

Crane Tops Into Missile Silo, 6 Die

ROSWELL, N.M. (UPI) — The giant 35-ton crane rumbled toward the edge of the intercontinental missile launching silo under construction.

The 75-foot towering boom of the mechanical monster swayed as the caterpillar tracks neared the lip of the gaping hole in the earth.

Suddenly the ordinary cacophony of construction was obliterated by the screech of twisting steel, the dull rumbling of crushed concrete, followed by the anguished screams of stunned workers 170 feet below.

The mechanical monster came crashing down, pulling men, equipment and structural steel with it. A rain of flaming gasoline fell on the men in the bottom of the 52-foot-wide tube after the crane's gas tank exploded near the top.

The accident Thursday killed six men and injured 14 others. Two of the injured were not expected to live.

Second Worst

It was the second worst accident in the history of the U.S. missile bases. The worst happened May 22, 1958, when an Army Nike-Ajax ground-to-air missile exploded on its launching rail at Leonardo, N.J., killing 10 men. That accident happened at an operational missile base.

The Roswell base still is under construction. Eight catwalks ring the silo at intervals of about 20 feet. Some men were on these catwalks when the crane toppled over. At least one was swept 14 stories to his death.

The crane operator jumped clear just in time to save himself.

The more quick-footed workers at the bottom of the silo ran into a tunnel leading off from one side to escape the fire and falling debris. Those who hesitated were killed.

It was not possible to determine exactly how many men were in the silo when the crane started to fall, but at least five of those killed were at the bottom.

One Of Twelve

The accident happened at one of 12 Atlas ICBM launching sites under construction around Ros-

Santa Maria Home With One Passenger

LISBON (UPI) — Tugboats, yachts and launches blew their sirens and whistle when the big white ship sailed proudly into port.

On the docks, thousands of people, including Premier Antonio Oliveira Salazar, cheered and shouted greetings.

This was the Santa Maria, queen of the Portuguese fleet, returning home Thursday from a voyage that will go down in history. Its fantastic sea saga of rebellion and seizure was over, but not forgotten.

The 20,000-ton cruise liner arrived from Recife, Brazil, with only one passenger, an American who had experienced the ship's seizure and surrender by Portuguese rebels last month. The quiet crossing was in sharp contrast to the 12-day trip in South American waters under rebel command when the 607 passengers were held captive and rationed on food and water.

Salazar, against whom rebel leader Henrique Galvao's seizure of the liner was directed, boarded the ship and greeted Capt. Simoes Maia and other members of the crew. Their refusal to join Galvao and his 70-man band forced the rebels to surrender the ship in Brazil.

"The Santa Maria is with us again," Salazar told the cheering crowd. "I thank you, Portuguese people."

The lone passenger was Howard R. Weisberger, 55, of Las Vegas, Nev., who had the run of the ship and more than 200 crewmen to wait on him.

When newsmen approached Weisberger, a retired bachelor businessman, he said: "You don't want to talk to me. I'm no hero. I'm just a victim."

"I have nowhere I want to get to in a hurry, and this is as good a ship to travel in as any, right now, anyway," he said.

Well, Carrizozo and Walker Air Force Base. It is located about 23 miles northeast of Roswell on U.S. Highway 70.

Each silo is designed to hold one missile, completely hidden underground and standing on its tail. The silos are spaced several miles apart to keep them from all being wiped out at once in case of enemy attack.

This was the second time a crane has fallen into one of the big concrete-lined pits. In the other similar accident the crane operator jumped out just as it went over and suffered a broken leg but no one else was injured.

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Storms Costly To Nation's Economy

NEW YORK (UPI) — The blizzard and biting cold that slowed the pace of life to a crawl in recent weeks in many parts of the nation also congealed the blood-stream of the economy, piling up losses of untold millions of dollars.

Economists and statistical agencies declined to hazard a guess as to the actual dollar loss in trade, production and wages, but they were agreed the expected dismal showing of the economy recently cannot be blamed entirely on the recession.

The local retailer undoubtedly was hardest hit by the near-regular snowfalls and Siberian cold wave.

Merchants in this metropolitan area virtually have written off a week of business as a complete loss as a result of a ban on all non-essential passenger car travel and paralyzed public transportation.

Retail Sales Drop

Retail dollar sales in the week ended Feb. 8 slumped by as much as 10 per cent nationally, according to Dun & Bradstreet, a retail business reporting agency.

Merchants in New England who bore the brunt of the winter onslaught reported that business was down by as much as 20 per cent.

Federal Reserve Board figures show that sales of the nation's department stores in the first week of February were down 5 per cent from the volume of a year ago while sales for the year to date were off 4 per cent from the 1959 period.

