

Schoolgirl Killed, Two Others Injured In Ferris Wheel Fall

Dallas, Tex. — (U.P.) — Doctors attempted today to save the life of one of two schoolgirl survivors of a fall from a giant double ferris-wheel that killed their companion.

The three young school girls plummeted 92 feet to the ground when their seat on the "Sky-wheel" on the State Fair of Texas' "Million Dollar Midway" came loose Tuesday.

Killed Instantly

Cynthia Combest, 15, a drummer for the Memphis, Tex., high school band, was killed instantly.

Hector McNeil, British Laborite, Dies in New York

New York — (U.P.) — Hector McNeil of Great Britain, who won fame for his defense of the Atlantic pact in the United Nations, died late Tuesday in a New York hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 48.

McNeil, a leader in the Laborite government of Prime Minister Clement Attlee, was stricken aboard the British liner Queen Mary shortly before it arrived in New York on Oct. 4.

On Business Trip

McNeil had come to New York on business for the Encyclopedia Britannica which he joined as an executive after the fall of the Labor government in 1952. He was also on the advisory council of the British Broadcasting Corp.

He had been a member of the British parliament since 1941. He was appointed undersecretary of state for foreign affairs in 1945. A year later, in 1946, he was made minister of state, a position second only to Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin in Britain's foreign relations operations.

Clashed With Russians

McNeil came to the United Nations for Britain in 1946. He clashed repeatedly with Soviet representatives Andrei Y. Vishinsky and Vyacheslav M. Molotov. It was against these opponents in debate that he defended the Atlantic Pact.

"The pact," he said, "is so patently defensive in intention and in character that only those who contemplate aggression have any reason to regret that pact."

ly. She was thrown over the top of the "Skywheel" and plunged to her death. She was sitting in the middle of the seat.

Kay Leslie, 15, fell all the way through both wheels in the ride, landing at the front of the platform. She was in critical condition at Baylor hospital with a possible skull fracture.

Barbara Allen, 14, stayed with the seat until it was about 15 feet above the ground before she fell to the earth. She survived with only bruises, a shock and a badly gashed leg.

Another child, Mollie Balfour, 13, of Winona, Tex., who was riding in another seat below, was struck as the falling seat with through the steel framework of the ride.

"They just fell on me and knocked a gash in my head," Mollie said. "Then they fell right to the bottom."

Mollie cried as she told police what had happened.

Midway Jammed

The worst tragedy in the history of the nation's largest annual exposition struck on "band day," when thousands of youngsters from throughout Texas, dressed in bright uniforms, joyously jammed the fair grounds and midway.

The 1956 edition of the fair opened its 17-day run only Friday night.

The "Skywheel" was an extra special attraction just for the fair and was set up at the head of the midway, immediately in front of the Cotton bowl. It will be dismantled as soon as engineers complete surveys to determine cause of the fatal accident.

Police Bungling In Murder Case Eyed by Defense

Minneapolis — (U.P.) — The defense worked through a Columbus Day recess today to build up charges of police bungling of evidence in the murder trial of Dr. A. Arnold Axilrod.

Axilrod, a 50-year-old dentist, is charged with strangling a pretty young patient who accused him of making her pregnant and threatened to "expose him to the world."

Garments Introduced

The defense charges came Tuesday after the state introduced the torn and stained garments in which the slain woman, 21-year-old Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Moonen, was found April 23 in the fashionable Lake of the Isles residential area.

The jury of seven women and five men and the packed courtroom, which included Mrs. Moonen's husband, Army Pfc Mathias Moonen, listened in tense silence as a morgue attendant, Harold Kibby, told how he removed the woman's clothing for preservation.

Then chief defense attorney Sidney W. Goff took over and, in cross-examination, tried to establish that official bungling in the handling of the body and the clothes may have covered up clues.

Tass Criticizes Speech by Dulles

Moscow — (U.P.) — Moscow newspapers today published a Tass news agency dispatch from Washington highly critical of U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' speech to the American Legion at Miami, Fla.

Tass said Dulles "contradicts the Geneva spirit of mutual confidence and international collaboration manifested at the conference of the heads of the four-power governments."

The news agency characterized Dulles' appeal for international collaboration as calling "for establishment of military blocks under American leadership and American bases in foreign territory."

