

Weather Forecast

Possible showers tonight, low 62. Tomorrow, cloudy, not as warm or humid. (Details on Page A-2).

Temperatures Today
Midnight 73 6 a.m. 70 11 a.m. 77
2 a.m. 73 8 a.m. 71 Noon 81
4 a.m. 71 10 a.m. 77 1 p.m. 83

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Oatis Arrives In New York; Wife at Airport

Newsman Released From Czech Prison Faces Inspections

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, May 18.—William N. Oatis returned to the United States and his wife's arms today from more than two years in prison behind the Communist Iron Curtain.

The Associated Press foreign correspondent arrived at Idlewild Airport at 1:05 p.m. (EDT) aboard a Pan American Airways plane from Frankfurt, Germany.

Mr. Oatis spent 25 months in a Prague prison. Czech authorities held that he was a spy. Then, suddenly, they released him Saturday.

Mrs. Oatis flew into New York yesterday from St. Paul, Minn., home to be at the airport to greet her husband.

Mr. Oatis had to clear the customs, health and immigration inspections and was expected to face interviews and photographers at the airport afterward.

Reds 'Very Efficient.'

The 39-year-old newsman was freed by Czechoslovakia's government Saturday after being pardoned from a 10-year sentence for reporting objectively about the Red regime—the Czechs called it "espionage"—while working as an Associated Press correspondent in Prague in 1951.

Before leaving Frankfurt last night, Mr. Oatis said the Czechs gave him "psychological" treatment before his trial, in which he confessed guilt.

He was not terrorized or mis-handled, and the Czechs did not try to indoctrinate him with communism, he insisted. He went on, however:

"They were very efficient in their methods and preparation for my trial. It would be very difficult for me to describe what happened so that I could be understood by any one not familiar with such proceedings or with what is done individually.

Reciting Something.

"I think you could call it more psychological than anything else. 'If what I was heard to say or reported to have said during the trial sounded like I was reciting something, why that's the way it was.'

The newsman from Marion, Ind., was thin, pale, a bit bewildered by his sudden freedom, but in seeming good health. He said his treatment by the Czechs was "generally good."

Mr. Oatis explained his accusation by the Czechs this way: "As a newspaperman I have always acted or tried to act as best I could on the proposition that a news story, to be fair, should present all essential sides. During the time I was in Prague I found there were quite different ideas about what constituted objectivity in news reporting."

Fair Job Not Understood.

"Many people, especially people in charge of the (Czech) government, do not see things as we do in the United States or other countries where freedom of the press exists."

"I found that an American reporter, trying his best to do a job as fairly as he could, was not understood."

Of his prison life, Mr. Oatis said:

"I don't know what was done generally with prisoners. My observations were limited. But I was not subjected to special pressure after my trial and conviction. I mean political or ideological pressure."

"I was subject, of course, to a rigidly controlled routine, from 5:30 in the morning until 9:30 at night. There was rarely any deviation in our schedule. We lived each day by strict schedule—and each night, too."

Arms Outside Blankets.

"For instance," Mr. Oatis continued, "each night we had to spread our things on the floor, just so, and most prisoners had always to sleep with their hands and arms outside the blankets, no matter how severe the

(See OATIS, Page A-2.)

Red Party Called Haven for Neurotics By Psychoanalyst

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, May 18.—The Communist Party, a Baltimore psychoanalyst says, is a "tailor-made haven for neurotics" who use it as a temporary solution to their personal disturbances.

Dr. Robert M. Lindner told a meeting of the National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis last night that the hard-core Communist Party leadership and many members of Fascist organizations have psychopathic tendencies.

A neurotic person suffers from a nervous disorder while a psychopathic individual is afflicted with a definite defect of personality or character.

Dr. Lindner said he did not mean all Communists are neurotic nor that all neurotics are Communists.

Jet Ace Bags 3 MIGs in Day For Total of 16 to Lead Field

McConnell's Closest Rival, Fernandez, Is Ordered Home

By the Associated Press

A UNITED STATES SABRE JET BASE IN KOREA, May 18.—A slight Sabre jet pilot blasted three Red MIGs to earth today, became world's leading jet ace with a total of 16 kills, and said afterward:

"I'd like to do this again tomorrow, too."

