

Death Brings End To Love Triangle Of Korean War

San Francisco — (UPI) — Death has slowed the final curtain on the drama of Daniel and Una Schmidt — a story of an airman who returned from the Korean war to find his wife, believing him dead, married to another man.

An isolated paragraph in a logger's magazine reported that Daniel C. Schmidt, 31, died on the operating table at Fort Miley Veterans Hospital May 9 while undergoing open-heart surgery. The hospital confirmed his death.

Bomber Shot Down

Schmidt went to Korea as an Air Force gunner, leaving behind his wife, Una, who gave birth to their son, Danny Jr., five weeks later. In 1952 his B-29 was shot down over North Korea.

He spent 32 months in a Red Chinese prison. When most imprisoned American servicemen were released in "Operation Big Switch,"

Schmidt was not among them. His wife believed he had been killed, and she married Alfred Fine, a Shasta county logger.

Nearly 20 months later Schmidt and his fellow crew members were released and he came home.

Una met him at San Francisco airport but their meeting

was brief. She had to have time, she told him, to make up her mind between her two husbands.

She finally decided to leave Fine and return to Schmidt. They were reunited in Portland, Ore.

The Schmidts and their Enoch Arden love story then dropped out of the news. They

had another son and it appeared that their marital mix-up was solved.

Married Again

But Veterans Hospital records showed that Schmidt divorced Una in 1960 and married Una. He and his wife had been living in Shasta county, and were the parents of a 7-month-old boy.

From Schmidt's relatives in Montgomery Creek, Calif., came still another twist to the strange story — Una, too had remarried.

Schmidt's death was given one lonely paragraph in the Shasta Spotlight, a logging magazine published in Redding, where he worked for a plywood mill.

Fishing Industry Assistance Asked

Washington — (UPI) — Sen. Benjamin A. Smith (D-Mass.) today called for a federal aid for fisheries program as extensive as that given agriculture.

Smith said the industry is suffering from a "backwardness of technology" and needs to modernize to help the United States catch up with Russia in world fishery production.

Smith said "the march of technology, which has transformed agriculture and so many other industries, has hardly brushed our fisheries."

In a prepared senate speech, Smith said "American fisheries desperately need to modernize and this modernization can not take place without the help of the federal government."

Portland To Host Presbyterian Parley

Denver — (UPI) — Portland was selected here Wednesday as the site for the 1967 General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of the United States.

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Robber, Hostage Killed During Holdup Escape

Belzoni, Miss. — (UPI) — A storekeeper and the slender convict who held him as a hostage were killed Wednesday and the gunman's teenage wife was critically wounded in a running gun battle with police.

Sammy Jack Robertson, 21, of Houston, Miss., and C. L. Chattick, held as a hostage by Robertson, were fatally wounded in a hall of bullets.

Robertson's wife, Sue, 19, was critically wounded during the firing.

The pretty brunette drove the getaway car in which the couple fled with Chattick as a hostage after holding up his store.

Robertson, who had served a prison term for auto theft, and his wife walked into the country grocery Wednesday afternoon. Robertson pulled a gun on Chattick's wife, who was attending the store, and demanded money.

Mrs. Chattick said "the girl emptied the cash drawer into a hat" and the couple took her husband as a hostage when a customer appeared on the scene. The customer saw the gun in Robertson's hand and telephoned the police.

The getaway car crashed through three roadblocks in a hail of bullets. When the car was finally halted by state highway patrolmen Mrs. Robertson fell from behind the wheel. She had been shot four or five times. Robertson and Chattick were dead in the back seat.

Officers said they did not know if Robertson killed Chattick or if he was killed by a police bullet. Mrs. Robertson was rushed to a hospital where her chances of recovery were reported to be slim.

Boat Check Is Planned in Area

A courtesy motorboat examination will be given by the U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary in cooperation with the Jackson county sheriff's office at Howard prairie, Emigrant lake and Savage Rapids dam, according to Cmdr. Bob Foster, U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary, Eugene.

The check will cover all required and recommended equipment. The boats passing the examination will receive a U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary decal. The decal is recognized by most law enforcement officers as being attached to only safe boats with all required equipment aboard.

No citation will be issued during the courtesy check, the sheriff's office said.

Child Abandoned At Medical School

Portland — (UPI) — A blue-eyed baby girl was abandoned in a classroom at the University of Oregon Medical School Tuesday night, the school disclosed.

The child, weighing about 10 pounds, was reported in good condition and to have already gained a pound.

Medical school authorities said it was the first time a baby has been abandoned there. The baby was found wrapped in two blankets on the floor of an unoccupied classroom behind the seats in the last row.

Its cries were heard by visitors passing from the eighth-floor classroom en route to visit patients. Attendants said if visitors had not heard the child she might not have been found until Wednesday morning.

RUSK TO SPEAK

Washington — (UPI) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk plans to leave here late this afternoon for Seattle where he will deliver a speech Friday at the World's Fair.

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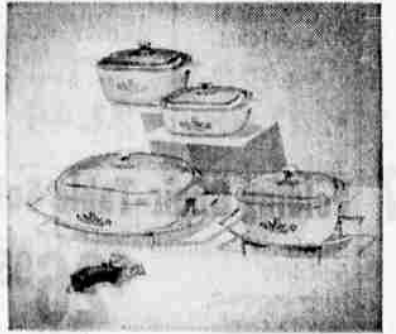


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