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Defense Pact

TEHRAN (AP)—Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Hekmat said today Iran is to sign a defense pact with the United States...

Vessel Taken

FUKUOKA, Japan (AP)—A Communist Chinese patrol boat captured a 78-ton Japanese fishing vessel off the Shantung Peninsula today...

Security Ban

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—About 4,000 civilian Greek Cypriot employes of British forces on Cyprus were banned from military camps today as a security measure.

Private Session

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The United States scheduled a private meeting with representatives of Jordan, Lebanon and the United Arab Republic today to iron out disagreement over what to do about future U.N. relief to Palestinian Arab refugees in those countries.

Withdrawal

TOKYO (AP)—Communist China demanded withdrawal of United Nations troops from South Korea. The demand was contained in a note today from Red China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking.

Guns Quiet

TAIPEI (AP)—This was an even-numbered day of the month, a non-shelling day for the Quemoy in the Communist calendar of warfare. For the fifth consecutive even-numbered day the Reds stuck to the calendar, not even bombarding areas outside the Nationalist Chinese islands' supply beaches and airstrip.

Price Tag

GENEVA (AP)—Russia today demanded sweeping nuclear disarmament and elimination of foreign military bases as its price for accepting an international warning system against surprise attacks.

Ammo Train Blasts Yards

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Explosion of ammunition cars rained fiery shrapnel and hand grenades over a wide area at the Southern Railway's Norris yards Sunday and made the area hazardous.

The threat of additional explosions kept railroad officials at a distance. Witnesses said five cars loaded with 50 million shells and another with hand grenades were involved. Flames threatened two cars loaded with fuel.

Charles Clem, 25, a volunteer fireman, suffered a fractured skull on a flying fragment. He was listed in fair condition at University Hospital.

The explosions began when the string of ammunition cars side-swiped other cars while a train was being assembled. A railroad worker said he heard a small explosion. A roaring series of blasts followed.

The noise was heard as far as Leeds 14 miles away. Balls of flame billowed skyward as the ammunition went off, and red-hot fragments shot through the air.

Little Rock Mixing Order; Desegregated School Blasted



Apartment Wall Towers Into Air Following Fire

Blaze Sweeps Building Gas Stove Fire Takes 20 Lives

MONTREAL, Que. (AP)—Fire that may have started from an exploding gas stove and swept through an old brick apartment building was believed today to have claimed at least 20 lives.

Some of the 100 tenants and occupants died screaming as the blaze flashed from apartment to apartment early Sunday—so fast that a fireman said it was "like turning on a lot of switches."

Others jumped from third and fourth story windows. One man threw his 5½-year-old son out of a third story window into some bushes. The boy was only slightly injured.

Witnesses told of seeing a mother and her new baby appear at a window and then disappear into the flames.

Investigators dug grimly into the ruins of the four-story building in their quest for bodies. Only nine bodies had been recovered, and only three of those were identified.

Police issued a list of 13 missing persons believed to have been in the building. But apartment dwellers said at least seven more persons were holding a party in one apartment before the fire.

Police expressed uncertainty about the final death toll until all the regular occupants—about 100 persons including several night club entertainers and recent emigrants from Europe—had been accounted for.

Detective Capt. Cecil Rowe, leading the arson squad, said preliminary indications were the fire was caused by a gas stove explosion on the third floor. He said a gas stove, with all its valve controls open, was found in the ruins.

The building on dead end St. Mathias Street, was known as the Oldfield and stood on a cliff overlooking a string of railway tracks 50 feet below. The fire started about 1:45 a.m. and for more than two hours 125 firemen fought to keep it from spreading to adjoining buildings.

TOO STUNNED Those who managed to get out of the burning building said they were too stunned to recall precisely what happened.

Marcelina Krzymowski, a Polish woman who came to Canada a year ago from Britain, had a reporter she and her roommate escaped after hearing "earthshaking screams."

"There was an explosion as we got out," she said. "We had to run for our lives." Edger Eisenbraun, 37, opened the front door of his third-floor apartment when he heard the screams.

