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Skids Into Power Pole

Crash Takes Life
Of Ernie Kovacs
In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ernie Kovacs, the zany comedian whose show business career blazed like a meteor for five bright years was killed early Saturday on the way home from a baby shower.

His station wagon skidded across wet pavement a half-block from the Beverly Hilton Hotel and careened into a power pole.

The impact hurled the 42-year-old actor halfway out of the bashed-in car. The coroner's office, which identified him on arrival, said he suffered severe head injuries.

His wife of nine years, actress Edie Adams, was driving another car ahead of him but went on to their \$600,000 Bel Air mansion, unaware that her husband had wrecked. She learned afterward, from their hosts for the evening, director Billy Wilder and his wife, The Wilders had entertained a score of filmland guests at a stork shower in Mrs. Milton Berle's honor.

ERNE KOVACS
Zany Comedian Killed

The smashup occurred shortly before 2 a.m. on Santa Monica Boulevard in west Los Angeles.

Kovacs was one of Hollywood's most colorful characters—the son of a Hungarian tavern keeper and a natural comedian. One movie director said Kovacs didn't need a script. It was best, he said, to give Kovacs a minute's warning and let him improvise.

Gadget-Filled Home

He was equally at home in television, motion pictures—in which he was rather a Johnny-come-lately—and on the stage.

Friends said Miss Adams had gone early to the party and Kovacs joined her later after having worked late. When they left, he followed her.

A short time later the Wilders heard news of the crash on the radio and rushed to the Kovacs' home to be with Miss Adams. She collapsed on hearing the news and was placed under a doctor's care.

Kovacs and his singing star wife had lived the way folks used to think of movie stars as living—in a gadget-filled, 17-room Coldwater Canyon home full of his collections: armor, antique lamps, first editions, carvings and statuary. He boasted such things as indoor waterfall, a driveway turntable and a wine cellar that took second place to few.

Newspaper Columnist

In his early TV days, in the early fifties, he established such notable institutions as "The Early Eyeball Fraternal Marching Society." He was a columnist for the *Trentonian* at Trenton, N. J., from 1945 to 1950, and at various times did stunts at radio disc jockeying, running a TV cooking show, and managing his own stock company.

Among his movies were "Operation Meatball," "Bell, Book and Candle," "Our Man in Havana" and "Cry for Happy."

Miss Adams, Kovacs' second wife, and he had a child, Mia Susan, born in 1959. He had two other daughters by his first wife. They are Betty, 15, and Kippie, 13.

Dog Keeps
Vigil Since
November

SALMON, Idaho (AP)—Townpeople here have finally got Blackie to move—but only a little way.

Blackie is the female dog of unknown ancestry that has been waiting since Thanksgiving for her master to come back and get her in this eastern Idaho community.

It has been a lonely and unencouraging vigil, and many townspeople have wanted to take Blackie in tow.

But she has steadfastly avoided all contact with humans and just keeps looking up Highway 93, waiting and waiting. So this town of 3,000 persons has contented itself with keeping Blackie alive and making her as comfortable as possible.

Until Christmas, Blackie sat on a traffic island under the town Christmas tree. She waited there despite rain, snow and temperatures that only occasionally climbed above the freezing mark.

She will eat food that people bring her, but not until they have set it down and backed off a safe distance.

There are signs, however, that Blackie is getting friendlier.

Some one gave her a doghouse for Christmas, and Blackie used it. Three days ago, someone moved the house off the traffic island about 70 feet to a safer location along the highway, Blackie followed.

Blackie let a man get about four feet from her Friday before backing off. This is closer than anyone has been before.

But there still are no indications that Blackie has forgotten the master that left her at Thanksgiving.

Laos Unity
Hopes DimBy RENE-GEORGES INAGAKI
Of the Associated Press

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP)—The royal Lao government Saturday dimmed prospects of success for the Geneva conference of rival Lao princes. The government declared it would never give up two key cabinet posts in a proposed coalition government of national unity.