Capt. Joseph McConnell, Jr., a 31-year-old veteran from Apple Valley, Calif., slumped against his fighter's swept wing, pulled deeply on a cigarette, and commented:

"I think I've used up all my supply of adrenalin today."

The 140-pound father of three children was just back from shooting down his 16th Russian-made jet on a late afternoon sweep. He got the other two this morning, making him a triple ace.

The three victories put Capt. McConnell two ahead of Capt. Manuel Fernandez, Jr., whose tour in Korea ended yesterday with a total of 14 kills. The 5th Air Force turned down his request to fly 25 more missions. He already had flown 125 missions—25 more than the 100 required for rotation home.

Extra Missions Doubtful.

Lt. Gen. Glenn Barcus, 5th Air Force commander, also indicated Capt. McConnell's days are numbered in Korea.

The flyer put in yesterday for another 25 missions beyond the 125 he was authorized to fly. He has flown 106.

"His chances of flying those extra missions are awful slim," Gen. Barcus said. The general flew down to this base to talk to the pilots. Gen. Barcus flew with the 51st Fighter Wing on his own flights over Red Korea.

Excess Profits Tax 'Vicious,' but Needed Temporarily, Taft Says

Democratic Support Seen by Sparkman if Extension Is Sought

By the Associated Press

Senate Republican Leader Taft said today the excess profits tax is "vicious" in some aspects but probably should be continued temporarily to provide revenue.

He said in an interview that the tax generally reaches big business firms most able to pay, although he added there is really no equitable way of defining "excess profits."

Temporary Expedient.

"While it is a vicious tax in some ways, it provides revenue that we need badly and it probably ought to be continued temporarily," he observed.

The tax, which can make a corporation's income taxes total 70 percent of its profits, is scheduled to die July 1 unless Congress acts to continue it. The levy now raises about \$2 billion in revenue yearly.

Senator Taft said that if President Eisenhower in his report to the Nation tomorrow merely cites the need for revenue and leaves the solution up to the lawmakers, little if anything will be done.

Democratic Support Seen.

Senator Sparkman, Democrat of Alabama, the 1952 Democratic vice presidential nominee said in a separate interview he believes many Democrats would support a direct presidential recommendation for continuation of the excess profits levy, at least until January 1, when a 10 percent cut in personal income taxes is scheduled.

Israeli Ship Docks

NEW YORK, May 18 (AP).—The Jerusalem, the first passenger ship flying the Israeli flag to cross the Atlantic, docked today from Haifa with 362 passengers.

'53 Rain Runs 5 Inches Ahead Of Record Drenching in 1889

Nearly 5 inches more of rain has fallen this year than during the comparable period of 1889, the wettest year in the 81 years of Weather Bureau records.

In the soggy 12-month period of 64 years ago, a total of 61.33 inches of rain pelted Washington. That's 19.17 inches more than normal.

With yesterday's drenching, this year's total fall reached 26.23 inches—4.78 inches more rain than had fallen by May 18, 1889.

Record-wise, 1889 also had the wettest May recorded by the Bureau—10.69 inches. This month's rain now stands at 7.55 inches, which brings up another interesting comparison. In May, 1889, only 1.60 inches had fallen by the 18th. Before the month

ended, an additional 9.09 inches had been dumped on the city.

Here are the month-by-month rainfall figures for record 1889:

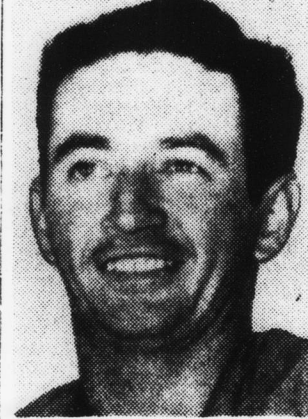
January, 4.05.
February, 2.47.
March, 4.20.
April 9.13 (an all-time record for the month).

May, 10.69.
June, 5.01.
July, 8.13.
August, 3.07.
September, 3.88.
October, 4.48.
November, 6.03.
December, 0.19.

