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8 Perish In Coney Isle Fire

15 Others Hurt as Flames Sweep Tenements

NEW YORK (AP)—Wind-fanned flames swept through four frame tenement houses near New York's Coney Island amusement park early Wednesday and eight persons perished.

Fifteen others, several rescued in dramatic action by firemen, were injured.

Names of the dead could not be established immediately. Bodies were burned so badly that the sex of only two—a man and a woman—was established.

Among the injured were men and women ranging from 33 to 60. The blaze broke out only two hours after another fire in a bathhouse on the Coney Island boardwalk seven blocks away. The coincidence aroused suspicions of arson.

The second fire occurred about 6 a.m. in a middle-class residential and rooming house area heavily populated by Italians. It was brought under control two hours later.

Winds which buffeted the New York area after passage of Hurricane Ione offshore made the fire-fighting more difficult.

Fire Battalion Chief Charles Burns gave this description of the scene when firemen arrived:

"People trapped as they slept stood at their windows in a terrible state of shock."

"Even when we got ladders up to the windows they seemed paralyzed."

"We had a great deal of difficulty persuading them to leave the burning buildings. Most of them were elderly."

A priest from a nearby Roman Catholic Church donned a fireman's hat and coat to enter one of the burning structures. Afterward he said:

"I administered last rites to one adult and one child on the first floor, and another adult on the second floor."

"They could hardly be distinguished as human beings."

UN Bottles Up Chinese Issue

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The U.N. General Assembly adjourned for another year the perennial question of seating Red China and prepared today to chart an agenda for the current session.

Overriding demands by Russia's Foreign Minister, V. M. Molotov that the Asian Reds get a seat, the Assembly adopted 42-12 a U.S. motion to shelve the question until 1956.

In its opening session yesterday, the 10th Assembly also unanimously elected Chile's Jose Maza as its president.

Molotov made his bid for Peiping 12 minutes after the session began in a mild speech contrasting sharply with the explosive utterances Soviet delegates have made on the issue in previous assemblies.

It was the sixth straight year the Russians have tried to unseat the Chinese Nationalists in favor of the mainland government. Indonesia, which abstained last year, voted this time against postponement. Others voting against the U.S. motion were Burma, White Russia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, India, Norway, Poland, Sweden, the Soviet Union, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.

Abstaining were Israel, Afghanistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Yemen.

Portland Fire Battled for Three Hours

PORTLAND (UP)—The Manchester building in downtown Portland suffered heavy damage to its interior last night when a two-alarm fire that firemen battled for almost three hours swept through the structure.

Unofficial damage estimates ran over \$75,000, mostly to contents.

Eight firms in the seven-story building suffered damage, much of it from smoke and water. Fire Marshal Dale Gilman said the fire broke out in the northwest section of the fourth floor and spread through walls and ceilings. Most of the smoke and water damage occurred between the street and fifth floors.

The blaze was discovered shortly before 10 p.m.

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Fatal Blaze Scene at Coney Island



NEW YORK—Charred walls and wreckage of one of four frame rooming houses evidence the fury of the wind-driven fire in which eight persons perished today at Coney Island, seaside resort at the end of Brooklyn. Fifteen other persons were injured and several rescued in dramatic action by firemen. (AP Photofax)

Harry, in Memoirs, Takes Peace Credit

Truman Tells of Dressing-Down To Molotov

By ERNEST R. VACCARO

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harry S. Truman says he believes his administration paved the way for preventing a third world war for "as far ahead as man can see."

It did so, the former President contends, by making sure of this country's military strength, and by dealing with Soviet Russia on a "give-and-take" basis.

Truman leaves for conjecture the exact language he used in a face-to-face dressing-down he gave Russian Foreign Minister Molotov at the White House on April 25, 1945, for failure to carry out Russia's Yalta agreements on Poland.

But he says it was so sharp that Molotov was stung to protest. "I have never been talked to like that in my life," Truman recalls he retorted: "Carry out your agree-

ments and you won't get talked to like that."

