

84 Miss Universe Entrants Take Part In Water Parade

Miami Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — The 84 entries in the Miss Universe contest take to the water today following a hectic week-end that included a skirt-lifting incident.

Today's feature attraction is a water parade along a palm-studded canal that flows in front of this resort city's most fashionable hotels. Each contestant will be clad in a white swimsuit and ride a water-borne float.

The girls made their first public appearance Sunday night at the pageant's official opening at Convention Hall. A crowd of 3,300 persons turned out.

Parade Down Ramp
The girls, wearing clothes native to their home environment, paraded down a 75 foot ramp which jutted out over the spectators.

Miss Tennessee, Christine McSwain of Jefferson City, was barefoot, hillbilly style. Miss Arizona, Virginia Lee Crook of Phoenix, wore a six-shooter, and Miss Ohio, Corrine Huff, 19, from Youngstown, wore an ironworker's helmet.

Most of the foreign entrants are proficient in English, including Ingrid Moeckle, Miss Germany, who was indirectly involved in a skirt-lifting incident at Silver Springs, Fla. A busload of girls had stopped there en route to Miami and were having their pictures taken at an antique automobile exhibit.

An official of the resort said Saturday one of his photographers was snapping pictures

of Miss Moeckle when "Miss Austria (Irene Wahl), walked into the picture uninvited and stood on some steps and pulled up her skirt."

But a nurse accompanying the girls said, "The photographer made her (Miss Austria) pull her skirt all the way up to her thighs."

William B. Ray, Silver Springs public relations director, said his photographer denied the nurse's charge.

"We're a family resort," Ray said, "we had to ask Miss Holland twice to pull her skirt down."

Explosion, Fire Take Four Lives

Sterling, Ill. — (UPI) — Four persons, three in one family, died early today in an explosion and fire that destroyed two small buildings in a business community here.

Firemen said the adjoining buildings, wrecked by an explosion believed to have stemmed from a gas leak, housed a beauty shop, novelty advertising company and two apartments. There was some fire damage to a nearby barber shop.

The dead were Mrs. Mae Liberton, about 35, office secretary at Home hospital, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buckingham, and their son, Robert, 13, who lived in the apartments.

Moscow — (UPI) — A delegation of the national Maritime union of the United States headed by Joseph Curran left Stalingrad yesterday for the Black Sea city of Sochi after a two-day visit, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported. The American unionists are visiting as guests of the Soviet Maritime organization.



TRIBESMEN DIVERTED—Police use rifle group of demonstrators. Fighting flared in butts to force back members of the Puna Party, followers of Jean Bolikango. Police wanted to divert them from their route to avoid meeting with members of another group of demonstrators. Fighting flared in Leopoldville between rival tribesmen in the wake of a two-day celebration of the Congo's independence from Belgium. (UPI Telephoto)

Mexican Laborer Killed in Portland

Portland — (UPI) — A Mexican laborer was found stabbed to death in a hotel room here Saturday.

Police identified the victim as Jose Lolo Ramos, 29. It was the second slaying in two days. Edward Jimmie Reid, 35, was found stabbed to death Friday night.

TEACHERS FOR ADLAI

Chicago — (UPI) — A group of Chicago area educators today called on Democrats to nominate Adlai Stevenson for President and said Sen. John F. Kennedy should be his running mate. The "Teachers for Stevenson-Kennedy" said the nation today "must have the same qualities of leadership that launched the American experiment and went on to make this nation great."

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Letters Written to Local Students by Guatemalans

Editor's Note: Mrs. Margaret Schuler, Medford resident who is currently teaching English in a private school in Guatemala City, Guatemala, has asked her students to write letters to students in the United States. Children in the valley who are interested in corresponding with these students may address their letters in care of Mrs. Schuler, American Embassy, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

My Dear Friends:
I am Carmen Salmeron. I am studying at Belmont School in second year pre-colonial. I am 15 years old. I am very happy because I can write this friendly letter, that's because I just want to know more about your education.

Many persons have told me that you believe that we are here, short of means, or we are behind the advance of the civilization. You are not right. You believe too that we are like the Indians; we are not, may be you think we can't wear clothes? That's not true. I want to explain to you that here we have some beautiful buildings and we have museums and you can see there many things about the sciences and arts, you can study them; there are many, many curious things.

If you want, we can send you some books, or we can write you some letters to explain to you something about our education and our civilization.

I want you to write us, because we want to have some North American friends. And I think this is the better way to know more about you, and I hope that you will have our same wishes.

