



12 Children Die, 11 Babies Burned In Hospital Fire

Williams Lake, B.C.—Twelve children, including 11 babies were burned to death Thursday night at the Anahim Indian Reserve, about 220 miles northeast of Vancouver.

The blaze, which destroyed the reserve school and hospital, followed two explosions in the remote Indian community.

The flames quickly enveloped the frame building and rescue attempts failed when several of the men tried to crash a wall of the hospital to save the infants.

The settlement and the nearest community, Alexis Creek, six miles away, were without the use of a fire department and parents watched helplessly as the blaze raged through both sections of the building.

The school and hospital were operated by Catholic nuns of Christ the King, Sister Mary, on duty in the hospital when the fire broke out, managed to save one child and was badly burned on the face and arms in her vain attempts to save the others. The other sisters were in the residential section of the building at the time.

First Pay TV Said Failure, Meters Needed

Bartlesville, Okla.—The nation's first pay television system has failed to make money and will be suspended June 6 pending development of some means to charge by program instead of a flat monthly fee, the president of the firm announced yesterday.

Nearly 800 persons are subscribing to the \$4.95 a month entertainment known as Tele-movies, which began last September, but, Henry S. Griffing, president of Video Independent Theaters, said the system has continued to lose money.

"The concept of a package of pictures for a fixed monthly charge is wrong," Griffing said in a statement released at his office in Oklahoma City.

"Subscribers must be charged by the picture, using a metering device—either a coin box or a monitoring system that will register the programs viewed in each home. No adequate meter is now available in quantity for delivery."

Griffing also said his system suffered because of the "hundreds of movies shown free on television." He said the pay-TV concept must be broadened to include other types of programs—such as sports, educational and artistic presentations.

Manufacturers Receive Charges

Newark, N.Y.—A federal grand jury Thursday indicted four manufacturers of stitching and stapling machines on charges of fixing prices and conspiring to restrain trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Named in the indictment were Bostitch & Co., Westerville, R. I.; American Foundry company Inc., Elizabeth, N.J.; Bostitch & McLain, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.; and Henry W. Saari, Inc., Seattle, Wash.

The last firm has been trading as the Bostitch-Northwest Co.

The indictment charges the firms entered a conspiracy in restraint of trade around 1939. The exact date was not given.

Split Threatens Confederate Group

Knoxville, Tenn.—There appears to be a threat of civil war in the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. At least a civil court battle.

One group of members already have seceded, accusing the chapter's officers of using steamroller tactics to push through a proposal to buy new quarters for the group.

Chancellor Charles E. Dawson made a conciliatory move Thursday, temporarily enjoining the officers from purchasing the new building.

But the dissident faction said the rift "cannot be mended." The rebels have filed a court action asking a division of the group's assets so they can form a chapter of their own.

President Sets Helicopter Trip

Washington—President Eisenhower will fly by helicopter to Gettysburg, Pa., Friday for a weekend at his farm, but Mrs. Eisenhower will make the trip by automobile.

The White House announced the President would take off from the south lawn Friday afternoon for the 35-minute flight. It will mark the President's first use of a helicopter to go from the White House to the farm.

The President and First Lady will return to the White House late Sunday or early Monday.

Eisenhower flew in a helicopter to a polling booth about five miles from his farm last Tuesday to vote in Pennsylvania's Republican primary.

Woman Driver Has Her Troubles

Charlotte, N.C.—Martha M. Mills, 53, is having her traffic troubles.

As she stopped to make a left turn here, a car driven by John B. Arnett, 34, crashed into the rear of her vehicle.

Police officers asked both drivers to pull to the curb. As the woman drove to the curb, she struck Arnett's car.

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