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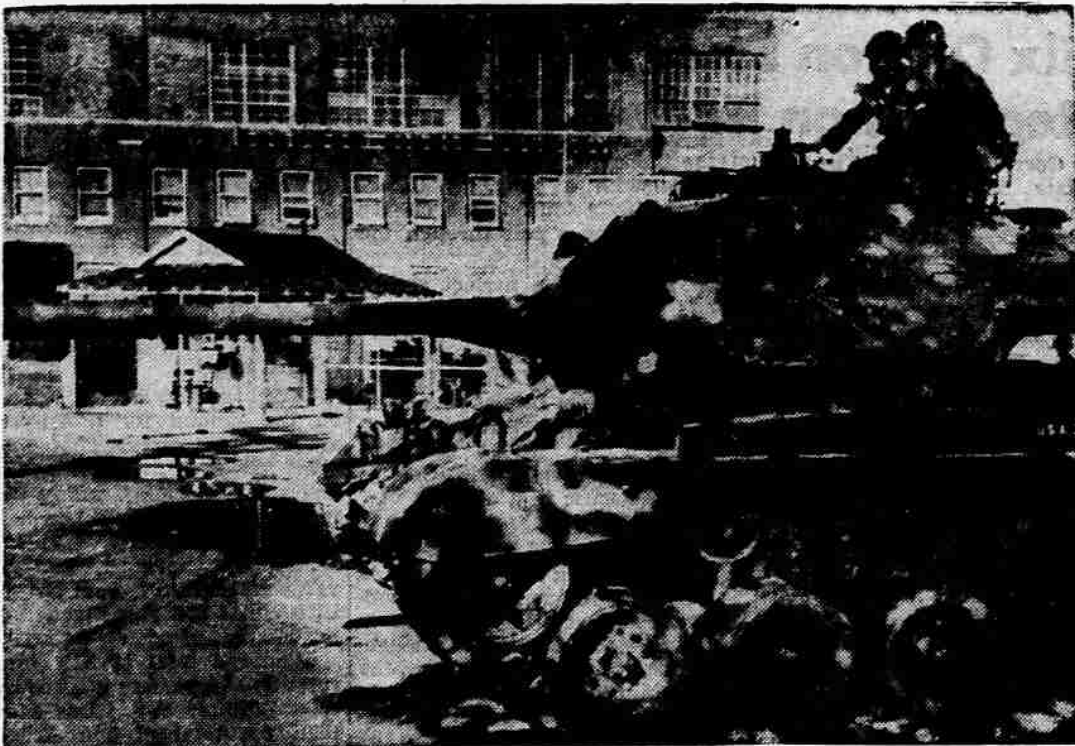
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PEACE, OR ELSE—A National Guard Sherman tank stands by at the gates of the Perfect Circle Corp. foundry at New Castle, Ind., to protect non-striking employees working inside. Governor George N. Craig declared martial law after nine persons were wounded during a CIO-United Auto Workers demonstration. About 50 Guardsmen were on duty in front of the plant.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Christian Science Lecture Planned

Gold Hill — "The healing influence of the Christ in present experience" will be the theme of a Christian Science lecture to be given in Gold Hill on Oct. 13 by Ralph E. Wagers of Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Wagers has lectured extensively in this country and in many foreign countries. He will speak at the invitation of Christian Science society, Gold Hill, in the Gold Hill Grange, hall, Fourth st and Sixth ave., Gold Hill, at 8 p.m. His subject will be "Christian Science: The Dawn of a New Day." The lecture is open to the public without charge.

For the past 30 years Mr. Wagers has been actively engaged in the public practice of Christian Science. Prior to that he was in the lumber business in Wisconsin. He became an authorized teacher of Christian Science in 1940 and a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship in 1946.

Army Reserves Plan Talks at Schools

Staff members of the Army reserve unit advisor here are scheduling talks at high schools in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties to explain the new Reserve Forces act of 1955.

The new act provides a program in which youths between 17 and 18½ years of age may enlist in the reserves, complete six months active training duty, and remain in the reserve 7½ years in a local unit.

TAKES PAROLE ANYWAY

Brighton, Mich. — (U.P.) — William Brooks, 21, learned Tuesday the Michigan State Parole board had turned down his application for parole. Several hours later he walked away from the Brighton Prison farm.

Paris — (U.P.) — France's dignified Pasteur Institute displayed x-ray films today of a sidewalk sword swallower with the comment: "He is not faking but he is in more danger from germs on the sword than from the blade."

Action Deferred on Annexation Requests

Action on an annexation request from residents southeast of Medford was deferred by the city planning commission at a special meeting yesterday.

The commission received for consideration six petitions with 84 signatures requesting annexation. Action was deferred until after members of the commission inspect the proposed area later this week.

The area proposed to be annexed includes the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital site and an area along Barnett rd. east of Bear creek. The area was included in a previous annexation proposal which was defeated by residents surrounding Medford to the south from East Main st. to West Main st.

Mannheim, Germany — (U.P.) — The "Look Ahead News" has been named the best GI mimeographed newspaper in the European command. The paper's editors are inmates of the Army military prison here.

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