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'Human Torch' Denies Knowing Assailants

Business Agent For Teamsters Expected To Die

Pontiac, Mich. — (UPI) — Frank Kierdorf, ex-convict Teamsters Union business agent, clung to life today, and repeated to police that he did not know who turned him into a human torch.

Meanwhile, Kierdorf's uncle Herman, who had vowed vengeance against his nephew's attackers, had disappeared.

Frank, 56, business agent for Teamsters Local 332 in Flint, Mich., was in St. Joseph Mercy hospital. Doctors said he wouldn't live long.

He repeated to interviewing officers that he did not know the two men who doused him with an inflammable fluid and set him afire and gave no hint where he thought Herman might be hiding.

Herman disappeared Monday night from under the noses of police guards at the hospital but police admitted only today that they didn't know where he was.

They had obtained a warrant charging him with possession of a silencer.

The silencer was found in the home of a next door neighbor in Madison Heights. Judy Tyler 15, residing at the home, said Herman gave her a briefcase that contained a P38 automatic and the home-made silencer three weeks ago.

Herman told police he had no idea who attacked Frank but he was "going to find out."

"If I Get There First" A lieutenant told him to let police take care of the attack but Herman replied, "not if I get there first."

Frank, who last November refused to tell the Senate Rackets Committee about operations of his union, was drenched with a fluid, set afire and dumped in front of the hospital "looking like a Zombie."

During spells of consciousness Kierdorf told how two men took him from his home in Flint and drove him toward Pontiac to a wooded area.

There, he said, one man poured inflammable fluid over him and the other threw a match. He burst into flames.

Kierdorf said the two men then argued over letting him die. One of them said, "We don't want a murder rap on our hands." Then they bundled his burned body in a bathrobe, put him in their car and drove him to the hospital where they dumped him and sped off.



HARVEST BEGINS—The picking of Bartlett pears got under way in many Rogue valley orchards this week and packing houses and cold storage plants bustled with activity as they prepared to receive the fruit. Above, Picking Boss Gordon Peterson of Orchard Park farms, looks on while Mrs. Clyde Peterson empties a bucket of pears into a lug box. Her husband is picking from a ladder in the background. Picking will be slow for about a week because the fruit has not sized up as anticipated, according to County Agent Clifford Cordy.

Picker Supply Said Adequate for Pears

There is an adequate supply of pickers for pear orchards, according to John J. Patton, manager of the local office of the U. S. employment service.

He explained this is typical of the first few days of picking. The pear harvest is not expected to get into full swing until some time next week, he said.

At the peak approximately 2,200 to 2,250 pickers and swappers will be used in the orchards. This is an average figure, he added.

No Mexican nationals have been brought in, he emphasized. Rumors that they have probably resulted from Americans of Mexican parentage being employed in some of the orchards, he explained.

"Not even the first step has been taken toward employment of Mexican nationals in this area's orchards," Patton remarked. "I would certainly know about it if a governmental arrangement. Such an arrangement is made according to an international agreement."

Mexican nationals can be brought in on short notice if the pear harvest labor supply cannot be satisfied locally, he added.

Picking is a little slow right now since the fruit size is smaller, according to Clifford B. Cordy, county extension agent. Growers are holding off picking extensively until the fruit grows larger, he explained.

At this time the fruit will increase in size from 2 1/2 per cent a day.

However, growers should not try to hold fruit on the tree until it reaches the desired size, Cordy advised. The rate of fall will match the increased growth. Growers also face the risk of having the fruit split by hail or being blown off the trees, he warned.

Stark Nominated For Council Post

A petition with 28 signatures nominating Stanley Stark for city councilman from Ward 4 was filed yesterday with the city recorder.

This is the first city council petition to be filed so far. It is understood that other petitions are in circulation, including one for Robert Bacus to be councilman from Ward 3. Three petitions nominating Mayor John W. Snider for a second term were reportedly still being signed.

Deadline for filing petitions has been set by City Attorney E. Roy Bashaw as the end of August. The election for mayor and four council seats, is scheduled Nov. 4. The mayor serves two years. The eight councilmen serve four years, with four of them being elected every two years.

