

Chemical Tank Cars Spill in City Area

Houston, Tex. — (AP) — Six chemical tank cars of a Missouri Pacific train derailed Saturday spilling poisonous chemicals in a densely populated area and forcing evacuation of some homes.

Smoking, poisonous fumes of muriatic acid which poured from ruptured seams of the tank cars began oncoming with heavy fog which was thickened by anti-toxic chemicals. There was no fire but city fire trucks stood by.

There was some mystery as to what caused the wreck although it was generally believed to have been caused by a burned out wheel bearing. The six tanks were in the middle of a long freight. About 150 feet of the track was torn up.

The one injury reported occurred hours after the accident. Louis Fortune, Kingsville, a train repair crew foreman, fell into a pool of acid and was badly burned on the hands, a leg and a foot.

Ashland Cars Receive Two-Way Radio Equipment
Ashland — Two-way radio equipment has been installed in the city cars and three more by vehicles will be similarly equipped in the future, according to Elmer Biegel, city superintendent.

A control unit for the radios and a speaker have been installed in the city warehouse office. The 52,600 radios will operate under the same code as units now in use by the Ashland fire and police departments.



CRAMMING — For state competition for Rhodes Scholarship candidates at Hutchinson, Kans. is Blaine Hollinger, Kansas University basketball guard and broad jumper. Hollinger is a medical student with a 2.75 average (3.00 is straight A). He is also a four-time varsity letter winner.

Thornton Rules on Land At Bottom of River

Salem — (AP) — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton has ruled that a property owner loses title to his land when it is on the bottom of a river.

The opinion was sought by three Corvallis gravel companies who have grants to land that has been covered by the changing course of the Willamette river.

Thornton said the low water mark is the boundary of private property bordering a navigable stream.

Three Newsmen Are Arrested by Police In Hungary Friday

London — (AP) — A Daily Express correspondent, arrested in Budapest Friday and held for eight hours, said Saturday "the longest hours of my life" were spent in a grubby room guarded by Hungarian police carrying tommyguns.

Richard Killian, regular New York correspondent of the Express was arrested Friday with Ronald Farquhar of Reuters and Eric Wahar, an Austrian working for Associated Press. They were released Friday night.

Killian said the three correspondents had gone to the Czepl Island Industrial Center near Budapest to see if it was still on strike.

Going back to their parked car, four policemen, all carrying tommyguns, and a plain clothesman arrested them. Taken to Headquarters

They were taken across a large square to police headquarters at 3:50 p.m. "Inside the dimly-lit building our papers were checked and then taken upstairs to the Soviet commandant," Killian wrote in his story filed from Budapest.

"We were put under guard in a room with a bed covered with a tattered blanket, a desk, and three chairs. Two Hungarian policemen sat with their tommyguns across their laps three feet from us."

Just before seven o'clock, he wrote, a police officer told them they would be taken back to Budapest. Despite their protests, they were not allowed to telephone.

In Budapest they were taken to central police headquarters. For two hours Killian sat while Wahar and Farquhar were taken off for questioning. All the while he was guarded by tommygun-carrying policemen with are-you-a-spy looks.

Gets New York Greeting
Finally, Killian said, he was taken in for questioning, and was greeted by a man who said "Hi Ya. So you're from New York. Well I spent a lot of them there too!"

Killian was questioned on why he had been near the factory. "It turned out after all that I did not have a certificate from the foreign ministry in Russian and in Hungarian, a certificate which would allow me to work as a journalist in Hungary. But before I could leave I had to admit that I was 'wrong.'"

"I had to say that no policeman manhandled me. The presence of a tommy-gun a few inches from you is not considered manhandling."

At midnight, the three men were "ceremoniously ushered back" home with a police escort through the deserted streets.

President Sends Servicemen Greetings

Washington — (AP) — President Eisenhower, in special Christmas greetings to American servicemen throughout the world voiced hope Saturday for "a better world for all men."

"In this season, as we think of peace," he said, "the nation does not forget the efforts and sacrifices of those who protect our country from its enemies. May the blessings of health, in body and in spirit, be with you throughout the New Year."

"As we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, we renew and fortify our hope and efforts for a better world for all men."

DURLING ON VACATION
E. V. Durling, whose column "On the Side" appears regularly in the Mail Tribune, is on vacation. It will be resumed on Dec. 17.



ADMITTING arson, Robert Whelan, 19, tells police he started fires which destroyed three churches in Boston area. (International)

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Petition Dismissed By Relations Board

Washington — (AP) — The AFL-CIO Hawaii Teamsters and Allied workers lost their bid Friday to represent employees of Standard Oil Company in Hawaii.

The National Labor Relations Board dismissed a petition which asked jurisdiction over production and maintenance employees, truck-drivers and plant clerical employees on Oahu.

Standard Oil opposed the petition on grounds the employees were adequately represented by a unit covering employees in seven western states and the territories of Hawaii and Alaska.

The union's petition originally was dismissed by NLRB examiner Roy O. Hoffman. The NLRB action affirmed the dismissal.

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Civilian Test Pilot Escapes Injuries

El Paso, Tex. — (AP) — A civilian test pilot escaped injury Friday when he parachuted from an Air Force F102 — a jet fighter-interceptor capable of supersonic speeds.

Harry E. Dugan, a test pilot for Hughes Aircraft Company of Culver City, Calif., was ferrying the \$1 million plane to Holloman Air Development Center in New Mexico for tests. He was found by a border patrolman 23 miles west of El Paso, in New Mexico, and was taken to Briggs Air Force Base Hospital for a check-up.

The plane crashed a few miles away. A military security unit was rushed to the scene to guard the wreckage.

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