

CRASH

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That air crash in California today -- the plane belonged to the British Commonwealth Pacific Airline. It left Sidney, Australia last Tuesday ~~since~~ stopped at Suva, Canton Island, and Honolulu. Today it was flying through on the last leg to San Francisco. Three minutes out from the Golden Gate it radioed that it was coming in for a landing. When the plane failed to appear a search was made along the shore line. And the discovery of the wreckage was made by an Air Force helicopter. Apparently the overseas ~~plane~~ airliner clipped a hillside with a wing tip. It then turned over and smashed into a ravine, near Half Moon Bay.

All nineteen aboard killed, including William Kapell -- famous concert pianist. He had been appearing in Australia and was returning to his career in this country. Kapell was ~~is~~ generally rated as one of the ten top pianists of this generation.

ROYALTY

King Paul and Queen Fredericka of Greece visited Mount Vernon today - and they also stopped at the Tomb of the Unknown soldier. At arlington they were given a twenty-one gun salute as they placed their wreath and as taps were sounded.

Then the King delivered a speech, thanking us for helping his country. Among other things he said America is giving the world the leadership it needs, and when he finished even the reporters gave him a standing ovation, after which they called out: "The Queen, the Queen!" At first Fredericka shook her head, finally she said "my husband and I always agree". So how could I say more than he has ~~as~~ said? This is how we both feel - very strongly."

~~Tonight the royal couple from Athens will receive a state reception and dinner - as guests of Secretary of State Dulles, and on Saturday, they set forth on their ~~good will tour.~~~~

SUB FOR LAST PARAGRAPH OF ROYALTY

This evening the royal couple held a reception at the Army-Navy country Club. About fourteen hundred dignitaries came to the reception. A news dispatch tells us that the King and Queen were "slightly bewildered" because some women curtsied to them. The royal family of Greece, being used to more democratic ways - shaking hands being their usual method of greeting,

Tonight the Secretary of State is playing host to them at a formal dinner. King Paul and Queen Fredericka will remain in Washington for another day. Then on Saturday they set out for their good will tour of this country.

## WAR CRIMES

A dispatch from Washington discloses that many members of Congress are calling for a "war crimes trial" of Chinese and North Korean Reds. This the immediate horrified reaction to the overwhelming evidence that thousands of allied soldiers were tortured and murdered in North Korea.

Senator Mansfield of Montana asks U.N. delegate Cabot Lodge to lay the case before the world. Says the Senator: "I am appalled and astounded at the news. Then he goes on to say that now there is little chance the war criminals will ever go on trial. But he thinks that we should use this opportunity to tell the truth to all the world. As he put it, "I hope we can at least bring them to trial in absentia, and name and condemn them."

Senators and Congressmen generally are demanding that something be done, to let everyone know of the barbarism of the Reds.

DEAN

Special envoy Dean, in Korea declares that India probably will not attend the peace conference. He thinks it would be virtually impossible. For in the first place, Syngman Rhee would never agree to it. And the U N has already stated that it opposes neutrals at this conference.

Today the State Department tells us that no final decision has been made on the question of Indian participation, and, that India might be admitted - as an observer - just in an effort to get negotiations under way.

SUB PRISONERS

A dispatch from Pan Mun Jom <sup>says</sup> ~~reveals that~~ the North Koreans prisoners will start their interviews tomorrow. The decision comes twelve days after they began their "sit down strike". It was their refusal to come out of their compounds, that caused the deadlock. ~~in the interviewing of prisoners~~. But now Indian General Thimayya declares "they are coming out for ~~an~~ explanations tomorrow."

However, the prisoners demand first: A hearing before the repatriation commission -- and in the presence of what they term "the world press."

At the same time, the neutral nations repatriations commission is sending a team into one prisoner ~~an~~ enclosure. The team - to investigate the murder of at least four anti-Communist prisoners. This is the "surprise" that General Thimayya promised for tonight. The team includes Poles, Czechs, Swedes and Swiss and Indians. Until now, the Indians have been very cautious about using force.

But they're determined to find out what they can about those deaths among the prisoners.

And they're doing it whether or not they have to use tear gas or possibly other weapons.

## TRUCE VIOLATIONS

Polish and Czech Reds are trying to hamper investigation of truce violations in North Korea. A truce team, including Polish, Czech, Swiss and Swedish members, was sent by <sup>the</sup> U N - to see whether the Reds were abiding by the armistice agreement. The team found evidence that the Reds are building up their military strength. But it has not been determined whether such a build-up violates the truce.

However, the neutral team did not have complete cooperation from the Communists - even from those on the team. At one air field the Polish and Czech delegates declared that twenty-five minutes were enough for investigating conditions there. One officer on the team asked to see the log books. He wanted to find out if crated planes had been carried in to the air field, after the armistice. The Red ~~XXXX~~ commander refused to hand over the log books. So no decision could be made on that particular point.



That's how the neutral team was treated in North Korea. No cooperation at one air field. While the Polish and Czech members did what they could ~~be~~ to prevent any proper investigation.

