

Actress Suzan Ball On Brink of Death From Lung Cancer

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Courageous Suzan Ball, feared dying with cancer of the lungs, fought for her life in a sanitarium today while her film star friends offered hopes and prayers.

The beautiful 22-year-old actress lost her right leg to cancer 18 months ago but refused to abandon her career.

City of Hope Sanitarium revealed Wednesday the malignancy has spread. An official announcement said she was admitted July 5 for "tumors and allied diseases" and is in "serious condition."

On Brink of Death

But hospital sources revealed further she suffers from cancer of the lungs. Several times in the past week she has been on the brink of death.

4-H Identification Contests Slated At Fairgrounds

Plant identification contest for Jackson county 4-H club boys will be held at Bigham hall at the fairgrounds July 20, Earle Jossy, county extension agent, has announced. The contest will start at 1 p.m.

Two winners of the contest will be eligible to attend an expense paid range camp in Grant county the first week of August. Jossy was chosen by the Pacific Northwest section of the American Society of Range Management as county committeeman to assist in choosing local boys and help raise scholarships to send them to camp.

Boys between 14 and 18 years old are eligible for camp, one day of which will be devoted to visiting several range livestock ranches near Seneca.

Subjects

Subjects taught at camp include identification of plants, use of hunting and fishing equipment, surviving in the woods, what to do if lost, and problems involving range management in both open sagebrush and forest land.

Contests, including one finding and naming plants grown in the area, will be held.

The plant identification contest will be open to 4-H club and FFA members, Jossy said. The Jackson County Livestock association and the Jackson County Young Farmers group will each sponsor expenses for one boy to attend the Grant county camp.

Suzan often is in an oxygen tent to help her breathe. Her weight had dropped below 100 pounds. Special nurses watch her around the clock. Actor Richard Long, who married her a year ago following the amputation, stays much of the time by her bedside.

Hollywood stars who knew Suzan at Universal-International Studio were saddened by her illness.

Victor Mature, her co-star in "Chief Crazy Horse," the comeback picture, she made on her artificial leg, pointed out, "Suzan has won a lot of battles."

"I can't believe she'll lose this one," the husky actor said. "This gal will make it again."

Tony Curtis described his long-time friend as "a girl everybody respects and likes."

"I'm so shocked by this. I can only say God bless her and take care of her," he said.

June Allyson had tears in her eyes when she said, "She's a wonderful girl. I'd do anything to help her."

An office worker at Universal-International said, "Everybody in the studio is in love with Suzan. She has tremendous stamina. We think she'll pull through."

Suzan looks tired but is as cheerful, nurses said, as when her leg was amputated Jan. 12, 1934. She "has no idea how ill she is." But her husband and close friends knew even when she walked down the aisle with the handsome actor in Santa Barbara a year ago April at their story-book wedding.

The dark-haired beauty, born in Buffalo, N.Y., moved with her parents to Santa Maria, Calif. Her picture appeared in a newspaper when she baked a prize cake and U-I signed her.

Summer Band Classes Schedule Last Period

The last two weeks of the Medford summer band program will start Monday, July 18, in the Medford High school band room, according to I. A. Mirick, director.

Junior High band members for the summer will meet Monday at 7 p.m. City band and high school band members will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Concerts during the last week of July are planned by the city grade school band, junior high band, and city band. They will be held in the old city park, and there will be no admission charge.

Back Stairs: Packing Day in Washington

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UP White House Writer
Washington — (U.P.) — Back stairs at the White House: This is packing day around the White House as the President, his staff and an accompanying plenitude of reporters prepare to shove off Friday night for Switzerland and the Big Four meeting.

White House travelers are being urged to hold down on baggage weight. Usually weight is no problem on domestic flights. But this isn't true of a long overwater flight. Consequently many members of the travel party have stocked up on lightweight wash-it-yourself suits and shirts made of the new synthetic fibers.

Little chance, however, that President Eisenhower will have to wash his own shirts. His valet, John Moaney, will be along.

