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Jets Spew Death

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SANTA ANA (AP)—“Oh, my God! I hope I got it past the building!”

These were Marine Capt. James Powell's last words, minutes after his Skyhawk jet attack plane collided with another in a rainstorm Sunday.

Both disabled planes crashed into a retirement community, setting two dwellings on fire. Powell and four residents died.

Four other persons were injured, three residents of the Leisure World community and the pilot of the second AA4B Skyhawk.

AT CHURCH

Many residents of the community 14 miles southeast of Santa Ana and 45 miles southeast of Los Angeles were away at church services when the planes crashed.

“No one had a chance,” said Dr. Adrian Irvine, a retired physician. “I looked out a window and saw a mass of flames engulf the building.”

Laura Stevens, like Irvine a Leisure World resident, was reading a newspaper when she heard what sounded like thunder.

She saw a neighboring unit enveloped in flames and “people running out of the building carrying bundles of clothing.”

MANY TRAPPED

As plane wreckage ripped through two of the two-story buildings, other persons were trapped temporarily by flames and debris.

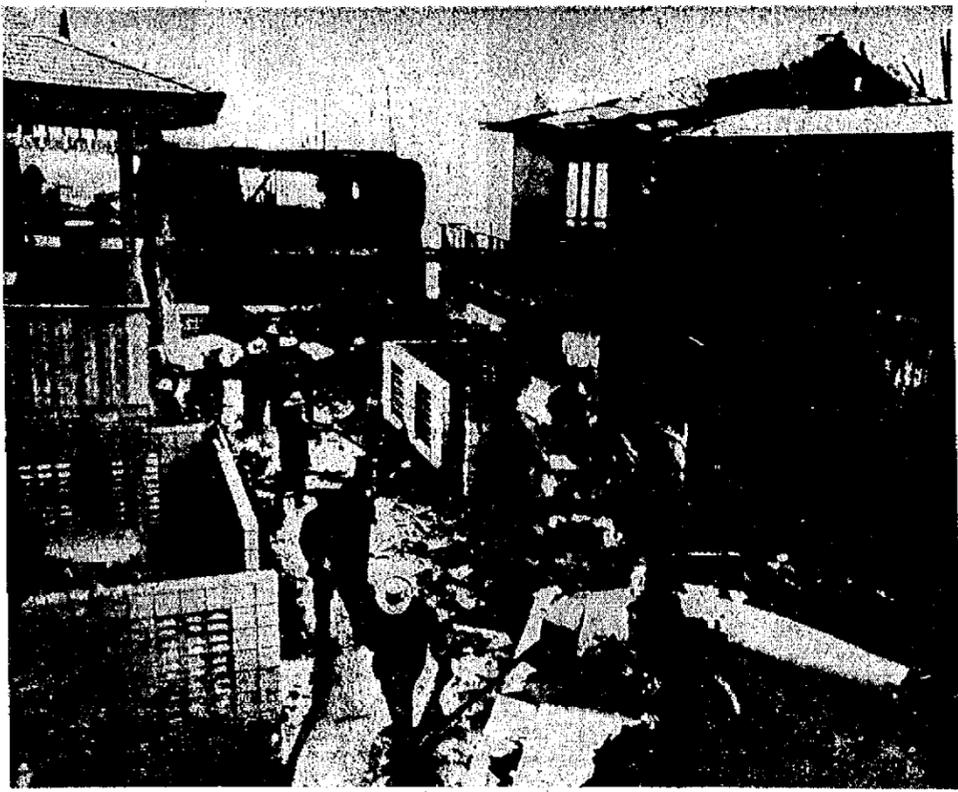
A fuel tank fell from one of the planes as it smashed through the first building. Investigators several hours after the crash theorized that the radio in one of the planes may have gone dead as the pilot was being guided toward a landing at El Toro Marine Air Station.

Both planes were from Marine Attack Squadron 132, Naval Air Station, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N.Y. Their pilots were scheduled for two weeks' reserve training.

OBJECTIONS

Although El Toro is about five miles from the 3,600-acre housing development, Leisure World lies squarely in the instrument approach path to the airstrip.

