

American Post Near Saigon Bombed; 5 Persons Killed

Saigon, Viet Nam—UPI—Communist terrorists bombed a U.S. Military advisory group billet during the showing of a movie Wednesday night.

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Slain Child Said Confused With Murderer's Wife

Las Vegas, Nev.—UPI—The confessed slayer of a 5-year-old girl was quoted today as saying he confused the child with his wife, whom he had sent from home after telling her "I know I'm going to kill somebody."

Robert K. Ervin, 21, arrested Wednesday as he stepped off a train from Los Angeles, is accused of the rape slaying of Dolores Stafford, a neighbor child whose nude, slashed body was found in Ervin's attic Monday.

"Yes, I killed her," Ervin told police. "The little girl came over to my house. I was lying on the couch. She thought I was asleep but I wasn't."

"I thought she was my wife."

Police said Ervin's story was largely incoherent.

Split Personality

His wife, Kathy, 18, told officers her husband had a split personality and that "he said that ever since he was a little boy a person inside him urged him to do things."

She said she had gone home to her parents in Kingman, Ariz., last Saturday after Ervin tried to choke her and then told her:

"You better get away, Kathy. I know I'm going to kill somebody."

Mrs. Ervin, who is expecting a child, turned over to police a letter she received from her husband from Los Angeles, where he fled after the slaying. It said in part:

Denies Rape

"Kathy, Kathy, I love you. I'll never know why I did this. I know I'll be put away for a long time, and I'd like to see you before then."

Police said Ervin denied raping the child, a neighbor who frequently visited his wife and who apparently went to the Ervin home without knowing Mrs. Ervin was away. Doctors said there was no question, however, that she had been sexually molested.

Dolores was one of four children of St. Elmo Stafford, an executive of the Las Vegas Review Journal, and Mrs. Stafford. The family came here from Fort Smith, Ark., six months ago.

Murder Charge Planned

District Attorney George Foley said a first degree murder charge would be filed against Ervin today or Friday.

Resentment against the 5-foot, 3-inch youth was high in the community. Detective Lt. B. J. Handlon said he doubted that any mob violence would be attempted, but said an extra jailer had been put on duty and "we'll stop any trouble if it comes, right quick."

Opera Singer Sets Kansas City Show

Kansas City, Mo.—UPI—Opera Singer Maria Callas will make her only U. S. appearance of the 1959-60 season in Kansas City on Oct. 28.

Milton F. Barlow, president of the Friends of Art, a society of the Nelson Gallery of Art, said proceeds of the ticket sale will go to the gallery.

Barlow said Miss Callas, whose temperament has made international headlines several times recently, signed the contract after six months of negotiations.

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killing two U.S. officers, two Viet Namees and one of the attackers.

The attack occurred at Bien Hoa, 20 miles north of Saigon, the American Embassy reported.

A third American officer was wounded in the bomb attack which was followed by an exchange of gunfire between Viet Namees guards and the Communist raiders.

Americans Identified

The Americans killed in the attack were Maj. Dale R. Buis, Imperial Beach, Calif., whose widow is Mrs. Virginia Buis, and M. Sgt. Chester M. Ovland, Coppera Cove, Tex. Capt. Howard B. Boston, Blairsburg, Iowa, was wounded.

Reports from the scene said one of the Communists infiltrated the billeting area and set off a plastic charge which killed him, the Americans and the Viet Namees.

The two Viet Namees guards tried but were unable to stop him from setting off the charge. Other guards rushed to the billet and opened fire on the intruders, driving them off.

The terrorists escaped into

the jungle.

The officers were part of the large American military assistance group sent into South Viet Nam after that country became independent five years ago.

Communist North Viet Nam has been accused of sending terrorists across the border, set up by a Geneva conference after the Communists defeated the French at Dien Bien Phu, but until now no Americans had been reported killed.

The injured American was reported to have suffered a gunshot wound in the exchange of pistol fire that followed the explosion. He was in serious condition.

