

24 Marines Drown In Naval Smashup

By JIM BECKER

INCHON, Korea—(AP)—Twenty-four U. S. Marines drowned today when a troopship loaded with Chinese war prisoners rammed and overturned their small landing craft.

It was the third costliest naval disaster of the Korean theater.

28 Rescued

The Navy said 28 men were rescued from the chill waters of Inchon harbor minutes after the collision between a big Formosa-bound LST landing ship, tank and an LCM landing craft, medium.

The men, brought here from the 3rd Marine Division in Japan as guards for the Chinese, were combat-loaded with heavy boots, packs, helmets, rifles and winter uniforms.

Sank Quickly

They sank quickly in the icy, choppy waters of Inchon's outer harbor after the big LST rammed their smaller LCM, rolled it on its side, and hurled overboard the 48 Marines aboard and the boat's crew of four.

Rescue boats reaching the scene moments later rescued 24 struggling Marines and the crew of two American soldiers and two Koreans. By dusk, only five bodies had been recovered and the search for 19 other missing Marines was called off.

The accident occurred when the LCM crossed the bow of the big

LST, loaded with 1,000 Chinese prisoners returned to the U. N. command by Indian custodian troops yesterday. The LST was reported named by a Japanese crew.

30 Dead

Toll of the naval tragedy was surpassed in the Korean theater only by the 30 dead in a turret explosion aboard the cruiser St. Paul April 21, 1952, and by the loss of 26 men when the minesweeper Walke struck a mine off Wonsan harbor June 12, 1951.

Marine Helmsman

The Marine helmsman of the LCM told Associated Press Correspondent Robert Eunson he was trying to bring his craft alongside the LST so the Marine guard detachment could board.

He is Pfc. John D. Gates Jr. of Pensacola, Fla.

The Navy ordered an immediate inquiry.



TO PERFORM AT DANCE—Camillo Kennedy and Jimmy Boswell will do exhibition dancing for the March of Dimes dance to be held in Sbisla hall Tuesday.

Meet Held To Discuss Drive For Polio Fund

Representatives from over 20 College Station clubs met Friday in the home of Mrs. T. W. Leland to discuss methods of promoting the March of Dimes.

William McCulley, Brazos county chairman of the drive spoke to the group and discussed various angles of solicitation.

Also attending the meeting was Mrs. John V. Perry, chairman of the College Station drive for this year.

In a letter to all the College Station clubs, Mrs. Leland who is in charge of the drive among city clubs, asked each group to aid the Brazos county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

She asked each group to do one of three things. The letter said, "Could you assign money from your treasury to the polio fund? Could you give a benefit? Could you dedicate money that would be spent on food or amusement for the polio fund?"

She also emphasized the need for money for this year's drive. Before the discussion Mrs. Leland invited the guests in for tea. Mrs. Perry presided at the tea service.

Newcomers Play Bridge, Canasta

The Newcomers club met yesterday at the home of Mrs. Joe Davis for bridge and canasta.

Mrs. T. W. Leland, chairman of the Polio drive for the city clubs, spoke on the Mothers March.

Prize winners at bridge were Mrs. W. G. Kammlade, high, and Mrs. J. P. Barlow, low.

Canasta winners were Mrs. Henry Rakoff, high, and Mrs. H. S. Thippen, low.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Donald King and Mrs. Kammlade.

Band Wives Plan Party for Tuesday

A covered dish supper to be held at 7 p.m. next Tuesday was the topic of discussion at the last meeting of the Band wives club.

At this meeting, held Tuesday at the home of Thelma Zak, the members decided on the Hensel park cabin as the place and dancing and games for the activities.

The next meeting of the club will be on February 2 at the home of Mrs. E. V. Adams. Officers for the spring term will be elected at that time.

Weather Today



Brrrrrrr--

Light freezing drizzle today and tonight with moderate north winds. Sleet tonight with a low of 19 or 20. More tomorrow. Low this morning 25. High yesterday 81. Temperature at 11 a.m. 27.



NEW CHURCH—Our Savior's Lutheran church members will break ground Sunday at the corner of Main and Cross streets for this new church building. The contemporary design building will have a seating capacity of 265.

Ike Boosts Air Power In New Military Budget

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Eisenhower recommended today a \$37,575,000,000 military outlay for the next fiscal year, with a shift in emphasis from foot soldiery to a "full exploitation of air power and modern weapons."

The spending budget he proposed to Congress for the Defense Department is about four billion dollars less than that estimated for the current year, which ends June 30.

Eisenhower said the budget is based on a "new concept for our national security program."

