

World War II vet looks toward Geneva meeting

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On November 19-20, President Ronald Wilson Reagan and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev will meet in Geneva, Switzerland to discuss a variety of nuclear weapons treaties and potential arms control agreements.

The main bone of contention will be Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), better known as Star Wars, in exchange for Gorbachev's proposal of dismantling 50 percent of existing land based Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs).

Should the United States retreat in Star Wars research and development? Would it be wise for America to trade-off a futuristic defense strategy in lieu of Soviet promises of large reductions in ICBMs and limiting deployment of their mobile SS-20 intermediate missiles in Eastern Europe?

The Dallas Post asked these questions this past week of a 71-year-old Harveys Lake resident who served in the United States Air Force from 1941 to 1945, the end of World War II.

The former "close-order drill" sergeant stationed at Robbins Air Field in Macon Georgia during this country's WWII struggle said President Reagan has his hands full when he meets with Gorbachev in November.

"President Reagan should be very weary of what Gorbachev says and promises next month," said Michael Yachim Sr., of Fire House Road, Harveys Lake. "I have lived through the years and seen many Soviet leaders make false promises to our country.

"I think Reagan should make no deals with the Russians con-



MICHAEL YACHIM

cerning Star Wars because it is realistically our only hope for survival," the 71-year-old veteran added.

Yachim said he remembers when WWII came to an end in the Pacific theater — when the United States dropped two primitive nuclear bombs on Japan, instantly killing over 200,000 people.

"The two bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were 'primitive' by today's standards," Yachim continued. "When you think of the nuclear technology we are dealing with today it, (nuclear war) would simply be devastating."

"That is exactly why we need Star Wars," Yachim continued. "If the Star Wars technology actually works, our country could save literally millions of lives in the event of a nuclear war. I firmly believe when you consider the number of lives that would be lost in a nuclear war, Reagan should say 'no deal' when it comes to Star Wars," Yachim said.

On the question of whether or not the U.S. should accept Gorbachev's offer of a 50 percent reduction of large offensive ICBMs Yachim said, "How is the United States going to be able to verify that the Soviets are actually dismantling those weapons?"

"Just as is the case with the mobile weapons, they could simply store the missiles for future use. It is simply impossible to verify that nuclear weapons are actually dismantled," Yachim said.

Yachim said he does not believe the weapons would be destroyed because of the cost of reproducing the weapons.

"Those missiles (ICBMs) cost millions of dollars apiece," said Yachim. "Are we supposed to actually believe all those millions of dollars will just be thrown away?" Yachim asked.

The Harveys Lake resident, who joined the Air Force in 1941 after working in the coal mines in Wilkes-Barre for 12 years, said the time is right for the world to ban together and force the two superpowers to end the arms race.

"The United Nations just celebrated its 40 anniversary and I think it is somewhat symbolic," Yachim said. "The U.N. was founded so all countries could assemble and talk out their differences. Today, nothing is more vital to the preservation of our world than to reach an agreement on nuclear arms," said Yachim.

"All the civilized countries of the world should demand a nuclear solution," said Yachim. "Enough talking has taken place over the past four decades. It is time for legitimate agreements. It is time to save planet earth," he added.

Yachim concluded his comments on the upcoming U.S.-Soviet Summit by saying, "My only fear is really for the young people of this generation. If we do not stop this insane arms race, our children and their children, I am afraid, will live out our insane legacy."

Obituaries

MARY DIMMICK
Mary C. Dimmick, 94, of Island Road, Noxen, died October 29 in the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Surviving are her son, Robert S. Cass Lake, Minn.; daughters, Mrs. Helen Yellitz, Benton; Mrs. Berna Van Campen, Rochester, N.Y.; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held November 2 from the Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont, with the Rev. Pegg Ainslie Richards, pastor of the Noxen United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment, Orcutt Cemetery, Noxen.

DORIS JOHNSON

Mrs. Doris Johnson, 77, of 416 Woodley Road, Savannah, Ga., a native of Trucksville, died October 31 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Savannah.

Surviving are her sons, James Y. and R. Blaine, both of Savannah; brothers, Clyde Brown, Kingston; Sheldon R. Brown, Los Angeles, Calif.; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held November 2 from the Hanover Green Cemetery Chapel, Hanover Township, with the Rev. James A. Cara, pastor of the Luzerne Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment, Hanover Green Cemetery.

