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Colleagues,

Good Thursday morning on this the 18th day of June 2020,

“Despite the upheaval in the financial markets and in the broader economy, AP’s pension plans remain in a strong position.”

That’s the lead of a report prepared for Connecting on the status of the AP’s pension plans. We lead today’s issue with the pension status report, with thanks to President and CEO **Gary Pruitt** and Senior Vice President **Jessica Bruce** for providing.

We congratulate the latest AP Hall of Famer – **John Hanna**, Topeka correspondent, who on Wednesday was named to the Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame. John has headed the Kansas Statehouse beat for 21 years, succeeding another Hall of Famer, the late **Lew Ferguson**.

Have a great day – be safe, stay healthy.

Paul

AP pension plans ‘remain in strong position’

Jessica Bruce ([Email](#)) – *AP senior vice president, Human Resources and Corporate Communications* - Despite the upheaval in the financial markets and in the broader economy, AP’s pension plans remain in a strong position.



As of the end of May, they were 87% funded – virtually the same level as last year. This compares favorably to 2012, when the plans were funded at a 61% level. Over the past 8 years, AP has made significant contributions to the pension plans, well above the required amounts. AP expects to continue that course, making contributions to stay ahead of funding requirements and achieve fully funded status later this decade.

Of course, investment returns and interest rates will affect our pension funding level. AP pension funds are invested in stocks and bonds through index funds. As they were last year, the investments are allocated 50% to stocks and 50% to bonds. As the plans’ funded level increases, the proportion of assets in stocks will decline and the proportion in bonds will increase.

As a reminder, AP’s pension plans are frozen, meaning no one is earning additional pension benefits. Our financial flexibility will be enhanced by achieving full funding of our pension plans and we are track to do just that. Retirees should feel secure with their AP pension benefits.

If you have questions about your pension benefit with the AP, please reach out to Sue Gilkey, AP’s Global Director of Employee Benefits at sgilkey@ap.org, or at (212) 621-1727.

Topeka’s John Hanna selected for Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame

Veteran AP Topeka Correspondent John Hanna ([Email](#)) joins two long-time newspaper publishers as the latest selections for induction into the Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame.

Hanna and fellow Class of 2020 inductees Linda Denning, editor and publisher of the Ellworth County Independent-Reporter, and Gary Mehl, retired editor and publisher of the McPherson Sentinel, will be honored as soon as it is deemed safe by health officials to meet together at a Kansas Press Association convention or other special event, KPA executive director Emily Bradbury announced Wednesday.



Hanna, the AP's Topeka correspondent for the past 21 years, cut his journalistic teeth as a legislative relief staffer in 1986 and again after graduation from the University of Kansas in January of 1987. He served under Lew Ferguson, also a member of the Hall of Fame until Ferguson's retirement in 1999.

He is a graduate of the University of Kansas who has built a reputation for being an aggressive, knowledgeable and fair reporter, according to one of his colleagues, Hall of Fame member Paul Stevens.

"Pick a major political development in the past three decades, and there's a good chance John was a part of the coverage that informed thousands of Kansas readers," Stevens said. "He has interviewed figures as diverse as former Sen., Bob Dole, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, the Rev. Fred Phelps and Bill Nye the Science Guy."

Hanna has twice won the Fred W. Moen Missouri-Kansas Staffer of the Year Award.

He was born in East Orange, N.J., lived in Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles but mostly grew up in north Dallas before coming to KU. He is the father of Karly, who lives in Chicago and is a stage actress. He and his daughter are writing a play together.

Doug Anstaett, former executive director of KPA and a long-time editor and publisher at the Newton Kansan, said, "John has become the go-to person on all things to do with Kansas government. He has been in the thick of things on every major news story of the past three decades here.

"John Hanna is probably the most familiar face in the Kansas Statehouse and has accumulated a vast knowledge of how Kansas government works.

"Some people use Google to search for past events and happenings in Topeka; often, John Hanna can provide a better, quicker and more accurate description of what is going on now or happened in the state in the past off the top of his head."