A substantial part of the savings obviously would come in manpower, particularly Army manpower. The budget figures reflect an over-all reduction of about 8.7 per cent in manpower for all the armed forces. Army personnel would be reduced by 17.3 per cent, and three divisions would be dropped from the present 20.

Plans Set Here For Modern Funeral Home

A \$75,000 modernistic funeral home designed to give the College Station-Bryan area complete funeral and emergency service will be opened here soon by Mr. and Mrs. Manly W. Jones.

A completely air conditioned Roman brick and white rock building, the home will be located at 3001 College Ave. and Delwood.

The Callaway-Jones Funeral Directors, Inc., specializes in emergency aid, and will operate two fully equipped ambulances for this purpose.

The emergency car and invalid coach will arrive before next weekend, Jones said. Ambulance service will be given before the formal opening of the home.

Insurance to persons one day to 90 years old also will be offered by the home, Jones said.

Bids on the building will be submitted to contractors next week, he said. The date of the formal opening of the home will be announced later.

Jones is president and general manager of the corporation and his wife is funeral director. Their sons, Manly Jr. and Raymond, are stockholders.

Jones has had over 20 years experience in all phases of funeral direction in both small towns and cities.

The Jones' have been residents of College Station for three months, and reside at the above residence. Manly Jr. is a junior at Stephen F. Austin high school, and Raymond is a senior business major at A&M.

Against the cutback in strength of the Army, in which Eisenhower was a five-star general, there was the President's emphatic advocacy of greater power in the air.

He said the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps now have, among them, about 33,000 planes. During the next three years, he said, this will be increased to 40,000, more than half of them jets. Twenty-two per cent of defense expenditures in the new fiscal year would go to airplane procurement.

The 1955 fiscal year program, the President wrote, "calls for improving combat effectiveness by the application of new weapons and new techniques, including full realization of our nuclear capabilities, and provides for the rapid and orderly phasing of programs to improve continental defense against possible enemy attack."

"Last summer I told the American people that 'the Soviets now have the capability of atomic attack upon us, and such capability will increase with the passage of time. I made this statement shortly after it was established that the Soviet Union had successfully detonated a thermonuclear hydrogen device which, is successfully converted into an offensive weapon and if exploded over our American cities, would be capable of effecting unprecedented destruction."

"Our military planners and those of the other nations of the free world agree as to the importance of air power. But air forces must be complemented with land forces, amphibious forces, anti-submarine warfare forces, and fighting ships."

As outlined by a Defense Department spokesman, here is the way the budget for the year beginning next July 1 will relate to that policy:

Manpower for the armed services—Now about 3,400,000; will be 3,328,000 by next June 30 and 3,037,000 at the end of June 1955.

Wife of Aggie Ex Speaks To AVMA

Mrs. Jerry Bell, wife of Dr. B. D. Bell, '53, was the guest speaker of the AVMA Auxiliary at a meeting last night in the Memorial Student Center.

Her subject was "Helping Your Husband to Establish a Practice". Mrs. Dollie Griffin assumed the duties of president for the spring semester. Outgoing president is Mrs. Vita Berger.

Newly elected officers are Mrs. Robbie Sims, president-elect; Mrs. Lou Vaughn, vice-president; Mrs. Hallie Desmukes, secretary; Mrs. Evelyn Kleb, treasurer; Mrs. Margaret Springer, parliamentarian; Mrs. Jo Rene Holms, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Darnell Besch, reporter.

JAPAN LIKES WESTERNS

MANILA—(AP)—Banzai, Roy Rogers.

Alfred E. Daff, president of Universal International Films, and Milton Racknill, president of Universal Pictures, said during a recent visit here that Japan imports more Hollywood motion pictures than any other Far East country.

And what type are the best sellers? Westerns.

Coffee Held For Mothers March Heads

A mobilization coffee for the captains and lieutenants for the Mother's March on Polio was held in the home of Mrs. John V. Perry at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Guest of honor was Mrs. John J. Sperry, chairman of the March last year. Mrs. Sperry poured at the silver service. William McCulley, head of the March of Dimes for this year spoke at the coffee.

The captains for the March are Mrs. J. D. Lindsay, Mrs. E. E. Brown, Mrs. W. G. Breazeale, Mrs. J. B. Baty and Mrs. J. N. Holmgreen.

The lieutenants are Mrs. David Fitch, Mrs. Heritage, Mrs. Dan Poland, Mrs. W. B. Flowers, Mrs. W. A. Welch, Mrs. Darrow Hooper, Mrs. Alton Boyette, Mrs. Liverman, Mrs. A. L. Parrack, Mrs. Raymond Rogers, Mrs. Spike White, Mrs. Les Richardson, and Mrs. M. N. Griffin.

