

Nurse Admits Shaking Infant Who Died of Head, Body Injuries

New Haven, Conn. — (U.P.) — Authorities called an inquest today into the death of an 11-day-old baby and questioned the infant's hulk nurse about the deaths of two other babies and the injuries of two more.

The 250-pound, six-foot pediatric nurse, Miss Virginia B. Jaspers, 33, said she would shake or squeeze the infants because "kids sometimes get on my nerves."

"She has tremendous hands and probably doesn't know her own strength," Police Chief Francis W. McManus said. Works in Private Homes

The investigation into the ac-

tivities of the nurse, who hires out to private homes to care for babies just brought home from the hospital, was touched off last Thursday by the death of tiny Abba Kapsinow, 11-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kapsinow.

Miss Jaspers awoke the Kapsinows about 2:30 a.m. and told them the baby was breathing heavily. Mrs. Kapsinow investigated, noticed a fleck of blood in one of the child's nostrils, and called the doctor.

The child was rushed to a hospital where she died about 4 a.m. from severe head and body injuries.

Dr. Sterling P. Taylor, acting medical examiner, notified Coroner James J. Corrigan that death was suspicious and New Haven police moved into the case.

Check Background

They checked into the nurse's background and found that three other babies under her care had died and that two others had received injuries. They called the nurse in for questioning and she admitted that she had shaken the Kapsinow baby and four others.

Miss Jaspers said she shook the Kapsinow baby when the infant refused to take her bottle. She said she took hold of the child with both hands, pressed both thumbs into the infant's chest and shook her violently. The nurse was alone with the baby at the time.

She said she didn't want to harm the babies but said she would lose patience with the infants and shake or squeeze them.

Mine Shaft Blast Kills 2, Hurts 3

Ontonagon, Mich. — (U.P.) — An investigation was begun today into the cause of an explosion which tore through a shaft of the Caldonia Mine, killing two miners and injuring three others.

The blast took place in the shaft Monday, killing Edward J. Hayes, 51, and Hugo A. Lukkari, 36, both of Mass, Mich. The injured men were not hurt seriously.

Mine officials said the cause of the explosion had not yet been determined but theorized it was caused by accidentally ignited methane gas.

Oregon City Youth Slays Self After Beating Stepmother

Oregon City — (U.P.) — A 16-year-old Oregon City youth shot and killed himself yesterday after he apparently had beaten his stepmother with a claw hammer, police reported.

Authorities identified the youth as Hubert Lyle Jr. in serious condition in a Portland hospital was Mrs. Florence Lyle, 33.

Investigating officers said the youth apparently hit his stepmother over the head with the hammer several times in their rural home. Force of the blows was so severe that the hammer handle was broken, authorities said.

Crawled To Neighbors

Mrs. Lyle, severely beaten and in a dazed condition, crawled nearly a block to a neighbor's home. She was unable to talk but conveyed to Bill Lakey that she feared for the lives of her three small children.

Young Lyle went to a rear room of the low ranch style home and shot himself through the head with a rifle, police said.

Officers believed the attack resulted from a family argument over the youth's drinking. Young Lyle had been arrested on a charge of being drunk last week and was to appear in court this week, Coroner Leslie Peake said.

Mrs. Lyle underwent surgery at Good Samaritan hospital last night after which her condition was reported as "much better" and doctors gave her a fair chance at survival.

Gloria Vanderbilt On Brief Honeymoon With Third Husband

New York — (U.P.) — Gloria Vanderbilt, society's "poor little rich girl" honeymooned briefly today with her husband, Director Sidney Lumet.

The heiress to Vanderbilt railroad millions and the former Broadway "dead end" kid who grew up in poverty were married Monday on the "spur of the moment" at the home of Playwright Sidney Kingsley after obtaining a waiver of the usual 24-hour waiting period.