At the Swiss villa where the President will stay, a Secret Service agent will be stationed in the kitchen to see that everything goes according to the cook book.

Morning Star First Across Finish Line

Honolulu — (U.P.) — Richard S. Rheem's Morning Star, her every sail unfurled to catch the falling breeze, glided past a spotlight off Diamond Head early today, setting a new record in the Transpacific Yacht race.

To the cheers and whistles of 5000 Hawaiians parked along Diamond Head road, the sleek yacht passed under the beam marking the finish line at 12:06 a.m. (2:06 a.m. PST), lopping more than 19 hours off the old record.

The Morning Star's official time for the 2225-mile crossing from Los Angeles harbor to Diamond Head was 9 days, 15 hours, 5 minutes and 10 seconds.

The Morning Star's handicap time for the race was 9 days, 9 hours, 30 minutes and 22 seconds.

The fact that she crossed the finish line first did not necessarily mean that she won the race. The winner will not be named until all 50 boats in the race have crossed the finish line and their handicap times computed.

GIRL'S HEAD MISSING

Castelgandolfo, Italy — (U.P.) — Police called in troops to help search today for the murderer of a headless beauty. They said the killer may have committed a perfect crime. Federal agents said they are unable to identify the shapely girl's body which was found decapitated along the famous Appian Way Tuesday night.

Collier's magazine, tells how Zhukov led Mr. Eisenhower away from the crowd at their meeting in Potsdam to talk with him privately.

"There are just too many large quadripartite meetings in the glare of publicity and not enough small heart-to-heart talks, which are generally more productive," Zhukov told Mr. Eisenhower.

The actual serving is done by Navy stewards from the White House.

As of today, there are no plans for an exchange of formal dinners among the chiefs of state at the "summit" meeting.

There will be a buffet and bar in a lounge and after the cocktail hour, the principals will go their separate ways to dinner with members of their own delegations.

Officials familiar with the conduct of high-level international conferences say the greatest accomplishments at Geneva could well come from these late afternoon social hours when the leaders of the four powers can get to know each other personally, and without the formality of conference table.

Paul P. Roudakoff, then a U. S. Army major, was interpreter for Mr. Eisenhower in 1945 when the President, as the supreme Allied commander in Europe, had his last face-to-face session with the Russian high command. He met with Gen. Georgi K. Zhukov, now the Soviet defense minister.

Roudakoff, in the current



RECEIVES APPOINTMENT — Mrs. Barbara Norcross, above, has been appointed assistant chief operator for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, here it was announced this week. Mrs. Norcross, formerly from Wausau, Wisc., has been with the telephone company in Medford since 1945. She will administer services for the local dial equipment, and will be in charge of private exchange advisory services.

Helicopter Crash Said Caused by Cable

New York—(U.P.)—A helicopter that crashed on the top of a 16-story building Wednesday, injuring two men, apparently was swung like a yo-yo against the roof's edge on the end of a 30-foot battery cable, an airport official said today.

Donald M. Foley, an airport official for the Port of New York authority which owned the craft, said the cable carries auxiliary electric power for starting the engine. He said the pilot apparently forgot to disengage it.

The crash seriously injured

27 Survivors of Ship Sinking Make Port

Veracruz — (U.P.) — Six rescue boats returned to Veracruz early today with 27 survivors of the Mexican freighter La Flecha which sank Wednesday nine miles off the coast.

Thirty-three passengers and five crewmen were still missing. Survivors said the 145-ton coal freighter was carrying too many passengers, a heavy oil cargo in her hold and an automobile on her deck.

A few of the 51 passengers and 14 crewmembers managed to launch small boats. Most of those aboard were forced to jump into the sea. There was hope that some of those missing may have reached safety on nearby islands.

the pilot and a photographer as they took off from a heliport atop the port authority's building in west midtown Manhattan. A shower of wreckage including a heavy rotor blade cascaded to the street below but no one was injured.

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