

House-by-House Search Launched for Clues in Chicago Killings

Police Seeking Scene of Murders, Victims' Clothing

Bus Driver, Waitress Tell of Seeing Boys

Chicago —(U.P.)— Fifty policemen today launched a house-by-house, foot-by-foot search of a six-block area where they believe three young boys were strangled.

They hunted in garbage cans, vacant lots and alleys for clues to the wanton murder Sunday night of Robert Peterson, 13, John Schuessler, 13, and his 11-year-old brother, Anton, Jr.

Clothing Sought
The policemen hoped particularly to find the boys' clothing, which had been ripped off them, and the tape which was used to blind their eyes and mouths.

The boys' nude, mutilated bodies were found Tuesday, thrown into a forest preserve ditch like sacks of potatoes.

The triple murder is one of the most shocking crimes in Chicago's history, but authorities are divided about the motive behind it.

Two Different Theories
County officials, including Sheriff Joseph Lohman and Coroner Walter McCarron, believe the boys were killed by one of the teenaged gangs that roam the northwest side. But city policemen leaned to the theory that the murder was the work of one or more sex perverts.

A bus driver and a waitress helped police to the conclusion that the boys were murdered some place in the six-block area.

Bus driver Bruno Mercanini, 44, was apparently the last person outside of the killers to see the boys alive.

Boys Boarded Bus
He told police Wednesday night that the three boys boarded his Milwaukee ave. bus Sunday at 8:55 p.m. and got off a few minutes later.

The waitress, Mrs. Elsie Weisberger, 26, said the boys ate a hearty final meal between 5 and 6 p.m. at the C&L Restaurant, a favorite teenaged hangout. They impressed her with their politeness, she said.



VICTIMS IN BRUTAL SLAYING—The nude, mangled bodies of Robert Peterson, 13 (left); Anton Schuessler, 11 (center), and John Schuessler, 13 (right), were found in a forest preserve near Chicago. The Schuessler brothers had been strangled by hand. Their friend, Robert, had been viciously beaten on the head and then strangled with a tie or rope. Marks showed their eyes, mouths and hands had been taped. They were not sexually assaulted. It was one of the worst crimes in Chicago's history and has touched off a giant manhunt for a sex maniac or teen-aged hoodlums.

Skid Row Hotel Fire In Chicago Kills 2

Chicago —(U.P.)— Fire swept through a skid row hotel Wednesday night, burning two men to death and injuring eight others.

The dead men were trapped on the upper two floors of the Adams hotel, which is regarded as a slight cut above the usual brand of flop houses along Tawdry West Madison st.

One of the victims was identified by a rent receipt found in his pocket as Egbert Lonergan, 60. The other man was burned beyond recognition.

Price Controls On Items Farmers Purchase Urged

Washington —(U.P.)— A Republican congressman wants the administration to begin an emergency program of price controls on items farmers must purchase.

Rep. Phil Weaver (R-Neb.) made the suggestion yesterday in a telegram to Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson.

Weaver also invited Benson to accompany him on a tour of Nebraska farms for a first-hand look at the "sagging economic position" of farmers.

Shivers Blames Democrats
Meantime, Texas Gov. Allan Shivers, a Democrat, said the battle over farm price supports was probably made inevitable by Democratic-sponsored legislation.

Shivers said the farm issue has become "a contest between the two parties, not to solve the problem, but to see who's going to offer more."

"I would like to see us get politics out of the farm problems and really go to work to solve it," he said at the annual Southern Governors Conference at Point Clear, Ala.

Immediate Steps Urged
Weaver said the government "must take immediate steps to strengthen and bolster" the farm economy.

He proposed a "temporary and emergency program to establish maximum prices . . . on essential items for farming operations."

He suggested that they be "pegged to a previous date when the parity rate was reasonably fair to the farmer."

Sears Roebuck To Open Catalog Store

Opening activities will be conducted Friday and Saturday at the new catalog and service store of the Sears Roebuck and company. It is in the former location of the Brainerd studios on South Central ave.

L. M. George, Portland, is temporarily assigned as manager of the new store and Margaret Gail is assistant manager. Jim Craig is a field representative.

The store will feature shopping by catalog either at the store or by telephone, a local credit department, and a local service department, George said.

Evan Petcoff, here from Seattle branch office, is the credit manager.

