

Holidays' Carnage Claims 600 Lives

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More than 600 persons died in holiday accidents during the week of July weekend in the United States, according to a survey by the National Safety Council of carnage since the all-time high toll of 1941. A final tally showed Tuesday.

The total was 655, just 17 more than last year's toll, with most of the deaths on the highways. It is a denunciation from the National Safety Council of carelessness and amateur drivers for not heeding pre-holiday warnings.

A state-by-state survey by the United Press showed that traffic fatalities totaled 296, far above the 235 and 21 more than last year's toll.

In addition, 204 persons drowned, compared to 187 drownings a year. Fireworks killed five persons, airplane accidents killed 140 others died in miscellaneous mishaps.

The safety council said that the toll was close to 700, with at least 284 of the deaths caused by highway accidents.

Ned H. Dearborn, council president, said this year's toll was the worst in the post-war era.

0,000 Miners Stage Walkout From Coal Pits

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—A walkout involving 50,000 of the nation's 100,000 bituminous miners was launched Tuesday in the two leading coal states—West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Most of the idle were miners protesting lack of a contract in the company captive mines. The western Pennsylvania coal diggers were commercial coal diggers who lived in sympathy.

Steel production was hit at once. The Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., a U. S. Steel subsidiary, announced at Pittsburgh the banking of at least eight blast furnaces and 28 open hearths. Its Bessemer output at Youngstown, O., was cut in half.

Among other captive mines used were those of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. and the Elgin Steel Co. Captive mines were those whose output goes to a parent firm, like a steel company.

The Western Pennsylvania Coal operators Assn. reported commercial coal production in the Pittsburgh-Uniontown area was by one-third of normal. The output of commercial mines is down on the open market.

The captive miners stayed away from work because of a lack of a contract. Steel companies refused new contract because of a union provision.

The majority of the 400,000 bituminous miners had a new contract granting a \$1-per-day pay increase and a welfare fund royalty doubled to 20 cents a ton.

The walkout actually was an extension of the 10-day miners' action which ended Monday.

The captive miners held to the United Mine Workers' tradition of "no contract, no work."

Mapleton Line Contract Signed

Award of a contract for construction of the Bonneville Power administration's projected 115 Lovett Eugene-Mapleton transmission line was announced Tuesday at Eugene.

William Trommershausen, southern Oregon district manager for BPA, reported the contract was let Friday to Smith Brothers, general contractors, Vancouver, Wash., on basis of their \$189,550 bid.

Second low bid was entered by McPhall Engineering Co., Vancouver, at \$275,455.

The Mapleton section has experienced a long series of difficulties with its power supply, now provided by diesel-powered generators. Two years ago residents of the same area became so incensed they staged a mock insurrection and hanged BPA officials in effigy in failure to correct the power problem in the coastal district.

Trommershausen said Tuesday the new 37-mile transmission line, which the contract stipulates will be completed in 150 calendar days after the contractor is notified to proceed—will initiate the construction of the Mapleton section's problem.

In Project

Furthermore, Trommershausen said, the line will be the first link in the BPA's planned transmission line down the coast, through Leadville and leading to Coos Bay. This entire project has been allocated \$1,338,000 in cash and \$282,200 in contract authorizations in the 1949 BPA budget.

The BPA district manager also reported that bids on the Mapleton transmission line will be called in the immediate future. Plans are that temporary transformer set-up capacity immediately. Eventually the substitution will be equipped with 3500 KVA, Trommershausen said.

Hollow Tooth Helps Escape From 'Nappers'

MANILA—(AP)—Go Kong-Hua, 23-year-old Chinese, outsmarted kidnapers Tuesday by the hole in his tooth.

Five armed Chinese and a Filipino snatched Go from his home, forced him to sign a ransom note to his father and then take a sleeping tablet.

Go popped the tablet into a hollow tooth. Then he pretended to sleep.

When his captors relaxed their watch, Go went.

Aid Parley On; Warships Sail

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Western European diplomats and State Department officials talked over the question of American military aid for western Europe Tuesday at a conference behind tightly closed doors.

The conference was the first of what is expected to be a long series.

Officials indicated that the talks will continue here for three or four months and that no information about their progress will be made public until decisions are reached.

Those in the meeting were Undersecretary of State Lovett; Canadian Ambassador Hume Wrong and Canadian Undersecretary Lester B. Pearson; British Ambassador Sir Oliver Franks; French Ambassador Henri Bonnet; Baron Robert Silvercruys, the Belgian ambassador; and Ambassador Belco van Kieffens of The Netherlands.

Luxembourg was supposed to be represented as the other member of the western European union, but its ambassador Hugues Le Galais was out of town.