The community, with apartment-like dwellings sold to re-



LEISURE WORLD HOMES DEMOLISHED BY FALLING AIRCRAFT
Flaming Military Jets Turned Santa Ana Buildings Into Rubble

AP Wirephoto

Forecast Tonight

Rain Due Again

After a two-day respite in the wake of the season's worst storm, which dumped more than six inches of rain in some parts of Southern Alameda County, more rain is expected to start falling late tonight.

The weatherman pegged the chance of rain at 60 per cent tonight and 80 per cent tomorrow.

Compared to other sections of the state, Southern Alameda

County came through the storm with little damage. There were a number of minor floods, some mud slides on Hill Avenue and Berenice Street in Hayward, and a rash of storm-triggered traffic accidents.

THE FREMONT Fire Department was called out about 11 a.m. yesterday to pump out the basement of the Sierra Center for Girls.

In Newark, firemen had to cut down a power pole that the Sunday storm had knocked over on Mayhews Landing Road. The lines were down over the road and were cleared about 4 p.m. by PG&E crews.

The weekend rainfall in Hayward totaled 4.63 inches, bringing the total to date to 11.59 inches compared with 8.11 inches by this time last year and the 8.57 normal-to-date figure.

Some 6.25 inches of rain fell in Pleasanton during the weekend, bringing the total to date to 14.27 inches. By this time last year 10.97 inches had fallen in Pleasanton, where the normal-to-date is 10.15 inches.

MEANWHILE, farther north, residents were digging out from their worst storm of the winter. Trans-Sierra highways, which had been closed by heavy snow and poor visibility, were open today.

Interstate 80 and U.S. 40 were passable with chains and U.S. 50 was open to all but heavy truck traffic, allowing stranded skiers to leave resorts.

The Southern Pacific Co. railroad line over Donner Summit, blocked by derailment of five diesel engines and a boxcar, is being cleared today.

THE STORM left an impressive wake. Marin County officials reported an estimated \$1 million damage after 12.49 to 18.75 inches inundated the county during 48 hours.

In San Anselmo, four new two-unit dwellings were destroyed by a landslide and a fifth building slid 15 feet. In Kentfield 70 persons were evacuated from their homes because of flooding. The storm isolated the communities of Pt. Reyes and Inverness for a time but roads are now open.

Gusts of 100 miles per hour were recorded on Mt. Tamalpais.

ABOUT 100 persons were evacuated from the Guerneville area on the Russian River, which hit a crest of 37 feet, approximately eight feet above flood stage.

Lowlands along the Eel and Napa Rivers also were inundated.

Power and telephone lines to several Sierra resorts were snapped by ice. The storm dumped up to 60 inches of new snow in the mountains.

Chou En-Lai's Order

Army To Repel Mao Foes

TOKYO (AP)—Premier Chou En-lai reportedly committed Red China's 2.5-million-man army to crush Mao Tse-tung's opponents as news of revolt and resistance crackled out of the embattled mainland today from frozen Manchuria to Kwangtung in the south.

Japanese newsmen, quoting Peking wall posters, said Chou's announcement at a rally in Peking Sunday was the first state-

ment by a top government official that troops would be used against Mao's foes.

The posters said Chou declared: “The People's Liberation Army is the most important tool of the dictatorship of the proletariat. It will resolutely suppress the handful of counter-revolutionary elements who are trying to destroy the proletarian great cultural revolution.”

Japanese correspondents in Peking also reported purge

chairman Chen Po-ta and Mao's wife, Chiang Ching, had ordered the people of the capital to establish a revolutionary city government composed of workers, peasants, soldiers, revolutionary students and teachers.

Quoting wall posters, the correspondents said 40 Maoists were injured, 10 captured and many were missing after a clash with students and workers

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Johnson Seeking To Hike Benefits For The Elderly

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson asked Congress today to raise Social Security benefits by 15 per cent and 59 per cent in the lowest bracket and said such an increase will be “a major step toward our goal that every elderly citizen has an adequate income and a meaningful retirement.”

Johnson's proposal, which he said would guarantee minimum benefits of \$70 a month for individuals and \$105 a month for married couples, also includes a recommendation for increased Social Security taxes, both by raising the taxable base and by increasing rates.

