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PROWLER FLEES WOMAN'S PISTOL

A 38-year-old soldier, who attempted to prowl a Seattle home last night, was rudely disillusioned when Mrs. Esther T. Brooks, 222 19th Ave., poked a revolver against his ribs and ordered him to "get out."

A suspect was arrested 20 minutes later by police about a block from the Brooks' home. He was held without charge in the city jail after being identified by Mrs. Brooks and her 15-year-old daughter.

"There wasn't much to it," Mrs. Brooks said this morning. "I was in the dining room when this fellow, a Negro soldier, just walked right in the door. I picked up the revolver and pointed it at him, then ordered him from the house."

Mrs. Brooks, whose husband is a night-shift worker in the shipyards, called police the moment the man was out of the house.

Police Sgt. A. E. Chestnut and Patrolman J. S. Thompson, who answered Mrs. Brooks' call, arrested a Negro at 20th Avenue and Yesler Way 20 minutes later.

Mrs. Brooks and her daughter identified the man as the one who had entered their home.

More Furlough 'Gas' For Service Men

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—A member of the armed forces after next Tuesday can get a gallon of gasoline for every day of his furlough from three to 30 days long, the Office of Price Administration ruled today.

The limit is thus changed from five gallons a furlough to 30, O. P. A. said, explaining it's a fairer system for the man who has only one long furlough. No ration is to be granted for leaves or furloughs of less than three days.

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Night Takeoffs Tricky For Paramushiro-Bound Flyers

Night hung over the airstrip of an Aleutian base. Warning motors of the Ventura medium bombers thundered above the wind whirling off Attu's crags. Many hundred nautical miles to the westward lay Paramushiro and the night's target.

The men of the Navy's Empire Express Kurile Raiders muffled to the eyes in foul-weather gear—were ready.

This was only one of the missions and single-plane sorties flown by the squadron against Paramushiro, but before it was over, two planes would be lost, four men would be dead, and six more men would be missing, lashed down into the sea by weather.

The Empire Express is a task unit of Fleet Air Wing Four, which is commanded by Commodore Leslie E. Gehres of Seattle.

The account of the Paramushiro raids was told by officers and men of the squadron when they reached Seattle recently for rehabilitation and reassignment, and was made public today.

Among the returning flyers was Lieut. (j.g.) Verle C. Austin, 25 years old, son of Mrs. William A. Kurress, 10018 65th Ave. S., Seattle. Austin was pilot of a Ventura bomber on a mission against Paramushiro and Shimushu. His wife, the former Jacqueline LaTourrette, has been living in San Jose, Calif.

The take off was the "trickiest" part of the raids on the Kuriles, said Lieut. Comdr. W. R. Stevens, 30, Salem, Or., commanding officer of the squadron.

"Getting away was always the toughest part," Commander Stevens said. "It was always a night takeoff, with the runway icy or wet, a rough wind coming at you and the plane overloaded.

"That time in February we took off early in the morning. The runway was soft; the wind was bad. I was in trouble, and knew it. My alt speed meter was frozen, and I didn't know what the ship was doing. There's only so much runway—in a spot like that you have to use all of it, and when you get to the end of it, just jump.

Plane Goes Down
"The boys in the crash boat also figured I was going to crash, and they followed me out. I was just getting out of trouble when I looked over my shoulder. It was the plane behind me that went down. It spun over and caught fire instantly.

"The crash boat that had come out after me headed right into the blazing wreckage and pulled out three of the seven-man crew. The rest of the squadron took off past the flames without a break, but it made a tough hop out of that mission. The men in that plane were all men we knew. We knew their wives and their nicknames, and the names of their youngsters."

The planes roared on through the night toward the big Jap installation at the northern tip of

the Kurile chain. It was a mission described officially as "armed night photographic reconnaissance."

The unit has photographed much of Paramushiro, making flights almost twice as long as the range originally expected of the Venturas—flights longer than those normally made by heavier bombers over Europe.

One of his sallies, Lieut. E. E. Ogren, 29, Arkansas City, Kas., flight officer, encountered the unusual circumstance of flying formation with his own shadow.

"The Japs had me in their searchlights," he said. "I looked over one shoulder and saw this plane flying formation with me. It was perfectly shaped. I thought it was a Jap plane making a run on me, and then I realized it was my shadow on the clouds.

"Being in the beam like that is just like being on the stage. Only you're the star attraction when what you want most is to be in the back row of the chorus."

A month of the flyers arriving in Seattle was the crew of "No. 25," the oldest bomber in the squadron but, according to the 23-year-old chief pilot, Lieut. Douglas M. Bird-sall of Pomona, Calif., "the best ship in the outfit. The '25' carried us on 11 missions to the Kuriles," he said. "Each was well over a 1,000-mile round trip with an extra load of gasoline, and none of the crew was injured."

