

MANGLED BODY OF CHILD FOUND

GI's Await Arrival Of Patterson

Yanks Send Congress Pleas For Quick Homecoming

MANILA, Jan. 8 (AP)—Milling thousands of GI's flooded commercial communications offices today, relaying to congress their pleas for quick homecoming while they awaited the arrival of Secretary of War Patterson and congressional committees to whom they hope to protest in person.

It was not known how many of the protesters were eligible for discharge. Harbor authorities said only 300 are eligible to sail this month but that 10 transports with a capacity of 40,000 to 50,000 are due.

A U. S. senate sub-committee investigating postwar bases and surpluses is expected here Saturday, and General MacArthur's press headquarters in Tokyo said that Secretary Patterson plans to visit Manila "the middle of next week."

Changes Plan

Lt. Gen. W. D. Sayer, commanding army forces in the Western Pacific, had told representatives of protesting GI's that Patterson had decided to by-pass Manila on his world tour.

But a spokesman at MacArthur's headquarters explained that "instead of taking Manila off his schedule, Secretary Patterson put it on, after he arrived in Tokyo. He did not plan to go to Manila at the time he left the United States."

The secretary is scheduled to go to Korea Saturday or Sunday, then proceed to Shanghai before flying to Manila.

Chinese Near Agreement To Cease Firing

CHUNGKING, Jan. 8 (AP)—China's truce committee approached final agreement for cessation of hostilities at a lengthy discussion this afternoon.

Government and communist representatives issued a communique stating the major portion of the problems have been settled and certain details remain to be discussed and disposed of.

The communique was issued after a three hour and 40 minute meeting with General Marshall, President Truman's special envoy to China, who presided. The third meeting of the committee, it followed a three-hour morning session.

The agreement would include plans for restoration of communications, particularly in North China.

Truce Orders

A few hours earlier, the Chinese press predicted that orders to cease firing would be issued by both the government and communists tomorrow.

The committee will meet again late tomorrow. The delegates declined to give details but they seemed optimistic that final settlement would be reached tomorrow before the opening Thursday of the political consultation conference—interparty and nonpartisan parleys which will try to settle outstanding differences between the government and the communists.

This new name for the conference, formerly called the political consultative council, was decided upon by delegates at an unofficial preparatory meeting yesterday.

Truman Asserts Discharge Slowdown Due To Critical Need For Troops Overseas

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—President Truman today attributed the slowdown in the army's rate of demobilization to "the critical need for troops overseas."

The president declared in a statement that he was convinced that both the army and the navy are demobilizing "with commendable efficiency and with justice to all concerned."

Taking cognizance of complaints in congress about delays in the return of troops and of demonstrations among members of the armed forces themselves, the president asserted:

"The armed forces have been reduced as fast as possible. For many reasons it is impossible for every member of the armed forces to be discharged promptly."

He mentioned both the "enormous size" of the task involved and the fact that the United States "must assume its full share of responsibility for keeping the peace and destroying the war-making potential of the hostile nations that were bent on keeping the world in a state of warfare."

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CIO Pockets Wage-Bonus Auto Pact

Union Leaders Praise Contract As Best Ever Reached

DETROIT, Jan. 8 (AP)—The CIO United Automobile Workers today held a unique and unprecedented bonus wage contract with Kaiser-Frazer Corp., newcomers to the auto industry, which they will offer as a model for settling disputes with the industry's long-established firms.

Union leaders hailed the contract, announced by both sides late last night, as "unquestionably the best ever reached with an automotive company."

In a whirlwind finish to a highly-secret, seven-hour negotiating session, Henry J. Kaiser, chairman, and Joseph W. Frazer, president, announced at a press conference that the new firm would:

1. Base wage scales on prevailing rates at the Ford Motor Co. Rouge plant, said to be the highest in the industry.

2. Meet any increases granted by General Motors as a result of the current GM strike.

3. Set up a pool by laying aside \$5 for each Kaiser, the company's low-priced car, and Frazer, its medium-priced car, produced during the year at the big Willow Run Bomber plant, leased from the government for auto production. The pool would be divided among Kaiser-Frazer production workers at the end of each year.

The company has estimated its production rate will reach 300,000 cars annually, so the pool will be about \$1,500,000.

To prevent wildcat strikes it was stipulated that any worker participating in a work stoppage not authorized by the UAW-CIO international executive board would lose bonus benefits for the period of participation.

Morgan Will Not Quit Post

LONDON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick E. Morgan has refused to resign as chief of UNRRA operations in Germany, the agency's London headquarters said today.

