

Five Badly Burned Bodies Discovered; Murder Suspected

Pikeville, Ky.—(UPI)—Authorities today refused to accept any explanation but murder for the deaths of four men and a youth whose bodies, horribly burned, were found sitting in a burned-out car on a remote dead end road.

But one major question remained. If it were murder, how were they killed?

The bodies, discovered Sunday by a little girl, were sitting upright, in natural positions. The doors of the car had buckled in the intense heat, but had not jammed. The car apparently had run off a dirt road into a creek bed, but had halted without turning over.

Traces of Gas

Autopsies performed Monday disclosed traces of poisonous carbon monoxide gas, which is contained in auto exhaust fumes, but it could not be determined whether the gas was the killer. State Police Sgt. James Cox said he was continuing the investigation on the assumption the deaths were no accident.

Two of the charred bodies were sent to Kettering Crime Laboratory in Cincinnati, Ohio, for further examination.

"I have never seen bodies burned so badly as these were," said Pike County Coroner Raymond S. Call. The fire had burned the head off at least one of the victims.

"I believe that such intense

heat could not be developed merely by the burning of the interior of an automobile," Call said. "I believe the fire was fed."

Robbery Possible Motive

State police indicated robbery was a possible motive. They said John Yates, father of one of the victims, told them his son had more than \$200 in his wallet when he was last seen Saturday night.

The victims, all coal miners except the youngest, were identified as Harmon Robinson, 42; Denver Yates, 25; Harvey Ratliff, 24, the driver; Bob Hopkins Jr., 22, and his brother, Louis, 18.

State police said the five were last seen Saturday night, and that witnesses indicated they had been drinking.

"We have so very little to go on," Cox said. "We all have our theories, but they are merely theories and we can't disclose those."

Morse Sees Hike In Minimum Pay

Miami, Fla. — (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said Monday a hike in the minimum wage was certain in the next congressional session and approval of a Forand-type medical aid bill a good possibility.

Morse said the minimum wage level "should and will be as high as \$1.25 an hour."

He said there was a "good chance" for approval of a medical aid plan for elderly persons financed through social security, as proposed in the last session by Rep. Aime Forand (D-R.I.).

Morse predicted broad success for President-elect John F. Kennedy's legislative program in the next session.

He said "a considerable amount will get through" because of what he termed the absence of the veto threat wielded over Congress by President Eisenhower.

Bighorn Sheep Being Transplanted

Portland — (UPI) — The first transplant of Bighorn mountain sheep to other parts of their original Eastern Oregon range was made last week by the State Game Commission.

Four animals were captured from the nucleus herd in the Hart Mountain enclosure and trucked to the east face of the Steens Mountains. The four animals included one large ram, two adult ewes and one female lamb.

The sheep were released on Bureau of Land Management lands in the vicinity of Alvord Creek, a rugged, rim-rocked gorge cutting the east face of the Steens.

Additional attempts will be made in the near future to capture more sheep for the Steens transplant, the commission said.

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HOME LOST—Little Steven Foster, 3, and his dog wandered a few blocks from home in San Francisco. Sympathetic police took the pair into the police station where Steven "convinced" officers that it was his Mama and the family home which was lost, not them. Police dined the boy and his dog on doughnuts until the frantic Mama, Mrs. Cecelia Foster, called to report a missing child and dog. (UPI Telephoto)

U. S. Submits Plan to NATO

Paris — (UPI) — The United States has submitted a 10-year plan aimed at strengthening the North Atlantic Treaty Organization politically, a plan transforming the NATO Ministerial Council, into an effective Western Cabinet, informed sources said today.

The plan, suggested by U.S. Secretary of State Christian Herter, was viewed as a final act of statesmanship by President Eisenhower before he leaves the White House in January.

Vice President-elect Lyndon B. Johnson hinted Monday in his keynote speech to the NATO conference of parliamentarians that the United States plans to introduce "new dimensions to the objectives" of NATO.