On the eve of Premier Prince Boun Oum's departure for Geneva, a cabinet spokesman said the royal government "will never yield" the defense and interior ministry posts to neutralist Prince Souvanna Phouma's faction. It fears they would soon fall under the influence of Souvanna's half-brother and pro-Communist ally, Prince Souphanouvong, leader of the Pathet Lao.

Boun Oum has resisted strong pressures from the United States and its Western Allies to get together with the two other princes. The dispute over cabinet assignments broke up the carefully prepared Vientiane summit conference last month.

The United States subsequently suspended its economic aid to Laos. Without explanation, the aid was restored Friday—48 hours after Boun Oum agreed to fly to Geneva for a new Lao-Lao summit meeting.

Boun Oum, however, showed no sign of backing down.

Civil War Fears Mount

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)—Fears of a civil war in Algeria mounted Saturday with the cryptic rightwing message that the "orange trees soon will bloom anew" and advice to Europeans to hoard food and gold.

The rightwing secret army organization (OAS) appealed to its followers during a day of continued violence in which 27 persons were killed and 28 wounded.

The latest attacks raised the casualty count in Algeria since the start of the new year to 194 killed and 396 wounded.

The "orange trees" message reminded listeners of another coded message—"the cigarettes are burning"—which signaled the start of a wave of violence during the first few days of 1962.

Navy Plane Overdue

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP)—A U. S. Navy P-2V Neptune plane with 12 crewmen aboard was reported overdue Saturday from a patrol over the Greenland icecap.

U. S. Navy and Air Force planes joined Icelandic Coast Guard ships in an intensive air and sea search for the missing plane. The search, concentrated in the Denmark Strait area between Iceland and Greenland, was hampered by heavy weather.

The plane took off Friday morning from Keflavik airport,

Avalanche Leaves Nothing to Rebuild

Village Is Dead and Buried

By THOMAS J. STONE
Of the Associated Press

RANRAHIRCA, Peru (AP)—Little could be done for this Andean village Saturday but mourn the victims of a thunderous avalanche. Ranrahirca is already dead and buried. There is nothing to rebuild. There is no one to rebuild for.

Forty-five feet of rock and mud entomb this farming village, most of its Indian peasant residents, its Roman Catholic church, its tile-roofed houses, school and stores.

It is now considered futile to try to unearth the debris in search of the dead, although a few poke around in the morass in search of relatives and friends.

Ranrahirca, once a peaceful village nestled in Huylas Valley under towering snow-capped peaks, is a tomb. Perhaps services will be held over it later.

The thunderous slide of ice, rock, mud and boulders as large as four-story buildings virtually erased Ranrahirca and neighboring Yanama after dusk Wednesday. More than 8,000 persons are

officially listed as residents of these two villages and their surrounding rural areas.

Other villages and settlements in the Inca farming valley also were swallowed up in the milelong sea of mud and stones.

How many died may never be known. Official estimates run from 1,500 to several thousand.

Fewer than 100 bodies have been recovered. Most will not be.

Another avalanche in this same Ancash Province 21 years ago killed an estimated 5,000 persons. Only 300 bodies were recovered then. Wednesday's avalanche provided its own mass grave. Virtually everyone in its path was killed in its tracks.

The deadly slide was born on the slopes of 22,205-foot Mount Huascaran—Peru's highest peak—and was unleashed by summer warmth.

The sun had settled behind the towering peaks when the slide swept nine miles down a canyon and into the countryside. Most in Ranrahirca were in their homes, just finishing dinner. Minutes later, all but 50 of the nearly 500 residents were dead.

"We had just had supper when we heard a big noise," said Manuel Melgarejo, whose hut on a hill near Ranrahirca was out of the avalanche's path.