"Flames came in at me I opened a cupboard. Flames came at me I threw my son out of the window. I aimed for the bushes and he landed in them."

Explosion In West Virginia

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. (AP)—An integrated school in a small northern West Virginia coal mining town was bombed today in early morning darkness.

Charles A. Stevenson, superintendent of Monongalia County Schools, said there was no evidence the thunderous blast stemmed from racial troubles. The FBI began an immediate investigation.

Ripping through the ground floor of the two-story brick schoolhouse in Osage, four miles northwest of Morgantown, the 2:15 a.m. explosion sent a shock wave rolling across the town and awakened hundreds of residents.

The darkened school building was empty. It served about 250 pupils in the first three grades and the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Classes for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades are held in the old Osage Negro school.

\$350,000 DAMAGE

Stevenson said he would consult with building experts to determine if the building can be repaired or will have to be razed. He said it would cost an estimated \$350,000 to replace the structure.

It was the first such bombing incident reported in West Virginia.

Monongalia County was the first in West Virginia to integrate its schools and the 17-county Osage school is in the fourth year of integration, Stevenson said.

"There have been no racial problems whatever anywhere in the county. I have tried to squelch the rumors that integration troubles are behind this. We don't have any evidence at all that this so."

He said there have been no complaints about integration so far.

Charles Whiston echoed his belief, saying: "This is the last place you'd expect something like that. Whites and colored have lived side-by-side peacefully here for years."

The explosion shattered all windows on the first floor and smashed at least four doors. Several partitions were knocked out.

Stevenson said damage on the second floor didn't seem as great and second-floor walls appeared to be out of line.

Our Weather

Fair and cool through Tuesday. Scattered frost tonight. Low 12 tomorrow. High 40. Low tomorrow morning 37. High today 65. High yesterday 71. High tomorrow 70. Sunrise today 6:32 a.m. sunset today 5:21 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 2-A.



Loaded With Brass

This is not a photographer's idea of what's left on a field after the annual Army-Navy football game. Nor is it a picture from the lobby of the Pentagon. It's just a high-bat way of telling you to turn to 1-B for an interesting news item.

Safe Landing Made

Planes Attack King's Aircraft

LONDON (AP)—Jordan's King Hussein told his people that jet fighters of the United Arab Republic attacked his plane over Syria today and forced his return from a vacation flight to Europe.

In a dramatic speech on Jordan radio, monitored in London, Hussein said the U.A.R. planes attempted to force him to land in Damascus.

Hussein said he flew back toward Amman, but was attacked six times before he reached the border.

OVER JORDAN

The attacking planes continued the raid over Jordanian territory, the King said, but then turned back.

Hussein said he has summoned a special parliamentary session for Tuesday.

Hussein said the jets, described as Soviet-made MIGs with U.A.R. markings, first attacked his plane 15 miles from Damascus. The King was piloting the twin-engine Jordanian air force plane.

He returned to Amman two hours after leaving and immediately summoned his Cabinet.

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Plane Crashes On Takeoff

NEW YORK (AP)—A Seaboard and Western Airlines Super-Constellation crashed and burned while taking off on a training flight from Idlewild Airport today.

An airline official said all five crewmen escaped unhurt.

The plane careened 900 yards off the runway and smashed into a standing Trans-Canada Vistacon. The two craft came to rest against one of the terminal's passenger depots and burst into flames, which enveloped both planes and part of the building.

First reports said two stewardesses were aboard the Trans-Canada plane and that one was slightly burned.

Spectators said the standing plane had prevented the out-of-control Super-Constellation from smashing into the terminal and its cluster of reservation desks.

The mishap occurred about 11 a.m. and a first fire alarm sounded at 11:09. The Trans-Canada plane was scheduled to start loading at 11:10 for an 11:25 departure.

The building, a quarter-mile long cement block structure, was formerly the main terminal at Idlewild. It was built 10 years ago at a cost of three million dollars.

