

United Press Manager Beaten To Death By Student Demonstrators in Singapore

Gene Symonds, 29, Fatally Injured By Terrorist Mob Police Fail To Aid, Eyewitnesses Claim

Singapore — (U.P.) — Gene Symonds, United Press manager for Southeast Asia, died today from a savage beating inflicted by Chinese students who have terrorized Singapore for two days during a Communist-inspired transportation strike.

A police constable and a 16-year-old Chinese student also were killed in the riots which began when truckloads of students attacked police who had quelled a strike demonstration with water hoses. Scores were reported injured.

Symonds, 29, Dayton, O., was fatally injured at the scene where the news was breaking — a roadblock thrown up by the government to halt the spread of Chinese terrorists. The mob dragged him from a taxicab and beat him with stones and clubs until he fell unconscious in the streets.

A British armored regiment and tough Gurkha infantrymen patrolled the city today to prevent further clashes but the strike appeared to be spreading and transportation was at a standstill. Violence that flared today was put down though the demonstrators still controlled a nine-mile square section of the city.

Symonds, an Army veteran who had risked his life many times to cover the Korean war from the Pusan beachhead almost to the Yalu, had just returned to Singapore from the Bandung African-Asian conference when the riots began. He sped to the scene to get first hand information and ran into the angry mob.

Emergency Operation He did not regain consciousness and died at 2:50 p.m. in a hospital despite an emergency operation and blood transfusions.

Eyewitnesses said a police van was parked nearby but that no attempt was made to aid Symonds. Several other police cars later passed without stopping and Symonds lay unattended for half an hour.

Later a police van rushed him to a hospital where it was found he suffered a fractured skull. United Press Vice President Ernest Hoherecht in Tokyo instructed the Singapore bureau to ask Singapore authorities for a "full explanation of this unlawful and uncivilized attack on a United Press correspondent."

The frenzied mob which roamed the strike area for hours, looting, turning over European cars and stoning Europeans and policemen, beat Symonds so savagely he suffered fractures of his left leg and right forearm.

Salem — (U.P.) — Next week, May 16-21, is chemical progress week in Oregon, so designated by Gov. Paul L. Patterson.

Burmese Farm Exchanges Set To Arrive Here Monday

Four Burmese men are expected to arrive in southern Oregon Monday under the International Farm Youth Exchange program. While here, each of the four will live with a farm family.

Two in County Two of the four, Maung Thein Nyun and Ko Tun Oo, will be in Jackson county during their month in this area. Nyun will live at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Minear, route 1, box 358, Medford, and Oo will stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ousterhout, Route 1, Eagle Point.

Senate Democrat Leader Sees Slim Chance of Big 4 Sellout

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson said today a Big Four meeting can "lead to a sellout... only if this country is represented by stupid and unpatriotic men."

He told reporters "some leading Republicans" have expressed fear of such a "sellout" but that he does not think President Eisenhower "plans to sell the country down the river."

"I have enough confidence in the President that I do not think he is activated by any but the most worthy and peaceful motives," Johnson said.

"I do not expect him to send a bunch of stupid men to an international conference." The Texas senator commented sharply on recent attacks on the President and his foreign policy by some GOP senators. He did not mention the senators by name but Senator Republican Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.), Chairman Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) of the Senate GOP Policy Committee, and Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) have vigorously criticized administration foreign policy.

Johnson said "it looks like the President had something when he talked about a 'cold war' with Congress," a dig at Mr. Eisenhower's campaign speech last year in which he pleaded for a GOP Congress to avoid a "cold war" with Capitol Hill.

Equalization Board Sees 110 Taxpayers

The Jackson county board of equalization completed its first week of work this afternoon, after meeting with more than 110 property taxpayers since the sessions opened on Monday.

The board will not be in session tomorrow, and no meetings are slated for Tuesday, Wednesday or Saturday of next week. Appointments are coming in rapidly for Monday, Thursday and Friday of next week, and it appears that the board will have to be in session during the following week.

The board is authorized to make such changes in real property assessments as are required to bring about equalization. No decisions will be made until all taxpayers desiring interviews have been heard.

The board is composed of County Judge Rodney Keating, Arnold Bohnert, and Ralph Cook.

Marine Manpower Cut Target of Democrats

Washington — (U.P.) — Democrats on the Senate Appropriations Committee drew up their battle lines today to reverse the administration on manpower cuts in the Marine Corps.

Both the Marine Corps and the Army are scheduled for cutbacks under President Eisenhower's new defense budget. But the Democrats concede there is little chance Congress will restore the Army strength.

Instead, Senate Democrats are concentrating on reversing the scheduled 22,000-man cut in the Marine Corps. But they face an uphill battle in view of the House's overwhelming endorsement of Mr. Eisenhower's plan to cut overall military strength to 2,850,000 men by mid-1956.



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Budget Vote Dated In 20 School Areas

Residents of 20 Jackson county second and third class school districts will vote Monday on increasing the county rural school district equalized tax levy for the coming fiscal year by more than six per cent.