Stark, who lives at 97 Fair Oaks dr., served last year as chairman of the city's budget committee. He moved to Medford in 1932, and since 1953 has owned and managed Stark Finance company. He also is a vice president and director of the Oregon Consumer Finance association. He is 46.

Space Committee Said Lacking Courage

Washington — (UPI) — House Space committee members charged today the administration's proposed new space program is a "pre-Sputnik model" that lacks "boldness, imagination and courage."

Army Hearings On Basin May Be in Winter

Public hearings on the Army Engineers' Rogue Basin development plan will probably not be held before late November or December, according to Ross Hatch of the Corps of Engineers.

"Our present program of dam site drilling will extend through this month, and possibly into September," he told those attending a meeting of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association in Grants Pass last night.

When the results of all the drillings have been evaluated, a hearing date will be announced. After that it will be three or four months before a report is completed, Hatch said.

Scheduled Meeting

The association scheduled its next meeting for Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium. At that time Hatch promised to have more definite facts on just what results would follow from construction of dams at each of the proposed sites.

Earlier in the meeting Ted Watson, chief engineer for the Oregon Resources board, told the 50 persons attending that his group has not made definite conclusions from its study of yield records on the Rogue river. He said that a report will be submitted to the state legislature next January.

State Rep. Fayette Bristol, Grants Pass, contended that the Rogue river and its tributaries do not carry as much water as they used to. To support his case he showed a number of color slides of the rivers and streams.

A picture of the Applegate near Highway 199 taken last September showed the river as it was moving at seven second feet. Twenty years ago, Bristol said, the river moved at from 75-100 second feet during the same time of year. "You can't raise fish on hot rocks," he noted.

Two Programs

Hatch said that it now appears as though either of two alternative construction programs for the main stem of the Rogue appear economically feasible. Lewis creek dam apparently would provide the most nearly complete development of the upper river that could be economically justified for flood control, irrigation, and power, he said.

From the standpoint of flood control, however, he said, the Lewis creek site is too far upstream.

The alternative to Lewis creek includes dams on Elk creek, Big Butte creek, and on the Rogue river at the Lost creek site, Hatch reported. Flood control, irrigation, and other water conservation functions would be served equally well by either plan, he contended. But, power benefits from the three-dam plan would be about 30 per cent less than from Lewis creek.

Balancing Loss

Balancing that loss, the engineer stated, would be the fact that the three-dam plan would destroy a much smaller portion of the anadromous fish spawning beds. Continuing, he said that the three-dam plan cannot be economically justified, so it really becomes a two-dam plan, probably omitting construction of Big Butte dam. This plan does not offer quite as

good control of the streams, he noted.

They are drilling at Lost creek now and are fairly certain that an adequate dam can be built at the site, Hatch announced. "Our present plan is to drill two more holes at the Lost creek site and three each at the Elk creek and Copper sites," he said.

"In addition to the storage on the upper river, we will probably be able to justify construction of dams on Little Butte creek, Evans creek, and Applegate river," Hatch reported.

Main-Eighth St. Couplet to Open Friday Morning

Inauguration of the Main-Eighth st. couplet is now set for Friday morning, Aug. 8, according to Vernon Thorpe, city public works director.

Traffic on Main st. will be one-way westbound from Riverside ave. to Elm st. Traffic on Eighth st. will be one-way eastbound between the same limits.

Personnel from the state highway department are expected to arrive today or tomorrow to supervise placement of signs and temporary barricades. A crew from the Southern Pacific railroad is scheduled to set signals in operation at the Eighth st. crossing.

Flashing Yellow

Meanwhile, Main st. signals have flashing yellow lights as traffic signal adjustments are made. With the couplet in operation motorists on both streets will find the signals timed to allow an uninterrupted flow of traffic, Thorpe reported.

Thorpe and City Manager Robert A. Duff advised motorists approaching Riverside ave. on Eighth st. to get in the proper lane for what they plan to do next. Traffic expected to continue north on Riverside ave. is advised to stay in the left lane on Eighth st. and on Riverside ave. after they turn.

Traffic expected to turn east on Main st., one block north of the intersection, is urged to get in the right lane on Eighth st. and move to the right side of Riverside ave. to facilitate turning right on Main st.