Methodist Class Picks Gossett's President

J. W. and Betty Gossett were elected president of the Kum Dull class for married couples at the A&M Methodist church last Sunday.

Also chosen were Lane and Elizabeth Fletcher, vice president; Norman and Marge Flados, secretary-treasurer; and David and Kathy Rainey and Bob and Jo Lutzy, recreation co-chairmen.

Lutherans Begin Church Building

A contract for a new church building for Our Savior's Lutheran church was let at a meeting of the church building committee last night to the R. B. Butler Construction company of Bryan.

Ground breaking services will be conducted at 10:45 Sunday morning by the congregation. Construction will begin Monday.

Ernest Langford, head of the ar-

chitecture department, and Frank Lawyer, professor in the department, designed the church.

The cost of construction will be approximately \$60,000 without the furnishings, according to Rev. Thomas H. Swygert, pastor of the church.

The modern steel structure, which is expected to be completed by June 1, will be inclosed with panels of brick and cathedral glass.

A steel cross has been integrated into the structure immediately behind the altar and will be visible from the outside as well as from within.

The auditorium will have a seating capacity of 265 persons.

The building committee members are G. E. Jaehne, chairman; Mrs. E. J. Fuchs, secretary; Dr. Henry Hadley; Jesse Heine; L. J. Tolle; and Rev. Swygert.

Trustees of the congregation are Harold Sorenson, chairman, E. J. Fuchs, and Heine.

Milam County Gets A&M Mothers Club

A Milam county A&M Mothers club was organized Tuesday by a group of Brazos county mothers. Mrs. E. C. Klipple, Mrs. Fred Weick, Mrs. R. M. Sherwood and Mrs. A. C. Magee met with the group in Cameron, and Mrs. Klipple installed officers for the group.

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Leo Fuchs. Mrs. Magee, president of the Brazos county club and Mrs. Weick, Hospital Committee chairman, gave brief talks on organization of the local A&M Mothers club.

Mrs. Sherwood represented the State Extension chairman.

Woman Freed for 'Murder' Which Didn't Happen

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CARSON CITY, Nev.—(AP)—Dark-haired Emma Jo Johnson is "not angry at anyone" for sending her to prison for murder—a murder which the Nevada Board of Pardons now says never was committed.

Emma Jo, 35, was ordered freed yesterday after 2 years, 8 months and 28 days behind bars as a result of a year-long, \$15,000 investi-

gation by mystery story author Erle Stanley Gardner and others.

The board accepted doctors' findings that Mrs. Jane Jones, 72, of Las Vegas died of a brain tumor—not as a result of an asserted attack by Emma Jo.

Emma Jo's troubles started in early May 1951 when she called at the home of her former landlady, Mrs. Jones, for mail.

At the trial, the state said the two women got into a fight and

Emma Jo beat Mrs. Jones so severely that a resulting blood clot caused the older woman's death two weeks later.

Emma Jo testified she only grabbed Mrs. Jones by her braids in self-defense and Mrs. Jones was slumped to the floor unconscious.

The jury convicted Emma Jo of second degree murder; sentence, 10 to 12 years.

Author Gardner, who also is a successful attorney, went to work

on the case about a year ago as a result of a letter from Jack Wengert, 44, Emma Jo's fiancé.

Gardner, pathologist Le Moyne Snyder of Michigan and Dr. R. B. H. Gradwohl of St. Louis became convinced that Mrs. Jones was not murdered, but died of a brain tumor.

In the long, expensive investigation, they found Dr. T. V. Nendick, Las Vegas physiotherapist, to whom Mrs. Jones had gone the

day before the altercation.

Dr. Nendick said Mrs. Jones was dying of the brain tumor and needed immediate surgery. He was not called to testify at Emma Jo's trial, although he said he sent the defense attorney an anonymous letter. The lawyer said the letter came on the final day of the trial and he was unable to substantiate it. The case was not appealed.

In ordering Mrs. Johnson's sentence commuted to time served,

the pardons board made no observation on whether she should have been charged with a lesser crime.

Emma Jo was philosophical: "I'm not angry at anyone—I'm just so grateful that somebody came to my rescue. I'm not bitter. The district attorney, the judge and the jury did their job as they felt it should be done."

Although free, Emma Jo stayed at the prison last night waiting

for Wengert, who has waited for her for almost three years.

Wengert, a Las Vegas chef, and Emma Jo were to have been married in 1951 after she divorced Navy man Russell Johnson.

"Just as soon as I can I'm going to marry Jack," the emotion-choked Mrs. Johnson told reporters. "Jack is the most faithful and loyal human that God ever put breath into. He has worked hard all this time and contributed every dime he made to help me."