"I called my wife and we grabbed up our two kids and ran, leaving everything behind," he said. "When we looked back a few minutes later, we saw what had happened. And then it became fearfully quiet and a black cloud hung over the valley."

Later Manuel returned.

"I could not believe it," he said. "Not until dawn did I see the awful destruction. There was no one injured. All in the path were killed and buried."

"Some twisted and torn bodies were churned to the surface of the mass," he went on. "They were placed on litters made of tree limbs and carried to a courtyard near the village."

Beside one body sat an Indian woman in a broad-brimmed hat, a colored blouse and a black skirt, her face buried in her hands. She had just found her 16-year-old grandson. Fourteen victims were buried in a single grave.

Under a steady drizzle and a gloomy mist rescue teams arrived in numbers to care for the survivors.

Winter Deals
Deep South
Another Blow

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Severe cold knifed deep in the South again early Saturday dealing hard-hit citrus and vegetable growers in Texas and Florida another economic blow.

Losses from the record-breaking cold, which has held an icy grip on the Deep South since Tuesday, total millions of dollars. Citrus crop damage in the lower Rio Grande Valley alone has been placed at \$19 million.

The storm, the most severe of the winter and one of the worst in many years, has been blamed for more than 150 deaths across the nation.

Although temperatures were less severe Friday in an area stretching from Arizona to the mid-Atlantic Coast, the Weather Bureau warned of a new storm brewing in the Rockies. It posted heavy snow warnings for Nebraska and Kansas and said the storm would sweep across the Central Plains toward the northern Great Lakes over the weekend.

The continued severe cold in the South probably won't inflict much additional damage on fruit and vegetable crops because they were ruined in much of the area by the first night of subfreezing temperatures. But it would be harmful to citrus groves.

Citrus trees were reported splitting from the cold in southern Texas where a 1951 freeze destroyed an estimated 12-million trees.

Snow Flurries
Possible Tonight

Snow flurries may come to the Eugene-Springfield area and other parts of western Oregon tonight. The Weather Bureau forecast is for either scattered showers or snow flurries.

Sunday will be cloudy and warmer, with rain likely in the afternoon, forecasters predict. The expected low tonight is 30; the predicted high for Sunday is 45.

In eastern Oregon, there will be light snow flurries and partial clearing, with highs of 24 to 30, and lows of 5 to 20 degrees.

Oakridge reported sunshine Saturday morning, and no snow—although there is snow higher on the Willamette pass. In Toledo, on the coast, there was a brief snow shower followed by rain early Saturday. Newport also had light snow.



(AP Wirephoto)

LONG CUBE—Water dripping down the side of a Chattanooga hotel produced this ten-story ice cube during the frigid weather which has gripped much of the United States.

Gizenga, Congo Forces
Clash in StanleyvilleBy PETER GROSE
Of the Associated Press

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (AP)—Fighting broke out in Stanleyville Saturday between Congo government forces and the bodyguard of leftist Antoine Gizenga and 17 soldiers were killed, the U.N. announced.

Eight of the dead were loyal to Gizenga, six belonged to the force of the Congo army commander in Stanleyville, Gen. Victor Lundula, and three apparently were killed by Gizenga's men while trying to desert from his force, the U.N. said.

The Congo Central Government had ordered Gen. Lundula to "take all necessary steps to restore order" in Stanleyville.

A U.N. spokesman said the U.N. force would give full support to Gen. Lundula in seeking to reestablish order.

Premier Cyrille Adoula denied earlier reports from authoritative sources that the cabinet had ordered Gizenga's arrest.

Government sources said Lundula might decide to arrest Gizenga, however, in order to curb the outbreak, and diplomatic sources were skeptical of Adoula's denial.

Adoula and Gizenga still had parliamentary immunity from arrest.

Authoritative government sources said the cabinet's decision was triggered by a new military clash at Stanleyville Saturday morning, in which Gizenga tried to order the company of soldiers remaining loyal to him to arrest Lundula.