The monthly rainfall so far in 1953:

January, 4.13.
February, 2.35.
March, 7.43.
April, 4.77.
May (first 17 days), 7.55.

This month's precipitation is 5.47 inches above normal. The whole moist year is 12.38 inches over the average mark.



CAPT. JOSEPH McCONNELL, Jr.

recently. Capt. McConnell was with the 4th Fighter Wing.

In disclosing he had grounded Capt. Fernandez, Gen. Barcus said:

"He's done enough. We've decided to stop him at 125 (missions)."

Fernandez Puts Up Plea.

"Fernandez spent two hours with me off and on today trying to talk me into letting him fly the extra 25, when we got word that McConnell had gone ahead of him."

Capt. McConnell said his wife Pearl hadn't heard yet about his request for 25 more missions.

"I don't think she'd appreciate it too much, but she's a real good sport," he said.

Capt. McConnell flew as a navigator in heavy bombers in World War II.

He is a short, slender man with black hair beginning to fleck with gray. Asked how he felt with his gray hair so young, he answered:

"Before I came over here, I got three kids."

Plane Which Took 19 To Death Reported Flying Into Cloud

Veteran Korea Airman Says Such Weather Contains Downcasts

By the Associated Press

MARSHALL, Tex., May 18.—A Delta-Chicago and Southern airliner which crashed near here yesterday, killing 19 of the 20 persons aboard, flew directly into an ominous black cloud that brought a half-hour downpour to the area, an Air Force pilot said today.

The lone survivor was a woman. The dead included the stewardess and five other women.

A full investigation of the disaster is being conducted by Civil

Picture and Casualty List in Texas Plane Crash. Page A-3

Aeronautics Board and Delta officials from Dallas and Fort Worth. No official statement is expected until the probe is completed.

Capt. James E. Beck, a veteran of 50 combat missions over Korea who is home here on leave, said he was at the Marshall Airport when the DC-3 flew over, headed for Shreveport. He said it was unusually low—only about 500 feet up—and expressed surprise it did not land at Marshall "because it was headed straight for a very rough-looking black cloud."

Often Contains Downcast.

Capt. Beck said such a cloud often contains a downcast that drops a big plane 500 feet in a matter of seconds despite a pilot's efforts. If that happened to the Delta plane it would have brushed the treetops, he said.

The rain cloud disappeared as quickly as it had come, and 15 minutes after the wreck the rain stopped. The storm lasted only 30 minutes.

The crash, 13 miles east of here, happened moments after the pilot, Douglas Volk, 33, Atlanta, had asked the Shreveport, La., airport control tower for

(See CRASH, Page A-3.)

NATO Weakest In Air Power, Ridgway Says

General Stresses Need for Germans In Defense Setup

By J. A. O'Leary

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, commander of North Atlantic Treaty forces, told Congress today that airpower is still the weakest link in Europe's defenses.

Testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the proposed \$5.8 billion foreign aid program for 1954, the general declared:

"Despite the substantial gains in numbers of aircraft and trained pilots deriving from the United States' mutual defense assistance program, our air forces today are still inadequate to carry out their assigned tasks."

Gen. Ridgway added:

"Today, as a year ago, air power is still the weakest link in our defense. . . . There are still major deficiencies, for example, in support units, logistical establishments and stocks of ammunition."

He also declared he has seen no evidence that Soviet peace talk is sincere.

"The military threat based on capabilities has remained unchanged," the officer said.

Gen. Ridgway's testimony came soon after the Republican administration announced plans to cut the Air Force.

Truman Goal Belittled.

The administration has scaled down its Air Force goal to 120 wings from the earlier objective of 143 wings. Defense officials have contended that the goals in the Truman administration were only paper goals and that more effective defense can be obtained at the new level.

Under questioning by Representative Harrison, Democrat of Virginia, Gen. Ridgway, who has been named Army chief of staff, said he is not familiar with recent Pentagon proposals to reduce Air Force goals.

Pressed by Mr. Harrison for his military judgment on such points, in view of his testimony about air weakness in Europe, Gen. Ridgway finally said:

"If those reductions would result in any reduction in our minimum requirements (in Western Europe) I would deplore seeing that reduction made."