The story of the now famous White House session is told in Life magazine's current issue in the first of five installments of the "Truman Memoirs." The installments make up the first volume, which will be brought out in book form in November by Doubleday & Co.

Truman is reportedly getting \$600,000 for this and a second volume, to be published early next year.

Truman tells of getting his "first bit of information" about the development of the atomic bomb after he became President. He recalls Fleet Adm. William D. Leahy, his chief of staff, as saying in his "sturdy, salty" manner:

"That's the biggest fool thing we have ever done. The bomb will never go off, and I speak as an expert on explosives."

Adm. Leahy's version of the conversation differs from Truman's. He said Wednesday he told the President he knew about other explosives, but "I did not know about that atomic explosive."

Leahy added in an interview he later recommended against using the atomic bomb on Japan because "I did not want my country to be the first to use that vicious, deadly weapon on noncombatants."

Truman relates a long trans-Atlantic telephone conversation with then British Prime Minister Churchill on April 25, 1945. Churchill (Continued on Page 5 Column 1)

Blaze Stalls Ocean Dredge

PORTLAND (UP)—Fire broke out in the engine room of the Army Corps of Engineers seagoing hopper dredge Davidson at 8:35 a.m. today and the dredge was reported dead at sea some 100 miles west of Crescent City, Calif.

Col. David S. Parker, acting Portland district engineer, said the fire has been put out and that no one was hurt. The Davidson carries a normal crew of 40 men.

Col. David S. Parker, acting en route to Honolulu to dredge in the Hawaiian area.

He said efforts were being made to start one of the dredge's two engines. Extent of damage was not known.

The U.S. Coast Guard buoy tender Balsam was proceeding to the Davidson to tow her to San Francisco. A Navy destroyer escort was reported in the vicinity of the Davidson but it was not known if the two vessels were in contact.

Elevator Fall Kills Worker

EUGENE (AP)—A workman making final adjustments on a new freight elevator at a furniture store here was crushed to death Tuesday afternoon.

The elevator came down on Nicholas J. Heuser, 46, as he worked in the elevator pit.

Deputy Coroner Howard Ramsey said the accidental touching of a portable testing switch might have caused the elevator to descend. He said Heuser was trying to get out of the pit when hit.

Aluminum Co. Must Pay Tax

Reynolds Aluminum Co. has to pay personal property taxes on machinery and equipment at its Troutdale plant for the 1950-51 fiscal year, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The company, which sued Multnomah County to escape the tax for that year, contended it should not have been placed on the assessment roll until after Jan. 1, 1950, because it didn't complete acquisition of the property until after that date.

But the Supreme Court, agreeing with Multnomah County Assessor Wiley W. Smith, pointed out that in December, 1949, the company accepted a letter of intent from the federal government covering purchase of the plant, placing the company in possession of the property.

Upholding another Multnomah County decision, the Supreme Court ordered the officers of the Eastern and Western Lumber Co. to pay \$782,495 to stockholders of the company.

The stockholders claimed they were induced to sell their stock below its actual value by reason of fraudulent misrepresentations. The company now is defunct.

The decision was by Justice George Rossman. It upheld Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson of Portland.

Chill Heralds Fall in State

PORTLAND (AP)—With autumn's official arrival still two days away, temperatures in Oregon dipped early Wednesday to chilly fall levels. Bend at 20 degrees was coldest.

The 4:30 a.m. reading at Klamath Falls was 31 but the mercury was still on its way down and by 8 a.m. a minimum of 29 was reported by the Weather Bureau.

Eugene's 34 degrees was that city's coldest this early in September. Other Western Oregon points were nearly as cold—Roseburg 37 and Salem 36.

While most of the reported minimums were in the 30s, Pendleton cooled off only to 45. However its Tuesday high was only 60, one of the lowest in the state.

On the coast readings were in the low 40s and Astoria dropped below that to 39.

Senators Dig Into Utilities

Banker Concedes Stockless Role In Merger

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Wall Street investment banker conceded Wednesday neither he nor his firm owned any stock in a Washington State utility at a time he joined in a letter seeking to promote a merger of the company with another concern.