AUDREY ROOD

Mrs. Audrey I. Rood, 50, of Box 86, Sweet Valley, died November 2 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Surviving are her father, Russell Bilby; her husband, Carl D. Rood; son, Daniel E., Sweet Valley; daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, Kingston; sisters, Margaret Meade, Rayburn; Nancy Reider, Clarksville, Md.; stepmother, the former Madeline Metcalfe, Bloomingdale; three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held November 5 from the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home, Pikes Creek, with the Rev. Gary DeSanto, pastor of the Sweet Valley Church of Christ, officiating. Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

SISTER MARY BRUGGEMAN

Sister Mary Esther Bruggeman, R.S.M., of Mercy Center, Dallas, died November 3 at Mercy Center.

Surviving are her sisters, Sister Mary Leonard Bruggeman, R.S.M., Mercy Center, Dallas; Mrs. Helen Kelly and Mrs. Esther Tracy, both of Larchwood, Iowa; Mrs. Lorie Phelam, South Dakota; brother, August Bruggeman, Larchwood, Iowa; several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Mercy Center, Dallas, today at 4 p.m. with interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

SISTER MIRIAM TERESA O'DONNELL

Sister Miriam Teresa O'Donnell,

the second president of College Misericordia, died November 1 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Surviving are her brothers, John O'Donnell, Owego, N.Y.; Daniel O'Donnell, North Merrick, N.Y.; and James O'Donnell, Conamack, N.Y.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on November 4 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Mercy Center. Interment, St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

RUTH HAMMOND

Mrs. Ruth N. Hammond, 82, of 99 Summit St., Shavertown, died October 4 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Surviving are her husband, Richard B.; daughter, Mrs. Ruthellen Rebenack, Shavertown; sons, Richard N. Hammond, Ivyland; Robert Hammond, Fallington; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Edith Coslett, Dallas; brothers, Richard Phebbey, Wyoming; Charles Chapple, San Antonio, Texas.

Funeral services will be held today at 11 a.m. from the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, 140 N. Main St., Shavertown, with the Rev. James A. Wert, pastor of the Shavertown United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment, Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville.

CLYDE CAMPBELL

Clyde (Kelly) Campbell, of Market Street, Noxen, died Novem-

ber 3 in the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Plains Township.

Surviving are his son, Clyde E. Campbell Jr., Edwardsville; daughters, Mrs. Emma Hanna, Noxen; Mrs. Deborah Fuches, Pringle; Mrs. Dorothy Fedor, Edwardsville; Mrs. Audrey Steele, Harveys Lake; step-children, Mrs. Sheila Phillips, of Florida; Raymond Davenport, Nanticoke; brothers, Claude, Clarks Summit; Dana, Sweet Valley; Lyle, Shavertown; Doyle, Idestown; sister, Mrs. Emma Lutz, Luzerne; 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today at 10 a.m. from the Andrew Strish Funeral Home, 11 Wilson St., Larksville, with Pastor Herman Schleiffer officiating. Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

JOHN VERHUEL

John VerHuel, 57, of Rd 1, Box 142, Harveys Lake, died November 4 in the Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock, after being stricken with an apparent heart attack.

Surviving is his wife, the former Nora Harrison.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. from the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home, corner of Routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek, with the Rev. William W. Kennard, pastor of the Alderson United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment, Idetown Cemetery. Friends may call today 7 to 9 p.m.

What to do if pet is 'lost'

So many times people panic when the family pet becomes "lost." A great deal of this panic can be eliminated if people would become aware of ways they can go about "finding" their pet.

The first thing to do in the event of a lost pet is to contact the SPCA. Although the SPCA says there is no set time on how long they keep animals that are lost, they do say the length of stay depends on the age of the animal.

When calling the SPCA, be sure to leave your name and telephone number as well as a description of the animal in the event someone should call them about the animal. It is also a good idea to call the SPCA back a week later if you have gotten no response from your initial call.

It is also a good idea to contact all the local veterinarians. Don't waste any time in doing this because time is of the essence in the case of a

missing animal. If your pet has been hurt in any way and taken to a veterinarian, it is very important to find out as soon as possible so any medical treatment can be promptly administered.

Call your local police department and check with the local road crew buildings.