Hanley's 'hidden war'

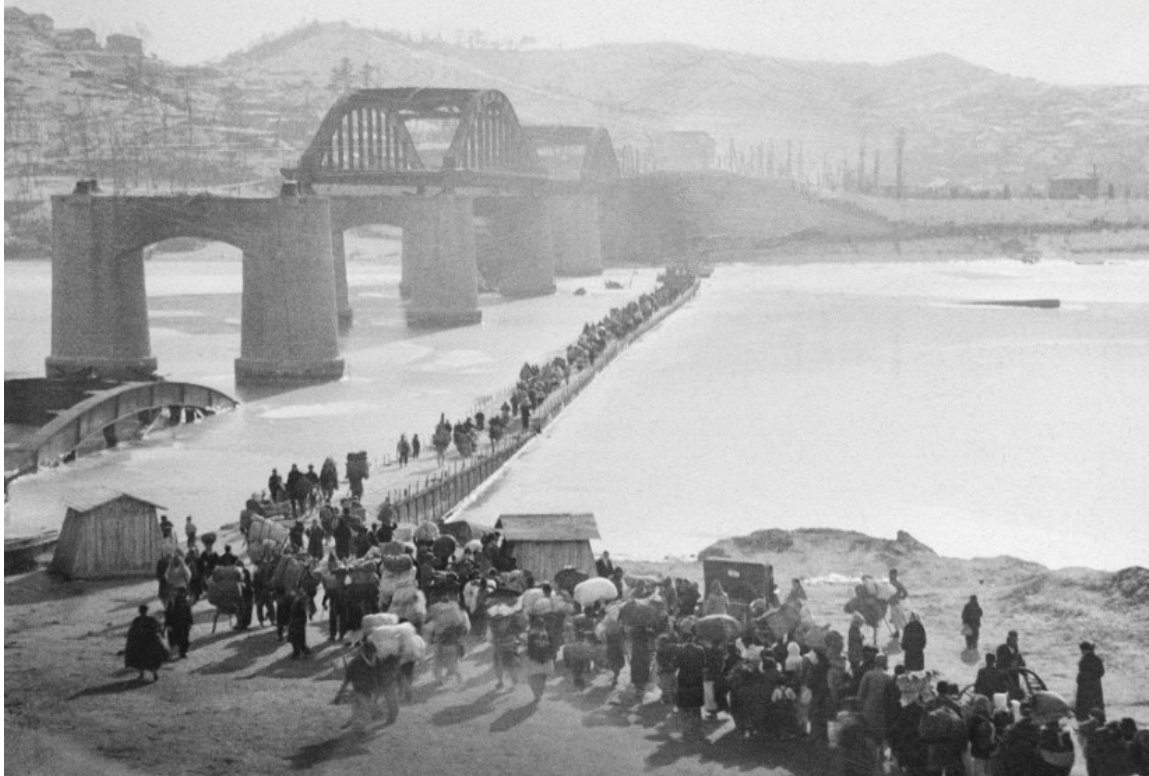
WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE

CHARLES J. HANLEY

GHOST FLAMES

LIFE & DEATH IN A HIDDEN WAR,

KOREA 1950-53



Our Connecting colleague Charlie Hanley ([Email](#)), former AP special correspondent, has a book coming out that Kirkus Reviews, in a [starred review](#), calls “a masterly new history of the Korean War.” And it has a strong AP angle.

Ghost Flames: Life and Death in a Hidden War, Korea 1950-1953 (PublicAffairs/Perseus Books) will be published Aug. 25. But one can get an early look via the online Wilson Quarterly, which has posted excerpts in its summer issue, devoted to the 70th anniversary of the June 25 outbreak of the war.

