

# Pressure Mounting On Steel Negotiators; Deadline Near



**'THANK YOU'**—Mrs. Eliza Parker, mother of Charles Parker, 23, who was dragged from a Mississippi jail and lynched last April 25, is pictured as she appeared at a revival meeting in Los Angeles. She holds one of five other children who fled the South with her. Presented with cartons of groceries by the congregation, Mrs. Parker accepts the gifts with a simple "thank you," and would not talk about the death of her son or her flight to California.

## Attorneys Make Last Plea For Mass Killer

OMAHA, Neb. (UPI)—Three attorneys today present what may be the last plea in Charles Starkweather's fight to escape the electric chair.

The Nebraska slayer's appeal for a writ of habeas corpus from the federal courts was to be heard by a panel of three U.S. circuit judges.

Arguments were presented by attorneys Milton R. Abrahams and D. Nick Caporale, of Omaha, and Herman Ginsburg, of Lincoln.

Judges hearing the case were Harvey M. Johnson and Joseph W. Woodruff of Omaha and Martin D. Van Oosterhout of Sioux City, Iowa.

The judge may agree to extend Starkweather's current stay of execution to permit an appeal to the

U.S. Supreme Court. But if they do not, the stay expires at midnight and Starkweather goes back to jurisdiction of Nebraska Penitentiary Warden John Greenholtz, who must then carry out the death penalty.

A separate action probably would be filed in the state Supreme Court to set a new date of execution, according to Nebraska Atty. Gen. C. S. Beck.

Greenholtz estimated it would take about two days to get ready for another execution date.

A two-week stay of execution was granted May 22, just 90 minutes before Starkweather was due to be led from his death row cell to the execution chamber in the basement of the Lincoln, Neb., prison.

## ANN LANDERS

Answers Your Problems



Dear Ann Landers: My wife went out and bought a fancy bedroom set as a 20th wedding anniversary present to herself. We always had a double bed but this new set has twin beds.

When the furniture store delivered the set, my wife discovered that the new beds, the dresser and chest of drawers wouldn't fit into our bedroom. So guess what she did. She moved my bed into the guest room.

I'm plenty fed off over this but I haven't said anything to her because according to my horoscope I can't win a point until next week. I ought to tell you that she is a Scorpio which means "stubborn as a mule." What do you suggest?—Aquarius.

Dear Aquarius: I suggest you tell Scorpio—immediately—to move the chest of drawers into the guest room and put your bed where it belongs. Stewing silently will only mean Ulcerville.

Dear Ann Landers: Is there anything wrong with a brother taking his sister to a party or a dance? I'm 16 and not very popular. My brother is 17 and we have the same friends. He doesn't have a steady girl so I see nothing wrong if he escorts me. I hate missing out on everything and if he didn't take me I'd never go any place at all.

Yesterday he agreed to drive me to a big school party and then call for me. But he won't come inside. Is this right? Both mom and dad have stayed out of it because they say it's up to us to settle the matter between ourselves. Our grandmother says it's the duty of a brother to help his sister socially if he can. What is your opinion?—Wallflower.

Dear Wallflower: A girl who appears at a party or a dance with her brother (when other girls have dates) might just as well hang a sign on her back saying, "I couldn't get a date but I came anyway."

Once in a blue moon you'll find a brother who'd rather take his sister than any other girl. Such a boy needs to date other girls and should not be encouraged to hide skirts.

In your case, however, it's plain your brother doesn't want to be your date since he refuses to do more than supply transportation. For heaven's sake let the poor kid off the hook and don't continue to take advantage of him just because he's a good natured schnook.

## Unidentified Jet Fighters 'Check' Plane

TOKYO (UPI)—Two and possibly three unidentified jet fighters made "observation approaches" to a U.S. commercial transport plane off the coast of Siberia, Northwest Orient Airlines reported Thursday.

The airline said its flight No. 1, flying to Tokyo from Seattle, observed two or three jets approaching Wednesday morning as it was more than 200 miles east of the southern tip of Kamchatka Peninsula.

Capt. Ira Bortles, Seattle, pilot of the plane, said the jets did not come close enough to be identified. The U.S. Air Force said it had no planes in the area at the time.

Bortles said the jets approached within two or three miles of his aircraft and dropped a flare before turning back.

## Hail Isolates Town In Kansas

SELDEN, Kan. (UPI)—Eighteen inches of hail isolated and paralyzed this small northwestern Kansas town for several hours Wednesday night.

National Guard troops were called out and the highway patrol asked for all available highway department personnel to man snow plows to clear the ice. Some drifts were three feet deep.

There were no injuries but roofs of many homes and business places caved in under the weight of the ice. Basements of residential and commercial establishments were flooded.

The hail struck during a thunderstorm in an area about five miles square with Selden in the

## SPECIAL SESSION TO MAP STRATEGY

NEW YORK (UPI)—Pressure mounted today on steel contract negotiators with a possible nationwide strike less than four weeks away.

