

Mystery Shrouds Gunshot Death of Soviet U. N. Clerk

NEW YORK (U)—A puzzling sequence of events Sunday surrounded the gunshot death of a clerk in the Russian United Nations delegation headquarters here Saturday.

Police said the clerk, Alexei Minaev, 42, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

But they offered no explanation of why Soviet officials postponed notifying them of the death until six hours after it occurred, or why no police report of the case was made for another five hours.

Lt. Edward McCarthy, squad commander of the station house which first heard of the shooting

Egypt Reports Clash With Israeli Unit

CAIRO, Egypt (U)—An Egyptian military spokesman said Israeli forces attacked an Egyptian outpost near the demilitarized El Ajia-Nizana zone Sunday, but were repulsed by defending forces. He said the Egyptians suffered no casualties.

It was the first shooting incident reported in the area since Egypt and Israel agreed last month to withdraw their forces from the zone.

Another Egyptian spokesman charged Israel is maintaining troops in the zone despite U.N. observers "whose job it is to keep all military out of the area." He said Israeli soldiers are disguised in civilian and police clothes.

The Egyptians said the attack occurred when Israelis, accompanied by two U.N. cars, approached an Egyptian outpost near the demilitarized zone. The spokesman said the Israelis ignored two warnings by the officer commanding the post, but withdrew immediately when Egyptian troops opened fire.

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector (U)—An Israeli spokesman said Egyptian outposts fired on two U.N. observers Sunday near the demilitarized El Ajia-Nizana area. No casualties were reported.

The spokesman said one Israeli soldier was wounded in another incident along the Israeli-Jordan border, near the village of Eyal. He said the trouble began when a Jordan outpost fired on an Israeli border patrol. The patrol returned the fire.

Mrs. Titgen Rites Tuesday

INDEPENDENCE — Services for Valma Catherine Titgen, 35, who died Saturday in an Independence nursing home after a short illness, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith-Krueger Mortuary. Burial will be in Hill Top Cemetery.

Mrs. Titgen, born Feb. 11, 1920, had been an Independence resident about four months, moving here from Marysville, Calif. She leaves her husband, Leo Titgen, Independence; five sons; Merritt, Harold, Ralph, Leo and Spencer Titgen, Independence; two daughters, Mary Titgen, Independence, and Rosella Titgen, Marysville; mother, Mrs. Mary Townsend; Marysville; and brother, Ralph Cottrell, Gardena, California.

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Yugoslavia Cool Toward Council Seat

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (U)—Yugoslavia insisted Sunday it is not enthusiastic about being a compromise choice for the U.N. Security Council but said it will remain in the race against the Philippines unless a better solution is worked out.

As U.N. officials consulted on when the 60-nation General Assembly will be called back to finish the election, Dr. Joza Brilej stressed that his country primarily wants to be elected to the U.N. Economic and Social Council.

But Yugoslavia will not turn down the Security Council seat if the Assembly finally decides it should have one. Brilej is the permanent Yugoslav delegate to the U.N. He would fill the Security Council post if his country is elected.

Dr. Milton Helsen, New York's chief police medical examiner, said he found Minaev dead in a fourth-floor office of the headquarters building. He had been shot in the roof of the mouth with a .45 caliber Russian automatic.

Autopsy Held
Later, after an autopsy at Bellevue Hospital morgue, Dr. Helsen's report said it was a clear case of suicide, and that Minaev died of a "bullet wound of the skull and brain."

Minaev apparently was an obscure clerk. His name was unknown in United Nations diplomatic circles. Police said their information was that he came to this country 10 months ago, and that he had been "despondent."

There was no elaboration on this point.

Police said they were told Minaev left no note as to the reasons for his act.

Lt. McCarthy, who said he talked to Minaev's wife, Zinaida, described the woman as "very upset."

Similar enigmatic circumstances

cloaked the case of Mrs. Oksana, Stephanova Kasenkina, who in 1948 leaped out the window of the Soviet consulate here in a bid for freedom.

Ex-Monmouth Man's Rites On Saturday

Statesman News Service
MONMOUTH — Graveside services for Lorenzo Dow Hamar, 72, whose body was found by hunters Thursday in the Tumalo Creek area west of Bend, will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Fir Crest Cemetery.

