

'Round the World

Mexico Reverses Stand On Guatemalan Review

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexico, a chief critic of U. S. efforts to fight communism in the Americas, stood ready Friday to join in a hemispheric study of charges that the Reds boss neighboring Guatemala.

Acting Foreign Minister Jose Gorostiza announced Thursday night his government would go along with the "general sentiment" among the American republics for such a review.

Since Mexico has been one of Guatemala's staunchest defenders in this hemisphere, her consent virtually assured the holding of an inter-American conference to find out what is going on in the banana-producing republic 1,000 miles northwest of the Panama Canal.

Jimmy, Wife Reach Terms On Finances

LOS ANGELES (AP)—James Roosevelt, on the heels of his primary election victory, announced through his attorney Thursday he has reached an agreement which "completely settles" his differences with his wife, Romelle, who has accused him of adultery in a separate maintenance suit.

Samuel Picone, in a brief formal statement, said "the matter of final settlement of the marriage is being worked out by the parties and by the attorneys."

Picone declined to elaborate other than to say, "This is in the best interests of all concerned and we believe that no further comment should be necessary."

The Los Angeles Examiner said, however, it had learned that under the agreement Mrs. Roosevelt will receive more than the \$1,625 a month temporary support awarded by a court for support of herself and the couple's three children.

It said that the couple, separated since last Aug. 20, will remain married for at least a year so that Mrs. Roosevelt can be assured that her husband will abide by terms of the agreement.

When she does get her divorce, the Examiner added, a 1945 letter in which Roosevelt, 46, listed intimacies with nine women will not be used and her recent charges of infidelity with three other women will be dropped.

Roosevelt has denied any such intimacies. He said he signed the letter to spare his father the worry over a threatened divorce suit.

Five Workers Killed in Blast

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A mysterious explosion demolished a drug company plant Thursday in South St. Louis, killing five employees and injuring 32 other persons.

The blast sent debris sailing 300 feet into the air. Pieces of brick and metal rained down over a wide area. Fire swept the plant immediately after the explosion, which badly damaged adjoining buildings and shattered windows blocks away.

The two-story brick building of the Wilson-Keith & Co. pharmaceutical plant was demolished. A laundry, auto body plant and residence were damaged. A number of the injured were working in the laundry.

Officials and others disagreed as to the cause of the explosion. Among possible causes advanced were a mishap in the processing of a powder mixture to be used in Army flame throwers, an accumulation of dust, and escaping gas.

Fred R. Layton, 28, was dug out of the wreckage unconscious nearly two hours after the explosion which occurred near a busy intersection five miles from the heart of St. Louis.

FACT REJECTED
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP)—Honduras has announced it has rejected Guatemala's offer of a friendship and non-aggression pact.



PILOTLESS BOMBER TAKES OFF—The Air Force B-61 Matador pilotless bomber takes off with a blast of flame and smoke in a launching demonstration. The Matador with performance capacities equal to the conventional jet fighter, is fired from the "world's smallest airport" a highly mobile roadable launcher no bigger than the Matador itself. The turbo-jet powered craft is in service in Europe. This picture was released in Washington Thursday.

'Pebble' Murderer Dies on Gallows

BALTIMORE (AP)—George Edward Grammer, once a prosperous New York businessman, dropped to his death from Maryland's gallows early Friday for the murder that was almost a "perfect crime."

The state accused Grammer of beating to death his 33-year-old wife on a sultry August night in 1952 so he could get free to marry a pretty United Nations secretary.

Grammer admitted he killed his wife, but he claimed he hadn't planned the crime.

The body of the mother of three little girls was found in an automobile, smashed by a wild, careening drive down a Baltimore hill.

Police found a pebble lodged beneath the accelerator to force it into an open position. Their alert discovery led to a trail of damning evidence and the 37-year-old New Yorker's ultimate conviction.

Grammer earned \$680 a month as office manager of the Climax Molybdenum Co. It was testified

at his trial that he had an "almost unlimited" expense account.

State prosecutors put into evidence love letters Grammer had written to Mathilda Mizibrocky of Hamilton, Ont., a vivacious brunette employed by United Nations.

NO LAST MEAL

He loved her and wanted to marry her, state prosecutors argued. They produced testimony that the two spent at least one week together in a swank Chicago hotel on Grammer's fancy expense account. She testified she never knew he was married.

The burly, six-footer went to his death without a trace of emotion. He had a glass of milk and a bun for breakfast Thursday and passed up the traditional last meal.

The Rev. Benjamin Blubaugh, a Methodist minister, was with Grammer all day from 9 a.m. until shortly after midnight, when he accompanied the condemned man to the gallows.

In the execution chamber, a bleak room with a high ceiling, Grammer was stoic to the end.

He raised his head and closed his eyes as the hood was dropped over his face.

INMATES PRAY

Two other death house inmates, Sylvester Madison and David Floyd, prayed aloud with two Catholic chaplains as Grammer stood on the death trap.

He made the drop of six feet and six inches at the end of the state's rope with their litany audible in the background.

There were signs of life from the husky 200-pounder for a full four minutes. He was pronounced dead 13 minutes after the final plunge.

His body was placed in a stark white stretcher and delivered to relatives. A slipper from his left foot, dislodged in the fall, remained behind on the brilliantly lighted floor.