Gen. Ridgway, in his first appearance here since taking charge in Europe, also emphasized:

1. The importance of bringing German manpower into the NATO defense by ratification of the European Defense Community treaty.

2. The possibility of providing stronger defense for Western Europe with new weapons now being studied by the allied command in Europe.

'Special Weapons' Fund.

The pending foreign aid bill contains a new item of \$250 million to encourage the development of "special weapons" in this country or in Western Europe.

"Although it is too early to anticipate the outcome of this study, we can be sure that new weapons will have a powerful effect on combat operations," said Gen. Ridgway.

These weapons will contribute materially to our defensive strength, they will also introduce new factors of vulnerability. At the moment I am not in a position to say what effect new weapons will have on the military requirements for allied command Europe."

Gen. Ridgway made it clear, without seeming to dictate to the committee, that he thinks it would be a mistake to cut the \$5.8 billion asked by the administration. This is already \$1.8 billion less than former President Truman recommended in January.

Cites Russian Strength.

Gen. Ridgway told the Representatives that he cannot afford to plan his defense by speculating on Russia's intentions. He said he must not rely on attempts "to fathom the minds of the men in the Kremlin." He said he also cannot speculate on time, because of all the basic principles of war, none today has more devastating effect than that of surprise.

Gen. Ridgway listed Russia's strength at 175 army divisions, 20,000 front-line aircraft and a navy including 35 submarines. He said the Soviet has 30 divisions in occupied Europe, "of which the 22 in East Germany constitute an ever-present threat to our forward forces."

He said the combat effectiveness of their ground forces is rated high and their equipment good—in some types, excellent. In the air, he continued, the Soviet has made significant progress in re-equipping its forces with high-performance jet aircraft, and in increasing overall combat efficiency.

"The Soviets' well-known disregard for their own casualties further increases their offensive capability," said the general.



Jack Scarbath and Two Others Accuse Glickfield in Bribe Trial

All-American Quarterback Says Defendant Wanted to Keep Spread Points Down

All-American Quarterback Jack Scarbath and two other University of Maryland football stars today accused Louis L. Glickfield of trying to bribe them.

Scarbath, Guard Frank Navarro and Center Tom Cosgrove testified in Prince Georges Circuit Court at Upper Marlboro against the 21-year-old suspended student, who was brought back to the county last week from his Army post at Fort Knox, Ky.

Glickfield is on trial before Judge Charles C. Marbury on an indictment charging that he tried to bribe Cosgrove to keep the point spread of last fall's Louisiana State University game under 21 points. Maryland University won the game by more than that margin.

The defense chose a trial before the court after previously asking a jury trial.

Tells of Visit to Room.

Scarbath said Glickfield came to his dormitory room on October 23, two days before the L. S. U. game. It was called off, he said, by Glickfield, who said that heavy wagers which reportedly had been posted were lost.

Navarro said Glickfield came to his room October 23 and offered him \$400 to keep the point spread down.

"He wanted me to jump off side several times," Navarro testified.

He explained that the jump is a delaying action which brings penalties to the offending team. Navarro said he did not accept the money and that he reported the offer to the team captain, Ed Fullerton, the next day.

Under cross-examination, Navarro said he saw a roll of money he thought was \$400, then added he was uncertain whether Glickfield

(See GLICKFIELD, Page A-2.)

Sex Crimes Charged to Man Seized on Hunch by Police

Police today placed attempted rape charges against a 30-year-old man believed to be the one who has been preying on women here for the last two months.

Arrested on a detective's hunch late Saturday night and placed in a special lineup yesterday was John Wilson, colored, of the 3800 block of Jay street N.E.

Wilson was charged by police today with two counts of assault with intent to rape, two of housebreaking, one of robbery and one of simple assault.

Taken into court today on one of these charges—assault with intent to rape a woman in her bedroom—Wilson was held under \$5,000 bond by Municipal Court Judge Thomas C. Scalley and the case was continued until May 29.

Reported Picked by Two.

