

Revenge Listed as Possible Motive in Gang-Like Executions

Four Persons Are Bound, Shot in New Jersey Town

North Brunswick, N.J.—UPI—Authorities today listed revenge as a probable motive for the gang-style execution of three women and a man at a wealthy surgeon's country estate here.

Someone with a grudge against Dr. Francis M. Clarke apparently invaded his lavish country home, tied up his four victims and dispatched each with a single shot in the head while the doctor was operating at his hospital Tuesday.

The defenseless dead were Clarke's invalid wife, her nurse, her maid, and the unwitting taxi driver who brought the silent killer to the home.

After 18 intense hours of investigation County Prosecutor Warren T. Wilentz said revenge was the "only avenue left" to explore in the slaughter.

Taxi Found Abandoned
Wilentz said he had not ruled out robbery as a motive but so far there appeared no support for that theory.

The killer fled in the garish red-and-black taxi which took him to the Clarke estate. It was found abandoned in neighboring Elizabeth, N.J., early this morning, its motor still warm.

The only positive clue so far was the description of a man seen outside the Clarke home by gardener Daniel Floransky. The gardener described him as medium height, white and about 35.

Elizabeth police picked up one suspect fitting that description in an all-night diner near the abandoned car. But Floransky, taken 15 miles to Elizabeth from North Brunswick, failed to recognize him.

The hunt turned to Clarke's past. Detectives launched an exhaustive study of his personal and professional background as a leading surgeon in this well-to-do community in the New York City commuting fringe.

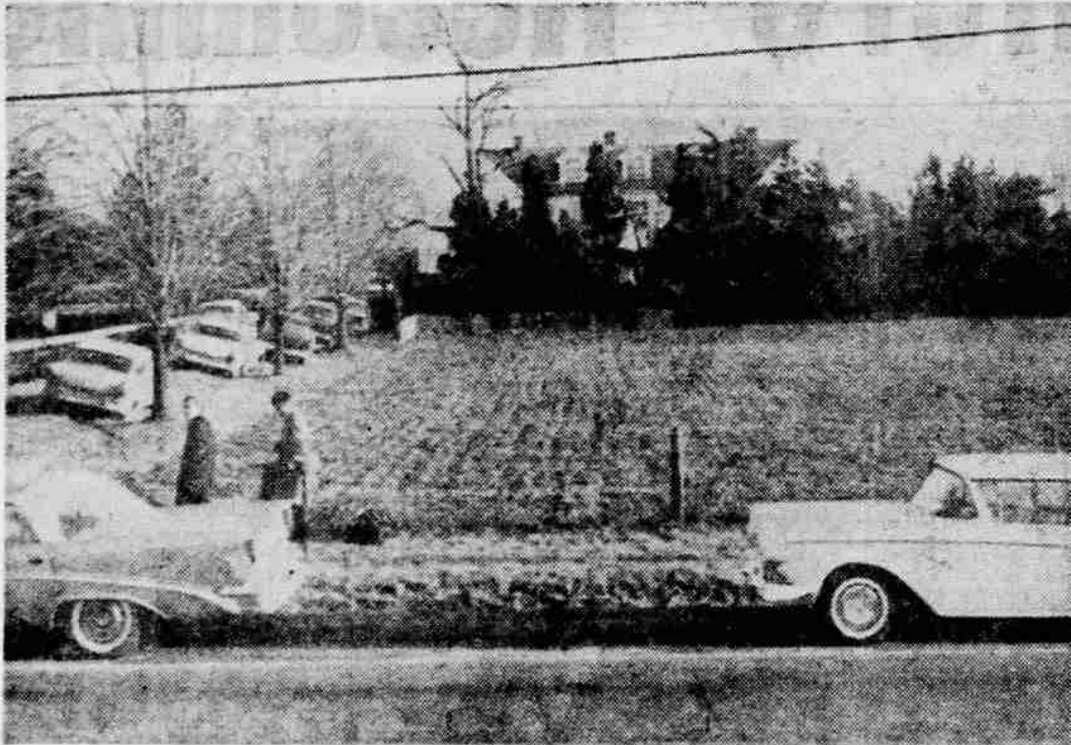
Grievances Against Doctor
Prosecutor Wilentz told newsmen at New Brunswick that there were "a half dozen persons who have real or imagined grievances against the doctor."

He said all would be questioned and "hundreds upon hundreds of persons" who had dealings with the surgeon would have to be interviewed.

Victims of the mass killings were Clarke's invalid wife, Edith, 60; Miss Dorothy Moore, an elderly practical nurse; Mrs. Cora Jones Thadies, 29-year-old Negro maid and Morris Michael, 60, a Newark cab driver.

The killings appeared as senseless as the shotgun slaying of wealthy Kansas wheat farmer Herb W. Clutter. Clutter, his wife and two of his children all were murdered in their Holcomb, Kan., farm residence last November during a robbery attempt.

