

CLEARING SKIES AID AIR SEARCH FOR C-124

Coast Guard Vessels Comb Gulf Of Alaska;
'Wreckage' Spotted Identified As Seaweed

Dock Talk Premature, Miley Says

Development of the city's proposed \$10,000,000 dock facility hung in the balance today.

Announcement of the transfer of Ocean Dock from Army to city operation on April 1, was termed "premature" today by Maj. Gen. William M. Miley, commanding general, U. S. Army, Alaska.

"Although negotiations on the transfer have been going on for some time between the city and this headquarters, no final agreement has been reached," he declared.

The announcement of transfer was made following a report by the city port commission to the city council on Friday which stated that General Miley had agreed to relinquish the Army's use permit on April 1, subject to certain conditions.

"The transfer has been under consideration for some time but no commitments have been made," General Miley said today.

A meeting was held November 4 at Elmendorf Air Force Base between the Anchorage Port Commission and representatives of Alaskan Command and U. S. Army, Alaska, at which time it was agreed that no action would be taken on the transfer until the question of land for the proposed port area was decided. The port commission was to submit a request for lease of lands held by the Army and Air Force, but as yet the request has not been received," he said.

Couple Accused Of Killing Their Own Child By Neglect

A Kenai Peninsula couple must face charges of negligent homicide in the death of their young daughter on May 19, it was revealed today in Third District Court.

A secret indictment charging them with the offense was returned by the grand jury during its session which ended here last Thursday. The indictment was published today following the arrest of the defendants, Samuel W. and Marjorie LaPrelle.

The couple was present in court for arraignment this morning with their attorney Harold Butcher. Each pleaded innocent to the charge.

The indictment accuses them of killing their daughter Nancy Ann by "improper care and feeding, improper housing, beating, failure to provide proper medical care."

The child died at the couple's cabin near Mile 24 on the Seward Highway on May 19.

Bail of \$1,000 each was posted for the couple this morning.

Thirty-two Air Force and Navy planes took off this morning with improving weather in the search for an Alaska-bound C-124 Globemaster plane missing since Saturday night with 52 men aboard.

Clouds still hung close to glacial peaks in the rugged mountainous area to the south and southeast of Anchorage over which much of the 5,000-square mile search has centered, but were expected to lift during the day.

A B-17 out four hours last night hoping to spot lights, fires or light signals if the plane were wrecked and there were survivors returned with negative reports. C-54s from Great Falls, Mont. also joined in the search.

Four Coast Guard vessels are on search duty in the Gulf of Alaska. The cutters, Bittersweet and Sledge are covering the area between Middleton and Montague Islands.

The cutters, Storris and Sweetbriar are searching from Cape St. Elias to Cape Hinchinbrook. The Storris will then proceed to Montague Island and the Sweetbriar to Prince William Sound.

Yesterday vessels faced rough seas and near gale-force winds from the south on their radar and visual search.

Five helicopters were on standby duty at Elmendorf, should wreckage or survivors be sighted. Forty-mile visibility is reported over the search area.

The huge Globemaster, the third Military Air Transport lost in Alaska since Nov. 7, vanished Saturday on a flight here from McChord Air Base, Wash.

The military services listed those aboard as: 11-man Air Force crew; 31 Air Force passengers; eight Army; one Marine; one Navy.

The final six Air Force passengers identified were: Maj. William C. Jackson of Novato, Calif.; Edward Miller, Evansville, Wis.; Delroy Cody, Erie, Pa.; Bateman Burns, Popular Grove, Ark.; Thomas Lyons, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Howard Martins, Converse, Ind. The latter five are airmen first or second class.

The lone Navy passenger was Cmdr. A. J. Seeboth, commander of the Arctic oil exploration project at Barrow for the past several months. His headquarters are at Fairbanks, where he and his wife have been living.

A report that wreckage had been sighted near Middleton Island, where the Globemaster made its last radio contact Saturday, caused a brief flurry of excitement yesterday.

A search pilot, who radioed he had sighted what he believed to be wreckage, was forced by engine trouble to head his plane back toward its base before he could confirm his discovery.

The engine trouble was corrected and the plane returned shortly after the Coast Guard cutter Bittersweet reached the scene.

Both the pilot and the cutter reported the "wreckage" was driftwood and seaweed.

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Industrials 280.92
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No Hearing Scheduled, Manager Say.

Trio Plans Hearing
'If We Have To Hire
Hall' To Tell Story

Three city department heads who refused to resign as requested by the city council, were officially fired this morning by City Manager George Shannon. They were "removed for cause from the city payroll by instruction of the council."

Shannon said there would be no public hearing. The three ousted employees declared that "we'll have a hearing if we have to hire a hall."

Bill Connolly, telephone superintendent, Mason LaZelle, electrical superintendent, and Marion Pendergrass, comptroller, were notified this morning that their pay stopped at 5 p.m. yesterday.

Action by the council was taken at a closed-door "committee" meeting held in city hall yesterday from 5:15 until about 6:15 p.m. The press was barred from the meeting.

The official firing of the three city officials came after the announcement yesterday morning that Connolly, LaZelle and Pendergrass refused to resign. They asked that they be given a public hearing to "acquaint the citizens of Anchorage with all the facts of the case."

Meanwhile, as word of the firing made the rounds in city circles, personnel of each of the three departments apparently found the action objectionable.

All three departments, electrical, telephone and accounting, circulated petitions among personnel working for the three men as a means of seeing their continued employment.

The electrical department reported 42 signatures, 100 per cent of LaZelle's organization.

Twenty-five signatures were on the accounting department petition. In the telephone department, 41 persons signed a similar document.

Further unrest among city employes was evident today. One employe of the electrical department, Ray McCarthy, department estimator, turned in his resignation this morning soon after hearing of LaZelle's firing.

McCarthy gave LaZelle's discharge as his reason. Several other personnel said this morning they were making plans to resign.

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Union Bank Reopens Doors

Close to 150 persons crowded into the Union Bank when the doors were reopened today. It was closed since Thursday by order of the Territorial Banking Board.

Although the majority were apparently depositors and customers, many entered out of curiosity, and passers-by stopped to exchange quips with acquaintances.

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