Protected Chief

Lundula's superior forces protected their chief, the sources said, but did not press their advantage at that time because the government had not given authorization to take the drastic step of arresting Gizenga, who still holds rank as deputy prime minister in the Leopoldville regime.

Lundula has taken four of Gizenga's aides into custody, but has hesitated to move against the Lumumbist leader himself because legally Gizenga is protected by the constitutional immunity from arrest accorded to all members of parliament.

There was no immediate word here as to how soon Lundula might act on the government's decision, but the town of Stanleyville has been in constant military alert for several days now, and a showdown could come Saturday afternoon.

U.N. Protection?

Gizenga is reported to have asked U.N. protection against the forces of Lundula.

U.N. headquarters, however, claimed to have no knowledge of such a request. It seems certain the United Nations will give full cooperation to the central government and Parliament in their strong bid to deal with Gizenga, who once claimed to be the late Premier Patrice Lumumba's rightful successor and won Communist support.

The cabinet's action followed prolonged attempts by individual ministers and Parliament to bring Gizenga back to Leopoldville peacefully.

Since last October the Lumumbist heir has defied the Leopold government, choosing to stay isolated in Stanleyville. Friday a censure motion against him was introduced in Parliament. It probably will come up for vote Monday.

8,065 Enroll
At Oregon

University of Oregon enrollment for winter term has reached 8,065, registrar Clifford Constance reported Friday.

This is an increase of 15 per cent over winter term of 1961. Not all registrations are in yet—the final figure is expected to be 8,350.

Portland State College reported an enrollment of 4,903, a 16.4 per cent increase over 1961. Figures for other schools were not available Saturday.

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Youth Seeks
Biting Pooch

Robert Harold Simpson, 17, of 1765 W. 18th Ave., Eugene, would like to find the dog that bit him.

Simpson works for Albertson's Food Center, 1675 W. 18th Ave., Eugene. About 7:30 p.m. Thursday he carried some groceries to a car for a customer. While he was putting the groceries in the car the customer's dog, believed to be a Chihuahua, bit him.

The doctor now tells Simpson that if the dog can't be found within 10 days he should undergo treatment for rabies just in case the dog transmitted the disease.

If the dog can be found such treatment might be avoided by determining whether it is rabid. Simpson says he remembers the customer was a woman who mentioned that she might be moving her trailer home Friday morning.

Zorin Honored

MOSCOW (AP)—Valerian A. Zorin, permanent Soviet representative at the United Nations, has been awarded the Order of Lenin, the Soviet news agency Tass reported Saturday.

Masked Men Rob
Junction City Store

JUNCTION CITY (Special)—Two men wearing nylon stocking masks robbed the Safeway store here of several thousand dollars Friday night by forcing assistant manager Randall Haugen at gunpoint to open a safe.

The exact amount stolen was unknown, but police estimates were in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

Sheriff's deputies, state police, and Junction City police worked on the case through the night. The assistant manager's car, used by the bandits to leave the scene, was found by Junction City Police Chief M. H. Kizer abandoned about ten blocks away from the store. The car was found about an hour after the robbery was reported.

Assistant Manager Haugen, 553 Cheshire St., Eugene, described this sequence of events to police:

He had just locked the main store building on Ivy Street in Junction City and had walked out the north door about 9:30 p.m., intending to walk to the warehouse to check the door there.

Midway he was accosted by two masked men, one of them carrying a revolver.

They ordered Haugen back into the store and told him to open the safe. After Haugen opened the safe, the men took bills in denominations from \$1 to \$20 from cash drawers and money sacks inside. Then they

took Haugen into a back room, tied him up, and left.

Haugen said he worked himself loose in about half an hour. He immediately called the store's manager, Lloyd Webber, who in turn notified police.

Haugen described the men as appearing in their early 30s, one about six feet tall and the other slightly under six feet.

Police agencies were investigating several leads in the case Saturday morning.