

Lebanon Father Killed After Ordering Child to Fire Gun

LEBANON—A 40-year-old father was shot to death, apparently by his 2½-year-old son, late Wednesday after ordering the child to "point the gun at Daddy and pull the trigger." The victim was Marlon Ezra Leavitt, 40, a Lebanon mill worker and father of four children.

The youngster, Clarence, pulled the trigger at his father's urgings at approximately 5:15 p.m. in the

living room of the Leavitt home at 150 Hobbs St., according to Lin County Coroner Glenn Huston. The bullet from a 30-30 rifle tore through the father's stomach and buried itself in the ceiling of the room. Leavitt died almost instantly, Huston reported.

According to the widow, Rose, the dead man had tried repeatedly during the day to persuade his wife and his children to kill him. Leavitt was said to have been despondent

over financial problems and had been drinking heavily.

As related by the coroner and sheriff's deputy Wade Collins, Leavitt apparently placed the rifle against his stomach, its trigger within reach of Clarence, the family's youngest child. The little boy then presumably pulled the trigger after instructions from the father to "shoot me." That was the story the youngster told.

The widow reported that about half an hour before the tragedy she had become so alarmed over her husband's condition that she sent an older boy, Kenneth, 5, to summon police. But a neighbor, W. T. Walker, revealed Kenneth never reached the police. He stopped to play with another boy in the neighborhood.

Leavitt, an employe of the McPherson Lumber Mill, had returned only last Friday from Las Vegas where he visited a critically ill sister. His family said he had been drinking heavily for several days.

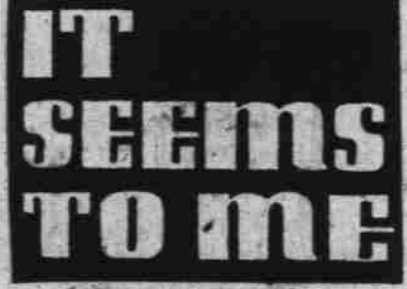
Survivors in addition to the widow and sons Clarence and Kenneth are another son, Leonard, 11, and a daughter, Caren, 8.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Huston Funeral Home.

3 Pacific Powers Call For Asia Defense Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States, Australia and New Zealand called Wednesday for "immediate action" to establish a collective defense arrangement in Communist-threatened Southeast Asia.

The three governments jointly issued this call after a meeting of Australian Foreign Minister Richard G. Casey and New Zealand Ambassador Leslie K. Munro.



By Charles F. Sprague

Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Minister Eden have come and gone. There were photographs, interviews, formal statements. But does the public really know what went on and what was accomplished, if anything? A plan for disarmament was made, with no ground for hope that any steps were taken which might advance the day. It was agreed to start a study on "collective action" on defense of Southeast Asia—an agreement which Dulles thought he had two months ago.

On the surface it seems that the Churchill-Eisenhower conference had failed. It seemed anti-climactic a thrashing of old straw with little winning of grain from chaff. Foreign policy both of the United States and of the Anglo-American alliance is now quite nebulous. So many statements have been made, so many positions announced, that the country seems almost drowned in a surfeit of words. Eisenhower and Churchill join in saying that we must try to coexist with the Communists, but the President denounces any announcement saying he will not be a party to any agreement that makes anybody a slave, — a virtuous declaration to be sure, but the complex relationships of international politics are not resolved by so simple a pronouncement.

Clearly there is no heart in this renewal of negotiation on united action. The very phrase has lost its appeal. So few rallied to the April call of Mr. Dulles that he was left empty-handed, on the eve (Continued on Editorial Page 4)

Blood Drawing This Afternoon

A sound truck will cruise the streets of Salem today urging residents to donate a pint of blood during the regular monthly drawing at the National Guard Army room from noon to 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Red Cross officials, anticipating a heavy demand for whole blood during the long holiday weekend, have issued an urgent appeal for donors at today's drawing. Theme of the appeal is "Share your blood for independence."

Feud Between Judge, D.A. Near Climax

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — The prolonged rift between Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg and District Attorney Frank Alderson erupted again Wednesday when the jurist announced he would not preside at any trial with Alderson as prosecutor.

The judge's action followed Alderson's third request within a week to the Oregon Supreme Court for another judge. No action has been taken by the high tribunal on the two previous pleas.

There has been friction between Vandenberg and Alderson for more than a year, and on one occasion the jurist bitterly criticized the prosecutor for what he termed faulty and improper indictments.

Alderson Wednesday was prosecuting a morals case before the judge. It had been set before Alderson began his campaign to have Vandenberg replaced.

Animal Crackers



S. O. Mowery, Salem, Drowns In Deschutes

A Salem party's two-day fishing trip to the Deschutes River near Lapine ended in tragedy Wednesday when Samuel Oliver Mowery, 51, attendant at the Oregon State Hospital, fell in the river and apparently was drowned.