Rome—(AP)—U.S. warships in the Mediterranean were on the move Tuesday.

Four ships, headed by the aircraft carrier Kearsarge, sailed from Naples in a southwesterly direction. The naval attaché at the U.S. embassy here said the ships were under secret orders. He said he had no knowledge of their destination. Also sailing were the destroyers Meredith, O'Hara and James C. Owens.

Earlier an Istanbul dispatch said three U.S. cruisers and an escort carrier had sailed from there a day ahead of schedule. They were the cruisers Fargo, Huntington and Juneau and the carrier Palau.

Istanbul sources close to the staff of Vice-Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, commander of the U.S. Sixth Task Force, said urgent messages regarding the Palestine situation were received Monday.

Civil Rights Plank Studied

But South in Arms

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Democratic platform drafters talked Tuesday of writing in a strong states rights plank to help cool off Southern bitterness over civil rights.

The issue of granting greater rights to Negroes and other minority groups has stirred up a major problem for the platform writers as they got ready for their first meeting in Philadelphia Wednesday.

This is the reported aim of the platform committee, headed by Pennsylvania's Sen. Francis J. Myers.

To find some compromise satisfactory both to the backers of President Truman's controversial civil rights program and to the Southerners who have threatened to split the party wide open over that program.

The group plans to hold public hearings Wednesday, Thursday, and probably Friday. The convention opens on Monday. The civil rights question is expected to get a full—and possibly violent—airing before both the committee and the full convention.

Leaders of Negro groups, representing substantial voting strength, have asked to be heard by Myers' committee. They are expected to demand a plank calling for anti-poll tax, anti-lynch, fair employment and other civil rights legislation.

Meanwhile, at Minneapolis, Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey, a member of the platform committee, announced that 50 party leaders, including Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., will try to squeeze Mr. Truman's entire program into the platform.

Any such move would be sure to set off furious Southern reaction.

Caught between the two disputing groups, the compromisers were reported to be considering this tack as a middle ground which might hold the support, however reluctant, of both factions:

1. Put into the 1948 platform the same general language on civil rights that was incorporated in the 1944 platform after a bitter struggle.
2. Follow this up with a strong plank stating the party's opposition to federal interference with states' rights.

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LIKE A GOOD MANY OTHERS, these Eisenhower-for-President boosters don't take "No" for an answer. Jack Ryer (on stilt) and Mrs. Zena Grady (with basket) boomed for Ike in a Philadelphia demonstration.

'Ike' Snubs Plan To Stop Truman

WASHINGTON—(UP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower blew the stop-Truman movement apart Tuesday with his statement that he could not accept the party's presidential nomination, but some Ike-for-President Democrats refused to give up.

Party spokesmen in New Jersey, Texas, Alabama and Georgia said they expected their delegates to vote for Eisenhower anyway at next week's Democratic convention in Philadelphia.

It appeared unlikely, in view of Ike's firm renewal of his no-politics position, that these leaders could corral a majority for him at the convention.

If they should succeed, that would put it up to the general to decline the nomination. The assumption is he meant what he said again Monday night—that he "could not" accept it.

The first-ballot nomination of President Truman to a full White House term of his own now is regarded as the more likely action of the Democratic convention next week.

But James S. Peters, Georgia Democratic chairman, said his state's 28 convention votes still will go to Ike if his name is placed in nomination at Philadelphia.

L. Handy Ellis, who will head Alabama's delegation, said he still is in favor of nominating Eisenhower and believes the general will accept if nominated.

New Jersey Democratic Boss Frank Hague called on Mr. Truman to ask Eisenhower to accept the Democratic nomination. He said New Jersey's 36 convention votes will be cast for an "out and draft" of the general.

Eugenean Dies Of Gun Wound

After investigating a shooting Monday noon that took the life of Martha I. Dadds, about 42, of 328 Twelfth Ave. W., Deputy Coroner Fred Buell Monday night issued an opinion that the case was a suicide.

Mrs. Dadds died of a gunshot wound in the temple, apparently from a .22 rifle, the coroner reported.

The report said a son, William, had called Lawrence I. Moore, about 18, of 367 Twelfth Ave. W., and Moore had brought a couple of rifles to the Dadds home. One he left in the living room where Mrs. Dadds was seated, telling her that there were no bullets in the barrel. He left 14 bullets in the magazine. The other he took to the basement.

About three minutes later the boys said they heard a shot. The gun had been left on safety, and in order to shoot it Mrs. Dadds would have had to move the bullet from the magazine to the barrel and take the gun off safety.

Her son said she knew nothing about guns. There was no note left.

Valley Ambulance took the woman to Eugene Hospital, but she was pronounced dead on arrival. The body was taken to Veatch Hollingsworth England Mortuary.