Hamar disappeared from a rest home in Bend in December, 1951. Born at Nashville, Ore., March 9, 1879, he farmed west of Monmouth on land now occupied by Camp Adair.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Ruby McKern, Brownsville, and Mrs. Leta Dibblee, The Dalles; seven sisters, Mrs. Ann Altree, Portland; Mrs. Marie Chambers, Toledo, Ore.; Mrs. Ora Reeder, Siletz; Mrs. Nelia Butler and Mrs. Alice Howell, Hillsboro; Miss Julia Hamar, Portland; and Miss Nettie Hamar, Salem.

Arrangements are in charge of the Smith-Krueger Mortuary.

Young Hoodlums Invade Theater

PORTLAND (U)—Benjamin Tangeman, a 16-year-old doorman at a downtown Portland theater, told police that a dozen young hoodlums pushed their way into the theater Saturday night and that one of them knocked him unconscious.

Tangeman was reluctant to report full details of the assault, but his mother said that apparently the youths had scratched crosses on his back and chest with a switchblade knife while he was unconscious.

He said that the youths, whom he believed to range in ages from 16 to 18, fled from the scene after the attack.

Body of Angler Believed Found

ILWACO, Wash. (U)—The body of a man was found on Sand Island near this Columbia River town Saturday and police Sunday were attempting to identify it.

Sheriff's Deputy George Maltman said it apparently was the body of a fisherman who had drowned in the past week.

The victim was believed to be about 30. A watch found on the wrist bore two sets of initials, "K" and "H. J."

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Morse Issues Challenge to Sec. McKay

MEDFORD (U)—Sen. Morse (D-Ore) Saturday night challenged Secretary of the Interior McKay to make next year's election campaign in Oregon "a great debate on natural resources policy."

Morse, who is up for election in 1956, has been a consistent critic of the power policies of McKay and the Eisenhower administration.

He told a rally of 150 Democrats here that he would continue his fight for federal projects. "If it can be clearly shown, after a unified fight in Congress, that Congress will not go along with further federal development, then I will work toward another solution."

He said the Pacific Northwest's power shortage, Morse said, but he added, he will not support "partnership." Instead he would support pooling of power under a joint federal-state corporation setup, he said.

Discussing politics, Morse said he hoped the Democrats would have a "wide open convention" to select their presidential nominee next year.

Wreck Hurts Salem Driver

Wilder McNeil of Salem was taken to Salem General Hospital following an accident late Sunday in which the car he was driving left the road at a curve in Highway 99-E about two miles north of Brooks.

The extent of his injuries had not been determined early today but they were not believed serious, according to state police.

The Philippines has said it will stay in the race. The United States says that while it does, the United States is committed to support the Philippines candidacy.

But Dr. Brilej told a reporter that if the Assembly insisted on calling Yugoslavia the compromise candidate, his country could not bow out.

"We did not solicit any votes for this seat," he said. "We did not ask for this election. We were interested only in the economic and social council."

"We can't say what's going on behind the scenes now. But if the Assembly feels we can help it out of a dilemma, we will go along with it unless some better solution is found."

He said he did not know of any better solution himself.

Second Youth Said Missing

Charles Warren, 13, 1935 Lana Ave., was reported missing and believed to be with Bob Oden, 13, who was reported missing Saturday, according to Salem police.

Warren, described as 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds, brown hair and blue eyes, and wearing a blue flannel shirt and blue jeans, planned to stay Friday night at the Oden home, according to the report.

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Rubirosa Detours To See Zsa Zsa

LOS ANGELES (U)—Portfiro Rubirosa arrived here Sunday on his way home from Paris to the Dominican Republic.

It was quite a detour but the romantic Rubirosa said it was worth it. He came here to call on Zsa Zsa Gabor.

"I love her," murmured the Latin diplomat and sportsman to an inquiring reporter. When asked if Zsa Zsa loves him he shrugged and sighed: "I don't know. I hope so."

Knight Denies Presidential Candidacy

NEW YORK (U)—California's Gov. Goodwin J. Knight said Sunday night he's not a candidate for the 1956 Republican presidential nomination.

"I'm not running for President," the governor told reporters as he arrived at New York's International Airport.

The governor, often mentioned in recent GOP political speculation as a potential candidate, said Vice President Nixon "is all right with me if he's nominated. It depends on what the President's wishes are."

Knight, who came here for a series of speeches at Republican meetings, is one of three California sons whose names have been discussed as possible presidential aspirants. The others:

Nixon and Senate GOP floor leader William Knowland.

Asked about reports that he opposed Nixon, Knight suggested such reports might have emanated from the fact that California's governor traditionally heads the party delegation to the national convention.