Donald Swank and Wilfred Friesen are service men and others on the staff include Margaret McGuire, Clara Hyland, Betty Payne and Dessie Evalyne Taylor.

On display at the store are samples of Sears' merchandise.

Red China Frees Two Not on American List

Geneva, Switzerland —(U.P.)— Communist China today announced the release of two more American "nationals" but United States officials said they are not on the list of detained Americans whose freedom is being negotiated here.

U. S. Envoy U. Alexis Johnson is expected to ask for information on the two Americans during the 22nd session of the Sino-American ambassadorial talks. The session opened shortly after Peiping Radio announced that two "American" civilians had been granted permission to leave Communist China.

The broadcast, monitored in London, identified the couple as "Louis Henkel and his wife, Mrs. L. A. Henkel . . . two nationals of the United States living in Shanghai."

Marjorie Smith Case Under Way in Yamhill

McMinnville —(U.P.)— The state disclosed today that it will ask the death penalty for Mrs. Marjorie Smith, Portland widow, accused of complicity in the slaying of her attorney husband last April.

McMinnville —(U.P.)— Marjorie Smith, a pretty young Portland widow, went on trial for her life today in Yamhill county courthouse.

The first degree murder trial resulted from the death, almost six months ago, of Portland attorney Oliver Kermit Smith. Smith was blown to bits by dynamite attached to the starter of his car.

Selection of a jury was expected to occupy the rest of this week.

Dynamite Plant Admitted
Last April 22, 45-year-old Victor Laurence Wolf admitted to police that he planted the dynamite in Smith's car. He said he did it at Mrs. Smith's instigation because he was her "love slave."

But Mrs. Smith has stoutly denied that she was in love with Wolf or that she planned to use him to kill her attorney-husband whom she divorced in 1954 and remarried in 1955.

Marjorie Smith was transferred from Portland to the new jail here last week to prepare for trial.

Wolf, who invoked a little-known law to plead guilty to the murder, is awaiting a hearing.

Old Golf Caddy Visits Eisenhower

Denver —(U.P.)— President Eisenhower today had a visit from one of his old-time golfing caddies, New York investment banker Clifford J. Roberts, who was the first caller other than officials and family members since the chief executive entered the hospital.

Roberts, who also is chairman of the Executive committee of the Augusta National Country club, spent about 15 or 20 minutes with the President at Fitzsimons Army hospital where Mr. Eisenhower is recovering from a heart attack.

Mr. Eisenhower sat up for about 40 minutes in an easy chair in his room. He also continued work on an oil painting of the majestic Rocky Mountain landscape visible from his window.

Salk Polio Vaccine Said 'Safe as Aspirin'

Pocatello, Idaho —(U.P.)— The independent doctor who discovered live polio virus in Cutter vaccine used in Idaho last spring said today vaccine currently being distributed was "safe as aspirin."

"The safety tests used on each batch of polio vaccine manufactured now makes it safe as the vaccines for smallpox, whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus that are so universally accepted," said Dr. John G. Bachtold, Salt Lake City.

MEETING DELAYED
A city council meeting scheduled for noon today was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. Annexation of block six as an extension of the Siskiyou heights addition, and a petition for the annexation of an area adjacent to Southeast Medford will be considered at the meeting.

County Officials At Salem Meeting On Highway Plans

County Commissioner Chester Wendt and County Engineer Paul Rynning were in Salem today to confer with state highway officials about the proposed new road to Klamath Falls.

The route would run through the McAllister Soda Springs area and by Lake of the Woods, furnishing an easy grade, all-weather highway across the mountains as a supplement to the Green Springs route.

Difficulties in getting the project under way are largely financial, and it was understood that today's conference is being held in an attempt to agree on plans for paying for the road.

Earlier plans called for federal-state financing, with Jackson and Klamath counties to provide the right of way and maintenance.

Both counties cooled on the plan, however, when Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock indicated that the federal participation would have to come from county road monies provided regularly by the federal government. Other types of federal participation, including the possibility of obtaining forest road funds, are being explored.

UN Assembly Picks Greece and Brazil

United Nations, N.Y. —(U.P.)— The UN General Assembly, entangled in its worst election snarl in history, today elected Greece and Brazil to the remaining vacancies on the Economic and Social Council.

Hopelessly deadlocked after nine ballots, the Assembly heeded American advice and suspended voting for the Security Council late yesterday and proceeded to the elections for the other two major councils, Economic and Social, and Trusteeship.