An announcement previously had been made that Gen. Morgan was requested by UNRRA in London to come here and resign, after he had told a news conference that he believed a secretly plotted exodus of Jews from Europe was underway.

An UNRRA spokesman said the general replied that he was not resigning and that he would await fuller information before leaving for London.

UNRRA officials conferred at length today after receiving Morgan's reply. There was no indication when they would take further action, although it was believed there would be no announcement for at least a week.

Orville Hamilton Named Police Chief Of Klamath

Klamath Falls today had a chief of police for the first time in more than a year. Last night the council confirmed Mayor Ed Ostendorf's appointment of Orville Hamilton as chief of police. Hamilton has served the city since January 1, 1944, as acting chief of police with all duties of the office his responsibility.

Council approved Hamilton's appointment without comment. Chief Hamilton, a native of Klamath Falls, has been with the police department for the past 10 years, serving in various capacities until his appointment as acting chief when Mayor Ed Ostendorf took office a year ago. Hamilton was assistant chief under Mayor John H. Houston who preceded Mayor Ostendorf in office.

Chief Hamilton said today that he would continue to give the city the most efficiently operated police force within his power and to conduct the office in the best manner possible.

The department now includes Chief Hamilton, Assistant Chief Leigh Ackerman, Sgt. Paul Robertson and 18 patrolmen.



CHIEF HAMILTON

Main Street Building Sold

Sale of the J. C. Penney company building on the northeast corner of Main at 8th to Porter J. Neff of Medford, was announced today.

The sale involved a consideration in the neighborhood of \$200,000, courthouse records revealed.

Along with the sale went the signing of a long-term lease by Penney company which will continue to operate in the present location.

The transaction involves a property exchange in Medford where Neff sold a building on North Central avenue, occupied by Groceria No. 1, and located across the street from the Penney building. Court records in Jackson county show a consideration of \$85,000.

According to Medford information, the Klamath Falls building was obtained in the deal by Porter Neff through an earlier agreement.

J. C. Penney company bought the Klamath Falls building in 1937 from E. W. Vannice, operator of The Golden Rule. Vannice, for many years a well known merchant here, now resides in Mt. Vernon, Wash. C. S. Elliott has been manager of the local store since 1937. The Penney company operates 1600 stores in the nation, 42 in Oregon.

Elliott said today that no change is anticipated in local operation.

According to county records of December 19, the Penney company signed papers transferring title to the building to George D. Ryall and wife of Los Angeles. On December 29, the Ryalls transferred the title to Porter J. Neff. It is understood the Ryalls served as brokers for the Medford business man.

The agreement, now in existence, calls for 20 years lease on the 8th and Main property by Penney.

Irate Dog Lovers Add To Reward

Irate dog lovers continued today to call C. L. Barkdoll, 115 S. 11th, and add to the fund which is being offered for the arrest and conviction of a killer who has cost the lives of a number of pets.

Nine additional donors were announced today and the fund has now reached \$122 since its inception Saturday. Today's contributors include E. O. Gillings, Punky Adams, Paul F. Poteet, Fred Costel, Fred Savage, Richard Morgan, F. W. Van Buskirk, Paul Haines and an anonymous giver.

Anyone wishing to contribute may contact Barkdoll. The outbreak of poisoning occurred in late December. Several pets were lost at that time. Animals were being poisoned apparently through quick-acting strychnine, the poison spread on meat or bones.

Dog owners were urged to watch their animals, especially in the Mills area.

WEATHER

(January 8)
Max. (Jan. 7) ... 53 Min. ... 12
Precipitation last 24 hours01
Stream year to date ... 4.31
Normal ... 5.05 Last year ... 4.38
Forecast: Frost tonight, clear Wednesday.

Telegraph Employees Quit Jobs

Western Union Begins Strike Four Hours Ahead Of Time

By ALLAN FISHER
NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP)—Telegraphic isolation from the rest of the nation and partial cable isolation from the world hit this international business capital today when 7000 Western Union employees struck at 7:10 a. m. (EST)—four hours earlier than scheduled.

Almost immediately the heart of the company's great network came to a near-standstill, and union members in eight international and radio message firms refused to accept traffic emanating from Western Union—by whom a union-estimated 40 per cent of international communications normally are handled.

Business transactions all over the world were impeded and snarled by the tie-up. A union spokesman, describing the strike as "100 per cent effective," said 1800 points in New York and New Jersey were affected.

