

'The Broker' Crash Due to Excess Speed

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From the Wires of the Associated Press

Authorities said Wednesday that the crack commuter train "The Broker" was traveling twice its authorized speed when it roared off the rails in New Jersey Tuesday night, killing 82 persons.

Approximately 500 others were injured in the death-dealing wreck, worst in the United States in more than a quarter-century.

Middlesex County Assistant Prosecutor Alex Aber, conducting one of a half-dozen investigations, said that the train was highballing at 50 miles an hour when it plunged off a newly-built trestle.

He said that the train's engineer, interviewed in his hospital bed, had admitted he was traveling this speed, although the railroad had ordered a 25-mile per hour limit over the trestle section.

He was quoted as saying he had slowed down from 60 miles an hour, but had not further retarded his speed because he found no caution signal.

Russia is Expanding Production...

... of her MIG-15 jet fighter planes and according to Swedish sources, expects to be producing 400 a month in the next few months.

The sources said American production of planes of all types does not exceed 250 per month.

UN Political Committee...

... Wednesday overwhelmingly rejected Russia's charge that the United States had committed aggression against China.

Only the five Soviet bloc countries voted to support the charges. Forty-nine countries voted to oppose the charges. Yugoslavia, Burma, and Indonesia abstained.

Russia's charges of aggression were based upon the presence of the U. S. seventh fleet in the Strait of Formosa.

The 60-nation committee also turned down a Soviet demand that the Security Council be asked to condemn the United States for air attacks on Chinese territory.

Twin Allied Tank Task Forces...

... joined Wednesday on the southern approaches to Seoul and killed hundreds of rear-guard Red troops in a vise of steel.

The allied columns pushed their extreme western Korea front line forward 2½ miles in bitter fighting.

Gains as high as four miles were made against reforming Chinese Reds who have retreated 5½ miles in the face of the two weeks limited offensive of the U. N.

The two raider tank columns smashed through minefields and rear-guard roadblocks for their linkup 7½ miles southwest of Seoul. Hundreds of enemy troops were trapped and slain.

Korean Casualties Increased 574...

... in the last week, the defense department announced Wednesday. The total casualties in Korea have now reached 47,388.

The total includes 7,014 killed in action, 30,941 wounded and 9,433 missing in action.

"Operation Tack"...

... was revealed by the air force Wednesday. Pretty sharp idea, too. Planes range along the roads behind the communist lines and drop nails. Millions of nails... sturdy, flat-headed, 1½ inches long—the kind you use to lay asphalt roofing.

The purpose is to flatten communist tires, especially the tires of supply trucks that move in the night. Says Col. Stanton Smith, director of Fifth Air Force combat operations:

"If we can stop those trucks moving at night, we can stop the war. That sounds like a sweeping statement, but it's true.

"When they move during the day our fighters can strafe them to a standstill. With "Operation Tack" we hope to stop them at night and disrupt their supply lines."

The other night 3,766,000 roofing nails were dropped on roads used by the Chinese Reds. Next day the air force claimed 65 trucks destroyed and 19 damaged.

Secretary of State Acheson...

... Wednesday accused the iron curtain countries—Russia's satellites—of building up very great armies in excess of peace treaty limitations. He said this is one of the major causes of world tension.

Acheson told a news conference it is the threat of these armies, plus the enormous military power of the Soviet Union itself, which is the prime source of tension and worry in the world today.

The military draft...

... is beginning to cut into college enrollments, but not as much as feared.

A survey of colleges Wednesday showed decreases at most of the state's privately supported colleges. Spokesmen at each said, however, that it was not as great a drop as expected.

The motto of Virginia is "Sic Semper Tyrannis," (Thus Ever to Tyrants).

Nebraska is the only state in the Union which has a one-house legislature.

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Inquiring Reporter

Dance Switch Brings Dislike From Students

By Helen Jackson

No! I don't like it! It just ain't right! These were a few of the minor comments given today's Inquiring Reporter.