Mowery was with his wife and another Salem couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, 690 Thompson Ave., near Pringle Falls, 35 miles south of Bend, the Associated Press reported. He was a short distance upstream from the others when he fell and the swift current carried him by his wife and the Smiths before they could make a rescue attempt.

They reported they saw him grab for a limb but fail to reach it. Then he disappeared. State police and volunteer workers were dragging the river Wednesday but at last report had not recovered the body.

The two couples, all employes of the state hospital, left Tuesday in the Mowery car for the Bend area and had planned to return Wednesday evening, according to Lee Wolfe, a fellow employe at the hospital. Mrs. Mowery and Mrs. Smith returned home Wednesday evening while Smith remained with the dragging operation. Mrs. Mowery then left immediately for the home of a daughter in Portland, Wolfe said, and Mrs. Smith returned to Lapine.

Soviet Claims First Atomic Power Station

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Council of Ministers announced Wednesday night Russia has opened what they described as the world's first power station run by atomic energy.

A Moscow radio broadcast heard in London said a small atomic-engine power station had been opened and Soviet authorities and engineers are planning construction of other plants with bigger capacities from 50,000 to 100,000 kilowatts. The broadcast gave no hint as to the location of the station.

Both the United States and Britain have started work on atomic plants to generate electricity for industry but neither is scheduled for completion for several years. Several other nations, including France and Canada, have announced plans for similar projects.

The Moscow broadcast quoted a statement from the Soviet Council of Ministers' as saying the new Russian installation, with a capacity of 5,000 kilowatts, went into operation Sunday producing electrical current for both industry and agriculture.

West Stayton School Project Bonds Pass

WEST STAYTON—Voters of West Stayton School District 61 Wednesday approved a \$28,500 bond issue for school construction by a vote of 60 to 34.

Included in the construction which is scheduled to start immediately are a two-room addition, repairs to the present four-room building and a complete new heating system. Architect is Lyle Bartholomew of Salem.

The district defeated a similar bond issue on June 7 by a vote of 31 to 28, according to Mrs. Lora Rand, school clerk. During the past year the district rented a room from a building four miles away to take care of a fifth class.

Indiana Mental Patient Killed After Wounding Wife, Eight Policemen in 2½-Hour Gun Battle

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A mental patient was blasted dead in his shabby living room Wednesday after a 2½ hour gun battle in which his accurate rifle and shotgun fire wounded eight policemen and his wife.

The end came when an armored car roared across the back yard to his west side bungalow and three heavily armed officers leaped through the back door for the second time.

Howard Ellis, 64, was riddled with submachinegun and pistol bullets as he fired at the trio, then managed one last, harmless round into the ceiling as he fell dead.

The berserk man had held off more than 50 policemen using every bit of firepower they could muster. There were two armored cars on the scene. The dirty white, one-story house was splintered by thousands of rounds of ammunition and filled with tear gas.

The officers had won their entry through the back door a half hour earlier but had to retreat after running out of ammunition. The second time the flushed blue-coats — Inspector Russell Carmichael, Sgt. Thomas Harlowe, and Patrolman W. D. Sullivan — signalled through a window it was all over.

Mrs. Ellis told police that Ellis, a Central State Hospital mental patient on leave, had gone berserk about 11 a. m. (C.D.T.).

He returned home Wednesday morning and began beating one of the five welfare department wards for whom the Ellises cared. Mrs. Ellis said she became enraged when she threatened to call the hospital and have him recommitted.

Mrs. Ellis fled to the home of a neighbor, and called the hospital and police. She returned home as Ellis emerged from their

Small Firms Exempt From Taft-Hartley

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Labor Relations Board, by a change of rules, Wednesday virtually exempted thousands of small firms from the Taft-Hartley Law.

Under the new rules the NLRB will restrict its jurisdiction to larger firms, no longer handling many of the smaller cases it formerly processed. It was estimated that the board's present 14,000-a-year case load would be cut by 15 to 20 per cent.

This means that both employers and unions failing to meet the new tests for NLRB jurisdiction won't be able to take complaints to the board.

Such employers will not be able to bring federal complaints against unions. Neither will unions be able to obtain from the NLRB the right to bargain for workers.

Many such cases will revert to state labor relations boards for solution. However, the jurisdiction as between federal and state labor relations boards is cloudy and in some cases, at least, the Supreme Court has ruled that states do not have jurisdiction over cases where the NLRB has voluntarily waived federal jurisdiction.

The NLRB action Wednesday narrowing its jurisdiction is expected to be opposed by labor unions. They generally have favored federal, rather than state, handling of labor relations problems.

However, NLRB chairman Guy Farmer has taken the position that the NLRB should surrender jurisdiction over smaller cases to states and concentrate on "handling cases where the national interest is truly involved."