Washington—UPI—American officials said today they are certain the South Viet Nam government is doing everything possible to capture Communist terrorists who bombed a U. S. military billet near Saigon.

They said reports to the State Department were that the South Viet-Nam army moved into the area quickly and made several arrests in combing the countryside for suspects.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A WISE OLD MAN in a small town passed a pet shop, and was astonished to note that the price tag on a mean-looking parrot in the window was \$100. Arrived home, he showed a turkey into a cage and marched it down to the pet shop. "This gobbler," he announced, "is yours for \$200."

The pet shop owner laughed. "You must be joking," he said. "Not at all," the wise man told him. "If that mangy parrot is worth a hundred, this fat, succulent turkey ought to be priced at three hundred."

"But," protested the owner, "my parrot talks. What can your fool turkey do?"

"My turkey," said the wise man proudly, "is a philosopher. He thinks!"

"That Billy the Kid," chuckled a grizzled old-timer, "was one for the books. They don't make 'em like Billy any more. Why, he had killed 21 men by the time he was 21 years old."

"Wow!" exclaimed one of his younger listeners. "What kind of a car did he drive?"

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Rogers Troupe Ready To Open Centennial Show

Portland — UPI — Roy Rogers, his wife, Dale Evans and the Rogers troupe arrived in Portland Wednesday night to get ready for their western rodeo show opening Friday at the Oregon Centennial Exposition here.

Rogers and Dale had with them five of their eight children and Roy's dad, Andrew Slye.

Greeted by Big Crowd

The Rogers troupe was greeted at the Portland International Airport by some 6,000 persons, including a generous showing of youngsters to whom Roy is really King of the Cowboys.

The big and enthusiastic reception brought smiles to Centennial officials on hand to greet the star, who will open his six-day stand at the Centennial at 8:15 p.m. Friday. The Rogers show will give nine performances through July 16, including matinees Saturday and Sunday.

Break for Youngsters

The youngsters get a break during the Rogers show run. Youngsters 13 and under accompanied by adults will be admitted free to the Exposition grounds and will have to pay only the Arena price to see the Rogers show. The entire Rogers party, including Roy's dad, will take part in the Centennial show, along with Pat Brady, the Sons of the Pioneers, the Hollywood Square Dancers, and of course, Roy's horses, Trigger and Trigger Jr., and the Liberty horses.

Drums of Uranium Burning on Train

Lyndon, Kan.—UPI—The highway patrol reported today that a train carrying 179 drums of uranium concentrate had caught fire on the Missouri Pacific tracks here.

The patrol said it was taking a team of radiological experts from the University of Kansas into the area to make tests for radioactivity. Meanwhile, it was also reported but unconfirmed by the patrol, that some persons who had been exposed to the uranium were being admitted to the hospital.

Judge Overrules Film Censor Board

Chicago—UPI—The movie, "Anatomy of a Murder," opened here late Wednesday, delayed but uncut by a week-long hassle with the Chicago Police Censor Board. U. S. District Judge Julius H. Miner overruled a censor board's decision that the movie was immoral and obscene after letting his teen-age son and daughter see the film.

The five-woman censor board had objected to the words "rape" and "contraceptive" and to the phrases "army slut" and "I'm going to kick that bitch to kingdom come." It had demanded that they be knocked out before the movie could be shown.

Columbia Pictures and producer-director Otto Preminger refused to delete the scenes. In his ruling, Miner, cited the U. S. Supreme Court's recent action overruling a New York censor board ban of the movie, "Lady Chatterley's Lover."

"The Supreme Court reaffirmed its decision that in determining whether a particular picture is entitled to protection of expression under the 14th Amendment, the court may exercise its judicial function," Miner said.

British Columbia Rail Line Planned

Vancouver, B. C.—UPI—Work on a 500-mile railway from near Prince George to the Yukon border will start next summer, the Wenner Agren British Columbia Development company announced here Wednesday.

The company is reported to have dropped plans to make the line a monorail because the railway is expected to form part of a projected United States rail link with Alaska.

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