The couple said serious honeymoon plans would have to be delayed until October. Miss Vanderbilt has a contract for a summer theater engagement at Millburn, N.J., starting tonight, while Lumet has several conferences in Hollywood scheduled.

Wedding a Surprise

Friends of the couple said the wedding came as a surprise. Gloria and Lumet met March 4, 1953, and had talked about marriage for more than a year before deciding suddenly to obtain a license.

The radiant bride, a spray of white orchids in her black hair and a beige silk "period of 1830

dress" and the bespectacled television and movie director, wearing a grey business suit, met in Kingsley's music room for the wedding.

Federal Judge Irving H. Saypol, who issued the marriage waiver after the couple obtained the license at 2:30 p.m., officiated.

The couple, both 32, said after the ceremony, "we are both going on with our careers."

Third for Gloria
The marriage was the third for Miss Vanderbilt. Her first, at 17, was to actor's agent Pat Di Cicco. At 21, she married conductor Leopold Stokowski, who was more than three times her age. She divorced him last year, after a 10-year marriage, winning custody of their sons, Stanislaw, 6, and Christopher, 4.

Lumet, former husband of actress Rita Gam, is the son of Polish immigrant parents. While living on New York's Lower East Side he managed to win an acting part in Kingsley's Broadway play "Dead End."

Lumet had important roles in such plays as "George Washington Slept Here" and "A Flag is Born." He subsequently went into television where for a time he directed "You Are There" and "Danger."

Stevenson, Nixon Slate L. A. Speeches

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Democratic presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson will deliver major speeches next week here before the 38th national convention of the American Legion.

National Adjutant E. A. Blackmore revealed Monday that Stevenson will address the convention Wednesday, Sept. 5, and the vice president's speech will be on Thursday, the closing day of the convention. The topics for both speeches were not disclosed.

The convention opens Labor Day with a parade through downtown Los Angeles that winds up in Memorial Coliseum. The first business session is scheduled Tuesday and will be followed by a major address by Hollington K. Tong, ambassador from the Republic of China.

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Massachusetts Hit By Sleeping Sickness

Boston — (U.P.) — Two weeks of dry, cold weather would end the threat of mosquito-borne "sleeping sickness" now plaguing Massachusetts, a state health official said today.

Dr. Roy F. Feemster, director of the division of communicable diseases, said the current wave of encephalitis or sleeping sickness has proven fatal to three children and 18 horses, but is "by no means an epidemic."

"We won't consider it an epidemic until we have at least 30 human cases in the state," Feemster said. Seven cases in humans have been reported to date.

The disease is usually fatal in 20 to 40 per cent of those stricken. Massachusetts is currently carrying on a land and air spraying war against the spread of the disease.



KIWANIS SPEAKER — Congressman Harris Ellsworth will address Medford Kiwanis club Wednesday at its noon luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club.

He will report on the work of the last Congress and speak on the bills affecting Jackson county. Ellsworth, Republican nominee for reelection to the House of Representatives from Oregon's fourth district, will be here also on Thursday evening for the Republican party jamboree at Hawthorne park.

Street Widening Project Indicated

Ashland — Widening of North Main st. from Helman st. west to the new underpass is scheduled to be started soon, a letter to Ashland from the State Highway department indicated Monday.

The letter notified the city that the highway department plans to call for bids on the street widening project in the near future. Plans call for widening the street to approximately 47 feet between curbs in order to provide four lanes of traffic without parking. This will be a federal-aid project.

At present the street is about 34 feet wide, according to Elmer C. Biegel, city superintendent. He said the widening project would eliminate the parkway on each side of the street.

The state highway department will widen the street and repave it, while the city will lay a new six inch water main and install new street lighting.

There will be no change of routing nor abandonment within the city of Ashland, according to the highway department. Some additional right-of-way will be required for widening, it was pointed out.

A public hearing is tentatively set for Sept. 18, it was stated Monday, if the desire for a hearing is expressed by residents.