They also warned that motorists traveling southeast on Oakdale ave. can no longer turn across Eighth st. onto King st. by the county court-house, since they would meet Eighth st.'s eastbound traffic. They must instead either turn west on Main st. and then south on Laurel st. or else continue on Oakdale ave. and turn south further on.

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower will hold a news conference Wednesday.

WEATHER

Our Skies Tonight

Hoffa Declared To Be Aligned With Underworld

Evidence Claimed By Sen. McClellan

Washington — (UPI) — Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) said today the Senate Rackets committee has evidence that Teamster President James R. Hoffa had "aligned himself with certain underworld characters."

These characters, McClellan said, "are a part and parcel of the criminal elements and most sinister forces in this country."

McClellan's statement opened a session in which it was expected that Hoffa, making a return appearance before the committee, would be questioned about the "human torch" attack on one of his Michigan associates.

No Comment

Hoffa himself refused to talk to reporters about the attack on Frank Kierdorf, business agent for Teamster Local 332 at Flint, Mich.

Surrounded by lawyers and aides, Hoffa told newsmen "I have absolutely no comment about anything."

McClellan said in his opening statement that the teamsters, largest and most powerful union in the country, had given Hoffa a tremendous "potential for good and evil." If that power should be misdirected, the chairman said, "then it could become an extremely evil and destructive force in the social, political, and economic life of our country."

Improper Practices

McClellan said the committee record was "replete with improper practices and conduct on the part of Mr. Hoffa and some of his associates." He said this raised a "serious question" about Hoffa's "motivation and the direction and leadership he proposes to give this great and important union."

Missing from the hearing room at Hoffa's return appearance was Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) who had clashed with the union official repeatedly in the past.

Truck Driver Killed in Mishap

Everett Fred McCall, 42, of Grants Pass, was killed about 10:30 o'clock this morning in a logging accident at the Steve Wilson lumber mill south of Medford.

McCall, a log truck driver employed by Theno and Masters contract loggers, was crushed when a log rolled onto him from his truck. Mill authorities reported that the victim had unfastened the binders on his load before the unloading tongs had been secured.

He is survived by his widow.

Holmes Welcomes Labor Support

Roseburg — (UPI) — Republican attacks on Gov. Robert D. Holmes and on organized labor were labeled by him as "a deception on the people and a disservice to the state" in a speech to the annual convention of the Oregon Labor Council here Monday.

The Governor departed from the main economic theme of his speech to discuss the political charges. He said he welcomed support from labor because he found interest in labor promoting good government for all of Oregon and because they had never attempted to extract any promises of favors.

He said he had always found the members of organized labor "helpful in making great legislative decisions."

Porter Says Venezuela Aware of Red Dangers

Washington — (UPI) — Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) said today that despite reports to the contrary, the government of Venezuela is "fully aware" of the dangers of the dangers of Communism.

Porter, who visited the South American nation last month, took issue with a published report from Caracas, Venezuela, implying that only the Venezuelan army has a full understanding of the Communist threat.

"Yeah, But It Gives Us The Feeling We're Controlling It"



Lebanon Premier Threatens To Quit

Beirut, Lebanon — (UPI) — Premier Sami Solh has threatened to resign unless American troops are withdrawn immediately from Lebanon, informed sources said today.

Meanwhile, two more U.S. ships arrived with another 1,000 men and more than 200 vehicles, bringing the total American strength in Lebanon to 14,300. An Army spokesman said the troops, which included hospital, ordinance, signal and graves registration personnel, were the last in the scheduled buildup

Officers Named For Area Firms

Earl R. Dean, Hood River, was elected president of Columbia Utilities company and its subsidiary, the California-Oregon Telephone company, at a recent stockholders meeting.

Columbia, with headquarters in Medford, provides a large area of the upper Rogue basin with telephone service.

All three companies are owned by United Utilities, Inc., of Kansas City, Mo.

Dean succeeds D. O. Hood as president of Columbia Utilities, and E. R. Hood as president of the California affiliate. Other officers elected are John W. Kirby, Medford, vice president and general manager; J. S. Middleton, Portland, secretary-treasurer; and W. E. Driscoll, auditor and chief accountant.

Directors elected are Alden L. Hart and John T. Naylor, president and vice president, respectively, of United Utilities; Dean; D. O. Hood, and Ernest R. Hood, Portland. D. O. and E. R. Hood have been retained as management consultants by both companies.