NATO sources declined to detail the American plan, which will be discussed by the NATO Ministerial Council next month.

Use of Children In Fields Discussed

Salem—(UPI)—Oregon Employment Commissioner David H. Cameron met with Salem growers and processors Monday to discuss better use of seasonal agricultural workers, including recruitment of children.

One packer, Walter Leth of Salem, said they want the "confidence of parents that children working in plateaus are well taken care of."

Among the problems discussed were whether to pay a bonus if plateaus are switched from one grower to another, what to do about children who become ill during the working day, and how to control unruly children in the fields or on worker buses. It was agreed that making children walk home involves too great a risk.

U. S. May Ease Southern Patrol

Washington—(UPI)—The United States probably will begin withdrawing its naval patrol off Guatemala and Nicaragua within a week or so unless new violence erupts in the area, an administration source said today.

This source said no "firm decision" to recall the patrol had been made but that President Eisenhower was expected to review the possibility within the next few days.

The State Department was understood to feel that the United States would appear in a bad light if it kept the patrol in operation indefinitely.

Seven Persons Die As Train Hits Car

Eloy, Ariz.—(UPI)—"I went up and down the tracks and saw the bodies lying all around. There was nothing anyone could do."

The bodies seen by passerby Vic Sheridan were those of two mothers, four of their five children and a man who were killed Monday when their auto drove in front of a Southern Pacific freight train near here. Impact of the crash scattered bodies for 300 yards.

The seven persons killed were Mrs. Katherine Jewell, 26, and her children, Leroy, 3, and Rusty, 19 months; Mrs. Anabelle Martin, 30, and a son, Elliot, 5, and a daughter, Barbara, 3; and Mrs. Martin's brother-in-law Benjamin, 28. Mrs. Martin was the driver.

ENTERTAINERS ENGAGED

Hollywood — (UPI) — Actress Sandra Dee, 18, and singer Bobby Darin, 24, are engaged.

Quotes From the News

BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Havana—A speaker at a mass meeting of university students in Camaguey, bitterly criticizing Fidel Castro's government:

"Cuba is the biggest country in the world! Its capital is Havana, its government is in Moscow and its people are in the United States!"

Moscow—Mrs. Irving T. McDonald, wife of the U. S. Embassy aide ordered expelled by the Russians, after being informed by the embassy of the expulsion order:

"I suppose I had better start packing."

Washington—A Quartermaster spokesman, announcing the Defense Department is ready to launch Operation Thanksgiving Turkey:

"We have the birds in position. If a single man in the armed services doesn't have his turkey, it will be the cook's fault."

Los Angeles—Actress Jo Morrow, mulling over the clause of her contract with Columbia that says she must not go over a weight of 132 pounds:

"I love candy, but I can't have any until I'm below 132. And my doctor says I must weigh at least 132, so I can't have any candy."

First China Clipper Flight Left SF Bay 25 Years Ago Today

San Francisco—(UPI)—Twenty five years ago today a crowd of 125,000 persons gathered on the hills near the Golden Gate to watch a flying boat christened China Clipper rise from the waters of San Francisco Bay for the first scheduled transpacific flight in history.

Among the observers was Postmaster General James A. Farley, who came from Washington to watch the four-engine Pan American Airways plane depart on its flight to Manila.

Most Significant Achievement

Farley described the event as "the beginning of the greatest and most significant achievement in the marvelous and fascinating development of air transportation."

Manuel L. Quezon, then president of the commonwealth of the Philippines, sent a message for the first flight. It said:

"Today, we await impatiently the arrival of the flying clipper ships that will, with incredible swiftness, finally sweep away the barrier of time and space forever."

Twenty-one hours later the China Clipper, piloted by Capt. Edwin C. Musick, made its first stop at Honolulu. The flying boat maintained an average speed of 115 miles an hour during the 2,400-mile flight.