Charlie says the book tells the story of the Korean War through the experiences of 20 individuals who lived through it – soldiers and civilians, young and old, North and South Koreans, Americans, Chinese and a Briton (*Daily Worker* journalist Alan Winnington). One of the Korean “characters” is Bill Shinn of AP’s wartime staff, a resourceful young reporter who scored major scoops, including beating the world by hours with the story of General MacArthur’s pivotal 1950 Inchon landing. The Wilson Quarterly excerpts include a dramatic episode from early 1951 in which Shinn reports from Seoul as the burning city falls to the Chinese. It includes a photo of Shinn, who died in 2002.

Not just Kirkus, but the other two major publishing trade magazines also awarded stars to *Ghost Flames*, Publishers Weekly calling it “an extraordinary portrait” and “essential account” of the war, and Library Journal concluding, “VERDICT: An extraordinary kaleidoscope of human experiences in a catastrophic forgotten war.”

Charlie, whose work on the Korean War began in 1998-99 with AP’s Pulitzer-winning investigative reporting on the No Gun Ri massacre, advises he’ll appear live for a full hour this Sunday, June 21, on C-SPAN3’s “American History TV,” 9 a.m.-10 a.m. EDT, to discuss the book and the war, to be repeated at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. EDT on Sunday. It could also be viewed later at the C-SPAN website.

Connecting mailbox

Bravos to Peter Arnett for details of the ‘Peter and Horst Do America Extravaganza’

Mort Rosenblum ([Email](#)) - Connecting is always a welcome, interesting read, but today (Wednesday) you’ve outdone yourself.

First, Norm Goldstein’s Talmudic dissection of black/Black was, as his pronouncements always are, wise and sensible guidance on an issue I’ve been pondering for a week.

And now after 50 years, I finally have the inside details of the Peter and Horst Do America Extravaganza. Horst and I were based in Singapore together at the time; I got plenty of those brief Faas-tic remarks but little detail on the copy process. When Peter moved to CNN and I inherited his roving Special Correspondent job, he wished me luck and added that I was lucky to be based in Paris, an ocean away from New York, where so many cooks messed with the broth. Happily, he did what he always does:

taking top-level orders into advisement and then following the fabled Arnett nose straight to the real story.

You captured Wes at his best, willing to back down when he saw was wrong, as he did when he tried to kill Peter's Vietnam piece on looting by American grunts ("GIs don't loot.") And lord knows how after all his bouncing around the world since then, he could put his hands on that tactful note to Sid Moody, who crafted so much copy into a masterful piece that is so prescient today. Bravo.

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Marc Humbert ([Email](#)) - Wow! Thanks, Paul, for bringing us a new piece of great stuff from Peter (mixed in with lots of the original) that is a wonderful reminder of how wonderful these two guys were for those of us just getting into the business in the 60s. Many of us word guys wanted to be Arnett (and/or Mears) and lots of the shooters dreamed of being Faas (and/or Adams). Now, a lot of you young ones will know why.

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Bob Daugherty ([Email](#)) - The Arnett/Faas reprint was timely. Interesting that Wes chose two non-Americans to do the story. They certainly were given plenty of time to get it done.

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Style: On Miss, Mrs. and Ms and Who/Whom

Eileen Alt Powell ([Email](#)) - The biggest fights over usage for the 1977 Stylebook and Libel Manual -- which was coordinated with UPI (remember them?) so editors wouldn't have to consult conflicting style references -- were not over references to African-Americans but over courtesy titles for women and how to use the words "who" and "whom."

I worked on that edition with Howard Angione and can attest to some of the debate. In those days, the second reference to men was simply a last name. But women had to have a courtesy title of Miss, Mrs. or the newly popular Ms. A lot of us wanted to get rid of the courtesy titles altogether. In the end, the AP did a survey of editors who argued that it was easier for papers that didn't want courtesy titles to take them out than for those that wanted them to put them in. So the AP basically dropped all courtesy titles on sports wires but insisted that on news wires, reporters should follow "the woman's preference."

Who-whom was dicier. The UPI editors we were working with argued that the average American did not make a distinction between the words and that the Stylebooks

shouldn't either. That was a bit radical for those of us at AP, so we went with "who is the word when someone is the subject of a sentence" and "whom is the word when someone is the object of a verb or preposition." Some of us still make that distinction.