Chandler Hovey Jr., partner in the firm of White, Weld and Co., told a Senate subcommittee, however, that his company had owned stock at various times.

Under questioning by Sen. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), Hovey said the firm held blocks of Puget Sound Power and Light Co. stock at various times in an effort to "maintain a market" for that security.

The senator, serving as chairman at the hearing, commented that this appeared to be different from the position of a "bona fide" stockholder.

Hovey was the first witness as the antitrust and monopoly subcommittee began an investigation of public utility mergers.

At the outset, the probe centered on a proposed merger of two Washington State utility companies—Washington Water Power of Spokane and Puget Sound Power and Light of Seattle.

The subcommittee also is seeking to find out whether Electric Bond & Share Co., one of the big holding companies required to get rid of many of their satellites under the 1935 Public Utility Holding Company Act, is trying to extend its influence in the Pacific Northwest.

Joseph W. Burns, chief counsel to the subcommittee, said that Electric Bond & Share, a management and engineering firm which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Electric Bond & Share, has been expanding its influence in the Northwest.

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Negro Points To Abductors

SUMNER, Miss. (AP)—Mose Wright pointed a knobby finger at J. W. Milam Wednesday and said, "There he is"—identifying him as one of the men who abducted the sharecropper's nephew in the early morning hours Aug. 28.

Then the 64-year-old farmer pointed out 25-year-old Roy Bryant, Milam's half-brother, as the second man who roused the Wright family from bed at 2 a.m. and took Emmett Milam Louis Till away.

Bryant and Milam are accused of murdering the Chicago Negro boy because he allegedly whistled at Mrs. Bryant, Dist. Atty. Gerald Chatham called Wright as the state's first witness.

Testimony began shortly after Chatham said he had six new witnesses who would place the defendants "with the Negro boy several hours after he was taken from Mose's (Wright's) shack." He also said the witnesses would place the accused men in the area where Till's body was pulled from the Tallahatchie River.

Chatham said the witnesses have "absolutely newly discovered evidence," but did not elaborate.

Blonde Hunted In Baby Snatch

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Worried officers in three counties searched intensely today for baby Robert Marcus, who was snatched from a hospital crib Monday, presumably by a woman blonde with a craving for motherhood.

Lt. Donald Scott, chief of police San Francisco's general police detail on the case, said it was "very possible" the woman had been seen at San Jose, some 35 miles south of here in Santa Clara County.

But he also pressed the hunt in San Francisco and in Marin County to the north.

Robert, just 3 days old when kidnapped from the nursery at Mt. Zion Hospital, is a son of Dr. and Mrs. Sanford Marcus.

In San Jose, Mrs. Henrietta Guerrero told police she opened her door yesterday morning to a blonde woman who wanted to feed milk for a tiny, screaming baby.

Mrs. Guerrero, who had not heard then of the kidnapping, recalled later that the strange woman generally answered the description furnished by hospital attendants.

When the baby refused the warm milk, Mrs. Guerrero and the blonde unsuccessfully attempted to soothe it with olive oil in the belief it had cramps.

After Mrs. Guerrero suggested a doctor for the baby, the woman left, walking toward downtown San Jose.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 64; minimum today, 38. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.1 inch. Forecast: 24 hours: 1.2; 48 hours: 2.0; 72 hours: 3.0. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau)

istas Give Up On Rebels' Terms; Junta Names Chief

House Probes Demo-Labeled Bonanza Deal

AF Contract for Phone Hookup Hit for Lack Of Congress OK

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Appropriations Committee launched an investigation today at what House Democratic Leader Whelan called a "bonanza deal" between the Air Force and private telephone companies.

The Air Force replied that the contract plans had been fully reported to congressional committees earlier this year, and that Congress has already appropriated "substantial" funds for sites and construction of facilities. It said cancellation of the contract now to make the government liable for a penalty which could reach \$22 million dollars.

