

Albany Naval Officer Coordinates Attack on Beach



LT. FLEISHMAN

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Little Creek, Va.—Lt. Anthony T. Fleishman stood on the bridge of the USS Hermitage yesterday, scanning the horizon where eight other warships lay anchored in the choppy Atlantic. He looked at his watch. It was nearly 3 p. m.

"Seventeen hours and 40 minutes to go," he said, "if the weather holds up." The Hermitage's 310 sailors and officers were waiting along with the 27-year-old Albany sailor to see

if the weatherman would permit a large-scale Navy-Marine amphibious assault on nearby Camp Pendleton Beach today.

They were perhaps a bit more edgy than the other 4,000 servicemen who were to take part in the mock battle: The Hermitage was to play the role of flagship.

And Lieutenant Fleishman, his fingers drumming on the binoculars suspended from his neck, had even more reason to be impatient for morning to break. He is

the head communications officer, and the effective synchronization of the entire maneuver would be to a great degree in his hands.

While the beach assault is frequently used as a training maneuver at this Virginia base, it is to be carried out today before 800 ROTC collegians for warfare training, as well as 30 newsmen from five Eastern states.

Lieutenant Fleishman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Fleishman, 20 Rosemont Avenue, will be in charge of 20 other

Navy men who will join in coordinating communications.

Not only the eight ships, but jets, helicopters and landing craft will report to this radio nerve center on the Hermitage in the 2½-hour exercise.

"We are shipshape and ready," the blond graduate of Albany Academy said. He is just back from a Caribbean tour and recently participated in a review for President Kennedy.

The Hermitage left Norfolk Naval Base, a few miles from

the exercise area, Sunday and has been anchored offshore since, to await the assault. At Norfolk are Lieutenant Fleishman's wife, the former Ann Slattery, 573 Morris Street, and their three children. They have lived here for the last year since returning from three years in Japan.

The Albany-born sailor holds a degree in German literature from Bowdoin College. He enlisted in Albany just after graduation. As to his preference—"I am sort of torn between wanting to be

with my family on shore and my love of the sea." He will be at sea more than on land until he leaves the Navy in two years.

Directly below the bridge on which Lieutenant Fleishman stood is an empty dock which will hold three landing craft loaded with Marines by the time the exercise begins. These will be among 24 amphibious boats that will land men and supplies at the Pendleton beach.

Jets will swoop down to

soften up "the enemy" as maneuvers get underway. The Navy frogmen will be parachuted offshore shortly after gunfire and air strikes knock out embankments.

Underwater demolition men will swim ashore and set explosives to destroy obstacles. More than 2,600 pounds of explosives will lend realism to the warlike exercise.

Shortly after beach defenses have been reduced, marines will pour ashore and helicopters will hop the beach to attack the enemy's flank.

Marine grenadiers, flamethrowers and riflemen will pound away until the beach area is cleared. Then a tank landing ship will approach the beach with a pontoon causeway. This floating bridge will be secured to the beach and heavy equipment will be moved ashore to the same beachhead.

Rear Adm. James C. Dempsey, commander of the amphibious Training Command of the Atlantic Fleet, calls this "a most complicated maneuver." It requires all of the 50 courses taught at the Amphibious School at Little Creek to be utilized.

Bakery Union Strike Averted

A strike has been averted and contract agreements were reached in negotiations between two Albany baking firms and the American Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Local 10.

The agreement reached yesterday after the State edition Service was called into negotiations after a stalemate developed. It called for an 8-cent-an-hour increase retroactive to April. It also calls for an additional 8-cent-an-hour raise to go into effect in April, 1963.

A Hair-Raising Price Coming?

Albany barbers are thinking about raising the price of a haircut from \$1.50 to \$1.75.

A majority of the members of Journeyman Barbers Local 106 in Albany favor such a raise, a spokesman said after the group's meeting last night in the Labor Temple. "The matter will be discussed with the guild and shop owners," the spokesman added.

2 Resnick Killers Ask New Trial

Phoenix, Ariz. (UPI) — Allen Bickart and J. Frank Gibson, attorneys for two of four men convicted of killing retired Albany, N. Y. jeweler Samuel L. Resnick, 61, have requested a new trial for their clients.

The lawyers charged yesterday that Supreme Court Judge George Sterling erred in matters of law and jury instructions and that Prosecutor Walter Kessler was guilty of misconduct when he said the five defendants were guilty in his argument to the jury.

R. E. Jackson, 20, represented by Mr. Gibson, Earnest Spurlock, 29, Jessie Tillis, 19, and John Henry Lewis Jones, 21, were convicted Sunday of first-degree murder. Mr. Bickart represents Tillis.

