

Man Ordered Off Bus Kills Two, Wounds Five Before Being Slain

Cleveland, Ohio — A crazed gunman, ordered off a bus for allegedly molesting an 18-year-old girl, shot and killed the bus driver, the girl and wounded five passengers in the Greyhound bus terminal here today, before he was killed by a Cleveland detective.

Georgiann Kartzke, 18, of Fort Davis, Va., and bus driver Leo Almerico, 49, of Cleveland, were dead on arrival at St. Vincent Charity Hospital.

Homicide detectives said the pair was shot at the entrance of a Pittsburgh-to-Cleveland bus by a still unidentified Negro assailant. The gunman, who went berserk after Almerico ordered him to leave the bus on Miss Kartzke's complaint, was shot down by Detective Sgt. Michael Sirkot after the gunman had wounded five persons in a gun battle inside the terminal.

Detectives said the five wound-

ed suffered only superficial wounds.

Police said Miss Kartzke had complained to passengers and the driver that the assailant had been annoying her. Witnesses told officers the driver had the girl sit in the front of the bus with him and told the man to leave her alone or get off the bus.

Witnesses told police the man left the bus then whipped out a .32-caliber automatic pistol and fired at the driver and woman before fleeing the bus, which was parked outside the Cleve-

SHAKY SANTA STOPPED

Hollywood — Even Santa Claus wound up in jail Tuesday because of too much Christmas spirit. Harry W. Clark, 44, wearing a Santa Claus suit when he was arrested Christmas Eve on a drunk driving charge, said, "I've been to several parties playing Santa Claus and everyone gave me a drink."

land Greyhound terminal. Police said the assailant shot the five others inside the terminal. The driver was able to enter the terminal before he collapsed and died. The girl died inside the parked bus.

Patrolman Michael Barrett, on duty inside the terminal, started shooting at the gunman, who fled into the terminal waiting room from the bus loading ramp.

A wild exchange of gunfire followed, wounding the five persons, none seriously, before the desperate man ran from the terminal with Barrett and a Chicago passenger, Cal Watts, in pursuit.

"We were joined by two detectives as the man ran from the station," Watts said. "The one detective Sirkot ran up an alley next to a church where he caught the guy hiding in an alcove and shot him."

"The guy didn't say anything," Watts said.

South Pole Crews Observe Holiday

McMurdo Sound, Antarctica — Christmas was just another normal work day at the South Pole and throughout the Antarctic.

U. S. servicemen taking part in the Operation Deepfreeze expedition paused long enough to attend church services and eat big dinners of ham, turkey and steak. They returned to the business of staying alive in this land of ice and snow.

Sixteen Americans in a lonely U.S. outpost at the South Pole dined on steak and conducted their own brief worship services in observance of Christmas. Some 3,000 others scattered around the Antarctic observed one of the whitest of white Christmases anywhere in the world.

At the McMurdo Sound U.S. base headquarters, Chaplain Peter Bol of Holland, Mich., conducted Protestant services to a background of organ music played by Catholic Chaplain John Condit of Jefferson City, Mo. Bol later led carol singing as part of the Catholic program.

A choir of 10 voices was led by Lt. Cmdr. David W. Canham of Mount Clemens, Mich., McMurdo Sound base commander.

Cattlemen Urged To Register Stock

Cattlemen who plan to enter livestock for sale in the Cal-Oregon Hereford Breeders' association auction sale March 15 should register their cattle soon, according to Earle Jossy, county agriculture agent.

Jossy added that a mid-January inspection will be made of the livestock entered in the sale. John Landers, Oregon State college livestock specialist, will assist in the grading of the cattle during the inspection.

At the present time 17 bulls and 20 heifers have been registered for the sale and another 20 head is expected before the sale which will be held at the Jackson county fairgrounds.

The Cal-Oregon Hereford Breeders' association is comprised of pure-breed raisers in southern Oregon and northern California counties.

Japan's Alignment With Free World Confirmed

Tokyo — Officials of the new administration of Premier Tanzan Ishibashi today reaffirmed Japan's basic policy of alignment with the free world, but said the nation must also expand trade with Communist China.