The Philippines, backed by the United States, held a slim lead over Yugoslavia, supported by Russia and Britain acting independently, but was nine votes short of the required two-thirds majority.

Adenauer Said Well On Road To Recovery

Bonn, Germany —(U.P.)— Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, stricken two weeks ago by bronchial pneumonia, was up and about for two hours today and doctors said he is "well on the road to recovery."

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YALTA DECISION SUPPORT DENIED MACARTHUR

Statement Made In Bristling Reply To Defense Report Said Not Consulted Before Yalta Meeting

Washington —(U.P.)— Gen. Douglas MacArthur admitted today he urged Russia's entry into the fight against Japan in World War II, but vigorously denied he ever supported concessions made to the Russians at the Yalta conference.

The famed former Pacific commander made the statements in a bristling reply to a 107-page Defense Department report on long secret wartime decisions which showed that MacArthur had strongly favored Russia as an 11th hour ally in the fight against Japan.

But he said he had not been consulted before the Yalta conference in February, 1945, exercised no influence on it, and knew nothing about its secret agreements.

Fantastic Agreement
"I repeat," MacArthur said, "had my views been requested concerning the secret agreements bearing upon Russia's entry into the Pacific war I would have opposed them as fantastic."

MacArthur's views on Russia's entry into the war against Japan have been the center of a swirling political controversy for years.

The Democrats have claimed the pressure of MacArthur and other U. S. military leaders to get Russia into the war was the main reason the late President Roosevelt agreed at Yalta to postwar territorial concessions for Russia in the Far East.

The Republicans have claimed just as vigorously that Roosevelt sold out the country at Yalta. And as late as last spring MacArthur said he would have opposed Russia's entry into the war at the time of Yalta if he had been consulted.

Was Not Consulted
In his 350-word statement issued from his Waldorf-Astoria headquarters in New York, MacArthur declared any attempt to associate him with the concessions made at Yalta would be "wholly unwarranted" and "prevaricate the truth and the record."

He declared the Defense Department documents released last night "confirm I was never consulted concerning the Yalta conference, that I exercised no influence whatsoever thereon and knew nothing about its secret agreements."

MacArthur said the controversy never was over whether Russia should have entered the war. He said this "should clearly have been done at the very beginning."

The real point at issue, he said, was whether "we should have made vital territorial concessions at the expense of Chinese sovereignty to induce Russia to come in at the end."

United's Pilots Will Continue Despite Strike
Chicago —(U.P.)— The Air Lines Pilots Association said today that United Air Lines pilots will continue to fly even if the Flight Engineers International Association calls its threatened strike against the company Oct. 22.

Swedish Scientist Winner Of Nobel Medicine Prize
Stockholm —(U.P.)— A Swedish scientist won the 1955 Nobel prize for medicine today over five famed American candidates.

Prof. Axel Hugo Theorell won the coveted Hugo and the cash prize of \$36,720 for his 20-year-old research into the secrets of enzymes, the complex organic bits that cause chemical transformations of material in plants and animals.

Also considered in the running, although the list of candidates was secret, were New York heart specialists Andre Cournand and Dickinson W. Richards, and brain specialist Vincent Du Vigneaud of Cornell university.

Highland Grocery Victim of Burglary
Several hundred dollars worth of groceries were taken from the Highland grocery, 458 South Highland ave., Tuesday night, according to city police.

Niles B. Smith, 316 South Highland ave., owner of the store reported that several items, including bacon, lunch meats, beer, eggs, 20 cartons of cigarettes, soda, sugar and canned foods were missing.

Entry was gained through a rear entrance to the store.

Salvage of Burned Timber Under Way in County

More than 400 acres of burned-over forest area have been reseeded to grass to protect soils from erosion, it was reported today by the Medford district office of the bureau of land management.

The Skyes creek fire site in the northern part of the county, some 280 acres has been reseeded by BLM personnel, and on the Timber mountain fire northwest of Jacksonville 260 acres have been seeded in a cooperative project involving the BLM, the city of Jacksonville, and private owners. Grass reseeded on Blackwell hill is planned soon.

The bureau had hoped to be able to do reforestation work at the same time as the grass seeding, but adequate supplies of the proper types of tree seeds were not available. This planting will be done when seeds are available, a bureau spokesman said.

