplomats already there for the meeting.)

(U. S. officials have known that Argentina has been experimenting with atomic energy and other scientific fields. In New York, Associated Press Science Editor Howard W. Blake said that more information would have to come from Buenos Aires before the Argentine claim could be assessed for its impact on the scientific world.)

Peron said Argentine scientists have succeeded in obtaining "controlled" release of atomic energy.

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Thermonuclear is a routine word used by scientists to describe what happens in or to the nucleus of an atom. It gives no special clue as to the method of atomic fission involved.

Peron said the successful experiments were carried out last Feb. 16 at Huemul Island, near San Carlos de Bariloche, 200 miles southwest of Buenos Aires in the vicinity of the Chilean border. The Argentine government has a pilot plant there.

HE'S FOUND A HOME IN THE CORPS



A veteran of lifetime service in the Marine Corps finally takes the oath of San Francisco as Capt. "Fluffy" Capt. John B. Long (right) does the swearing-in aided by Pfc. Carman Barnett. Capt. Fluffy has been in the Corps three years, saw "action" throughout the Korean fighting (Acme Telephoto)

Helped Raise \$30,000 Bail

WASHINGTON.—An Iowa beer distributor testified today in court that he had helped raise \$30,000 bail for two Kansas City gangsters in 1947.

The witness, Law Farrell, at first refused to name the doctor despite a threat of contempt proceedings from the Senate Crime Investigating Committee.

Farrell made the identification finally after a committee lawyer advised him point blank Dr. McGro was the man.

"Yes," the plump, gray-haired doctor said reluctantly. He protested, however, that the question was unfair and said repeatedly that Dr. Nigro was a reputable man whose name he didn't want mentioned in the televised hearing.

"JUST DOCTOR"

He testified Nigro was "just the doctor for the Gargotta brothers, Charlie and Gus, who were being held at Atlantic, Iowa, in connection with the robbery of a night club at Harlan, Iowa. Even

Doctor Linked To Gangsters

usually, the county attorney at Harlan dropped the charges for "lack of evidence."

Farrell asked his headstrong witness when the name of the doctor finally was shaken loose.

"You've been putting this poor man's name over radio and television," he told the committee reproachfully.

At Kansas City, Dr. Nigro was immediately available for examination.

Dr. Nigro, sports enthusiast and a member of the Notre Dame football team in 1922 and 1923, was city commissioner of child hygiene in the reign of the old Tom Pennevort administration in Kansas City.

In 1940, he was convicted of violating the narcotic laws and was sentenced to serve four years and fined \$12,000. His conviction, however, was reversed by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis, and the case against him was dismissed.

Under further questioning, Farrell said he supposed Dr. Nigro came to the assistance of the Gargotta brothers because "he's the sort of fellow who helps every body."

"He's a wonderful man," Farrell said. "He is one of the greatest youth leaders in the country."

Farrell also told the committee his own true name is Louis Thomas. He said the Resurrection Point case followed his return to Iowa in 1940, along with Charles Dinaggio, a Kansas City politician.

Before today's session, Chairman Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said the Holy City, crowded with pilgrims, ended its traditional Holy Week services of mourning last night and prepared for the joyous Easter message. The people clean out their own underworlds without Congressional help.

In New York — filled with cheering news on the State's financial picture came from State Revenue Commissioner Eugene

Assembly Adjournment Seen By Middle Of April

By SAM SUMMERLIN
RALEIGH.—North Carolina's lawmakers are galloping into the legislative homestretch. From here, it looks like the finish line will be reached about April 7 — or possibly the week after.

Scores of bills and a number of thousand are disposed of this week as Capitol Hill buzzed with activity.

Over the Easter week-end, the Governors are pondering about the heavy agenda for next week which includes:

1. A likely showdown on the biggest problem of all — appropriations.
2. Possible disposition of the much-debated stream sanitation legislation.
3. Likely action on a waterlogged wage-hour law for Tar Heels.

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Marines Ready Plan To Let Reservists Go Home

WASHINGTON.—The Marine Corps hopes to be the first of the fighting services to spell out a program for the release of reservists called to duty by fighting in Korea.

Marine sources said today the projected plan calls for the release of the first 100,000 reservists this summer, and the return to civilian life of all reservists who are called to duty in 1952.

A small number of reservists has been returned to this country from Korea and a combat service rotation plan.

The Marines release schedule is so framed that it can be canceled if world developments demand that all of the services have planning reserve release programs since last October, when the Defense Dept. set forth what it termed an "ad hoc" procedure for the calling up and discharge of reserves. The entry of the Chinese into the Korean peninsula put that procedure on the shelf.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's manpower calls.

Yesterday the Army announced it is cutting its April draft call from 80,000 to 40,000. The Army said enlistments in January and February would be 100,000 in place of an expected 200,000 and that casualties in Korea were 16,000 less than had been anticipated.

The announcement added that halving of the April draft call would "have no adverse effect on development of the Army's program of involuntary reservists at the earliest practicable date."

Later yesterday, the Army announced it will call to active service about 10,000 Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) students who will graduate from college this summer.