There were these developments:—The International Executive Board of the United Steelworkers of America was summoned into an afternoon executive session to

map strategy for the deadlocked talks.

—A steel company official told United Press International the industry might ease its wage freeze stand and offer a token pay hike.

—The top management negotiator said there was "no truth whatsoever" to the report of a wage offer.

—President Eisenhower denied a charge by Mine Workers chief John L. Lewis that he was against labor in the steel talks.

—The President also told a news conference Wednesday he had not decided whether he would invoke the Taft-Hartley Law to bar a steel strike for 80 days.

## Troops Quell Mob Violence In Ecuador

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador (UPI)—Tanks and troops clashed with an anti-government mob here Wednesday night, killing seven persons and increasing the toll of five days of intermittent violence to at least 19 dead.

A government decree imposing a state of emergency on all Ecuador and ordering a dusk-to-dawn curfew on Guayaquil blamed the disorders on "foreign elements"—meaning the Communists.

Official report said seven persons were killed in the violence which erupted after funeral services for an equal number of persons killed in similar riots Wednesday.

Five persons had been killed previously in Portoviejo, where the lynching of Capt. Galo Quevedo Friday for punishing a soldier set off the current wave of violence.

Tanks turned back a mob which tried to storm the police barracks here at 7 p.m., shortly after the funeral. Troops deployed to guard the barracks fired in the air to disperse the mob.

The rioters succeeded in setting fire to the security office after releasing a sizeable number of prisoners.

Tanks patrolled Guayaquil through the night as a precaution against looting or other damage to the city's shops, which had suffered heavily in previous rioting.

The government instructed the army to censor newspapers and radio stations. The radio stations in particular were ordered to carry only official news bulletins.

## Preacher Confesses Before 800

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI)—The Rev. W.S. McBirnie, a prominent Baptist preacher, confessed before 800 congregation members Wednesday night to an "improper" involvement with a woman.

Some members of the Trinity Baptist Church wept. A few sat in apparent stunned silence.

"I would rather die than to have this thing happen," the church pastor said. "I am not going to resign. I'm asking you to replace me."

The congregation took no action.

McBirnie, 39, is married, the father of a star high school football player. In 1955, the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce named him one of five outstanding Texans.

He holds five degrees, including two doctorates. He is an archaeologist, a lecturer and world traveler.

McBirnie said the woman in question—he did not name her—and her husband had had marital difficulties and he had interceded several times during the past year.

"But the last time they had difficulties, I unwisely became partisan in defense of the wife," McBirnie said. "This led to an involvement between us of the kind that I now recognize to have been improper."

He said his only excuse was that he had been working so hard he was "easy prey."

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The 24-hour day is getting a little longer every year, according to two University of California geophysicists.

Walter H. Munk and Gordon J.F. MacDonald said that by their computations the day actually is two hundredths of a second longer today than it was 2,000 years ago.

A clock set at the time of Christ's birth would now be about two hours fast, they said.

The cause of the time change, the scientists said, "is still very much of a mystery."

## Desperate Convicts Slip Net

FORT MADISON, Iowa (UPI)—Authorities appealed to the public for tips Thursday on the whereabouts of four armed prison escapees led by a desperate cop killer.

Authorities said the convicts probably "holed up" Wednesday after their daring break from the Iowa State Penitentiary and made their move during the night under cover of darkness.

State and local police pulled down road blocks Wednesday night and cancelled an all-out ground and aerial search as it became apparent the escapees had eluded searchers in the Fort Madison area.

A tip from a woman that she saw two of the escapees enter a woodland northwest of here sent 100 policemen converging on the 620-acre woods late Wednesday.

However, a search of the area by officers walking only six feet apart failed to turn up any trace of the convicts.

The hunt for the four men, armed with knives and blackjacks, began before dawn Wednesday in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.

Authorities said the four broke out of their cells and overpowered cellhouse Capt. L.W. Smith and guard L.H. Pickard on a ramp outside the cells.

The convicts pressed knives to the sides of the guards and warned they would be killed if they sounded the alarm. The four then sawed the bars on a corridor window while Smith was forced to give a regular called signal that all was well in the cell block.

The four men jumped 10 feet to the ground outside the prison walls and fled up a ravine.

The leader of the break was Lloyd Woodson, 38, Quincy, Ill., serving a life term for killing a Keokuk, Iowa, policeman. Woodson once before escaped from the Allegheny County Workhouse at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Woodson's chief accomplice was Albert Maxwell Boerger, 27, Quincy, serving a 25-year term for robbery.

Bennett said the other two fugitives were Robert James, 25, Fairfield, Iowa, and Elum Girdler, 23, Peoria, Ill. Both were serving 10 year sentences for breaking and entering.

There was "no truth whatsoever" to the statement attributed by UPI to an unnamed source that the steel companies may offer a wage increase in order to head off a strike, Cooper said.

"This erroneous report sounds like a hopeful trial balloon sent up by the United Steelworkers on the eve of their executive board meeting," he said.

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