The court was informed that Wilson was picked out of a lineup by his intended victim and by a park policeman who had heard the woman's screams and chased the intruder.

Lt. John L. Sullivan said Wilson also was believed to be the man responsible for at least one rape and another assault with intent to commit rape.

Wilson, according to Lt. Sullivan, admitted one assault attempt charge. Lt. Sullivan said he was picked out of the special lineup by a pursenatching victim who broke away from her assailant. The officer said Wilson was also linked to another case through a flashlight found in his car.

Wilson was arrested by Detective Sgt. Eugene H. Sisson and Edward P. Talbot, of the general assignment squad, who had been especially assigned to the case after Sgt. Sisson told his superiors he had an idea who had been harassing women.

Sgt. Sisson recalled that a man he had known as a juvenile had been suspected of assaulting women in the course of housebreaking and pursenatching activities.

Wilson's home was watched for some time before he finally showed up there and was arrested.

Cases Listed by Police.

Police listed these cases on which Wilson was charged: On March 31 a 30-year-old

Tavern Owner Slain By Robbers, Building Fired to Hide Crime

Two Brothers Arrested In Killing of Man, 64, In Charles County, Md.

By J. L. Michael

Star Staff Correspondent

LA PLATA, Md., May 18.—Smoke pouring from a tavern led yesterday to the discovery that its 64-year-old proprietor had been beaten to death while he slept by robbers who tried to burn the building in an attempt to hide the crime.

The smoke was seen about 6 a.m. by a brother of the victim, who telephoned an alarm.

Volunteer firemen found the body of John Clarence Wheeler

on a smoldering mattress in a rear bedroom of the store in which he lived alone at Risson, about five miles south of Indian Head.

An empty wooden cash drawer which had been taken from beneath a counter was blazing on a burner of a gas stove in the kitchen.

Firemen from Marbury and La Plata reached the scene in time to prevent the frame building from catching fire. They took the mattress outside, shut off the gas burner and called authorities.

Victim's Pockets Empty.

State and county police found Mr. Wheeler's pockets empty and two pistols he kept in his room were missing. But about \$1,500 in coins was found in cigar boxes and glass jars tucked away on shelves in scattered sections of the tavern.

A few hours later two colored men were arrested at their home nearby and lodged in the Charles County jail for questioning. They are Herbert Mason, 26, and his brother, Robert, 30. Authorities said Herbert had \$80 in currency.

(See WHEELER, Page A-3.)

High Court Upholds D. C. Gambling Verdicts

The Supreme Court today left standing the convictions of five District residents arrested in a 1951 gambling raid based on information a policeman obtained by telephone.

The raid occurred in April, 1951, at a house in the 700 block of Rock Creek Church road N.W. Police obtained a search warrant after a policeman telephoned the establishment and was told by an unidentified person that horse-race betting was being conducted there.

Those arrested and later convicted on gambling charges were Othello Washington, Ralph W. McKnight, Loretta J. Wallace, Charles F. King and James H. Turner. They received sentences ranging from 4 to 18 months, although the sentences of Turner and Loretta Wallace were suspended. They contended that the search warrant was illegally issued on the basis of insufficient evidence obtained by the policeman's telephone call.

India Official Coming Here

NEW DELHI, India, May 18 (AP).—Vice President Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan left here yesterday for a good will visit to the United States and Canada. He is due in New York Wednesday and expects to be a guest of President Eisenhower in Washington for four days beginning Thursday. He will spend four weeks in the United States and a week in Canada.

Helen Keller in Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 18 (AP).—Helen Keller, world famous teacher of the blind and deaf, arrived in Santiago yesterday. She said she expects to give several lectures on her teaching methods.

Story of Coronation Begins in Star Today

FABULOUS CROWN JEWELS—Elizabeth II will wear and carry a treasury in jewels at her coronation. Mollie McGee, an authority on the British royal family, recounts some of the history and legends surrounding the regalia in the first of a series of stories on Page B-4.

BATTLE FOR CONGRESS—Democrats mapping strategy for 1954 have picked some issues on which to build their fight to regain control of Congress. Star Staff Writer Allen Dury previews campaign issues on Page A-4.

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