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Black and brown

Martha Malan ([Email](#)) - Increasingly, I am hearing protesters and others referring to "black and brown" people. A question for my friend Paula Froke: If the decision is made to capitalize black, would it extend to brown also in this context?

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So long, Thought for the Day

Jeff Ulbrich ([Email](#)) - Thank goodness the Thought for the Day has been removed from Today in History. It's comforting to know somebody is protecting me from poisonous quotes uttered by dastardly historic figures.

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The Room Where It Happened

Michael Doan ([Email](#)) - When I was a young reporter on the Delaware State News (in Dover), I talked my way into the U.S. House press gallery on a Saturday afternoon in 1964. They were debating the Civil Rights Bill, with Southern Democrats fiercely opposing black equality. The Southerners loved a proposal to bar discrimination on the basis of sex, too, figuring it would surely destroy the legislation. Not only did their amendment pass, but the entire bill did too! On Monday, the Supreme Court said that ban on sexual discrimination applied to LGBTQAI folks too. Those Dixiecrats are squirming in their graves. (Later, I covered Congress briefly for AP in 1977.)

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On the statue of Josephus Daniels

Rick Cooper ([Email](#)) - I would have thought the statue of Josephus Daniels would have been torn down some 88 years ago at the end of prohibition.

I had always remembered Daniels as the teetotaling Secretary of the Navy who banned alcohol from all U.S. Naval ships and installations in 1914, ending the old naval

practice dating back to the founding of the U.S. Navy of a daily "Grog ration", a half pint of distilled spirits U.S. Navy sailors that carried over from the traditions of Britain's Royal Navy.

Even though prohibition ended in 1932, the ban on alcoholic beverages aboard U.S. Naval vessels and installations remained in effect for a hundred years until it was lifted in 2014.

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AP logo police sighting



Bruce Lowitt ([Email](#)) - The AP on golfer Branden Grace's sleeve is for Audemars Piguet, a high-end watch company.

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Connecting sky shot – Punta Gorda



Ed Tobias ([Email](#)) - Here's a sky shot of the afternoon clouds in Punta Gorda, Florida. Will they turn into a late afternoon thunderstorm or are they just the prelude to another beautiful sunset?

When AP and its competition shared one phone to report the day's biggest story



An unidentified Japanese is pictured making Gen. Hideki Tojo comfortable on a bed in his home as the former Premier of Japan grimaces from pain caused by a self-inflicted bullet wound September 11, 1945. In the background, without a hat, is Russell Brines, AP correspondent. The other man is unidentified. (AP Photo/Charles Gorry)

Chris Carola ([Email](#)) - There are plenty of stories from back in the day of reporters from competing newspapers and wire services literally coming to blows over access to the lone working phone near the scene of a breaking news story.

There was at least one instance when everyone played nice and shared the only phone at hand: the botched suicide attempt by former Japanese Prime Minister Hideki Tojo on Sept. 11, 1945, nine days after Japan's formal surrender ended World War II.

Alerted by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters that Tojo was to be taken into custody that day, reporters from AP, United Press, The New York Times and other news outlets had already staked out Tojo's tidy home in a Tokyo suburb.

AP correspondents Murlin Spencer and Russell Brines had an exclusive interview with Tojo the day before at his home. On Sept. 11, Brines, along with AP photographer Charles Gorry, returned to Tojo's home to cover his impending arrest. Spencer arrived there separately later.

Around 4 p.m., a five-man U.S. Army counterintelligence detachment showed up to arrest Tojo. Twenty minutes later, he fired an American-made, military-issued pistol into his chest while sitting in an upholstered chair in his den. The Army officers busted down two doors to get inside, followed closely by the correspondents, Gorry and a photographer for Yank magazine.

Tojo had missed his intended target: his heart. The bullet exited his left shoulder blade and lodged in the chair back. He was bleeding profusely but conscious. The press piled into the small room as the photographers snapped away and the Army officers secured the scene. Clark Lee, a former AP reporter who had switched to the International News Service, had found a phone at a nearby lumber mill to call in his story.