MIDDLE EAST

America will cut off aid from any nation of the Middle East, that defies the U N. State Department officials in Washington declare that Secretary of State Dulles will act at once if the peace between Arabs and Jews is disturbed. According to the officials, the treatment will be the same for all nations along the Palestine border. Israel and the Arab states - to lose American financial aid if they renew hostilities. No formal notification has been sent to the various governments. But they<sup>a</sup>re expected to take as a warning, our suspension of aid to Israel - before the government of the Jewish State ceased work on its hydro-electric project on the Jordan Wiver. Now aid to Israel is resumed. And our government intends to use the same financial pressure if any similar case arises in the Middle East.

## SUBMARINES

The Russians have the largest submarine fleet in the world; that according to "Janes Fighting Ships" - the famous British authority on sea power. According to Janes, the Kremlin has three-hundred-and-seventy U-boats. And we have two hundred and one.

However, Janes' analysis shows that America is ahead in the use of atomic power for submarines. Making us the leader in the most critical field of naval construction. As Janes points out, atomic power may revolutionize sea warfare. That the change over to atomic power may "be as profound as the conversion from sails to mechanical power."

In all other major departments, our Navy is far ahead of everyone else. For example, we have over a hundred aircraft carriers, while the Soviets have none. And we have fifteen battleships, to their three. The Russians are superior only in submarines, and their superiority may disappear as soon as we have started fullscale construction of atomic submarines.

What is the Kremlin like on the inside? We all wonder. All most of us know is that it is mysterious and sinister. I know that when I was there, a couple of years after the death of Lenin we were not permitted inside. But, now ~~xi~~ five reporters have ~~had~~ been given a tour. U.P. Correspondent Ken Brodney tells us about it. Heavily guarded as always. Troops marching by, with targets under their arms - apparently on their way to rifle practice. And guards at the gates, supervising traffic.

They saw relics of long ago, including one giant artillery piece known as the "czar cannon". The guide said it was built in fifteen Eighty-Six, for the purpose of defending the Kremlin, weighing forty tons, and intended to hurl missiles weighing two tons, but never did.

Inside the reporters saw the hall of the Supreme Soviet, with a large stone statue of Lenin behind the seats occupied by the top men of the Kremlin during meetings of the Supreme Soviet; the familiar pose of Lenin, with his arm out-stretched.

The reporters also visited rooms where Ivan the Terrible, and Peter the Great, and Katherine the Great, lived. And they saw old Golden crowns, thrones, and carriages of state including a gilded coach - presented by Queen Elizabeth to Brois Gudonov.

The U.P. dispatch says their Red guide told them Czarism was a monstrous tyranny - that the revolution of Nineteen Seventeen was inevitable, and that now all is perfect.

## FOG

From London, familiar news for this time of the year. Again settling down over the British capital. Blinding pedestrians, and making it difficult to breath. Londoners are flocking to the drug stroes - to buy what are called "smog masks" made of gauze. Visibility is cut to a few yards. All air liners grounded.

Another fog like the one that caused so many deaths last year. Just of the the hazards of life in the great city on the Thames.

## SABRE JET

Today a sabre jet fighter set a new world speed record. The plane covering a fifteen kilometer course at a rate of almost seven hundred and fifty five miles an hour. The record set by Colonel Pete Everest, flying over the Salton Sea area in Southern California. Some forty-five miles an hour faster than the best previous time over such a course.

## BARONET

A sixty year old house painter and farmer is leaving Baltimore for a trip to Scotland. Adrian Dunbar, who has lived in this country for thirty four years.

Now Adrian Dunbar goes back to Scotland, taking his wife with him, and leaving two sons in the American Army.

He ~~the former house painter~~ will become a member of the nobility - because he's heir to the title of Baronet of Dunbar.

He says he's leaving this country "with mixed emotions, and fond memories."

The new Scottish Peer leaves a three acre farm in Maryland for a two thousand acre estate in Scotland - the estate of the Baronet of Dunbar.



I've been reading interesting things about Will Rogers - that homespun philosopher whose memory remains green. The Cherokee Indian - or what was he? That's an odd question.

The book, "our Will Rogers", is by an old friend, Homer Croy, who wrote motion picture material for Will Rogers, and was his associate for years. So now Homer Croy ~~XXXXXX~~ says: "He was, in blood, more Irish than Indian. But he was such a master showman that he played up the Indian, and let the Irish take care of itself."

The arithmetic is this: Will Rogers was nine thirty-seconds Indian. But how ~~■~~ do you get that fraction? You may be half Indian, one fourth Indian, or one-eighth. But how come - nine thirty-seconds? Well, that was ascertained by careful mathematics. In both his father's and his mother's family there were ~~frac~~ fractions of Indian blood, going so far back, they had to be calculated in small percentages.

Homer Croy says Will Rogers never bothered much about the complications of his ancestry - which in a way was too

bad. The cowboy humorist, <sup>Mike -</sup> would have been amused to learn

that he was nine thirty-seconds Indian, <sup>like you prob -</sup>  
and 9 <sup>322</sup> Irish.