OSC Coed Must Pay \$10,000 to Victim's Estate

CANYON CITY (AP) — A 17-year-old vacationing Oregon State College student, Marjorie Holland, must pay \$10,000 to the estate of James Lemons, a pedestrian killed by a car near Mt. Vernon last November, a Circuit Court jury here decided Wednesday. Miss Holland said she did not see Lemons.

Bodies of 38 Added to Rio Grande Flood Toll

EAGLE PASS, Tex. (AP) — The bodies of 38 victims of the rampaging Rio Grande were taken Wednesday from the flood-swept ruins of the border city of Piedras Negras, Mexico.

The total death count was at least 55: dead in the wild Rio Grande flood—mightiest in history—and in the downpours and flash floods inland that started the usually sluggish river on a rampage.

No casualties were reported at Laredo and Nuevo Laredo, 100 miles down stream, after the crest passed there but about 7,000 homeless refugees huddled in the high hill south of the Mexican city Wednesday night.

Rescue officials say there may be hundreds more dead at Piedras Negras. The exact total may never be known.

The bodies of 38 had been found and laid out for burial. Large numbers of sick and injured were making their way toward makeshift hospitals. One temporary medical shelter reported 65 injured with more coming every minute.

At least 15,000 were homeless with up to 7,000 refugees huddling in the hills with no shelter, water or food. About 80 per cent of the homes in the city of 35,000 was flooded, with half of those destroyed.

Toll May Increase

Those were the figures as this reporter looked over the vast scene of sodden destruction late Wednesday. Daylight Thursday—or maybe days later—the toll may be more startling.

"From what I hear there may be anywhere from 200 to 500 dead," said H. G. Walker, U. S. Public Health official here to help in the rescue work and rehabilitation.

"No one will ever know," he said. "There are five and six kids in every Mexican family and they take care of their own. If they find a drowned kid, they bury him pronto (quick). So who knows how many are dead? No one will ever know for sure."

Sanitation Horrible

Walker said sanitary conditions in Piedras Negras were "horrible." He said the water system was never adequate, "and now there is nothing at all" for drinking or any other purpose.

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BASEBALL

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
At Vancouver-Salem, rain
At Victoria-Lewisville, rain
At Wenatchee 7, Yakima 4
At Edmonton 8, Tri-City 5

COAST LEAGUE
At Portland-Hollywood, rain
At Seattle-Oakland, rain
At San Francisco 5, Sacramento 1
At Los Angeles 1, San Diego 2

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At Chicago 3, Detroit 4
At Boston 6, New York 1
At Baltimore 0, Cleveland 2
At Philadelphia 4, Washington 7

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At New York 3, Brooklyn 2
At Milwaukee 7, Chicago 2
At Cincinnati 2, St. Louis 11
At Pittsburgh 0, Philadelphia 8

GOP, Demo Tax Cut Plans Defeated

Ventriloquist's Dummy Helps Supply Religious Education



BROOKS—One of Oregon's larger church camp meetings, the Assemblies of God gathering at Bethel Park, is building up toward an anticipated weekend registration of 3,000 persons. About one-third of them will be children such as the above group which heard about Daniel in the lion's den Tuesday and Wednesday from Jimmy, a ventriloquist's dummy. Manipulating Jimmy is the Rev. Roy Blakely, Portland. Large cross in background is at 99-E entrance to Bethel Park, 10 miles north of Salem. Children, left to right, are (standing) Melvin Stockwell, Salem; Millie King, Turner; James Stockwell, Salem; Jimmie Trimmer, Silverton; Lee Olsen, Willamette; Dennis Ashley and Merryle Stockwell, both of Salem. (Statesman photo by John Erickson).

Ike Regime Victorious in 49-46 Votes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate defeated both Republican and Democratic plans for an income tax cut Wednesday and thus produced a big victory for the Eisenhower administration, which says the budget can't stand any more such reductions now.

The votes were 49-46 in both instances, but weren't identical except for the total.

Defeat for the Republican plan came at the hands of 47 Democrats, Sen. Langer (R-ND) and Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore), against a solid lineup of 45 GOP senators. The Democrats' plan fell before a combination of 45 Republicans and four Democrats — Byrd (Va.), Holland (Fla.), Robertson (Va.), and Johnson (Colo.). Supporting it were 43 Democrats, plus Langer, Morse and Young (R-ND).

Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) was the only absent senator.

Two Plans Offered

Briefly, here is what the opposing sides maneuvered over in a long and busy session:

The Democratic plan: Offered by Sen. George M. G. (D-Ga.), it would boost all personal exemptions from \$600 to \$700, but the tax benefit on each \$100 of additional exemption would be limited to \$25. Thus, a man and wife with one child could get a reduction of as much as \$75 a year.