Turns out he didn't have to go that far. According to an account of the incident Spencer wrote for AP's employee publication later in 1945, the Japanese interpreter Brines had hired a few days earlier found the house's only phone in a hallway. Spencer used it to call in the breaking news to AP correspondent Morrie Landsberg in Tokyo, putting AP ahead of the competition.

"It seemed hours but it was only a matter of minutes before Landsberg answered," Spencer wrote. "I dictated a bulletin, gave him a little additional material and went back to Tojo. ... From the hall you could hear men shouting into the telephone: 'The old ----- is still alive. He should kick off anytime.'"

In his 1947 book, "One Last Look Around," Lee recounted the chaos inside Tojo's home as reporters took turns using the phone to call in updates to their newly set up news operations in Tokyo: "Standing in the doorway, looking into the room, reporters called out a play-by-play to the man on the phone, only a few feet away."

Brines had gone somewhere and returned to the scene after Tojo had shot himself. According to Lee, Brines got right to work on the phone, telling his AP counterparts on the other end of the scratchy line:

"Tojo is lying there with a pink spread on him. He just turned over. Now he's raising his knees ... No, knees, you bastard. ... K for kangaroo. N for Nancy, double E ... that's it."

"AP was in a good spot," Spencer would recall later in 1945. "Brines returned about the time of the shooting. I returned to the phone, called Landsberg again, dictated additional material and then started back to the hotel to write a lead. Brines returned to the house to keep watch."

Reporters continued to phone in every detail of the Tojo death watch. But he didn't die. A U.S. Army medical team finally arrived, stabilized Tojo and transported him to a field hospital.

As Spencer wrote: "Correspondents still screamed into Tojo's telephone in the hallway. But Tojo was tough. Fortified with blood from an American soldier, he rallied at the hospital, recovered rapidly to remain on the list of Japanese war criminals."

Tojo went on trial the following year for war crimes. Convicted two year later, he was executed by hanging on Dec. 23, 1948, a week shy of his 64th birthday.

New-member profile: Molly McMillin

Molly McMillin ([Email](#)) - spent nearly 20 years at the Wichita Eagle, where she served as senior aviation/aerospace reporter. In 2015, she joined the Aviation Week Network as editor-in-chief of The Weekly of Business Aviation, a market intelligence report. Molly earned her private pilot license in 2011.



She has won multiple state and national journalism awards and was the recipient of the 2013 National Business Aviation Association's Gold Wing Award for Journalism Excellence. A graduate of Wichita State University, Molly was selected the 2014 Outstanding Alumni at WSU's Elliott School of Communication. When not working, you can usually find her spending time with her grandchildren.

Stories of interest

US broadcasting chief fires agency heads in major reshuffle

By **MATTHEW LEE**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new chief of U.S.-funded international broadcasting on Wednesday fired the heads of at least three outlets he oversees and replaced their boards with allies, in a move likely to raise fears that he intends to turn the Voice of America and its sister outlets into Trump administration propaganda machines.

U.S. Agency for Global Media CEO Michael Pack informed those he dismissed in email notices sent late Wednesday just hours after he had sought to play down those concerns in an email to staff saying he is committed to ensuring the independence of the broadcasters who are charged with delivering independent news and information to audiences around the world.

Two congressional aides said that among those removed from their positions were the head of Radio Free Asia, Bay Fang, the head of Radio Liberty/Radio Free Europe, Jamie Fly, and the head of the Middle East Broadcasting Network, Alberto Fernandez. The director and deputy director of the Voice of America, Amanda Bennett and Sandy Sugawara, had resigned from their positions on Monday.

Read more [here](#) .

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Bolton claims Trump called journalists 'scumbags' who should be 'executed' (The Hill)

BY J. EDWARD MORENO

Former White House national security adviser John Bolton claims in his forthcoming memoir that President Trump called journalists "scumbags" who should be "executed."