I think the United States must be a beautiful country and one of the most high up in the world.

I hope I will go there someday. Your friend, Carmen Salmeron.

Dear Friends:
This just a friendly letter to let you know what I think about American ways of education. I lived among you for many years, in fact I was brought up by your ways. Believe me, it cost me many troubles when I came back, I was free to do what I please, but here that isn't so.

Our ways of education are more advanced than yours. When I came back they would not accept my American education because it isn't as hard as ours. That was a year ago and they put me back two years and then that as a big favor because my father was a friend of the Minister of Public Education. I couldn't go into a university with the high school, but I can go into a university here and in the States with our system of education.

When I told from where I came, they would ask me so many silly questions: like if I went home in a helicopter, or about the change from my Guatemalan dresses into American clothes. You really have to learn about our own America. It's a shame that living so near you, you don't know about us.

Well, I hope that in the future we will have better understandings about these things that are so important. Please write back and tell me what you think about my country. Your friend, Rosario de Leon (age 14).

Skipper Describes Ordeal as Fellow Crewman Perishes

Shelburne, Nova Scotia — (UPI) — A hardy Nova Scotia fishing boat skipper told Sunday how his fellow crewman died of exposure in his arms while adrift in the North Atlantic for 65 hours off the Nova Scotia coast.

Both men had lashed themselves to the mast of the 37-foot Cape Island fishing boat Carolyn and Eric when the vessel started to sink in rough weather last Tuesday night.

The fishing boat with Capt. Alden Locke, Jordan, N.S., and James Stewart, Green Harbor, N.S., was on the Middle Bank off the Nova Scotia coast when the vessel ran into difficulties.

Lashed To Pilot House
"We managed to get to the top of the pilot house and lashed ourselves there. We both suffered from the cold," Locke said.

"We were up to our middle in water most of the time and Thursday the vessel sank further and the water came right under my arms."

"I held Jim about a half hour in my arms before he died near five o'clock in the afternoon. I tried to get him to hold on. I kept talking to him but he got weaker and weaker. I kept telling him help might come along any time. But it was no good. The last thing Jim said 'I can't hold on any longer.'"

Felt Strong
"When Jim went I thought at anytime I was to go too. I didn't think the boat would last. Funny though, I felt just as strong Thursday as I did Tuesday.

"On Friday one time I thought I heard a voice. It seemed like somebody was talking to me about an airplane."

Plane Buffeted By Winds; 2 Hurt

Chicago — (UPI) — A United Air Lines DC8 jetliner with 84 persons aboard was buffeted by high winds shortly after leaving New York Sunday night. The plane made a non-scheduled landing at Chicago to discharge two injured passengers.

A United spokeswoman said the nonstop New York-Los Angeles plane was climbing at 14,000 to 16,000 feet when it encountered severe air turbulence, shaking up the 77 passengers and 7 crewmen.

The pilot, Capt. A. G. Orr, Los Angeles, received clearance to make a landing at O'Hare International Airport here to let off four passengers.

Two of the passengers, Mrs. Angelina Hamwi, 58, Los Angeles, and her daughter, Lilly, 35, were hospitalized with contusions and abrasions. Doctors said they were in good condition.

The other passengers were examined by physicians but none was injured. However, two decided against continuing on to Los Angeles and remained behind when the plane took off again.

Freak Accident Kills Salem Woman

Bismark, N.D. — (UPI) — A freak accident Saturday took the life of Mrs. Henry Bastian, 57, Salem, Ore.

Mrs. Bastian was killed when a truck struck her husband, throwing him against her. She fell to the street, receiving fatal head injuries. Her husband was treated and released from a local hospital. Driver of the truck was Albert Wahl, Bismarek.

FISH'S WIFE DIES

Southampton, N. Y. — (UPI) — Mrs. Grace C. Fish, 75, died Saturday night of heart failure. She was the wife of Hamilton Fish, former Republican congressman from New York.

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President Takes To Golf Course

Gettysburg, Pa. — (UPI) — President Eisenhower took advantage of fine Fourth of July weather today to play golf before returning to Washington later in the day.

The President, however, was not distracted and kept his eye on the ball for 36 holes of golf Saturday and 18 yesterday at the Gettysburg Country Club.

The President and Mrs. Eisenhower leave Thursday by plane for a vacation at Newport, R.I. He will break his stay there to visit the Republican National Convention in Chicago July 26 and may not return to Washington on a regular basis until congress is back in session next month.

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