Four More Banks Up Interest Rate

Washington — (U.P.) — Four more Federal Reserve banks raised their interest rates today in line with the government's anti-inflation policy.

Federal reserve banks at Boston, Atlanta, St. Louis and Dallas pushed their interest rates to the 3 per cent level adopted by five other banks last week.

Two already were charging the higher rate. The bank at Kansas City is now the only one in the Federal Reserve system still holding the old 2 3/4 per cent level.

The 3 per cent rate is the highest since the "bank holiday" of 1933. Whenever the reserve system steps up the rate charged to member banks that borrow from the system, it tends to make all borrowing more expensive by forcing up interest rates throughout the economy. This normally tends to reduce borrowing.

The latest round of increases began last week when the banks at New York, Philadelphia, Richmond and Chicago jumped to 3 per cent. San Francisco and Minneapolis already were at that level. Cleveland soon followed suit.

Nixon's Father Said Slightly Improved

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon's 77-year-old father was slightly improved but remained in serious condition today after suffering a slight setback.

Dr. I. N. Kraushaar said the father, Frank Nixon, was putting up a determined fight to live and was doing as well as could be expected for a person of his age. The elder Nixon, suffering from hemorrhaging of an artery in his abdomen, suffered a slight relapse early Monday but improved during the day.

The vice president left his father's bedside Sunday for Washington after conferring with the doctor. Nixon rushed to the family home at LaHabra last Wednesday when his father was stricken and in a critical condition.

Briton Questioned on Egyptian Espionage

Cairo — (U.P.) — Egyptian authorities today questioned one of two Britons arrested on espionage charges with four Arabs and said "he may confess about others."

James Swinburn, 51-year-old employee of the Arab News Agency, and Charles Pittuck, who worked for the Marconi Telegraph Company, were arrested Monday on charges of espionage.

A government spokesman said Swinburn, accused of heading a spy ring which worked for Britain, may tell the names of other suspects during questioning today.

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Constitution Party Holds Convention To Pick Candidates

Fort Worth, Tex. — (U.P.) — The Constitution Party of the U.S., holding its national convention in Fort Worth, was to adopt a platform and nominate its presidential and vice presidential candidates today.

Between 75 and 100 Constitution party members from more than 17 states are meeting in the Texas Hotel. The party was founded by Philip Lee Eubanks of San Antonio.

Andrews Seen Choice
T. Coleman Andrews, former internal revenue commissioner, was expected to head the ticket and ex-Congressman Thomas H. Werdel of California will probably get the vice-presidential nomination.

A spokesman said that both Andrews, a Richmond, Va., banker, and Werdel, who once ran for California governor against Earl Warren, have said they will accept the nominations.

Andrews served as Internal Revenue commissioner under President Eisenhower, but resigned with a bitter condemnation of the nation's income tax laws.

Ask Just Interpretation
The party's platform is called "The 10 commandments for good government."

One of the planks call for the "Constitution of the United States and Bill of Rights correctly and justly interpreted; Americanism and American justice; states rights exercised and retained; removal of government from business; individual state regulation of public education and protection of the legal rights of labor to a degree equal to the rights of all other groups of citizens."

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FOILS PICTURE TAKING

Saginaw, Mich. — (U.P.) — Frank Tomaszewski of Carrollton set up a camera and trip wire in hope of getting a picture of the thief who was stealing gasoline from a shed near his home. The thief struck again Monday night. He ignored the gas and took the camera.

TELE-GUIDED MISSILE
Washington — (U.P.) — Italian political leader Amintore Fanfani filled in Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on the Democratic National Convention with a crisp one-sentence report. Fanfani said from what he heard he understood that Dulles is a "tele-guided missile."

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Dover, N. J. — (U.P.) — The Baldos believe in doing things in threes. Richard, wife Betty, and son, Jimmy, 7, will have a triple-date birthday cake today to celebrate the fact all three were born on Aug. 28.

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