"I want to keep the delegation open and free," he said, without elaboration.

Iran Blasts Russ for Pact Objections

TEHRAN, Iran (U)—Iran told Russia Sunday Soviet objections to Iran joining the three-power Baghdad defense pact are "incorrect and inadmissible."

Iran announced last Wednesday she is joining Turkey, Iraq and Pakistan in the military alliance. Vigorous Russian protests were uttered immediately that this would endanger Soviet Iranian relations.

At a news conference Sunday, Deputy Premier Abdul Hussein Hamzavi announced a memorandum from Premier Hussein Ala was handed Russian Ambassador Anatoli Lavrentiev Sunday morning, rejecting Soviet charges that the pact is the "instrument of certain aggressive circles."

Hamzavi said the memorandum reassured Russia of Iran's friendship, and added "Adherence to the pact does not in any way mar the friendly relations and good neighborliness existing between Iran and Russia."

The pact, said the Iranian note, is an agreement "concluded with regard to the principles of the United Nations charter."

The Soviet Union has a treaty with Iran which permits Russia to send troops into Iran in the event it is deemed Iran is becoming a base for military operations against the U.S.S.R.

Woman Pedestrian Killed in Portland

PORTLAND (U)—Mrs. Bertha Willey, 78, Portland, died Saturday night of injuries suffered when she was struck by a car. Mrs. Willey's death was the 29th traffic fatality of the year in Portland.

Police cited the driver of the car, Edward M. Dombrowski, 21, of Amboy, Wash., for failure to yield the right of way to a pedestrian.

Woman, 71, Swims to Safety As Floods Demolish House

(Picture on wirephoto page)

NORWALK, Conn. (U)—Mrs. Susan Kelly is 71. Early Sunday morning she swam for her life when the rain swollen Norwalk River carried away her two-story home.

Gone in the splintering wreckage were her husband, Tom, 74, and two women roomers. The three are missing and presumed dead.

Mrs. Kelly, clinging in the darkness to a piece of lumber, was hauled out of 15 feet of water by Norwalk policemen after the city's mayor spotted a head bobbing in the flood, by the light of his flashlight.

A small brown-faced wrinkled woman, Mrs. Kelly sat in Norwalk Hospital, her lips trembling as she told of the disaster that swept over her.

Water Rising

She said when she came back from her job as a household worker late Saturday, she noticed the river water which flows right beside her house at 8 Clark St. had risen and was lapping at the house foundation.

"I told my man, Tom, let's get out of here," she said.

"Let me alone, you make me nervous," he said. "You couldn't tell that man anything," she said.

The river waters and the mid-night tide began pouring into the basement of the frame house, she said. Again, she tried to persuade her husband to leave ahead of the flood waters, but he again refused.

Relentlessly, the waters rose and cut the couple and their roomers off from escape. The roomers were identified as Mrs. Alice Sherman, 50, and her daughter, Mary, 28.

'Came Fast'

"It came so fast we couldn't get out," Mrs. Kelly said, twisting her worn hands.

She said the Shermans were packing to leave when the turn of the tide caught everyone in the house. The power went off and the

Flood Toll in Greece 23; Three Still Lost

ATHENS, Greece (U)—The death toll in the Volos floods rose to 23 Sunday with the recovery of three more bodies from the sea. Three persons still are missing and 23 injured as a result of a mountain stream bursting its banks after torrential rains Thursday.

four huddled in an upstairs bedroom with two candles and listened to the water swirling up the stairs inch by inch.

"The cat drowned in the kitchen, he couldn't follow us up the stairs," she said. "Things kept banging into the house—automobiles, all sorts of things crashing down. I sat on top of a trunk. My man was standing in the water by a dresser. I said to my man 'There's nothing we can save here. You wouldn't listen to me. I didn't think it was going to be as bad,' he said."

"Everything fell over. The washing machine fell on me. I was in the water. I thought I was drowning. I was down at the bottom. I got hold of a piece of lumber."

"I hollered for help, but no one came. There were firemen and policemen and Army, but they couldn't reach me. I don't know what happened then. Someone got me out somehow."

"My man must have been hit in the head. They haven't found him, have they? I know that they were all dead when I didn't hear them holler. My man took the dog with him. I don't know how I was saved. God must have taken care of me," she said.

Mrs. Kelly was pulled from the water by Norwalk policeman Stewart Black, an Army Reserve lieutenant who was standing in four feet of water with Mayor Irving Freese.

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