The same officers were elected by the California-Oregon Telephone company, an affiliate of Columbia Utilities.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Los Angeles 3 7 0
St. Louis 13 21 1
McDevitt, Kipp (3), Erskine (4), Birzer (7) and Roseboro; Muffett and Green.

Bartlett Pear Crop Due To Hit Markets Earlier

Portland — (UPI) — Due to an exceptionally fine growing season, fresh Bartlett pears from the mountain orchards of Oregon and Washington will hit the market nationally shortly after mid-September, or about three weeks earlier than usual.

Over-All Crop Smaller

Richard A. Patterson, secretary-manager of the Oregon-Washington Fresh Bartlett Pear council, said that while the over-all West Coast Bartlett crop is down, the Oregon and Washington crop is somewhat larger than last year.

General Assembly Order for Troop Ouster Demanded

Moscow — (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev tonight rejected Western terms for a summit conference and instead demanded an immediate U.N. General Assembly session to order Western troops out of the Middle East.

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Baseball Players Fight on Airplane

San Francisco — (UPI) — Dusty Rhodes and Joe Margoneri of the San Francisco Giants' Phoenix farm club were kicked off a Western Airlines plane Monday for staging a knock-down, drag-out fight while en route from Portland to Los Angeles.

The plane radioed ahead for police to meet it and made an emergency landing at San Francisco International Airport.

Rhodes, one-time Giant World Series star, and Margoneri broke lounge chairs, smashed tables and terrified other passengers as they lunged at one another in the plane's narrow aisle, Stewardess Betty Hunt of Hollywood told police.

The two men were smiling and well-behaved when they stepped off the plane between three airport security police officers.

Painters Start Job On Medford City Hall

Painters from Riverside Painting and Decorating company are painting the exterior of the city hall and repairing windows.

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The Khrushchev letters were made public shortly after the Western ambassadors received them at the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

Khrushchev's move followed last week's secret trip to Peiping where he discussed summit policy with Communist China's Chief of State Mao Tse-tung.

The Western ambassadors had been standing by for the Foreign Ministry summons since Khrushchev's return Sunday from his hurried trip to Peiping.

The time and place for a summit meeting had awaited Khrushchev's answer to Eisenhower, Macmillan and De Gaulle.

President Eisenhower and Macmillan suggested a meeting "on or about Aug. 12" within the framework of the U. N. Security Council. De Gaulle stated his preference for a summit conference of the Big Four and India outside the United Nations on Aug. 18.

Washington — (UPI) — U. S. officials said today there appeared to be no possibility of an early summit conference on the Middle East as a result of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's rejection of a top-level meeting within the United Nations Security Council.

The White House and State Department had no immediate comment on Khrushchev's action.

But the belief in official quarters here was that Khrushchev decided to turn down the Anglo-American summit offer rather than go into a U. N. Security Council meeting where he would be bound by rigid procedures and unable to have free say for Soviet propaganda attacks.

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Salem — (UPI) — The Capitol Planning Commission has approved final plans for the exterior of the new labor and industries building to be located on the Capitol Mall.

60 Classes Included in County Fair August 21-24

Competition in four departments and more than 60 classes, ranging from food and textiles to floral and land products, will be included in the Kiwanis club sponsored county fair Aug. 21-24, according to fair officials.

The fair, which will be held at the Medford Armory, will use the same rules used by the Oregon State fair, Russ Jamison, fair manager, said.

Fair officials have been advised that only a limited number of the more popular classes should be opened to competition this year, he said, and that other departments and divisions be added as public interest demands.

The fair, long defunct, is in the process of being re-established through the efforts of the Kiwanis club and other interested organizations.

Russ Renner, chairman of the Kiwanis club's special events committee, will be in charge of the individual exhibitors section, Jamison said. Deadline for applying for exhibitor space is Aug. 15, he said.

Renner said 39 classes in the food and textiles departments of the home economics section are planned. He urged county homemakers to forward applications in prior to Aug. 15 to be eligible to exhibit.

The fair also will feature project displays by 19 home extension units from the county. First, second and third place ribbons will be presented in each class, Renner said.

Advisor to the committee in setting up the home economics section is Miss Mary Pat Lucy, Jackson county home extension agent.