An issue is a contract for conversion of the present air defense communications system to a "semiautomatic" ground environment (SAGE) system. The Air Force contract is with a group of private companies headed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and the Western Electric Co.

The companies would build the communications system and lease it to the Air Force at regular toll charges for a 10-year period. Engineering and construction work already is under way.

Chairman Cannon (D-Mo.) of the Appropriations Committee ordered the inquiry after McCormack disclosed a ruling by Comptroller General Joseph Campbell that the contract lacked congressional authorization.

The Air Force confirmed this, but Asst. Secretary Lyle Garlock said Campbell had agreed to reconsider the ruling.

The effect of the ruling by Campbell, the government's chief auditor, is to ban payments under the contract unless Congress specifically approves.

Eden Cabinet Lifts Spy Lid

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Eden met with his Cabinet Wednesday to put final approval on a government report on the Burgess-Maclean "runaway spies" case.

Eden, fully recovered from a recent attack of influenza, drove up to London from his country home to preside over the meeting.

The Cabinet met in the midst of the most serious newspaper attacks made on the Foreign Office in recent years for its handling of the case of Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess, British diplomats who fled to the Communist East in 1951 after serving as longtime Russian spies.

For four years the Foreign Office, under both Labor and Conservative governments, maintained tight secrecy over details of the men's defection. This was broken only last week-end when former Russian spy Vladimir Petrov disclosed they were Soviet agents for a long time.

The Foreign Office then confirmed Petrov's disclosures and said Burgess and Maclean were under investigation when they fled.

Spurred by angry newspaper criticism, the government promised an official white paper this week giving details of the case.

Although there was no immediate report of persons killed or wounded in the attack on the building, it was believed the casualties were high.

Unofficial sources said 15 persons, including two women, were arrested as they fled the building.

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U.S. Accepts Soviet Apology For Gun Threat to Rep. Holt

WASHINGTON (UP)—The United States has now reluctantly accepted Russia's apology for the improper conduct of a pistol-packing Russian officer who threatened Rep. Joe Holt (R-Calif.) in Moscow on Aug. 31.

The State Department previously had branded Moscow's reply "unsatisfactory." It said today that a new U.S. note delivered to the Soviet Foreign Office yesterday "noted" Russia's apology and a promise that the officer would be disciplined for threatening Holt at pistol point.

State Department Spokesman Henry Saydam emphasized, however, that the Soviet version of the incident as set forth in the Soviet reply in an earlier American protest was an "unsatisfactory" distortion of what happened.

Saydam said the department informed Holt at Van Nuys, Calif., today of the Soviet reply. The department said it is now willing to consider the matter closed and has informed Holt of its decision.

Unconditional Surrender Forced

BULLETIN

NEW YORK (AP)—A Mutual Broadcasting System correspondent in Buenos Aires reported Wednesday that Juan D. Peron "is now in rebel hands."

The correspondent, Jack Comden, said Peron was taken off the Paraguayan gunboat where he took refuge Tuesday. He predicted Peron would be tried as a war criminal by the new Argentine government.

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Argentina's rebel forces Wednesday won agreement—apparently with unconditional surrender—from the loyalist followers of Juan D. Peron.

The rebels established Maj. Gen. Eduardo Lonardi as provisional (temporary) president of the nation.

A brief communique did not disclose Peron's fate, but the rebels in their four-day revolt gave as one of their conditions of surrender the handing over of the man who ruled Argentina for a decade. The last authoritative information had him aboard a Paraguayan gunboat in Buenos Aires Harbor.

The communique read over the state radio said the two sides had reached "complete accord" and the loyalist forces had "accepted the points stipulated by the rebels."

The rebels had announced before peace negotiations began that they would accept only an unconditional surrender.

Lonardi in 1951 retired voluntarily from the army after writing a letter protesting the plan—later abandoned—to designate Eva Peron as vice-president. He was active in a short-lived revolution in 1951, and in 1952 was included in a group reported under arrest for plotting against Peron.

He began his army career in 1914 and rose to command of the 3rd Army.