Mrs. Dadds' mother, Martha I. Foster, told police that her daughter had been despondent, but Mrs. Dadds' son denied this.

ADMIRAL DIES
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Vice-Admiral Russell Willson, 64, former deputy commander in chief of the United States fleet, died Tuesday at Bethesda (Md.) naval hospital.

Berlin Showdown Demands in Notes

Russians Enforce Truck Blockades

BERLIN—(AP)—The Russians placed strict controls on trucks entering western Berlin Tuesday, western-licensed newspapers reported, tightening their land blockade of the western sectors of the city.

The Berlin crisis appeared headed for a climax. In London and Washington, authoritative sources said the United States, France and Britain were protesting to Russia on her 18-day blockade. In Paris, the French foreign office said it had a document from the British embassy indicating a Moscow-directed Communist plan to drive the western allies out of Berlin.

Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, U. S. deputy military governor, said the Americans were taking no unusual safety measures with regard to the reported Communist plot in Berlin.

He said similar rumors have circulated here since last November. The Communist-dominated Socialist Unity Party called the Paris report "too stupid to discuss."

The steady flow of American supply planes into Berlin resumed at noon after bad flying weather in the west lamed the spectacular air lift for seven hours. U. S. Air Force officials said planes again were leaving every four minutes from the Rhine-Main and Wiesbaden fields.

Apparently true.

American officials said the German press reports of new truck controls apparently were true.

The newspapers said acting Police Chief Seidel in the Soviet sector ordered his force to inspect the loads of German trucks heading for western Berlin from the Russian section of the city, he directed the confiscation of foodstuffs, scrap, building materials and telephone equipment.

Another Wall

Such an order would erect another wall through the heart of the city, dividing the eastern from the western parts as did the introduction of two rival currencies by the Russians and western powers.

At mid-morning Tempelhof Airport said two U. S. cargo planes had arrived since midnight. Normally more than 50 planes have unloaded their supplies here by that time.

Miss Planes

Berliners in the American sector who have become used to the most steady drone of planes overhead suddenly missed the sound.

They began asking worriedly: "What's happened?"

Monday American planes flew a record of 976 tons of food to Berlin in 214 flights before bad weather interrupted the flow.

Star Suicide Clues Sought

HOLLYWOOD—(UP)—Film star Carol Landis, 29, who committed suicide in her luxurious Brentwood home, left no clues to indicate why she had taken her life, authorities said Tuesday.

Friends said the glamorous star, in the middle of her fourth divorce, had seemed restless and dissatisfied.

Miss Landis killed herself Monday by taking an overdose of sleeping tablets. An autopsy is scheduled.

The body of the willowy actress, a faint smile on her face, was found at 3 p.m. by Actor Rex Harrison.

Harrison, married to Actress Lilli Palmer, said he knew no reason for her death. And nothing in her Monterey-style Brentwood mansion told her secrets. Authorities are attempting to find motives.

Miss Landis, who'd been swimming, dining and lurching daily with Harrison the past few weeks, had him over to dinner Sunday night. They dined alone, and parted at nine o'clock. Police estimated she swallowed the tablets about 24 hours later.

Oil Millionaire Searches For 4-H Girl Movie Actor

HOLLYWOOD—(UP)—Oil millionaire Glenn McCarthy, invading Hollywood with his wife, five children, four pilots, three limousines and two airplanes, went to work Tuesday to reform the town.

Fifteen years ago the 41-year-old McCarthy was swinging a sledge-hammer in the Texas oil fields. Now he can throw movies around like firecrackers. He isn't making movies to make money. Why should he?

For Those Kids

He's making movies he'd let those five children go see.

"I want my kids to see some movies with real Americanism," McCarthy said. "None of this gangster and shoot-em-up stuff. My object is to educate people in to good morale and out of hating each other."

Santa Claus Not the Only Ashes-Defier

BOSTON—(AP)—Paul Lawless, 26, went sleep-walking right up to his armpits in a chimney.

Summoned by neighbors, police found him wedged in the flue Monday night.

They quoted him as saying he was sleeping on the roof of his home and did not wake up until he toppled in the chimney.

Lawless' plight was discovered by a neighbor who heard bricks falling. City hospital attaches said he apparently suffered no injuries.

Israel Rejects Peace Plans; Truce Unlikely

CAIRO—(AP)—Israel Tuesday formally rejected Count Folke Bernadotte's Palestine peace proposals. Neither Arabs nor Jews gave a definite reply on the United Nations mediator's bid for an extension of the Holy Land truce.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok handed Bernadotte a 1000-word reply to the mediator's proposal to turn Jerusalem over to Arab rule, make Haifa a free port and regulate immigration.