Mrs. Rosenberg told a Congressional committee this week the Army hopes to release some reservists soon. She did not say how soon.

Man Unhurt In Fall Of Six-Story Height

NEW YORK.—Juan Santiago attended a party in Upper Manhattan early today. Then he went with several others to the roof of the six-story building to cool off.

He gave the 28-year-old seaman wandered a bit too close to the roof ledge and toppled off. On his way down he hit two fire hoses and clothes line before crashing into a courtyard.

Injuries: Not even a broken bone.

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OUR WEATHER

Fair and cooler tonight. Sunday: Fair to cooler. Low expected tonight, 34 degrees. High expected tomorrow, 68.

Sunrise, 6:22 A. M.; sunset, 6:38 P. M.

More Weather Data on Page 8-A

POGGIN SNOWMAKERS
Ever-had of making snowflakes with a popgun? It's been done in laboratory experiments, in connection with the General Atomic rainmaking.

Shooting a child's popgun into a supercooled cloud accomplishes the same result as the same "triglyceride" action as dry ice, turning the supercooled water droplets to ice crystals.

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New, Old World Christians Prepare To Celebrate The Miracle Of Easter

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Christians of the Old and the New World prepared today to celebrate the Easter miracle of the risen Christ in sunrise services, pontifical masses and pilgrimages to holy places.

A record number of pilgrims attended services and visited shrines in the drought-parched Holy Land in a world beset with anxiety, prayers for peace dominated the 1951 Easter observances.

Churches — both Protestant and Catholic — were crowded throughout the United States yesterday for solemn Good Friday services. Stock exchanges were closed in most countries.

Shops were filled with last-minute buyers of Easter candy.

In New York — filled with an influx of visitors — a close watch was kept on weather prospects

for the annual Fifth Avenue Easter Parade, which will be televised.

Francis Cardinal Spellman sent a message of peace to the people behind the Iron Curtain saying that Americans would pray tomorrow that the celebration of Christ's Resurrection would be "a prophetic of your own delivery from persecution and enslavement."

A recording of the message was made for the National Committee for Free Europe and will be beamed in several languages to Eastern European nations by Radio Free Europe.

In Jerusalem, before the door of the darkened basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, the Easter home of the rebirth of Christ was enacted with the traditional lighting of the new Easter fire. Sparks struck from flint and steel ignited wood and kindling in a brazier which in turn will be used to light hotel lobbies.

Crossing Of Parallels 38 Authorized

Ready To Talk Peace With Reds

By OLEN CLEMENTS
TOKYO.—General MacArthur today offered to discuss peace with the Red commander in Korea and ordered United Nations troops to cross Parallel 38 if necessary.

MacArthur issued his offer and order as advancing Allied forces stamped out almost the last organized Red resistance south of the border to Red Korea.

A Good Friday parachute drop aided in routing the Reds from what's called sizable area in South Korea.

"I stand ready at any time to center in the field with the commander in chief and the enemy forces in the earnest effort" to settle U. N. political objectives in Korea and end the fighting, MacArthur said. He issued his statement before he flew to Seoul Saturday for his 14th visit to the fighting front.

CAN CROSS 38th

On his return to Tokyo, MacArthur said he was confident that he had directed the U. S. Eighth Army to cross the parallel "if the whole security makes it tactically advisable."

The United Nations commander said the status of the mid dividing line between North and South Korea has been "thoroughly discussed in recent statements from Washington, London and other capitals."

"No further comment would seem to be necessary."

"As a matter of fact," MacArthur added, the parallel "has never had any military significance. Our forces are in a forward cross it at will and both ground forces (Red and Allied) have done so in the past."

The top commander said "Everything goes well at the front. The movements of our forces are in line with our policy. The enemy supply lines are taking terrific punishment from our impetuous and our bombardment."

FIGHTING EASES

MacArthur said there was no real change in the situation at present and "our troops maintain the initiative and the enemy continues to withdraw."

MacArthur said the 38th Parallel is "substantially clear of enemy forces."

"Inasmuch as there is a quickening effort at rehabilitation and reconstruction."

"War-shattered" he said, "I begin to resume some evidences of life."

Over Korea, United Nations forces are still in pounding the retreating foe.

Before leaving Tokyo, MacArthur claimed victory in South Korea.

There was no immediate Communist reaction to his peace invitation. But he has not yet in the heaviest enemy traffic in months moving toward the front.

Last Fall, MacArthur pushed north from the boundary between Communist and republican Korea and sent an ultimatum to North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung to quit the war. Kim ignored them.

United Nations troops then crossed the 38th Parallel and met the Yalu River boundary separating Korea and Manchuria. Then Chinese Red borders intervened and rolled the Allies back below Seoul.

The U. N. Allies were back near the 38th Parallel in many places today.

Strong American, South Korean, Turkish, British, Belgian and Puerto Rican forces pushed north from a new battle line established on Good Friday by a huge landing of 20,000 fighting men at Munsan. The town was quickly overrun and the new line was set up twenty miles north of Seoul.

All U. N. forces are in a forward position. See WARTHUR on page 8-A

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