Also, check the lost and found columns in the local newspaper. You may also place an ad in these columns, announcing the fact that you are looking for your pet.

Try the local radio stations. Look under (W) in the telephone book. Explain your situation to the people at the radio stations and most of them will announce it on the air. Always be sure to leave your name, telephone number and a description of your pet with whomever you call.

Remember - never let your children around a strange animal, even if the animal appears to be friendly.

POLICE BLOTTER

A Harveys Lake woman was involved in a rear-end collision last Friday afternoon along route 309 near Main street, Dallas Township, Dallas Township police reported Monday.

According to the police report, Virginia Roan of 69 Lake Side Drive, Harveys Lake was stopped in the passing lane of route 309 attempting to turn into the Roan's Beer Distributors parking lot when a vehicle operated by Lynn Ann Domermutch of RD 2 Avoca slammed into the rear of the Roan vehicle.

Dallas Township patrolman Waymon Myers reported minor injuries to both motorists with Roan being transferred to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital by Kingston Township Ambulance crew members.

No charges were filed as a result of the accident.

Two Dallas residents were involved in a rear-end collision this past Saturday afternoon near the intersection of Route 309 and Main Street, Fernbrook, Dallas Township police reported.

Sustaining minor cuts and bruises from the accident were Warren Glatz of RD 2 Dallas and Pauline Varner, also of RD 2 Dallas.

Winterize cars now

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation reminded motorists today that it is time to winterize their automobiles.

"Pennsylvania's beautiful fall foliage season is almost over and motorists must begin to prepare their vehicles for winter driving," Transportation Secretary Thomas D. Larson said.

"During the snow and ice season, motorists need to take extra precautions to drive safely on Pennsylvania's highways," Larson said.

Larson suggested that motorists use this checklist before winter's coldest weather sets in.

— Install snow tires (studded snow tires are permitted from November 1 through April 15 of each year).

— Check anti-freeze level (some anti-freeze protection may have been lost during the summer).

— Have a general engine tune-up and be sure the automatic choke is working properly.

— Spray the door and trunk locks with de-icer.

— Have the battery checked and keep a set of jumper cables in the trunk.

— Add dry gas to the gas tank.

— Keep a windshield scraper handy.

— Keep some sand or salt in the trunk to use if the vehicle gets stuck in the snow.

Larson advised motorists to think twice before maintaining low tire pressure. "Some motorists reduce the tire pressure for better traction, but this can create more problems than it solves. Along with better traction there is a greater risk of swerving or losing control of the automobile," he said.

"Pennsylvania is a four season state with each of the seasons creating its own beauty. If motorists take the proper precautions, the winter season will be as enjoyable as the other three," Larson said.

Dallas Township patrolman Elliot Ide reported that Glatz ran into the rear of the Varner vehicle. No explanation was given as to why the accident occurred.

The Glatz vehicle was towed for repairs by Wesley's Towing service.

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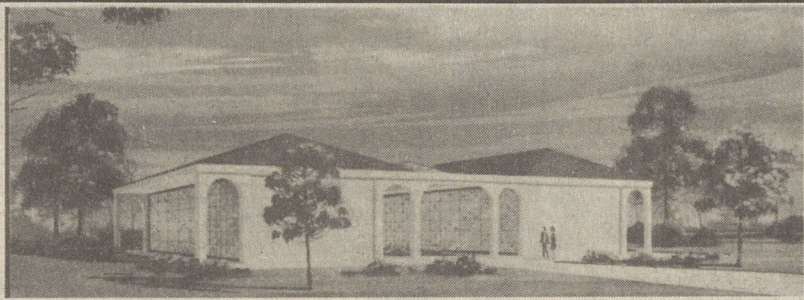
Two Dallas residents were involved in a two-car, side-swiped collision near the intersection of Lower Demunds Road and Melody Park Road last Wednesday causing both vehicles to be towed away

from the scene, Dallas Township police reported Monday.

According to patrolman Waymon Myers' report, Frank Taylor of RD 3 Dallas crossed over into the oncoming lane of Mark Ide of RD 1 Dallas narrowly escaping a head-on collision near the Lower Demunds Road, Melody Park intersection.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene by Martin's Mobile Towing service.

Taylor sustained cuts and abrasions as a result of the accident. Ide was not seriously injured.



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