A cup of black coffee in Buenos Aires costs two cents.



GENERAL VIEW—This is a general view of the house in which a surgeon's wife, two women servants, and a taxicab driver were bound and shot to death in North Brunswick, N.J. The dead included Mrs. Edith Clarke, wife of the physician; Mrs. Dorothy Moore, an elderly practical nurse; and Mrs. Cora Jones Thadies, 29, a part-time maid. The taxi driver was identified as Morris Michael, about 60. —(UPI Telephoto)



DR. FRANCIS CLARKE
Home Is Death Scene

Two Men Nominated For Jaycee Awards To Be Given Feb. 4

Central Point—Two Central Point men have been nominated for the distinguished service award to be given Feb. 4 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Chester L. Ayres, who was nominated for his Jaycee activities, is employed at Vern Pendleton's Mobilgas station, George Johns, principal of Central Point Elementary and Junior High school, was nominated by two groups, the Elementary and Junior High School Parent-Teachers association and the District 6C Teachers association.

The award will be presented at the banquet at Crater High school at 7:30 p.m. It will be the fourth such award given by the Jaycees.

The banquet honors a young man between the ages of 21 and 35 for outstanding service during 1959. The DSA winner will be selected by judges on basis of contributions to the general community welfare, evidence of intergroup ability, and evidence of personal or business progress.

Jaycee Activities
Ayres has served as Teenage Road-E-O, Christmas Shopping tour, and Christmas Fund raising chairman for the Jaycees, and was president of the Jaycees last year. He is now on Jaycee executive board of directors.

He is also active in Boy Scout Troop 40, served as a member of the Explorer Scout committee, and was appointed a city councilman last month. He has lived for 23 years in Central Point, where he makes his home with his wife, Dorothy, and their two children, Margaret and Reggie.

\$90,000 Saved in PUC, Hill Reports
Salem—UPI—Elimination of "certain unessential and overlapping personnel functions" will save the department of the public utility commissioner about \$90,000 in the current biennium.

The estimate was made by PUC Commissioner Jonel C. Hill. He said that during 11 months of last year 12 positions were eliminated "through attrition or the combining of responsibilities". Four more posts remain unfilled for the same reasons, Hill said. This Friday will mark one year since he took over the PUC duties.

The first made-made nuclear reactor was created in 1919 by Ernest Rutherford.

Two Atlas Missiles Fired; Climax Day Of Space Activity

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—UPI—America's only combat-ready intercontinental ballistic missile thundered aloft from both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts Tuesday night to climax the busiest day of rocket activity so far this year.

In other missile and space activities during the day the Navy launched a 10-million cubic foot balloon to a height of almost 22 miles from an aircraft carrier in the Atlantic; the U.S. and Canada rocketed 50 pounds of instruments 600 miles up over Wallops Island, Va., and an Army Redstone missile at Alamogordo, N.M., ejected a capsule designed to carry a television camera on surveillance missions.

The Air Force called both Atlas shots, here and at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., successes. The 85-foot Atlas fired from Vandenberg by a Strategic Air Command missile crew landed "in the general vicinity of Wake Island."

The Atlas fired here soared 5,000 miles down the Atlantic test range to test a new nose cone. Crews searched the South Atlantic late into the night in efforts to recover a data capsule carried in the nose.

The Army Redstone missile fired at the White Sands range in New Mexico was the first in a planned series. It was fired by U.S. troops in NATO forces just returned from Europe.

The Navy-launched balloon which went aloft from the aircraft carrier Valley Forge 540 miles east of Guadalupe in the Atlantic carried 1,600 pounds of instruments to gather information on high energy cosmic rays.

A Javelin rocket, carried the instruments in the Wallops Island launch. The instruments, which were not recovered, radioed back information about space "noise."

Election Slated on Salem Annexation
Salem—UPI—Salem city aldermen have approved an annexation step which would up Salem's population to nearly 52,000. At present, it is 49,544.

The area proposed for annexation is a tract on the southeast edge of the city and with other property would bring Fairview home and Hillcrest School for Girls within the Salem city limits. A special election on the issue has been set tentatively for March 18.

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Authorities Seek To End Mystery In Diana's Death

New York—UPI—Authorities today sought the solution to the mystery of the death of Diana Barrymore.

Deputy Police Inspector Joseph McLaughlin said Tuesday night the death of the 38-year-old actress would remain under investigation but added that there was no indication of suicide or foul play.

The body of the daughter of matinee idol John Barrymore was found Monday afternoon in her \$230-a-month East Side Manhattan apartment.

An autopsy Tuesday failed to disclose "any evident cause" for her death and a chemical analysis of her vital organs was ordered.

The body bore no signs of violence, police said. Miss Barrymore was known to have given a party in her apartment the night before she died. Police found three empty liquor bottles—one scotch, one gin and one vermouth—in the kitchen. Several tablets and other sedatives were found in a bedroom cabinet.

