

## Sinking Of Greek Liner Ends All Hope For Probe Of Blaze

GIBRALTAR (UPI) — The burned-out Greek cruise liner Lakonia sank Sunday while under tow to Gibraltar taking with it the secret of the Dec. 22 fire at sea that cost 155 lives. Officials said there would be no attempt to salvage the 20,000-ton liner, which had been refitted at a cost of \$840,000 just before the tragic Christmas cruise from Southampton, England.

## Famed Composer, Hindemith, Dies

FRANKFURT, Germany (UPI) — The music world today mourned the death of German-born composer Paul Hindemith, 68, who became a naturalized American after being driven from his homeland by Nazi tyranny.

Hindemith, one of the greats of modern music, died Saturday in a Frankfurt hospital of what was diagnosed as circulatory failure. "Germany has lost its greatest musician since Richard Strauss," said French composer Darius Milhaud.

Hindemith's controversial music, which was often full of dissonance, was banned in Germany in 1934 by Nazi propaganda chief Josef Goebbels as "culturally Bolshevist" and "spiritually non-Aryan." The composer left Germany shortly afterward and lived for a time in Turkey.

He settled in the United States in 1939, accepted a professor's chair at Yale University and became an American citizen. He was credited with revitalizing the Yale Music School and helping mold a generation of young American musicians and composers before leaving in 1951 to make his home in Switzerland.

Perhaps Hindemith's greatest work was the opera, "Mathis der Maler," barred by the Nazis from performance at the Berlin State Opera.

The composer received the Bach Prize of the city of Hamburg in 1951, Finland's Sibelius Prize in 1955, the Goethe Shield of Frankfurt in 1956 and this year was awarded the \$50,000 Balzan Prize of Italy's Balzan Foundation.

## Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Strickling made a business trip to Portland on Thursday.

Mrs. H. E. Coleman is now at her home on SE Main Street after being hospitalized for medical treatment. Mrs. Alberta Bedford is residing with her.



PRESIDENT Lyndon Johnson (right) and Ludwig Erhard, (left), West German Chancellor, confer during a meeting which took place during the German leader's two-day visit with the President in Texas. The two political leaders of their respective nations discussed world matters with the aid of interpreter, Hermann Kusterer. (UPI Telephoto)

## LBJ's German Visitors Enjoy 40-Liter Hats, Texas Bar-B-Q

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI) — President Johnson has injected new and lively elements into the ordinarily stuffy world of diplomacy — the 40-liter hat, country dances and finger-lick-in' barbecued spa eribs.

The colorful social side of Johnson's two-day visit here with West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard all but overshadowed the carefully honed diplomatic messages which signaled the end of their conference Sunday night.

Erhard and his chief advisers flew out of Texas for Bonn at dusk, wearing wide-brimmed Western hats, chomping on Mexican cigars and praising the glories of Texas hill country hospitality.

Implementation and activation of diplomatic decisions

### TICKETS FOR JOB

DALLAS (UPI) — Tickets to the Texas-Navy football clash New Year's Day in the Cotton Bowl are going for high and various prices. A classified ad Sunday had the newest approach. "Have four Cotton Bowl tickets," it said, "want employment, prefer oil exploration..."

reached here will be up to cabinet ministers and ambassadors of the two nations, and this will take time. But the ministers and envoys had new guidelines from the top.

### Pursue Cooperation

The guidelines showed plainly that, after meeting and talking, Johnson and Erhard would pursue a new degree of cooperation and consultation.

Early Sunday afternoon the two leaders, in consultation with their foreign ministers, agreed on a joint communique that stressed the importance of continuing to explore all possible avenues to improvement of East-West relations, easing of tensions and the enlargement of prospects for peace.

The communique was issued in a dusty yard outside the gymnasium of the grammar school at Stonewall, Tex. Smoke from barbecue pits swirled over the scene in a pungent fog. A cauldron of rich barbecue sauce bubbled over a wood fire at the door of the frame building.

Inside the gym, Texas' gift to the concert world, piano virtuoso Van Cliburn, rippled off gentle passages from Brahms and Beethoven from a wooden

## Irish Playwright, Behan, Hurt By Hit-Run Driver

DUBLIN (UPI) — Irish playwright Brendan Behan, apparently struck by a hit and run driver early this morning, was reported unconscious and in "only fair" condition with pneumonia and head injuries.

Behan, 40, the hard-drinking former revolutionary whose plays have been hits in London and New York, was found unconscious in a Dublin street shortly after midnight.

He had left Dublin's Royal Hospital only Sunday after undergoing treatment for diabetes since Christmas Eve.

Today, where a spokesman said "his injuries are definitely consistent with his having been knocked down by a car."

"Early this morning he regained consciousness, but he has lapsed into unconsciousness

again," the spokesman added. "I would not say he was in a coma." Behan's books and plays include "Borstal Boy," "The Hostage," "The Quare Fellow," and "Brendan Behan's Island." Many persons have drawn a parallel between Behan and the Welsh-born poet Dylan Thomas, who shared the Irishman's penchant for uncontrolled drinking. Thomas died in New York in November, 1953, of what his doctor called "alcoholic insult to the brain."

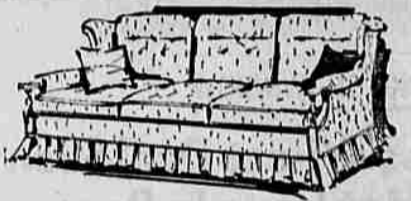
Behan — a diabetes sufferer — has been seriously ill on several occasions. But every time his doctors warned him that alcohol was killing him, Behan has pulled himself together long enough to get out of the hospital.

Each time, his illnesses have become more serious.

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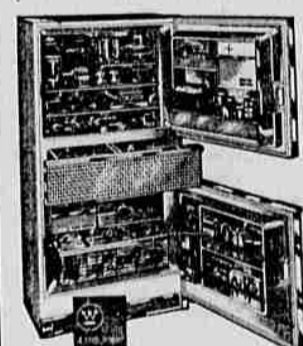
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