Don't Like It

The reply said Israeli leaders were deeply wounded by the Jerusalem proposal. The Jews expressed emphatic opposition to any restriction on immigration, and urged Bernadotte to reconsider his whole approach to the program.

This latter was taken as an indication that the Jews are willing to extend the truce if new talks develop. The truce expires Friday.

Cabinet Vote

A dispatch from Tel Aviv Monday night quoted an Israeli government spokesman as saying 27 cabinet members voted against the Bernadotte proposals and four abstained, after a three and a half hour cabinet session.

Bernadotte planned to leave Tel Aviv for Cairo Tuesday night to resume conferences with the Arabs and to return to Tel Aviv Wednesday to hear a Jewish reply on the truce extension.

Little Doubt

In Cairo an Egyptian cabinet source said there is little doubt the Arabs will resume fighting in Palestine when the four-week truce ends Friday, despite U.N. appeals for an extension.

Emerging from a three-hour conference of the Arab League's political committee, Secretary General Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha reported no decision was reached on the truce extension proposal.

In Jerusalem, where Arabs and Jews engaged in gun duels Sunday and again Monday, Israeli forces have begun digging in for an all-out resumption of war.

American Hurt

During Sunday's shooting in the Holy City an American Marine, Edward Brodeur of Webster, Mass., caught a glass splinter in the eye when a bullet struck the windshield of his jeep.

Inquest to Determine Charges in Fight Death

An autopsy was performed Tuesday morning to determine the exact cause in the death of Leroy Laursen, 22, Rt. 2, Junction City, who died at a local hospital Sunday of injuries received in a fight early July 1. Head injuries were reported the approximate cause of death.

A coroner's inquest will be held Wednesday, and if any charges are filed they will be filed following the inquest, the district attorney's office reported.

Says It's True

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Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast Eugene and vicinity, mostly cloudy Tuesday night and Wednesday with occasional showers. Western Oregon, same, and occasional rain on coast.

Local statistics: Highest temperature Monday, 65 degrees; low Tuesday, 54 degrees; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m., .37; total for month, .46; normal for month, .37 inch; stage of river at 7:30 a.m., minus 1.28 feet; wind at 11:30 a.m., West 8; prevailing Monday, South 6.

Sunrise and sunset (PDT): Wednesday, 5:36 a.m. and 8:57 p.m.; Thursday, 5:37 a.m. and 8:57 p.m.; Friday, 5:38 a.m. and 8:58 p.m.; Saturday, 5:39 a.m. and 8:59 p.m.

High 1:37 p.m. 59° F. Low 7:00 a.m. -1.0 ft. 6:00 p.m. 2.0 ft.

Western Powers Use Strong Terms

LONDON—(UP)—The western powers sought a showdown with Russia in the Berlin crisis Tuesday, demanding in presumably almost identical notes direct to Moscow that the Soviet starvation blockade of the German capital be lifted immediately.

Texts of the notes handed to the Russian ambassadors in Washington, London and Paris were not made public, in line with diplomatic courtesy which calls for the receiving power to be given the first opportunity to publish such protests.

Not Ultimatum

But authoritative quarters in the Western capitals left no doubt that the notes demanded in the strongest terms—short of an ultimatum which the Western Allies are not prepared to back with force of arms—that the surface blockade on communications from the western zones of Germany to Berlin be ended.

The notes were said to have made extremely plain the urgency with which the United States, Britain and France regard the Berlin situation.

Warning

And it was understood that the messages contained a clear warning to the Kremlin that Russia cannot hope by the blockade and other harassing actions to force the Western Powers into new four-power talks on the future of Germany.

The notes emphasized, it was said, that no four-power discussions of Berlin or of Germany as a whole can be considered until the Berlin situation is returned to normal.

Contrast

The care taken by the western powers to conform to diplomatic usage in keeping the notes secret until Russia has had a chance to reply contrasted with the recent action of the Soviet Union in broadcasting memoranda handed to the Kremlin by U. S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith in what was supposed to be a confidential exchange with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

The joint action of the western powers lifted the Berlin dispute above the heads of the military governors of the occupying powers in Germany.

Parisian Paper Sniffs Plotting

PARIS—(AP)—The French Foreign Office announced Tuesday it has received from the British embassy documentary evidence of a Russian plot to drive the Western Allies from Berlin.

The foreign office said the British information was that Communists in Berlin were instructed by Moscow to touch off incidents which would cause intervention by Soviet forces.

From Berlin

Similar information has come from French officials in Berlin, the foreign office added. Neither the British nor the American embassies would comment.

French diplomatic informants said the Kremlin has ordered demonstrations leading to street fighting which would give Russian troops a chance to intervene and occupy all Berlin.

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