

Gunman Wounds British Official In Bratislava

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The British embassy in Prague announced yesterday that Donald M. Brander, director of the British Institute at Bratislava, was wounded Thursday night by an unidentified gunman who entered his house and shot him three times.

Brander was shot twice in the thigh and once in the hand. The gunman escaped.

A spokesman of the embassy said there was no evidence to show the reason for the attack.

The British Institute is an organ of the British consul working for cultural relations between Britain and Czechoslovakia.

Brander, father of two children, has been stationed in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, since early 1948. He is about 40 years old.

The British embassy said Brander was taken to a hospital where an operation was performed.

"Two of the three bullets were extracted and Brander is resting comfortably," the statement said. "He has given all possible information to the police who have put a guard on his house and are actively searching for the miscreant."

The British consul at Bratislava, Alfred J. Singleton, later said that Brander was shot after a struggle with his assailant.

He gave this version of the shooting: Answering a knock at the door, Brander saw a man standing at the doorway with a gun in his hand.

Brander tried to close the door but the man forced it open. Then the two began to struggle, both tumbling into the garden path-way.

The assailant got up first, Singleton said, "and shot Brander. He started to run away. Though wounded, Brander tried to give chase but the man turned around and shot him again."

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Hulda Marie Dittman Dies At Myrtle Creek

Hulda Marie Dittman, 58, resident of Oregon for 15 years, died after a short illness last night, Dec. 23, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Betty Reed, N. Myrtle Creek. She was born Nov. 19, 1891, in Randolph, Neb. She was a former resident of Junction City and came to Myrtle Creek three months ago to make her home with her daughter.

Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. Luella Moore and Mrs. Fern Purcell, both of Junction City; Mrs. Betty Reed and Miss Vivian Dittman, both of Myrtle Creek; a son, Eugene K. Dittman, Boise, Idaho and nine grandchildren.

The body will be taken by the Roseburg Funeral home to Junction City for funeral services to be held Monday, Dec. 26, at 2 p. m. Interment will follow in the Westlawn cemetery in Eugene.

Roseburg Navy Man Saw Iran's Shah Ceremonies

James K. Neavill, seaman apprentice, USN, of 1454 Cedar St., Roseburg, recently took part in the ceremonies honoring the Shah of Iran, when that potentate visited the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge at San Diego, Calif.

The Shah was received aboard the carrier with a 21-gun salute and was presented with a model of the ship by Capt. H. B. Temple, USN, commanding officer.

The visit aboard the Valley Forge was a point of the Shah's tour of this country as a guest of the State department.

TRAFFIC FINES

Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle reported disposition on the following traffic cases in his court Friday night: Calvin D. Mumi, Roseburg, speeding, \$20; Ervin Ira Buser, Roseburg, speeding, \$10; George R. Barker, Melrose route, no operator's license and no tail light, \$5; Melvin D. De Dobbelaire, route 2, excessive muffler noise, \$2; Carl Mendezoma, route 2, four in front seat, \$3; Jack Willis Cummins, Roseburg, and William Norman Hash, Roseburg, each fined \$2 on non-stop charges.

FLUE FIRE REPORTED

The Roseburg fire department answered a call to a flue fire at 505 Fowler street at 1:55 p. m. Friday. No damage was reported.

White Christmas Prospects Slight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The weather bureau turned bearish today on prospects for a white Christmas.

Instead of the snow expected for much of the central part of the nation, it now looks like rain. Only in the northwest were there good prospects for new snow.

Revising an earlier Christmas day forecast, the bureau at 8:30 a. m. (EST) showed the weather picture shaping up something like this:

Northwest—Snow and colder. Central part of the nation—rain and warmer.

Gulf states to California—Fair and moderate. Pacific northwest—Rain.

White in North

"A white Christmas is assured for the northern states from the Rockies to the upper Great Lakes region due mainly to snow already on the ground," the bureau reported without equivocation.

Rising temperatures in the general part of the country will bring rain instead of the snowfall predicted earlier for the central Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys.

And the rain will spread eastward on Christmas day as far as the eastern Great Lakes.

New snow is forecast only in Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and portions of the northern plains and Michigan.

It will be a mighty cold Christmas day for some parts of the nation.

Below Normal

The bureau said temperatures will be below normal all through the northeastern and east central states, and along the northern border states.

Coldest weather is forecast for North Dakota and northern Minnesota, where zero to 10 below is expected on Christmas morning.

New England can look for temperatures between zero and 10 above.

Moderate temperatures can be expected through the Gulf states northward to the Ohio valley, while that part of the country between the Rockies and the central plains can expect a drop in temperature by Christmas night.

Both Florida and California were promised "moderately cool" weather Christmas morning. It will be pleasant Christmas eve.

British Suspend Hungarian Talks

LONDON.—(AP)—Britain has suspended trade and financial talks with Hungary because that country refused to allow a British consul general to see an Englishman arrested in Budapest as a spy.