The snarling of rail and truck transportation and the inability of workers to get to their jobs forced many big industrial factories either to shut down or operate on sharply curtailed schedules.

In the big steel centers of the eastern states, where normal operations are running at only about 50 per cent of capacity, production fell even lower in the latter part of January and early February because of the crippling effects of snow storms.

Outdoor Work Stops

Construction, mining, quarrying and other outdoor activities were brought to almost a complete standstill by the fury of the elements.

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ing up its staggering losses from blizzards and biting cold that slowed weather conditions. Automotive News, trade publication, reported that car sales in the Northeast during the week of the "big snow" were nearly wiped out.

January car sales totaled 368,900 units, down from 488,160 units in December and 455,270 in January, 1960. The impact of the weather on already sagging auto sales came at a time when the industry's inventory of unsold new cars peaked at more than one million units.

In the last 10 days of January the industry production figure was the lowest in more than six years.

Ag Opportunity Day At Purdue Saturday

Some 1500 Indiana high school students are expected to visit Purdue University's campus Saturday, on the third annual agricultural opportunity day, sponsored by the Purdue Agricultural Alumni association.

The program will open at 12:45 p.m. in the hall of music with Frank E. De LaCroix, ag. alumni association president, in charge.

Dr. F. L. Hovde, Purdue's president, and Dr. Earl L. Butz, Purdue's dean of agriculture, will speak.

A 45-minute class room question and answer session will follow.

Boys will visit classrooms on Purdue's agricultural campus and have a chance to ask questions of members of the school of agriculture teaching staff. Simultaneously girls will visit the home economics buildings. Then both groups will visit Purdue's residence halls and the new recreational gymnasium.

A variety show, featuring Purdue's glee club, will complete the program.

Maurice L. Williamson, Association field secretary, said 51 county Purdue ag. alumni chapters plan to bring students to campus.

William Journey, ag teacher at Decatur high school, is in charge of the delegation planning to attend from Adams county. Leo N. Settembrini, county agent, will also accompany the group as well as other ag alumni members.



BROWNIE TROOP 256 is shown following a tour of the Decatur Daily Democrat Wednesday afternoon. Pictured from left to right in the front row, are Ann Cowan, Karen Johnson, Cathy Schnepp; second row, Brenda Roughie, Julie Anderson, Cynthia Shannon, Cindy Feltz; third row, Nancy Grubbs, Mary Rae Heller, Susan Shraluka, and Kendra Fraser. Leaders of the troop are Mrs. Bob Shraluka and Mrs. Bob Heller.

Two Muncie Men Are Killed In Accident

By United Press International

A New York Central Railroad passenger train crashed into a car at a crossing near Muncie late Thursday, killing two men and boosting the 1961 Indiana traffic death toll to at least 108.

State police reported 119 persons had been killed in Indiana traffic accidents by this time last year.

Killed outright were Carl Marshall Curtis, 38, the driver of the car, and Amil Morgan, a passenger, both of Muncie.

The accident occurred at an unguarded crossing on Proctor Rd. about a mile west of Muncie.

Apparently Curtis did not see the train coming, police said.

The union said in prepared testimony that the United States must show other nations that a free, democratic government could meet such problems with speed and concern for the people.

Nelson Cruikshank, AFL-CIO Social Security director, told the House Ways & Means Committee there might have been a time when this country could afford "breadlines" in the court of world opinion, but not now.

The battle between communism and democracy for men's minds and loyalties all over the globe is too crucial, he said.

Hearings Near End

The House group heard the union views as it went into its third and final day of public hearings on President Kennedy's anti-recession plan to extend unemployment benefits.

The administration's \$950 million program would provide additional help to an estimated three million workers whose jobless pay

levels would be cut to 10 per cent.

Rescue workers recovered the bodies of seven miners by noon.

Three men felled by fumes were brought to the surface alive.

One rescue worker said, "Everything is quiet down there—nothing moves."

He said heavy timbers were smashed "to matchwood." Other rescuers said the bodies of miners were strewn around the bottom of the shaft.

Unofficial reports said at least 60 men were in the mine when the dynamite exploded. A spokesman for the general mining group was unable to confirm this figure.

Cruikshank told the congressmen:

"A ruthless and desperate foe is proclaiming to the rest of the world that this country under our system of government cannot meet the needs of its own working people and is therefore unfit to lead the world in the paths of freedom. We must give the lie to that challenge."

Number Grows Daily

The AFL-CIO official stressed the urgency of the President's request. He said it was a "tragic fact" that as each day goes by another 7,000 families use up all their unemployment benefits. Kennedy has said that the total number of workers in this plight is now 500,000.

The question is no longer whether to take action," Cruikshank said, "but what action."

He said Congress should quickly approve Kennedy's emergency request and they get to work on some "long-needed repair" in jobless pay program.

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