

### Gorilla Drowns In Moat At Zoo; Romance Ended

NEW YORK — (AP) — America's most promising gorilla romance has ended abruptly. Makoko, 14-year-old great ape, took a fatal tumble into a Bronx zoo moat yesterday on the eve of his transplanted jungle honeymoon. A daring rescue attempt by a keeper of birds, who plunged in after the popular 440-pound gorilla, came minutes too late. Great apes cannot swim, and Makoko thrashed about wildly. His panic apparently prevented him from finding two horizontal cables put below the surface of the water for just such an emergency. Makoko's 13-year-old, 335-pound neighbor and fiancée, Oka, did not see the tragedy. But a keeper said: "She'll know what's happened. She'll grieve. She won't live now." The moat, which replaces bars, is more than six feet deep and 12 feet wide. It separates the animals from the public. Zoo officials said Makoko always had been timid about venturing

near the moat, probably from fear of both spectators and water. But Sunday he ventured right up to the edge. Then, in sudden fright, he leaped for the high brick wall between his pen and Oka's. He lost his grip and slipped into the moat. Tanks Of Oxygen Futile The bird keeper, George Scott, hauled Makoko out of the water after 10 minutes with the aid of six other keepers. Police emergency squads joined the keepers in giving Makoko artificial respiration. They used eight tanks of oxygen in a two-hour effort to revive him. Several small children burst into tears when Makoko's body was wheeled away on a cart to the animal house morgue. Makoko and Oka were brought to the zoo from French Equatorial Africa in September, 1941. Zoo officials had high hopes of mating them. Captive gorillas never have been bred successfully, as they usually evince a hostility to the opposite sex. But Makoko and Oka were friendly and, zoo officials said, close to maturity. There are only 33 other adult gorillas known to be in the U. S. A zoo official said Makoko's value could not be calculated. A three-year-old orangutan fell into the moat last October but was rescued.



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CITED — John Randolph (above), Associated Press correspondent in Korea, has been cited for "his courageous actions under fire on behalf of my men" by Lt. Col. Fred C. Wayand of Healdsburg, Calif. Randolph went along with a battalion preparing for an attack the second night of the Chinese offensive. Wayand, the battalion commander, said Randolph made four trips into an open area to carry wounded men back to less exposed positions. [AP Wirephoto]

### Tiller

By ALICE LERWILL The PTA is sponsoring a dance for the benefit of the school lunch room in the school gymnasium Saturday evening, May 18. The Owens Construction Co. is making a fill two miles east of Tiller on the main highway. This will eliminate the hazards of the narrow and winding road. Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Kent spent Saturday in Medford transacting business. Mrs. William Mathews underwent minor surgery in Medford on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. William Howell and son, David, drove to Portland Sunday. They brought their daughter, Marilyn, home from Shriners hospital Monday. Mr. Don Newman substituted at the school during Mrs. Howell's absence. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lerwill Jr. and Linda visited at the Vern Lerwill home on Saturday. Baccalaureate services for the

### Fired Liquor Inspectors Request Hearing

SALEM — (AP) — Two discharged state liquor commission inspectors have asked the state civil service commission for a hearing. They are Loyd J. Brice and Donald A. Schmidt. The civil service commission said it would decide Wednesday on their request for a hearing. The liquor commission said it fired them for inefficiency and misconduct. The civil service commission said Brice is automatically eligible for an appeal, but that Schmidt is classed as a "conditional" employee because he has not passed a civil service examination. A third inspector, Charles P. Fontana, was dismissed at the same time because he failed to qualify for his position, but he has not asked for a hearing. Nearly 10,000,000 head of livestock are grazed on U. S. public lands part of each year.

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