Since opening of the airport's new international arrival building last December, the building has been used by 15 airlines for domestic flights only.

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Little Rock Board Ready To Resign?

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Five of the six members of the Little Rock School Board met informally yesterday to discuss the possibility of resigning en masse, the Arkansas Gazette reported today.

"We met at the home of the one of the members to discuss a good many things," said Wayne Upton, board president. He declined to elaborate.

The absent member, the Gazette said, was Dr. Dale Alford, the outspoken segregationist who last week was elected to Congress in a write-in campaign against Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.).

Alford often has been at odds with the majority decisions of the board in the Little Rock school integration controversy.

—DISTRESS SIGNAL REPORTED— Airliner Down, 36 Missing

LISBON (AP)—A U.S. Navy search plane today reported picking up a distress signal off Cape St. Vincent where a Portuguese flying boat is missing, including six persons on board, including six Americans.

Lt. George Beaver, pilot of a rescue plane, reported hearing the signal but said it was so faint and garbled that he could not make it out.

Beaver said the message was picked up on the international distress frequency about 180 miles west of Cape St. Vincent on the southern tip of Portugal.

Beaver said he sighted all in the area but saw low sweeps over the losing waves disclosed nothing more—a sign of wreckage or life rafts.

This was the spot where the pilot of a twin-engine Portuguese flying boat bound for the resort island of Madeira radioed he was making an emergency landing in the sea at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, an hour after leaving Lisbon.

The Portuguese director of civil aviation, Vitor Veyes, said in a statement early today that "although the most contradictory information is being spread... all that is known is that... (the plane) announced it was going to make an emergency landing."

The other passengers were listed as seven Germans, five Britons, three Belgians, two Frenchmen and seven Portuguese.

Veyes said the air is being searched "with all intensity and minuteness possible during the night and the morning."

A report from a pilot that waves in the area were at least six feet high cut down on a report that the Portuguese flying boat was trying to taxi to shore on an engine.

SIX AMERICANS The six Americans: Leon Lazarus Kohlmann, New Orleans, president of a box man-

More Asian Aid Urged By Ike

SEATTLE (AP)—President Eisenhower today set forth a program of international economic aid for Asian nations. He pledged full United States cooperation in eradicating "barriers against tyranny and the war which tyranny breeds."

The President put no overall price tag on the program and he did not estimate this country's share of the cost, but he did call on the heavily Democratic new Congress to provide adequate and additional financial resources to help 700 million people in free Asia.

In speaking of tyranny he did not mention in so many words the threat of Communist aggression and economic penetration but his meaning was clear.

Eisenhower outlined his aid plan in an address prepared for delivery at a meeting of top diplomats attending the 15-nation Colombo Plan Conference on Co-operative Economic Assistance for South and Southeast Asia.

—'DON'T FEEL TOO HARSH'— Papers Put To Good (?) Use

A local department store manager didn't know exactly what to do when he received this letter recently.

Dear Sir: By the time you read this I will have left Charlotte, so just keep a steady throttle. On Oct. 10 I bought articles totaling \$24.67.

—'YOU PROBABLY KNOW...'—

"I paid with these two checks for twenty dollars each drawn on the Wachovia bank in Charlotte. As you in all probability know, these checks were worthless.

I am extremely sorry I had to do this, but I needed the clothes badly for travel and for paupering insurance.

I am going further south and as I go along I intend to send payments to your

store and others in redemption. So don't feel too harsh toward me.

The name and credentials I used are, I suppose, factual. In a sense of the word, I discovered them on the floor of the Charlotte Coliseum after, of all things, a Billy Graham Crusade sermon.

PUT TO GOOD USE

"I do not know what the Alabama man's things were doing there, but I put them to good use, didn't I?"

"I really am sorry for what I have done, and will pay you back. Yours in sorrowfulness,

"Not J. Lawrence Marshall."

W. A. McCall, captain of detectives, has a copy of the letter. "Things like this don't happen very often," the captain says.