Bolton said Trump made the comments during a meeting last summer in New Jersey, according to a copy of Bolton's book obtained by The Hill.

During the meeting, Trump said journalists should be jailed so they would have to expose their sources, Bolton wrote.

"These people should be executed. They are scumbags," Trump said, according to Bolton's account chronicled in the memoir, "The Room Where It Happened."

Trump ousted Bolton, his third national security adviser, in September over disagreements on foreign policy.

The Hill has reached out to the White House for comment about the claim in Bolton's book.

Read more [here](#) . Shared by Mike Holmes.

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After listening to the Black community, we're making a change (NJ.com)

By Kevin Whitmer | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com

We are making an important change today in our writing style. When referring to a culture, ethnicity or group of people from the African diaspora we will use “Black,” with an uppercase B.

We are making this change to NJ Advance Media’s style guide to acknowledge and respect the word represents a people with shared cultures and experiences, and not a color. Black, we believe, should be used like other identifiers, such as “Asian,” “Latino” or “African American.” We also will continue to use “African American” in stories when warranted, as “African American” and “Black” aren’t always interchangeable.

The change was brought on in part after internal conversations initiated by the newsroom’s Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee late last year. Earlier this year, we started capitalizing B in some of our stories and opinion pieces. We had also noticed the shift to uppercase B by scholars (here and here), other U.S. news organizations (Seattle Times, Los Angeles Times, USA Today and Boston Globe), and among some readers.

Read more [here](#) . Shared by Byron Yake.

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Watching the world of journalism spin (Sarasota Herald-Tribune)

By Barbara Peters Smith

Because most people I encounter are far more sure they’re right about everything than I am, I’ve never had much trouble following the traditional professional template for journalism. Much like the scientific method, it calls for assuming you’re ignorant until you’ve amassed enough incontrovertible facts to produce a conclusive story.

Often those rock-solid facts aren’t available, or there’s no time to chisel them out. So what we get instead are unsatisfying assemblages of reporting where all parties are duly quoted and their words stand in opposition. It’s better than nothing; at least the topic has been exposed to oxygen. But readers and viewers these days find the experience unsatisfying.

This in part accounts for the earth-shifting, category-killing success of Fox News, which from the getgo came across as extremely sure of itself. Members of its loyal audience receive in return the pleasure of confidence in their own beliefs, and this is a pleasure that’s hard to give up.

Read more [here](#) . Shared by George Arfield.

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Decision day is coming for the future of Tribune Publishing (Poynter)

By RICK EDMONDS

We are just two weeks away from the trigger date for the majority of Tribune Publishing to be put into play. The future of major regional papers — including the Chicago Tribune and The Baltimore Sun — hangs in the balance.

As has been reported widely, Alden Global Capital owns 32% of Tribune Publishing stock. Alden gained two seats on an eight-person board in November and appears to have been exerting its influence in a series of pay and job cuts and several executive departures.

Under a standstill agreement, Alden cannot increase its stock holdings until after June 30. Then the door opens to Alden's taking full control or forcing a sale.

Read more [here](#) . Shared by Doug Pizac.

The Final Word



Shared by Marlk Mittelstadt

Today in History - June 18, 2020



By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 18, the 170th day of 2020. There are 196 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 18, 1983, astronaut Sally K. Ride became America's first woman in space as she and four colleagues blasted off aboard the space shuttle Challenger on a six-day mission.

On this date:

In 1812, the War of 1812 began as the United States Congress approved, and President James Madison signed, a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met defeat at Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium.

In 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill urged his countrymen to conduct themselves in a manner that would prompt future generations to say, "This was their finest hour." Charles de Gaulle delivered a speech on the BBC in which he rallied his countrymen after the fall of France to Nazi Germany.

In 1945, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower received a tumultuous welcome in Washington D.C., where he addressed a joint session of Congress.

In 1953, a U.S. Air Force Douglas C-124 Globemaster II crashed near Tokyo, killing all 129 people on board. Egypt's 148-year-old Muhammad Ali Dynasty came to an end with the overthrow of the monarchy and the proclamation of a republic.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson and Japanese Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda spoke to each other by telephone as they inaugurated the first trans-Pacific cable

completed by AT&T between Japan and Hawaii.