The President asked Congress to increase the amount of annual income on which taxes are collected to \$7,800 next year, \$9,000 in 1971, and \$10,800 in 1974.

REVISE RATE

He also asked Congress to revise rate increases already scheduled, going from 4.4 to 4.5 per cent in 1968 and from 4.85 per cent in 1973 to 5 per cent.

The same increases would apply to the levy on employers, who match what employees put in.

The biggest increase in benefits—59 per cent—would apply only in the lowest bracket to raise the individual minimum from \$44 to \$70. From that the rise would graduate downward to at least 15 per cent for those eligible for maximum benefits.

Johnson recommended that the amount Social Security recipients can earn without losing trip benefits be increased to \$1,650 a year and that the amount above that for which a beneficiary can retain \$1 in payments for each \$2 in earnings be increased to \$2,880.

BROAD OUTLINE

The increased benefits had been sketched in broad outline in Johnson's State of the Union message.

He called in the earlier communication for the rise from \$44 to \$70 in minimum benefits, and a guarantee of \$100 a month for persons with 25 years or more of coverage.

The State of the Union mes-

sage did not go into the tax in-

crease to pay for the increased benefits.

The proposed increase in Social Security taxes would increase the maximum amount paid by an individual to \$343.20 in 1968 and to \$351.00 in 1969.

Johnson had announced earlier that his proposals would cost \$4.1 billion during the first year. The tax rise is expected to come under fire in Congress, especially from Republicans

who have urged an 8 per cent increase plus a cost-of-living escalator clause without raising taxes.

2.5 MILLION
The maximum increases under the President's proposals would go to 2.5 million persons now receiving minimum benefits of \$44 a month for an individual. But Johnson said increases of at least 15 per cent would go to the other 20.5 mil-

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Cal State Talk

New Plea For Peace

An appeal for new and exhaustive efforts to negotiate a settlement in Vietnam was made by a former special assistant to Presidents Johnson and Kennedy in a speech today

Negro Claim To Be Heard

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court unanimously ordered a lower federal court today to hear an Arkansas Negro's claim that the death penalty is administered disproportionately to Negroes convicted of raping white women.

The court made no comment in ordering the U.S. Circuit Court in St. Louis to clear the way for a hearing on the claim. It was made by civil rights lawyers on behalf of William L. Maxwell, a Negro sentenced to death in Garland County, Arkansas, in 1962 for the rape of a 35-year-old unmarried white woman.

at California State College at Hayward.

Richard N. Goodwin, a Johnson speech writer and a deputy assistant undersecretary of state under Kennedy, said the United States should explore privately and publicly every chance to begin serious discussion.

“We must know what we want,” he said. “We must have a series of objectives which we are willing to secretly communicate to the other side. We have not done this.”

THE UNITED States must stop bombing North Vietnam, he said.

“North Vietnam cannot talk while it is under attack,” he maintained.

“We cannot win,” he declared. “We do not have the ability to defeat the Communists in South Vietnam unless we are willing to send millions of men or dozens of atomic weapons to Vietnam. The most we have done is to transform possible defeat into certain stalemate.”

“There are few in Washington, even among the highest officers, who believe that past or future escalations of our bombings will affect the course of the war.”

BUT GOODWIN said he believes the administration intends to widen the air war with a “lengthening list of civilian targets all out of frustration rather than military necessity.”

He charged that the government has not sought negotiation with “all the skill and wisdom that can be brought to bear nor has it been candid about efforts to negotiate.”

“I believe that while it is tragic that our involvement in Vietnam has doomed the Democratic Party to a possible defeat in 1968 it is more tragic that thousands should die because we have failed to exhaust the possibilities for peaceful settlement,” he said.

Goodwin delivered the President's Convocation at Cal State.

Court Kills Ban On Campus Reds

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court threw out today a New York law which makes Communist party membership grounds for dismissal of state university and colleges teachers.

The high court also declared unconstitutional a 1917 New York law which made “the utterance of any treasonable or seditious word or words or the doing of any treasonable or seditious act” ground for dismissal from the public school system.

The court split along liberal-

conservative lines as it issued its ruling by a 5-4 vote.

