

## Searchers Fined for Loss of 100 Communist Bogs

### Constant Vigil Kept By Patrol

#### Rescue Craft Due On Scene Soon

By DOUGLAS LOVELACE  
JOHNSTON ISLAND—(AP)—An undetermined number of survivors from an Air Force C-54 transport, forced down in the mid-Pacific, was placed under constant air watch today while a rescue ship sped towards the scene.

The plane, with 47 Air Force personnel aboard, was ditched early Sunday 478 miles southwest of this island and about 1,200 miles southwest of Honolulu.

The Navy Patrol Ship PC1141 left Oahu at 10:30 a. m. today to reach the survivors about 1 P. M. EST. The aircraft was last seen by the Navy patrol ship and the Navy freighter at the same time.

Planes were sighted late Sunday night at a point where the water dropped a 27-foot bank.

Officers directing the rescue operation said that at least some of the survivors had managed to board the B-17 which made the first landing and returned to the island.

A Navy Privateer re-loaded the plane which took up a vigil over the survivors.

Relays of planes were to maintain this vigil until the survivors arrived.

The C-54 was one of five on route from the mainland to Johnston Island. The plane was ditched about 4:06 A. M. Sunday after two engines failed.

It is reported on the distress signal, continued to operate for eight minutes after ditching. This indicates the plane did not crash immediately with the loss of both engines and crew of seven escaped into life rafts.

The Air Force pilot dropped first word that some survivors had been spotted.

"Sighted flares," came the radio message. The plane was seen to drop about 100 flares from survivors. It was not known whether they saw B-17 or not.

The pilot, Capt. Allen H. Stotts of the 44th Transport Group, was in command of the plane. He was running low on fuel when he started back to the island. The plane was ditched and the crew of seven escaped into life rafts.

The plane, the Pacific Air Command said a Navy Privateer reported sighting flares on the water about twenty miles from where Stotts had ditched the plane. The Air Force said it was possible it was a second group of survivors.

L. Charles Bassett of Spokane, Wash., reported that the sea was calm and the visibility was good. He is a navigator aboard a Navy transport plane. The plane was ditched in the area of the search. Bassett's plane was one of five on route to Johnston Island. The plane was ditched and the crew of seven escaped into life rafts.

### 'Pumpkin Papers' Delivered

#### Grand Jury Gets Spy Evidence

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—A New York grand jury got a batch of evidence today from the spy hunters in Congress who call it "pumpkin papers" of a Soviet Communist underground in the State Department.

One of the papers was a letter from Alger Hiss and Whitaker Chambers—accused and accused in a story of Red infiltration related by Chambers who says he once spied for the Communists and then turned on them.

Hiss, former State Department official, went to the New York Courthouse under grand jury subpoena and awaited his turn to testify as Chambers appeared before the jurors.

An investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee was asked to testify before the jurors.

He is William A. Wheeler, sent by the committee to turn over secret papers uncovered last year by the committee. They were dispatched at Justice Department request to the grand jury which has inquired into Communist subversive activity for a year and a half.

The grand jury officials said last week that the Hiss-Chambers controversy might be reopened if the committee should so investigate.

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Robert E. Stripling, chief inquirer of the House Committee, has said the hearings starting tomorrow will establish whether the papers to Chambers from the State Department.

He said the 1937-38 State Department leak may not be public. It begins at 2 P. M. EST.

Papers taken to New York by Wheeler included documents made from microfilm which the Chambers yielded to the committee last Thursday.

Whether he was asked why Chambers had not previously disclosed the microfilm, and he replied "He's a Quaker and didn't want to hurt anybody."

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### Truman Says Greek Arrive Bogs Down

#### U. S.-Advised Army Partly Blamed

By EDWARD E. BOMAR  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman said today the drive to crush Greece's Communist-backed guerrillas has bogged down.

He told Congress the American-advised Greek army itself was partly to blame for failing to make determined effort against the remaining rebels after a series of victories last summer.

As a result, Mr. Truman said, Greek morale has sagged and an earlier in Greece contrasted with the American arms and supplies.

NEW REPORT  
"A military stalemate has ensued which has prolonged the Greek struggle for more than a year in a letter transmitting a new report to Congress on the two-year, \$225,000,000 Greek-Turkish program.

The report declared that American aid is showing definite results. It said "significant progress has been made toward increasing the fire power of the Greek army to enable it to continue to resist Communist pressures, and."

"The Turkish people have taken advantage of their opportunity to buy more arms and supplies from the United States and to train their army to enable it to continue to resist Communist pressures, and."

The report covered operations of the two sides against the guerrillas the three months ended Sept. 30. It said references to the situation in Greece contrasted with the Greek aid enterprise was a "conspicuous success."

The latest report estimated some 22,000 guerrillas were still trying to spread ruin and demoralization in an attempt to prepare the way for ultimate Communist domination of Greece.

The number was put at around 15,000 when Congress voted last June to fund the program. The report forecast rejection of an Athens plea for American troops to help the Greek army. There was no direct aid to the Greek army.

As far as number of troops, supplies and equipment are concerned, U. S. authorities are confident that the Greek army is capable of restoring internal security in Greece in the near future.

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### Heavy Vote Cast Despite Rec Boycott

#### Socialist Party Swept Into Power

By DANIEL DE LUKE  
BERLIN—(AP)—A final count showed today blockaded Berliners slapped the Communists with 1,250,620 votes, cast in a protest against Soviet occupation policies.

The Central Election Bureau said 95.3 per cent of the eligible voters took part in the election.

The vote swept the Socialist Party into power in the Western part of the city, while the Communists won the vote in the Eastern part.

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### Corn Jury Chosen, Murder Trial Opens

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### China Reds Say Foes Encircled

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### Minister Asked to Quit For Anti-Dry Position

PAIETTEVILLE—(AP)—The Rev. J. C. Maloney, minister of the Immanuel Baptist Church, has been asked to resign as a result of his anti-dry position.

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### U. N. To Convene In N. Y. April 1

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### Flames Sweep Florence, Damage Will Be Costly

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### "MIRACLE FARM" AS SEEN TODAY

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### Bulwinkle's Condition Is Improved, Medics Say

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