Sentences Pending

The other defendant, Clemmie Jackson, 18, brother of R. E. Jackson, was acquitted of the strangulation of Mr. Resnick.

The Maricopa County Superior Court jury recommended life imprisonment for the four defendants convicted. Judge Sterling set Aug. 8 for imposing the mandatory life sentences.

Mr. Bickart also charged one of the jurors had a preconceived, unqualified opinion that the five were guilty. After the trial it was reported one of the 196 persons screened for the jury had said the defendants were guilty and should be given the death penalty.

Report Denied

The juror named denied the report and declined further comment.

The defendants claimed that Mr. Resnick contacted them and asked them to kill him because he suffered from cancer.



"HOLD IT—THEY'LL LOVE THIS ONE!"—Susan Montgomery, 15, of Uniontown, Pa., one of 8,500 Girl Scouts on their way to the 1962 Girl Scout Senior Roundup at Button Bay State Park, Vt., lines up a snapshot of Judy Crait, 16, of Belle Vernon, Pa., guitarist Betsy Irvin, 16, of Uniontown, and Lenny Doty, 18, of Monessen, Pa. The four girls spent last night at the Sheraton-Ten Eyck Hotel.

County Seeks Aid in Drought

Albany County is expected to make its application shortly to be named a drought disaster area by Governor Rockefeller.

Montgomery County, west

of Schenectady, also has made preliminary steps in this direction.

These counties would join 24 others given this status by the governor. He has asked

Orville L. Freeman, U. S. secretary of agriculture, for special disaster aids for these counties.

Rensselaer and Columbia Counties are among those

which received disaster status yesterday.

Secretary Freeman has not yet acted on the governor's request for help.

He has the power to release farmers in disaster counties from soil bank contracts so they can use the land for pasture. And he also has the power to approve low-interest loans for farmers in financial distress.

Yesterday, Norman Kidder, Albany County agricultural agent, said statistics on county weather and crop conditions have been furnished the State Disaster Committee, which recommends to the governor which counties should be designated as disaster areas.

Strike Hits Western Bay State Bus Line

Pittsfield, Mass. (UPI)—Union workers struck the Berkshire Street Railway Co. early today.

A company spokesman said 25 bus drivers arrived at the garage here shortly before 6 a. m. but did not go out on their scheduled runs. The drivers are members of Local 496 of the Street Railway Employees Union.

The dispute began a week ago when the company laid off three drivers. Some 33 union members, including

drivers, mechanics and maintenance personnel, were asked to work overtime to take up the slack.

Yesterday, a 17-year veteran refused to work any more overtime and was fired. The

union issued an ultimatum to the bus company last night that either the man be reinstated or they would strike.

The bus company serves all of Berkshire County in Western Massachusetts.

Area Airman Gets Pennsylvania Post

Airman 3/c Francis J. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Moore, 18 May Street, Prospects Heights,

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Death of Boy Attributed To Virus Hepatitis

A 15-year-old boy died today at Albany Medical Center Hospital of suspected infectious hepatitis.

Howard Alston, 771 Broadway, son of Mrs. Mae F. Alston, was admitted to the hospital June 27 with suspected hepatitis. He died this morning.

Early this week, Dr. Robert Whalen, Albany County Health Commissioner, reported that infectious hepatitis was on the rise again here. The boy's death — if the diagnosis of hepatitis is confirmed — would be the first from the disease this year.

An autopsy was to be performed to verify the diagnosis.

Another case of hepatitis was reported to have occurred in the same building where the boy lived, at 771 Broadway.

The disease, caused by a virus, is very infectious. It is passed among those in close contact with the sick person and frequently hits several members of the same family.

Dr. Whalen said today his general impression is that hepatitis in the county is increasing. He said there appears to have been an increase in the disease in July.

Last Monday, he said 39 cases were reported for the first seven months of 1962, with reports incomplete for June and July. This contrasts with 20 to 30 cases reported annually in the last five years.

The last serious outbreak was in 1954, when 380 cases were reported.

Dr. Whalen advised families which have had contact with hepatitis victims to exercise extreme cleanliness as a preventive measure.

In most instances, the disease is mild. Occasionally the acute form of the disease may lead to chronic liver condition. A very small number of cases cause death.

Conservatives To Hear Editor

Frank Meyer, senior editor of The National Review, will speak at a meeting of the Albany Conservative Party at 8:30 p. m. today in Am-

brose Scully American Legion Post, 348 Central Avenue.

Robert G. McCauley, chairman of the Albany Conservative Party, will preside.

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