Work is under way preparing large stands of fire-damaged timber for salvage sales, mostly in the Skyes creek area, and similar work will be started soon in the Timber mountain burn. The work involves surveying lines and assembling access road information. It is hoped the sales can be held in the spring before the heat of summer starts damaging the timber.

Plan Small Sales
It may be possible to have a few small salvage sales within the next few months, it was reported, possibly including some in the Blackwell hill fire area.

Several hundred acres of National Forest land burned over in the same Labor Day week end fires are being surveyed for salvage possibilities, according to Jack Wood, supervisor of the Rogue River National forest.

Most of the salvage operations will be carried on in Klamath county, he indicated.

To Plant 700 Acres
Yreka—Plans to reseed 700 acres of the Haystack burn area to grasses have been announced by R. W. Bower, supervisor of the Klamath National forest.

Bower stated that when more money becomes available forest service plans call for reseeding of 8,000 to 10,000 additional acres of non-timber producing lands.

Congressman Clair Engle (D-Calif.), has wired Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson a request to allocate \$80,000 from emergency funds to complete reseeding of the burn area.

It is considered important that the reseeding be done before heavy rains ruin the natural seedbed left by the fire.



SEEKING VARIETY OF PRIZES, these girls are among 22 competing for "Miss World" title in London. From left: Jennifer Chines, Miss Britain; Margaret Anne Hayward, Miss U. S. A.; Anita Ostrand, Miss Sweden; Karin Rasmussen, Miss Denmark and Mirva Arvinen, Miss Finland. Winner gets sports car, \$1,400 and silver rose bowl. (International)

George H. Jackson, Attorney, Passes

George H. Jackson, 74, of 202 West Third st., died unexpectedly in Grants Pass late Tuesday afternoon. He was visiting there to check on property he owned.

Mr. Jackson, an attorney, has lived in Medford since 1944, and has been active in practice here. Before that he had lived and practiced law in Grants Pass since 1923, moving there from Detroit, Mich.

Christian Science services will be read in the Conger-Morris chapel at 9:30 a.m. Friday. Committal will follow in Siskiyou Memorial park.

He leaves his widow, the former Juliet Larkin, whom he married in Illinois in 1915; three sons, George H. Jackson Jr., Portland; Robert A. Jackson, Manhattan Beach, Calif.; and Philip L. Jackson, Ann Arbor, Mich.; a sister, Mrs. Violet Powers, Grants Pass, and two grandchildren.

He was born in Canada on May 3, 1881, and moved to Michigan as a small child. He was graduated from the University of Michigan law school in 1908, and practiced in South Dakota and Michigan until moving to Grants Pass. He also was active in real estate and insurance business in Grants Pass. He was a member of the Oregon Bar association.

Special Planes To Be Sent for Senators Traveling in Europe

Washington —(U.P.)— The Defense Department said today it is sending two 66-passenger transport planes to Europe, at a cost of \$20,000, to pick up three senators and their wives and return them to this country.

The department said it is doing so at senatorial request and that has "no alternative." But aides to the three senators said they did not believe special flights were necessary.

The Defense Department said it has a "duty" under law "to provide without question transportation to members of Congress who are traveling" on official committee business.

One plane will go to Madrid Sunday to pick up Sens. John McClellan (D-Ark.) and John Stennis (D-Miss.) and their wives. The other plane will go to Paris to pick up Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.) and his wife Nov. 3.

All three senators are members of the senate Appropriations Committee. They have been touring Europe and the Near East to check on defense spending.

The cost of sending the planes, four-engine Constellations, will be about \$10,000 for each round trip.

The Defense Department statement was prompted by inquiries about a story from Berlin by Jim Lucas of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers reporting that the Air Force was flying two big transport planes to Europe to pick up the three senators and their wives.

Other Planes Available
The department said previously scheduled military planes could have picked up McClellan and Stennis in Madrid on Oct. 25 and Chavez in Paris on Nov. 6, two and three days respectively after the specially dispatched planes are scheduled to pick up the senators.

Aides to the three senators said the Air Force knew well in advance that all three had firm commitments which made it necessary for them to return to the United States on specified dates. They said schedules had been worked out last month and special trips should not have been made necessary.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Friday. Low tonight 40. High Friday 72.

Highest Yesterday Temp. 83

Lowest this Morning 43