Police said, however, there was no indication she had taken an overdose of drugs. Mrs. Essee Kupcinec, wife of Chicago columnist Irv Kupcinec, one of several persons who dropped in at Miss Barrymore's apartment Sunday night, said the actress appeared depressed recently and had a foreboding she was soon to die.

"She had been full of concern about dying," Mrs. Kupcinec said. "She told me 'I want you to get a nice black hat and veil for my funeral—it's going to be soon.'"

"All last week she kept saying 'I am running out of time' and 'I will die soon.'"

Symington Gets Into Controversy Of Missile Gap
Washington—UPI—Sen. Stuart Symington, frequent critic of President Eisenhower's defense program and Democratic presidential hopeful, today jumped into the growing controversy over Soviet missile strength.

The Missouri Democrat, Air Force secretary under President Truman, scheduled a news conference to discuss new U.S. intelligence estimates downgrading the Russian missile threat.

The latest word in the controversy came Tuesday night from Central Intelligence Agency director Allen W. Dulles. He said the Russians were trying to make the "unsophisticated" believe that they have over-all military superiority does not exist.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson and other Democrats have charged that the new estimates, disclosed by Defense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. were "too rosy" and were based on a "dangerously risky" system of calculating Russia's missile-building intentions.

At his news conference Tuesday, President Eisenhower backed up Gates' revised appraisal of the Soviet rocket potential. Like the defense secretary, the President said the new estimates were based on better intelligence. Dulles also defended the method of the new estimates, based on Russian "intentions" to produce missiles in contrast to earlier forecasts based on Soviet "capabilities."

Some Democrats have criticized the new method as something like trying to read Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's mind.

Stock Market Said Mixed Early Today

New York—UPI—The stock market was a mixed affair today, with many of the leading industrials falling a point or more below their previous close.

Industrial shares lost ground in their average with DuPont off around 2 and Chrysler down a point. General Electric eased.

Steels showed gains of a point or more in Lukens and Youngstown Sheet. U.S. Steel countered with a loss of more than 1 as did Republic. Bethlehem eased.

In the autos, Ford, General Motors and American all showed losses of around a half or more.

Texas Instruments lost more than a point in the electronics where IBM added a point. American Home Products and Carter Products both gained a point or more in the drugs.

New York—UPI—Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 639.84, up 0.77; 20 railroads 164.19, up 0.09; 15 utilities 86.45, up 0.24 and 65 stocks 211.00, up 0.24. Sales yesterday were about 3,060,000 shares compared with 2,790,000 shares Monday.

Yesterday's prices on selected stocks:
Alum Co. Am. 96 1/4
American Can 42 3/4
Close 62 1/4
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Anaconda Copper 64 1/4
Arco Steel 68

31 Koreans Are Trampled to Death In Train Station

Seoul, Korea—UPI—A crowd of nearly 4,000 holiday-makers stampeding for a train piled up in a stairway at the Seoul rail station Tuesday night. At least 31 Koreans were trampled to death and 38 injured.

Transportation Minister Kim Il Hwan and stationmaster Yoon Ki both resigned, each claiming responsibility for the incident. Shin Hyun Dae was chosen to succeed Yoon, but no successor for Kim was announced.

Many persons in the crowd headed for the country to celebrate the lunar year had been waiting for hours for the 10:30 p.m. train to Mokpo in southwest Korea.

By the time the train came, the crowd was so big that authorities ordered the train held while additional cars were added. The stampede started when someone mistook the whistle of a switching engine for a signal that the train was about to start.

Someone slipped and fell on the snow-slick stairway to the station platform, and in a matter of moments the stairway was blocked by a mass of pushing, screaming humanity.

Nine men, 15 women and 7 children were killed. One of the dead was an infant strapped to its mother's back.

Tax Committee Ends Salem Session

Salem—UPI—The Legislative Interim Tax committee ended its meeting here Tuesday afternoon with some more facts and figures from the State Tax commission.

Commission Chairman Dean Ellis completed his report to the committee by suggesting two ways in which Oregon's tax base might be broadened.

One way is through a net receipts tax, he said, and another by cutting the number of allowable exemptions. Ellis said he personally favored the net receipts system.

Also before the committee was George Pederson, tax economist of the commission. He gave revised commission estimates for estimated receipts for the rest of the year. His charts showed an increase in expected personal income tax collections from \$4 million dollars to \$90,500,000. Estimated corporate tax income was upped to \$22,500,000 from \$21 million.

HAS DRAFT ADLAI PLANS
Madison Wis.—UPI—Attorney James E. Doyle, former head of Americans for Democratic Action, says he will announce Thursday plans of a nationwide group to draft Adlai E. Stevenson for president.

FILES FOR OFFICE
Salem—UPI—Ruth E. Howeller of Sandy filed Tuesday as a Republican candidate for district attorney of Clackamas county.

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