After stops at Midway, Wake and Guam, the clipper reached its destination. The colorful log of the first flight had this to say about reaching the Philippines:

Signal for Another Celebration

"Then, reared sharply against the horizon from a distance of a hundred and fifty miles, through the incredibly clear atmosphere from our altitude of 11,000 feet, Mount Pandan and Catanduanes Island were sighted, a sight we have been looking forward to for the past five days."

The landing of the China Clipper in Manila Bay was the signal for another civic celebration. It had crossed the ocean in what was then blinding speed—59 hours and 48 minutes.

Today Pan American jets make the 8,746-mile flight from San Francisco to Manila in 16 hours and 20 minutes at a speed of 550 miles an hour.

Four Talks Given At Club Meeting

Four talks were given by members at a meeting of the Jackson Toastmaster's club at the Jackson hotel Monday morning.

They were by Doremus Scudder, who discussed the "Case of the Frozen Mammoth"; Jim Wells, who chose "Enthusiasm" for his eighth talk before the club; and Bill McKibben, who received the process of digestion.

Larry Horton, a club member taking "Beyond Basic Training Course," gave an extemporaneous speech. Ed Kuppilas was toastmaster, and assigned the topic "Are We Healed for A Major Recession?"

Bill Butler was in charge of the topic session, and all members of the club were required to participate. Subjects discussed centered around the educational system and included discussions on the students of tomorrow, courses of study, tomorrow's instructors, and the function of the Parent-Teacher association.

The club decided that its speechcraft school would start Jan. 19. All members have been urged to submit the names of five men who would be interested in improving their speaking ability. The

Prominent Author Faces Charges Of Stabbing Wife

New York—(UPI)—Norman Mailer, author of the wartime novel "The Naked and the Dead," faced arraignment today on charges of stabbing his wife at a weekend party without apparent provocation.

Mrs. Mailer, who tried to cover up the story of the knife, was reported in critical condition at University Hospital, suffering from two wounds in the back and stomach.

Mailer denied the stabbing charge in his wife's hospital room, but she repeated it to his face, police said.

To Ask Examination

The author, who has been involved in a series of incidents with police recently, will be arraigned on a felonious assault charge. Police said they planned to ask he undergo psychiatric examination at Bellevue Hospital.

Detectives said the stabbing took place early Sunday morning at the end of a big party at the Mailers' apartment. Three hours later Mailer took his 35-year-old wife—his second—to the hospital where she told doctors she had cut herself with broken glass.

Hospital authorities doubled her story and notified police, but detectives were not permitted to talk to her until Monday because of her condition. Reluctantly she told them her 37-year-old husband had stabbed her with a pen-knife or a clasp-knife.

"He just looked at me," she said. "He didn't say a word. Then he stabbed me."

Asks Kind Treatment

Mrs. Mailer, a talented painter, added that she thought her husband has "homicidal" tendencies and that his family has been trying to make him see a psychiatrist. She pleaded with police to treat him kindly.

Mailer gained fame as a literary figure with his book "The Naked and the Dead" in 1948 after he got out of the Army. The book, charged through with the rough, cursory talk of soldiers in World War II, was an overnight sensation.

His subsequent literary output has not been as successful. He wrote "Barbaric Shore" in 1951, "The Deer Park," in 1955 and "Adventures for Myself" in 1959.

Hawaii Architect Praises Capitol

Salem—(UPI)—An architect working on plans for a new Hawaii capitol building said Monday the Oregon capitol architecturally is the best of eight he visited.

C. W. Lemmon, Honolulu, gave the nod to Oregon over capitol buildings in Nebraska, North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Louisiana, Arizona and New Mexico. Oregon's capitol building was built in 1938.

He was one of four Hawaiian visitors here Monday. Others were Leo C. Pritchard, administrative director of Hawaii, and State Reps. George Koga and William Bains-Jordan, all of Honolulu.

Oregon was the last stop on the tour. The group gathered ideas for design of the new Hawaii capitol.

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