Reason for increasing the levy, according to Henry Padgham Jr., rural board chairman, is that the rural district tax levy base is only \$323,520.64, compared to a proposed budget of \$1,599,895.53.

The amount of tax proposed to be levied in excess of the base is \$1,276,374.89. Notices of time and place of the election have been posted in each of the county's second, and third class school districts.

White Paint Being Used on Crosswalks

Medford public works departments crews are painting city crosswalks in white paint to conform with the Oregon highway department's change to highway center lines of white instead of yellow. Crosswalks also formerly have been yellow.

The highway department changed to white center lines to conform with surrounding states. City Manager Robert Duff said crosswalks on newly-paved Central ave. probably will be painted soon, and city crews will repaint traffic lanes in other city streets to conform with the change.

Courthouse Completion Due Late in Summer

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the annex to the Jackson county courthouse, and it appears the structure will be ready for occupancy in August or early September, county commissioners said today.

Plaster work on the interior of the buildings is approximately half done and a large part of the work on elevator machinery and elevator shaft has been completed. The heating and plumbing system also is nearing completion.

Some work has been done on installation of marble siding on the outside of the building.

Birth of Twin Sons Makes Family of 12

Mr. and Mrs. Winford Bailey, 322 Boardman st., Thursday became the parents of twin sons at Sacred Heart hospital. The infants weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces, and 7 pounds 10 ounces.

The couple now has 10 living children, five boys and five girls. They also have another set of twins, Cecil and Cecelia, age 14, who attend Medford Junior High school. Bailey is a mechanic for the Valley Fuel company. The twin boys have not yet been named.

"cold war" seems to be with his own party. "We Democrats sympathize with the President in the heavy burden he carries," Johnson said.

Knowland, in a speech at New York Thursday night, reiterated that a top level meeting including Russia might result in "appeasement" of the Communists if the U.S. is not careful.

Bridges and McCarthy were their attacks on the Senate floor Wednesday.

Communist Troops Triumphantly Enter Haiphong

Saigon, Indochina — (U.P.) — Communist Viet Minh troops waving clenched fists thundered triumphantly into Haiphong today in Soviet-built Molotov trucks and the Iron Curtain slammed down on Indochina's best naval base.

France surrendered her last foothold in Northern Viet Nam to the Communist regime of Ho Chi Minh today under the terms of the Geneva conference. End of French Rule The French Tricolor was struck at dawn, signaling the end of 70 years of French rule over what was one of the brightest jewels in the once proud colonial empire.

The crimson Communist banner studded with gold stars was hoisted in bloodless victory over the city's citadel as it was over her sister-city, Hanoi, month ago.

Jubilant convoys of natty black and green-clad Communist troops rumbled into the once teeming port city on the heels of the retreating French troops. Praises Screeched The Reds moved into the blare of martial music and the din of sound trucks screeching the praises of Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh.

Red flags blossomed by the thousands in the native quarters and crowds shouting "Lone Live Uncle Ho" strewn flowers in the path of the advancing troops.

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Dulles in Vienna For Formal Signing Of Austria Treaty

Vienna, Austria — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles flew to Vienna today to join the other Big Three foreign ministers in signing the Austrian state treaty and to arrange for a later Big Four meeting of heads of government.

Dulles, almost mobbed by photographers when he arrived from Paris, told reporters: "I have traveled to many countries on many missions but I have never felt more satisfaction than to come here to sign this treaty."

He added that the successful completion of the treaty negotiations will set Austria free for the first time since 1938 was "a central goal" of American policy.

He expressed admiration for the "courage and steadfastness of the freedom-loving people of Austria."

Austrian Foreign Minister Leopold Figl greeted Dulles with a bouquet of blue and yellow spring flowers symbolizing the freeing of the province of Lower Austria which has been under Soviet occupation for 10 years.

Ambassadors of the United States, Britain, France and Soviet Union met today to initial the completed draft of the treaty restoring Austria's freedom for the first time since the Nazis took Austria by Anschluss in 1938 and ending ten years of four-power occupation.

'Buzzing' Blamed On Soviet Planes Wiesbaden, Germany — (U.P.) — Two American airmen "positively" identified the planes which buzzed them yesterday over Danish territory as Soviet MIG 15 jet fighters, U. S. Air Force officials said today.

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Embargoed Vaccine Release Expected Momentarily

Double Check Said Completed

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Scheele indicated that all, rather than merely some, batches of Parke Davis vaccine which has been under scrutiny will be released. However, he was not precise on that point.

Release of any, or all, of the Parke Davis product would probably involve hundreds of thousands of shots of the anti-polio vaccine. It would clear the way for almost immediate resumption of inoculations in areas which have Parke Davis vaccine on hand.

Government experts have yet to doublecheck shots produced by four other firms. Therefore, full resumption of the nationwide mass immunization program could not be expected immediately.

On May 7 Scheele recommended that all inoculations be halted pending a double check of existing vaccine stocks.