Justice William J. Brennan Jr. wrote the controlling ruling. Voting with him to form a majority were Chief Justice Earl Warren and Associate Justices Hugo L. Black, William O. Douglas and Abe Fortas. Dissenting were Justices Tom C. Clark, John M. Harlan, Potter Stewart and Byron R. White.

The New York provisions were found by the majority to be unconstitutionally vague and

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Fremont's First Birthday

By GLADYS WILLIAMSON

Many of us remember that drama-filled moment on Jan. 24, 1956, when the hands of the clock on the Washington Union High School cafeteria wall pointed to one minute after midnight as the new council was being sworn in.

But more exciting was that night on Jan. 10, when a political stork dropped a bundle in an old bank, as a jubilant over-flow crowd cheered election returns.

The voters, almost two-to-one, had approved incorporation of Niles, Centerville, Irvington, Mission San Jose and Warm Springs into a city covering almost 100 square miles of Washington Township, and had chosen a council representative from each of the communities. The 17 candidates had run at large.

THE CANDIDATE race was close. Only two votes separated Jack Stevenson of Centerville, high man, and Bruce Michael of Warm Springs. Twenty-four absentee ballots gave them a tie vote.

The fifth place was also a vote-to-vote race. When results appeared to be conclusive Jack Parry of Niles was asked to get his wife for a picture. Before he could be persuaded Wallace Pond of Irvington picked up 178 votes from the last precincts, edging ahead of Parry, who was later elected to the council and became mayor.

Michael J. Overacker of Mission San Jose placed third, with Mrs. Roland (Winifred) Bendel, the only woman candidate, in fourth place.

Overacker's family still operated the 900-acre cattle ranch his grandfather, Howard Overacker, established in the hills east of Mission San Jose in 1852 before he represented Washington Township on the 1862 Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Fremont observed its 11th birthday today. Gladys Williamson, a long-time Fremont resident who initiated the city's pending bid for All-America City status, recalls the events surrounding incorporation.

Stevenson was also, of an 1852 ranch family but had become an attorney and musician. Piano playing had not hurt another politician, he had remarked when urged to have his picture taken at the keyboard during the pre-election campaign.

MRS. BENDEL, who had lived in Niles since the 1920's, had been prominent in Bay Area Federated Club and local civic affairs and had been one of the leaders in pre-incorporation activities.

Bruce Michael had had a colorful career as an airline pilot with commercial lines and the Army Air Force before literally coming down to earth at his 130-acre ranch in Warm Springs in 1948.

Pond, a pharmacist active in Bay Area Boy Scout programs, was the son of “Doc” Pond, veteran Irvington druggist, and had headed the first “committee to incorporate.” He was the only bachelor on the council.

Less than a month later he and Miss Rosaline Egan of a pioneer Sunol family announced their engagement at a Castlewood Country Club cocktail party. The next day they documented their intentions by posing for press pictures under the blossoming boughs of a plum tree in a Niles garden—background testimony for Fremont's winter climate.

The council was a fast-moving team. At 2 p.m. on the

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ROGER HEYNS DANIEL ALDRICH FRANKLIN MURPHY
Front Runners To Succeed Ousted U.C. President Kerr

U-C Students Lower Flag To Protest Kerr's Firing

BERKELEY (AP)—Students apparently protesting the firing of President Clark Kerr of the University of California, hauled the state flag to half-mast today as classes began. Police ran the banner back up again.

As soon as officers left the scene, however, the students again lowered the flag. This time, a student reset the flag in its proper place. A flag at half-staff is signal of mourning.

Dan McIntosh, Berkeley campus student president, called a special meeting of the Associated Students for tonight to discuss Kerr's dismissal as head of the 87,000-student university.

On other campuses of the nine-campus system student leaders also planned mass meetings today to decide on student action on the crisis.

INDEFINITE

Plans for action by students were indefinite, McIntosh said. “We have no plans for a protest

today,” he said. But students had begun to gather in Sprout Plaza, fronting the Administration building, when first classes began.

At two campuses in Southern California there was talk of classroom boycotts to protest the firing of Kerr.

At Santa Barbara, student body president Jeff Jeffcoat urged organization of a univer-

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