Students were queried with the question, "What do you think of the senior ball committee's decisions to change the event from a formal to a costume dance?"

If this poll is any indication of student opinion, yours truly feels safe in saying that the decision is NOT being welcomed with open arms.

Mary Ellen Moore—freshman in liberal arts—"I definitely don't approve of the plan. Oregon State has formal dances with Vaughn Monroe playing and what do we have!?! In my opinion it should be changed back to a formal if enough people wanted it."

Dave Price—junior in business—"It seems to me that winter term is the regular formal term of the year, and there should be at least one formal dance. Let them reserve costume dances for house dances."

Mary Ann Schroetke—freshman in pre-nursing—"I think it's terrible for a senior class to stoop to the informality of a costume mixer for their senior ball. All the disappointed new formal purchasers and tux-renters should picket the senior class for a ball, not a mixer."

Don Schade—junior in pre-law—"I think it's fine to have costume dances but other terms than winter term and other dances than the senior ball. It always has been formal; why not keep it the same now?"

Marilyn Moore—freshman in liberal arts—"I think the senior class sets the traditions for the school and it isn't a good policy to have any form of a costume dance in place of a ball. It ought to be at least a semi-formal."

Donna Halvorson—junior in education—"I don't think costumes are appropriate for a ball. It's always been traditionally formal and I think it ought to stay that way."

James Ivory—senior in ceramics—"Everytime I want to talk about the world situation and I have an opinion, then no one asks me. Now, when you want to talk about something frivolous...well, I couldn't care less!"

Larry Bissett—junior in architecture—"I know a guy who bought a tux just for this occasion, and now he is going to have to sell it."

Don Stark—senior in math—"I don't like it. I'm sentimental, I'm a senior, and I'd like a formal dance."

Bobbie Jones—junior in speech—"I think costume dances are too messy for a senior ball. I'd enjoy a costume dance for something else, but I want to remember the senior ball and not as a costume affair. No josh!"

Two youths were arrested in a southern pool room with loaded dice. Will they try to shoot their way out of jail.

Nudd Named Preview Boss

Roger Nudd, junior in education, has been named assistant chairman of Duck Preview, Chairman Georgie Oberteuffer announced Wednesday.

Miss Oberteuffer also issued a call for committee chairmen for Duck Preview weekend, Apr. 13-15. This weekend is set aside annually to acquaint high school seniors throughout the state with the University. Last year approximately 800 seniors attended.

Petitions for committee chairmen are due by 5 p.m. Monday to Miss Oberteuffer at Kappa Alpha Theta.

Chairmanships open are for registration, invitations and promotion work with high school relations boards, publicity, transportation, hospitality—including the welcome booklet and ticket, dance, luncheon, housing, exchange dinners, educational tours, and special events.

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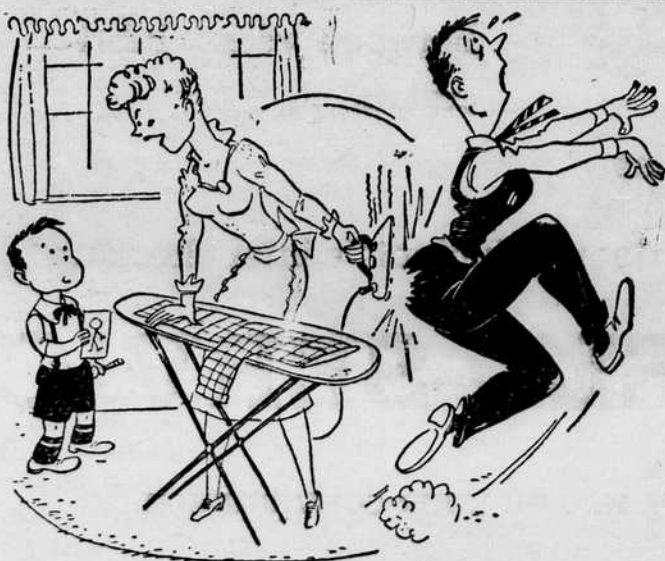
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