The Republican plan: Chairman Millikin (R-Colo.) of the Senate Finance Committee came up with it only Wednesday, in 11th hour strategy to block the George plan. With some exceptions, it would allow an extra \$100 exemption for a man, and also his wife, filing a joint return but would not increase the exemption for dependents. The effect would be a \$40 reduction to a couple, since the exemption increase would apply only to the lowest taxable income bracket, which carries a 20 per cent rate.

Also, to meet Democratic criticism that the Republican plan to give tax relief on dividend income was unduly favorable to the wealthy, Millikin proposed to cut down this relief. As it passed the House this provision would eliminate taxes on the first \$50 of dividend income, and the taxpayer could deduct from his tax bill 5 per cent of his dividend income above \$50. In subsequent years the exemption would rise to \$100 and the credit to 10 per cent.

Millikin's late offer was to knock out the second year step and leave the dividend relief at \$50 and 5 per cent credit.

"One-Half as Bad"

A voice vote accepted the changes Millikin proposed on dividends, George saying it was only "one-half as bad" as the House bill.

Then came the roll call votes. First, Millikin offered the Republican plan as a substitute for the Democrats'. That motion fell by the wayside just before 4:30 p. m., EDT.

Some more maneuvering, and then the Democratic plan was offered. It died about 5:40 p. m.

Millikin and George agreed in talking to reporters that the two votes had killed any chances of general tax relief in the pending general tax bill.

They said they did not expect any further attempts to write income tax cutting amendments into the measure.

Under the parliamentary situation, the watered down plan for dividend relief remained in the bill but that was still subject to later action.

French Abandon Large Section of Red River Delta

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — The French announced Wednesday they are withdrawing from the southern quarter of the rich Red River delta—abandoning to the Communist-led Vietnamese thousands of miles of rich rice lands and an estimated two million Indochinese.

The withdrawal, rumored in progress for some days, yields to the rebels without a fight such major points as the big Catholic center of Phat Diem, 75 miles southeast of Hanoi; Thai Binh, 60 miles, southeast of the war capital, and Nui Binh, North Indochina's major textile manufacturing town 60 miles south of Hanoi.

A French army spokesman said the troops were being pulled out of the delta's southern zone because they are needed to protect Hanoi and the supply lifeline between it and Indochina's major seaport, Haiphong, 64 miles to the east.

Hindus Fear Eclipse

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Millions of Hindus waded waist deep in river waters Wednesday praying to God to make the serpent demon Rahu release the sun god it had swallowed. This is the Hindu mythological concept of the solar eclipse.

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Guatemalan Anti-Red Chiefs Hold Peace Talks

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — The rival anti-Communist rulers of Guatemala flew here late Wednesday and opened their peace parley in an optimistic atmosphere with El Salvador's President Oscar Osorio acting as mediator.

Col. Carlos Castillo Armas of the rebel field force that began the open fight on Guatemala's Communists and Col. Efraim Monzon of the Guatemala City military junta arrived in separate planes.

After their initial two-hour session behind closed doors, President Osorio, a lieutenant colonel, told reporters: "I feel very optimistic. I believe they will find a formula. At least that is my desire."

"We have been chatting along and now the time has come to get some food and rest."

Meeting with the three colonels during the afternoon was Jose Peralta, president of the Salvadorean Congress. U. S. Ambassador Michael McDermott met the Guatemalan colonels on their arrival at the airport but did not go into the session with them.

The conferees went into a night session at Osorio's presidential mansion after dining together at Loma Linda, palatial home of Rafael Meza Ayau, Salvadorean economics minister and a beer baron.

A statement issued during the night meeting by El Salvador's presidential press officer said Castillo Armas and Monzon were working out final conditions of a settlement.

El Salvador made the initial move to settle the Guatemalan conflict by offering its good offices. A cease-fire ended the fighting Tuesday. (Additional details on page 6, Sec. 2.)

Fire Threat To Tahoe City

TAHOE CITY, Calif. (AP) — A wind-whipped forest fire raged through the Tahoe National Forest Wednesday and threatened to wipe out this lakeside resort town before the blaze was brought under control.

A Forest Service dispatcher, Henry Toccalini, said the high winds that had fanned the flames had died down, and present lines could be held as long as it remained calm.

The fire began shortly after noon and burned out about 60 acres of Mt. Watson just behind the city.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	83	52	23
Portland	87	57	80
Baker	74	46	04
Medford	75	52	52
North Bend	73	51	19
Roseburg	69	35	T
San Francisco	65	33	00
Chicago	90	69	00
New York	79	62	T

Willamette River — 1.1 feet.
FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem):
Mostly cloudy with few showers this morning; partial clearing this afternoon and evening; high today near 68, low near 41; partly cloudy, slightly warmer Friday. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 56.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
44.2 43.2 52.4