The foreign office announced that the month-long talks were suspended last Monday.

The Englishman concerned is Edgar Sanders. Along with Robert C. Vogeler, an American, he was arrested in Budapest Nov. 22 on charges of espionage. Both Vogeler and Sanders are officials of the American-owned International Telephone and Telegraph company, of New York.

Immediately after Sanders' arrest, the British minister in Budapest asked permission to see him, foreign office spokesman said. The request was refused formally Nov. 30 and other—and most insistent requests—have been rejected since.

The Hungarian trade delegation is returning to Budapest this weekend.

FINED FOR DRUNKENNESS

Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle reported that Frank Allen, Roseburg, arrested on a charge of being drunk on a public street was committed to the city jail for 15 days in lieu of a \$30 fine.

George Burnett, Medford, and Fred Ralph Griner, Roseburg, also arrested on drunk charges, each forfeited \$20 bail upon their failure to appear in answer to the charges, said the judge.

Arrive Here—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norton arrived in Roseburg Friday evening to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. They reside at Adair Village and Mr. Norton is a student at Oregon State college.

Pope Ushers In Holy Year Amid Disorders

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trip from Jerusalem through the armed encampments of occupying Israeli and Hashemite Jordan forces.

Clergymen and pilgrims living in the Arab-held old city of Jerusalem followed the tired northern route. Diplomats and a few pilgrims traveled from the new part of Jerusalem held by Israel, over the southern Roman road.

Reds Accuse Japs

The Soviet Union charged that Japan used germ warfare in World War II. Moscow Radio said 12 former Japanese officers have been indicted on charges of plotting to use bacteriological warfare against the Soviet Union and other states.

The indictment said Maj. Gen. Kavasima Kioshi, a high officer in the Japanese Army medical corps, made a statement that the Japanese general staff and war ministry set up two secret germ warfare units. The indictment said the plan was approved by Emperor Hirohito.

The Soviet announcement followed a charge by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's diplomatic advisor Thursday that probably 374,000 missing Japanese prisoners died in Russian prison camps. MacArthur has called for a neutral nation or the International Red Cross to investigate the fate of 376,000 missing Japanese prisoners captured by the Russians.

President in Missouri; Santa Rules Washington

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It now seems to be within man's power to make the "great dream" of permanent peace a reality.

Government offices were closed until next Tuesday. Only a few key employees in the Budget bureau remained at their desks to work on the President's 1950 budget figures, which must be presented to Congress early in January.

Store Sales Up

Figures, too, were mounting up on merchants' cash registers. The Federal Reserve board announced that department store sales last week were one per cent ahead of the corresponding week in 1948.

An eleventh-hour buying wave was expected to send total Christmas sales above last year's record.

The Veterans administration sent out 100,000 pounds of turkey for Christmas dinners at its hospitals and other installations.

Service men and women around the world also will share in a typical American holiday feast. Main dish, roast turkey.

Service men in occupied Germany were granted permission for holy year visits to Rome.

\$60,000 Fund Drive Planned For Hospital

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day, at which time the plans were laid for raising the necessary additional money.

Time Very Short

According to provisions of the low bid as submitted, it is necessary that it be accepted within 30 days from the date of opening.

Citizens of the community will be contacted immediately and asked for pledges or cash subscriptions so that the contract for the construction of the hospital can be approved by the Oregon State Board of Health and the Federal government within the time allotted, said Ford.

Time for raising the money is very short, he said. Because of this limited time, a rapid-fire campaign will be conducted.

Births At Mercy Hospital

WESTCOTT—To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Edward Westcott, 346 Mill street, a son, Russell Edward, Dec. 21; weight six pounds eight ounces.

KIELING—To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kieling, Myrtle Creek, Dec. 21, a son, Gregory Donald; weight seven pounds seven ounces.

CLARK—To Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, 526 South Sixteenth street, Boise, Ida., a daughter, Evelyn Sue, Dec. 21; weight five pounds 10 ounces.

CALKINS—To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Calkins, Route 2, Roseburg, son, Gary Neal, Dec. 22; weight eight pounds.

JEPSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jepson, Winston, a son, Terry Lee, Dec. 23; weight seven pounds eight ounces.

Murder Charge Faces Portlander

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—(AP)—An attempt to get both his wife and a turkey home for Christmas left 40-year-old Tiny Adams in jail today on a murder charge.

He was accused of shooting his rival during an attempt to persuade Mrs. Adams, gone for three days, to come home for the holidays. He was arrested a little later, after telephoning police.

"I'm coming in to give myself up just as soon as I get the Christmas turkey for the kids."

Detectives Joe Blewett and C. H. Robertson gave the following account:

Adams took his two small sons yesterday afternoon to see his wife, who was at the home of Roosevelt Clinton Ivory, 30, and appealed to her to come home for Christmas.