The first raid took place January 20, Kashiwabara, a supply dump and staging area at Paramushiro, was the target, and the Venturas were over it at 6 o'clock in the morning.

Air Medal Awarded
Here "No. 25's" co-pilot, Lieut. (j.g.) A. P. Daniel, 23, Jackson, Miss., took up the story. He was awarded the Air Medal for this first raid.

"It was still dark," the co-pilot said, "and apparently the Japs didn't know we were around until we were right over the target. Then the searchlights and ack-ack began stabbing at us at the same instant. We let our bombs go and saw fires start in warehouses and oil tanks. We also photographed the flaming installation."

Naval Seizure Order Is Signed

An order directing United States Marshal Herbert W. Algeo to turn over to the 13th Naval District an assortment of Navy property seized on a United States commissioner's search warrant from a vessel when it docked June 28 in Seattle, was signed late yesterday by United States District Judge Charles H. Leavy.

The articles, including some technical equipment, were said by officials to have been shipped from Alaska by two seamen who face court-martial.

Ration Book Rule Changed
WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration announced today that it is no longer necessary to advertise for a lost ration book to obtain a replacement. The O. P. A. however gave local boards discretionary power to require advertisement where they deemed fit.

CITIZENSHIP OF NISEI OPPOSED

—By A. F. of L.

WENATCHEE, July 21.—(AP)—Approval of a resolution asking the American Federation of Labor to sponsor legislation depriving Japanese-Americans of their citizenship highlighted the closing session of the state A. F. of L. convention here late yesterday.

One of 80 measures presented, the resolution also proposed deportation of all Japanese to their homeland after the war, but did not specify whether the measure was intended to apply to all persons of Japanese ancestry or only those of Japanese citizenship.

In other closing day actions, the convention rejected a proposal for indorsement of Referendum No. 25, the public-power issue; rejected indorsement of Initiative 157, providing for increased old-age payments; protested "needless loss of life on the Hanford project" in Southeastern Washington; condemned the "Little-Steel" formula as a yardstick for wage increases; asked extension of price control to all consumer commodities and services; asked state payment of fees for medical examinations required by teachers and inclusion of kindergartens in the state's school system.

Zoo Accident Not Possible Here—Knudson

Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo is one of the best safeguarded parks in the nation, Dr. Gus Knudson, director, said today, adding that a repetition of the accident at New York City's Central Park Zoo, in which a girl's right arm was ripped off by a bear, was unlikely here.

"I have visited every zoo in the country and I'm ashamed to see how many places have left the animals unprotected from the people," Dr. Knudson said. "There's just a couple of pipes between the animals and the public in some zoos."

At the Seattle Zoo all outside cages are protected by a seven-foot wire fence, four and one-half feet distant from the bars of the cages themselves, he pointed out.

"The people can see through the wire, but they can't reach through," he explained. Fences are embedded in three feet of solid concrete, making it impossible for either animals or onlookers to burrow under, he continued.

"Even around the monkey and baboon cages we have an extra wire fence," he emphasized.

As an additional precaution, gates to cages are padlocked at all times, and when the keeper enters to feed the animals, he locks the door behind him in compliance with zoo regulations, the director said.

Mexican U. Planned
MEXICO CITY, July 21.—(AP)—Plans to establish a Mexican university in San Antonio, Tex., were announced today by the government. The school will be open to both Mexicans and Americans. A government bulletin reported the idea was supported by the governor of Texas, and the Mexican Chamber of Commerce in San Antonio.

He Likes Reformatory
CHESHIRE, Conn., July 21.—(AP)—Readmitted to the Cheshire reformatory as a parole violator after several months of freedom, a 22-year-old Danbury man told reformatory officials that he stole two automobiles to get back. "I was tired of the outside world," he said.

Housing Project Pays
VANCOUVER, Wash., July 21.—(AP)—The federal government has received a net profit of \$1,020,802 from the Vancouver housing authority projects during the past 12 months, D. Elwood Caples, chairman of the housing board of commissioners, reported.

No Heating Problem
SALIDA, Colo., July 21.—The heating problem in Salida schools should be no trouble at all next winter. Three of the employees are named Cole, Wood and Sparks.

Paid in Full
KANSAS CITY, July 21.—(AP)—William Hogan, in charge of delinquent tax collections, said that the taxes of Pvt. Paul L. DeVaul, 21-year-old marine on Saipan, had been marked paid in full. Part of the tax payment was made with a blood-stained, 50-yen Japanese note.

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