He is a 29-year-old artilleryman. Gunfire sounded in Buenos Aires only a few hours before the peace was announced. Tank guns blasted apart the main headquarters of the Alianza Nacionalista, Peron's strong-arm alliance. Later, security forces were reported to be occupying an Alianza branch office blocks from the smoldering headquarters.

Later, Hugo Di Pietro, secretary general of the General Confederation of Labor, came on the air over the state radio to urge the workers "to keep calm and continue working."

Di Pietro's big labor union had been one of the pillars of Peron's strength. One of the problems facing the new regime was the reaction of the Argentine working force. There had been rumors since Tuesday that Di Pietro was under arrest.

The junta, which was headed by Gen. Jose Domingo Molina, broadcast a warning that any violence would be met sternly. The capital city had been tense but generally free of violence since the revolt began last Friday.

Before the tank attack on the Alianza building, the junta said 400 to 500 heavily armed Peronistas were holed up there.

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Death Toll in 2 Hurricanes May Top 200

166 Dead, 100 Missing In Mexico; Ione Off Halifax

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

While Hurricane Ione whistled over the North Atlantic Ocean Wednesday, shattered towns in North Carolina and Mexico counted a sad toll of death and damage wrought by her and her sister storm, Hilda.

Mexico was left with at least 166 dead and 100 missing in the Gulf port of Tampico and surrounding area where Hilda hit. Continuing floods threatened to raise this toll. With refugees crowded together and water supplies doubtful, authorities were fearful of epidemics.

In North Carolina, which took the brunt of Ione before she veered out to sea, five persons were dead and property damage was in the millions.

Ione turned to a northeast course Tuesday and missed the northern coastal states. A mass of cold air from the northwest, flowing at an altitude of 10,000 to 30,000 feet, shoved Ione out to sea.

All shipping was cautioned the storm was centered Wednesday morning 150 miles southeast of Halifax, N.S., traveling at a fast clip of 45 miles per hour.

Gales extend 300 miles from the storm center to the east, south and southwest and 200 miles to the west and north, the Weather Bureau reported.

Hurricane Hilda spent herself Tuesday in the north central mountains of Mexico, but rain-swollen floods still harassed stricken cities behind her.

Berlin Faces Red Squeeze

BERLIN (AP)—Deep in Communist territory, West Berlin today nervously eyed the new Russian-East German treaty.

In Moscow, where the new pact was signed yesterday with the announced purpose of restoring East German sovereignty, East Germany's Communist boss Walter Ulbricht threatened a new traffic squeeze on West Berlin.

Ulbricht, deputy premier and East German Communist party secretary, talked with correspondents after Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and East German Premier Otto Grotewohl had signed the new pact in the Marble Room of the Grand Kremlin Palace. Ulbricht warned that new traffic measures around Berlin may be necessary "unless the government of West Germany and West Berlin abandon their cold war attack against our Communist German Democratic Republic."

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UAW Assails Ford's Boost

DETROIT (AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers said in a statement Tuesday night that "the Ford Motor Co. cannot justify the price increases" it announced Monday.

Ford announced that suggested list prices on its 1956 model Ford cars will be increased an average of less than 5 per cent. The increases range from \$46 to \$99 on the various body types.

A spokesman for the UAW issued a statement in the absence of UAW President Walter P. Reuther, who is returning from a trip to Europe. It said, "The economic concessions granted the UAW-CIO by the Ford Motor Co. could be absorbed out of the extremely favorable profit position of the corporation. Any increase in the price of automobiles attributed to the new UAW agreements is totally unjustified and represents a gouging of consumers."

Car Found in Search for 2

PORTLAND (AP)—The abandoned automobile of two women missing since they went for what was to have been a short drive Sunday, was found Wednesday on a dirt road on the northwest slope of Larch Mountain, east of here.

The sheriff's office called for bloodhounds when no trace of the women was found in nearby shelters.

The missing women are Mrs. Anna E. Ferguson, 53, and Mrs. Bernice N. Sharkey, 73, the latter a semi-invalid.