When Ivory objected, Adams fired one shot. Then he rushed his wife and children outside; fired again; drove his family home; telephoned police; and went off to the Big Apple restaurant where he worked to get the Christmas turkey. Ivory was found dead.

City Yule Activities Nearing Completion

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piece orchestra from Eugene will provide music again this year, with dancing slated from 9:30-1.

For the less social-minded citizenry, family gatherings in homes will climax a week of Christmas parties for children and grown-ups, caroling, impromptu gift exchanges and social activities by lodges, service organizations and clubs.

Churches in the area will offer regular services Sunday for those who desire reverent observance of Christmas day. The favorite Christmas story will be related in story and song throughout Douglas county.

Tick Malarky, reporting from the Roseburg Veterans hospital, said local persons are attempting to make this one of the merriest of Christmases for hospital patients. Most of these 1,000 patients are spending another Christmas away from home, but if the 63 present-laden Christmas trees are any indication, Malarky believes this holiday will not be a lonely one.

Christmas and the holiday spirit is in evidence throughout the city this year. City officials, the Roseburg Lions club and the city's street and fire departments have been lauded by local persons and merchants of the colorful attire in which the city has been garbed. Individual home owners and neighborhood merchants are cooperating to spread Christmas decorations to every section of the city and county. The Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce and merchants of the Fairhaven shopping district are sponsoring outdoor home decorating contests, with a response they have not received since pre-war days.

Jaycee members today informed the News-Review that Santa Claus had answered his last telephone call Friday night. The week-long request of local youngsters will receive his personal attention tonight, but this afternoon St. Nick prepares for his round-the-world trip for 1949.

Union Wins Pension

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The AFL Aluminum Trades council won a \$100 monthly pension yesterday for employees at the Aluminum Company of America's Vancouver, Wash., plant.

It will go to employees with 25 years of continuous service at age 65. Hospitalization, sickness and life insurance benefits also are provided in the contract.

Hens Trying Harder

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—(AP)—There weren't as many hens in Oregon last month, but they tried harder, and the result was a record number of eggs.

The Department of Agriculture said the number of hens was down from an average 3,010,000 to 2,846,000. Their record achievement: 11.9 to 11.7 eggs per hen.

To Eugene—Employees of the Farm and Industrial Equipment company drove to Eugene Friday where they were guests of the Pope brothers at a banquet and Christmas party at the Eugene hotel.

Railroads Get Priority For Coal By ICC Order

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enough for 10 days, the Louisville and Nashville enough for 11 or 12 days.

Due to the "extreme" shortage, the ICC said, the ability of the railroads "to adequately perform car service and their common carrier duties in the interest of the public and commerce of the people is seriously threatened."

There was no sign whether the White House viewed this "serious threat" as enough of a national emergency to justify use of the Taft-Hartley act's 80-day injunction procedure against Lewis' Union Mine Workers.

President Truman has said he will use Taft-Hartley against the miners if he feels that a national emergency exists.

Coal retailers say the emergency already is here. But UMW Vice President Thomas Kennedy declared yesterday that the public "should not be misled by the distorted untruths from either the industry or the retailers."

"The operators and the dealers have money invested in this enterprise," he said, "but the mine workers have their lives and their livelihood invested."

Temporary Expedient

Kennedy said the three-day week is a "temporary expedient" intended to speed settlement of the coal dispute.

"The only alternative," he added, "would have been a complete stoppage to bring about the making of such an agreement."

Lewis is seeking a 15-cent increase in the present 20-cent-a-ton royalty the mine operators pay into the UMW welfare fund, plus a \$15 daily wage.

He said yesterday that he had signed new contracts on those terms with mines producing 2,989,585 tons a year—bringing the total tonnage under contract to 18,237,723. The nation's annual output of bituminous coal is over 500,000,000 tons.

Kenneth Ford Is Named Columbia Empire Director

Kenneth W. Ford, president and manager of Roseburg Lumber company, was recently elected as a director of the Columbia Empire Industries, Inc., with offices in Portland.

Ford is one of 12 directors announced following the annual business meeting. Their terms are for three years.

An area meeting has been announced for Tuesday, Dec. 27, at Baker, and a meeting at Coos Bay, tentatively set for Jan. 11.

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Highest temp. for any Dec. 70

Lowest temp. for any Dec. 51

Highest temp. yesterday 51

Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. 40

Precipitation last 24 hrs. .34

Precipitation from Dec. 1 10.94

Precipitation from Sept. 1 .56

FIRECRACKERS KILL BOY

ENNIS, Tex., Dec. 14.—(AP)—J. E. Minton, Jr., five, burned to death yesterday when his playhouse of flimsy boxes caught fire.

The lad had taken a candle into the playhouse to light some firecrackers.

200 JAILED IN LA

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Pre-Christmas partying landed more than 200 motorists in jail on drunk driving charges in the Los Angeles area last night and today.

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