Cabinet members who held their first regular meeting with Ishibashi Tuesday expressed hope the West will soon end its trade embargo against Red China.

The Medical Roundup

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Injuries Due To Powerful Drugs

Some 55 years ago, when I was a boy, I helped my doctor father in his office. The drugs available in that day were so weak they were fairly safe; most of them were made from herbs, and they could not do much harm.



Dr. Alvarez

Aside from the chemicals, such as arsenic and mercury, and the poisons like strychnine there weren't many drugs strong enough to do much harm, unless they were given in enormous doses.

In my youth there came on the market the first so-called coal-tar derivatives such as Acetanilid, acetophenetidin, Antipyrin, amidopyrine and Aspirin. Then, physicians began to run into difficulties, due largely to the hypersensitiveness of certain persons to the new drugs. Even a tablet of Aspirin would sometimes make a sensitive woman's face swell up.

Today, as we all know, the druggist's shelves are filled with powerful drugs which, in the cases of certain sensitive persons, can produce serious injury and even death. Because of this there is great need today for the exercise of caution in the use of these substances. Many should be used only in cases of great need; many should be tested at first with care; in each case their action should be watched by a physician, and always the patient should be warned to stop taking the drug the minute alarming symptoms appear.

Physicians would do well never to begin by giving a patient perhaps 4 dozen tablets that he can take by himself without supervision. In hundreds of thousands of cases the dangerous drug should never have been given at all; it wasn't really needed. The patient would have recovered in a few days without it.

As I write this, in comes a woman who tells me her life has been ruined by one injection of a large dose of an antibiotic given her a year and a half ago for a slight cold! She promptly developed a most distressing burning of her tongue and her throat, and a terrible itching all over her body. She still is an invalid, and no medicine has helped her to recover. How much better if the doctor had given her a few tablets containing only a mild and safe sedative that could hardly have done any harm; or how much better if the woman had done like most of us doctors do with a slight cold, and had taken nothing!

Of late my brother physicians have been reading with much interest an article in the New England Journal of Medicine en-

titled "Diseases of Medical Progress," by Major Robert H. Moser, M.C. USA. He writes of diseases that came because the patient took some drug to which he had an idiosyncrasy. Among the conditions which are being produced today by the use of drugs, Dr. Moser listed a number of fairly rare diseases about which we physicians know little except that they can be very serious.

Major Moser mentioned some of the neurologic troubles which occasionally follow the use of some of the new tranquilizing drugs. Among these troubles are depressions or other mental upsets, damage to the hearing apparatus, peripheral neuritis, with pain and paralysis; paralysis of the face; a shaking palsy, habituation, and jaundice. There are injuries to the liver produced by a number of the newer drugs. There are also the serious and sometimes fatal injuries to the blood-forming organs which cause a diminution in the number of the white blood cells, and with this, a loss of resistance to infection.

Metabolic diseases, such as gout and the formation of kidney stones, can follow the use of the new "antifolic acid compounds." By destroying large numbers of cells in the body, these drugs throw into the blood stream excessive amounts of the nucleoproteins which are fore-runners of uric acid.

There are many troubles that can follow an overdose of cortisone, or the sudden withdrawal of cortisone after a person has taken a lot of it. Severe and even fatal peptic ulcers may follow the misuse of cortisone or cortisone-like drugs. A goiter can appear after the taking of certain drugs, such as phenylbutazone and preparations of cobalt.

There are many serious and sometimes fatal disturbances produced in over-sensitive persons by antibiotics. There are serious illnesses and even deaths due to the unwise use of large doses of drugs that lessen the ability of the blood clot. There are often serious and even fatal reactions to the injections of serums into highly allergic persons. Disturbances in the heart beat can be produced by a number of drugs. The kidneys and the skin can sometimes be seriously injured by some of the new medicines.

The moral of all this is that laymen should not so often demand these drugs. A fine children's specialist was just telling me that nowadays he spends much of his time explaining why he refuses to acquiesce to the demands of mothers that he give their children an antibiotic for some slight infections or cold which, if left alone, will almost certainly clear up in two days. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1955)

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