In 1971, Southwest Airlines began operations, with flights between Dallas and San Antonio, and Dallas and Houston.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev signed the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty in Vienna.

In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Georgia v. McCollum*, ruled that criminal defendants could not use race as a basis for excluding potential jurors from their trials.

In 1996, Richard Allen Davis was convicted in San Jose, California, of the 1993 kidnap-murder of 12-year-old Polly Klaas of Petaluma. (Davis remains on death row.)

In 2007, nine firefighters died in a fire at a furniture store and warehouse in Charleston, South Carolina.

In 2018, President Donald Trump announced that he was directing the Pentagon to create the "Space Force" as an independent service branch. Troubled rapper-singer XXXTentacion (ex ex ex ten-ta-see-YAWN') was shot and killed in Florida in what police called an apparent robbery attempt.

Ten years ago: Death row inmate Ronnie Lee Gardner died in a barrage of bullets as Utah carried out its first firing squad execution in 14 years. (Gardner had been sentenced to death for fatally shooting attorney Michael Burdell during a failed escape attempt from a Salt Lake City courthouse.)

Five years ago: In dueling decisions about free speech, the Supreme Court upheld Texas' refusal to issue a license plate bearing the Confederate battle flag and struck down an Arizona town's restrictions on temporary signs put up by a small church. Texas death row inmate Gregory Rousseau was executed for the 2001 slaying of James Syvertson, a 75-year-old East Texas auto repair shop owner, during a crack cocaine binge.

One year ago: President Donald Trump officially kicked off his reelection campaign at a rally attended by thousands in Orlando, Florida; he told the crowd that he'd been "under assault from the very first day" by a "fake news media" and an "illegal witch hunt." Trump announced that Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan was withdrawing his nomination to lead the Pentagon, and that the Secretary of the Army, Mark Esper, would be the new acting secretary. (Esper was confirmed in July as secretary of defense.) Pacific Gas & Electric agreed to pay \$1 billion to 14 local governments to cover damage from a series of deadly wildfires caused by its downed power lines.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., is 83. Baseball Hall of Famer Lou Brock is 81. Sir Paul McCartney is 78. Actress Constance McCashin is 73. Actress

Linda Thorson is 73. Rock musician John Evans is 72. Former Sen. Mike Johanns, R-Neb., is 70. Actress Isabella Rossellini is 68. Actress Carol Kane is 68. Actor Brian Benben is 64. Actress Andrea Evans is 63. Rock singer Alison Moyet is 59. Rock musician Dizzy Reed (Guns N' Roses) is 57. Figure skater Kurt Browning is 54. Country singer-musician Tim Hunt is 53. Rock singer-musician Sice (The Boo Radleys) is 51. Rhythm and blues singer Nathan Morris (Boyz II Men) is 49. Actress Mara Hobel is 49. Singer-songwriter Ray LaMontagne is 47. Rapper Silkk the Shocker is 45. Actress Alana de la Garza is 44. Country singer Blake Shelton is 44. Rock musician Steven Chen (Airborne Toxic Event) is 42. Actor David Giuntoli is 40. Drummer Josh Dun (Twenty One Pilots) is 32. Actress Renee Olstead is 31. Actor Jacob Anderson is 30. Actress Willa Holland is 29.

Thought for Today: "Most of the successful people I've known are the ones who do more listening than talking." [-] Bernard M. Baruch, American businessman and statesman (1870-1965).

Got a story or photos to share?

Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

Here are some suggestions:

- **Second chapters** - You finished a great career. Now tell us about your second (and third and fourth?) chapters of life.
- **Spousal support** - How your spouse helped in supporting your work during your AP career.
- **My most unusual story** - tell us about an unusual, off the wall story that you covered.
- **"A silly mistake that you make"** - a chance to 'fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career.
- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.
- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.
- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?
- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.



- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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