In his prepared testimony, Scheele also disclosed that the "first phase" of the investigation of the temporarily banned vaccine produced by Cutter Laboratories, Berkeley, Calif., has been completed.

Investigators have arrived here from Berkeley with a "large volume of data," he said. This will be "subjected to detailed scrutiny," he said, and "we are not able to predict the time of the conclusion of these studies." He said it might be necessary to repeat some tests.

The government banned distribution of the Cutter-produced vaccine on April 27 when a number of polio cases were reported after inoculation with the Cutter vaccine. It began an immediate check of the Cutter vaccine.

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Navy Unif Inspection Slated Monday Night

Comdr. P. H. Dice will head the official party during inspection of the local Naval Reserve Electronics division at 8 p.m. Monday in the Federal building, 33 North Riverside ave.

Assisting will be Lt. W. S. Lindberg Jr. Commander Dice is district reserve electronics program officer, and Lieutenant Lindberg is his assistant. Both have headquarters in the 13th Naval district, in Seattle, Wash.

The inspection will be both personnel and administrative. The party will inspect the Grants Pass unit of the Electronics division Tuesday night.

Atomic Bomb Test Delay Expected

Las Vegas — (U.P.) — The Atomic Energy Commission made preliminary preparations today for firing tomorrow of the last shot of the 1955 spring atomic test series at Yucca Flat although a morning weather evaluation indicated the test again will be postponed.

Weather

FORECAST: Clearing and cool with freezing temperatures tonight. Mostly sunny and a little warmer Saturday. Expected low tonight near 30. High Saturday near 70.

Highest Yesterday 46 Lowest this Morning 32



GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR U. N. Commander Eisenhower's Choice

Washington — (U.P.) — Gen. Maxwell T. Taylor was nominated today by President Eisenhower to be Army chief of staff, replacing Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway who will retire June 30.

Taylor is now Far East commander in chief of all U. S. and U. N. forces. He will be replaced in these two commands by Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer.

Lemnitzer now commands Army forces in the Far East and the Eighth Army.

The White House said Ridgway recently wrote Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens, asking for voluntary retirement.

Ridgway, who is 60, originally planned to retire in August, but when he made his formal request to Stevens, he advanced the date to June 30.

Taylor, who will be 54 on Aug. 26, commanded the Eighth Army during some of the heaviest fighting in Korea. He was nominated for a two-year term. Change Long Expected

The change in Army command had been expected for some time. Reports became more frequent recently when Ridgway testified before congressional committees about President Eisenhower's proposed manpower cuts.

Ridgway urged Congress to keep the Army strong and "suitably deployed" at danger points throughout the world. He was the lone member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to take a vigorous stand in opposition to the administration's manpower reduction program.

He said the cuts would jeopardize "to a degree" the nation's security.

Washington River Scanned for Children

Goldendale, Wash. — (U.P.) — Search for two missing three-year-old Klickitat children continued today, but sheriff's deputies said there was a strong feeling the tots had been swept downstream by the turbulent Klickitat river.

The children, Terry Williams and her playmate, Walter Mark Greenfield, were last seen playing on the river bank Wednesday afternoon.

A hunt for the children was begun the same day. By late yesterday more than 300 persons, aided by two pairs of bloodhounds brought in from The Dalles and Roseburg, Ore., combed the weeded, rugged area.

The bloodhounds tracked the tots to the river's edge. One hound had to be restrained from entering the water by his handler.

Hungry Burglars Enter Drive-In

Burglars with appetites broke into McDuffie's Coffee Pot Drive-In, 1132 North Riverside ave., sometime before 1:35 a.m. today, and apparently satisfied their hunger.

According to police officers who investigated the burglary, nothing was missing except food, which was eaten in the drive-in. Entrance was gained through a rear window, police said.

A cigarette machine inside was pried open, but police said neither cigarettes nor money was missing from the machine.

County Mosquito Control Program Slated To Start Early in June, Sanitarians Say

A county mosquito control program will start early in June, with the exact date depending on the weather during the next few weeks, county sanitarians said today.

Special equipment is being constructed at the county shops for use in the control program. It includes a smoke-type generator and spray equipment.

The "smoke machine," expected to be needed first, is now nearing completion, they said. The equipment is to be mounted on a pickup truck purchased recently by the county for that purpose.

This will be the third year of the mosquito control program in the county. A total of \$6,000 has been budgeted for that purpose during the coming fiscal year.

At the present time, control work is being mapped in the Medford and Ashland areas, along Rogue river, and in the Applegate valley. However, the sanitarians declared that control work will be conducted any place in the county where it appears to be necessary.

In addition to work with the "smoke machine" and spray rigs, the county plans to do considerable work in controlling mosquitoes in ponds.

A few mosquitoes have hatched so far, but no major hatch in ponds can be expected until water temperatures reach approximately 70 degrees. Field mosquitoes usually hatch somewhat earlier than those in ponds, the sanitarians declared.