Seattle Makes Quick Switch

SEATTLE (AP)—In a quick switch of signs, Seattle said "Welcome" Friday to 10,000 delegates to the Pacific Northwest Shrine Assn. who took over the city from 8,000 departing members of Rotary International.

The be-fezzed and gaudily dressed Shriners came from five western states and two Canadian provinces for a two-day stand which includes business sessions, a Friday night pageant and parade Saturday.

Temples from Seattle, Spokane, Helena, Portland, Tacoma, Vancouver, B.C., Sheridan, Wyo., Lewiston, Calgary, Alta., Ashland, Ore., Butte, and Billings are represented.

Seek Song Ban

OSAKA, Japan (AP)—The left-wing teachers' union here Friday called for a ban on singing Japan's national anthem in schools. Backers of the move argued that singing the anthem "Kimigayo" might encourage return to a totalitarian government.

Segregation Talks Close

Southern Course Remains Uncertain

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—The attorneys general of the Southern states may meet this summer in an effort to find legal loopholes that would permit the states to continue their traditional system of racial segregation in the public schools.

A suggestion for such a meeting was just about the most tangible thing that emerged from Thursday's 15-state, closed-door conference on problems resulting from the Supreme Court's decision against separation of the races in schools.

Most of the states indicated they will not file briefs, as the Supreme Court invited them to do, before the court issues its final decree.

Governors of nine states and legal and educational representatives of six other states attended the meeting, which was initiated by Virginia's Gov. Thomas B. Stanley. At the conclusion of the meeting Stanley read to newsmen this statement:

"It is recognized that the problems are ones requiring the decision of individual states and that a meeting of this kind can only be helpful in the exchange of information. The gravity of the situation in many of the states was emphasized but no conclusions were reached and no group course of action was proposed."

"The governor of West Virginia, along with personal representatives of Maryland and Kentucky, stated they were not confronted with as serious a problem as some of the Southern states, and that it was their intention to conform with the decision of the court."

"The other states represented, eight by their governors, found more of a problem. The conference was most helpful and it has been suggested that the attorneys general consider holding a later meeting to discuss the situation in more detail from the legal viewpoint."

The states to which Stanley referred are North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Virginia.

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Ex-Secretary Of Navy Dies At Age of 87

BOSTON (AP)—Charles Francis Adams, 87, descendant of two presidents of the United States, died at his home here Friday. He was secretary of Navy from 1929 to 1933.

Banker, yachtsman and philanthropist, Adams was one of Boston's leading citizens for many years. He was a great, great grandson of John Adams, second President, and a great grandson of John Quincy Adams, sixth president.

At the helm of the yacht Resolute, he won the America's cup, sailing against Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock IV off Newport, R. I., in 1920. At 73, Adams won the King's Astor and Puritan cups in a single season, a feat unmatched in American yachting annals.

Adams served four years as President Hoover's secretary of Navy.

Adams' financial acumen benefited his alma mater. In his 20 years as Harvard treasurer, Adams increased the university's funds from 15 to 90 million dollars and made Harvard the most heavily endowed of all U.S. universities.

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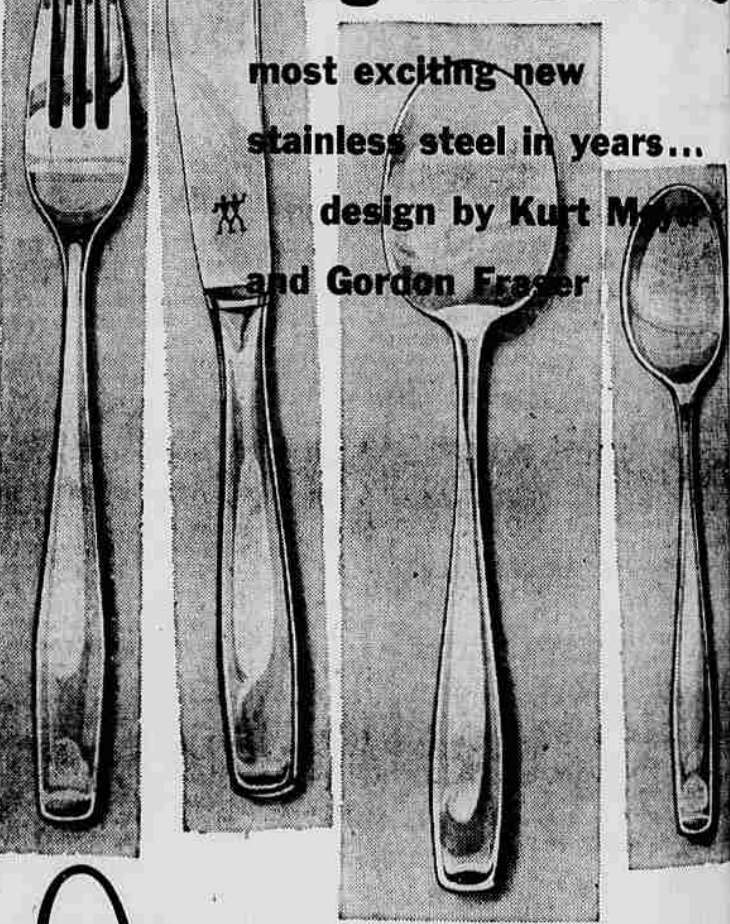
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