Times Advanced

A spokesman for the CIO American Communications association, which called the strike, told reporters at the company's Hudson street headquarters—hub of the Western Union network—that the strike time was advanced because the company was "shipping in four carloads of strike breakers."

The CIO workers are protesting a decision granting them a 12-cent an hour raise. The directive, which revised downward a New York regional award, deprives the workers of \$6,000,000 they would have received under the earlier award, the union said. The AFL-Commercial Telegraphers union, representing Western Union workers outside of New York, have accepted a WLB grant of a 12-cent an hour increase and have decided not to strike.

A company spokesman denied that the Western Union was bringing in strike breakers, saying "there was nothing to" such reports.

Louis Siebenberg, vice chairman of Local 40, one of eight locals of the CIO American Communications association which are involved in a wage dispute with the company, said at 9:30 a. m., that the strike was "100 per cent effective with 7000 employees out."

Willamette Creeps Higher

PORTLAND, Jan. 8 (AP)—The Willamette river at Eugene crept 1.5 feet higher in the last 24 hours, the weather bureau reported today but waters are expected to fall during the next two days.

A 2.8 foot fall was reported at Albany, at Jefferson, the river was 1.6 feet higher, 1.1 feet at Harrisburg and 8 foot at Salem today. The crest was expected to hit 13 feet tonight at Portland.

SLIDE ENDANGERS HOMES

ASTORIA, Jan. 8 (AP)—A landslide here has endangered six homes, breaking off front porches, cracking lawns and sidewalks and snapping power lines.

Slipping of the hill, on 23rd street, has pulled buildings down from a few inches to several feet. Water has been cut off from the Ray Hendrickson home.

"I Have Faith, Father, Tell Me," Sobs Mother

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP)—A parish priest, accepting a plea by police officials, related the tragic news of the slaying of little Suzanne Degnan to her grief-stricken parents last night. The Rev. George G. Kearney of St. Gertrude's church, accompanied by Detective Edwin C. Daly, went to the Degnan home shortly after the finding of the severed head of the child in a sewer.

Helen Degnan, 36, mother of the six-year-old slain Suzanne, was lying on a lounge, sobbing softly, hoping, praying for the safety of her child. Alongside her sat her husband, James E., 36, who sought to comfort her.

Father Kearney looked at the distraught couple for a minute, then quietly asked: "Do you have strong faith?"

Mrs. Degnan, sobbing faintly, raised her head slightly, "I have faith, Father, tell me." Her husband nodded.

The couple looked intently at the priest. He said nothing. Another pause and then Degnan, his eyes filling with tears, whispered: "I understand, Father." He placed a comforting arm about his wife's shoulders. "We understand, don't we, Mom?"

Father Kearney and Daly stood silent as the couple sought bravely to compose their emotions. "Was she disgraced, Father?" "Was she badly harmed?" The priest remained mute. He appeared to shake his head, slowly. Inspector Daly left the room as the priest lingered, to offer whatever comfort he could.

Coroner Declares Girl Was Raped; Police Seek Fiend

Murdered



Suzanne Degnan (above), 6-year-old daughter of a Chicago OPA executive, was kidnapped, probably raped, and strangled to death by a fiend who later dismembered the body. Chicago police have launched the greatest manhunt in Chicago's history to capture the slayer.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP)—Coroner A. L. Brodie said today that Suzanne Degnan, 6, probably was raped and was strangled to death by a kidnaper who dismembered the body in a manner indicating the fiend had a butcher's skill.

Examination of the parts of the body—all except the arms have been found—taken from sewer catch basins near the little girl's North Side home, Brodie said, indicated the maniac used an instrument like a hunting knife and hacked the body into gruesome pieces of the joints, without damaging the bones. It evidently was the ghoulish work of an expert carver, he said.

"I think it was an on-the-spot dismemberment, carried out on the spur of the moment, rather than a premeditated plan," Brodie added.

Fragments of charred bones were found by police investigators in an ash heap and may be human bones, Supervising Police Capt. Joseph Goldberg disclosed. They were sent to a University of Chicago laboratory for examination.

The bones were found near the basement of an apartment building at 5860 Kenmore avenue, not far from the Degnan home. In the basement a refuse cart, stained apparently with blood, was located. Experts were trying to determine whether the cart stains were human blood and if it might have figured in the dismemberment.

The text of the \$20,000 ransom note left by the kidnaper who snatched Suzanne from her bedroom early yesterday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Degnan, was released today by Charles M. Wilson, director of the police crime detection laboratory. It read:

"Get \$20,000 red dy & wait for word. Do not notify FBI or police. Bills in 5's and 10's."

Wilson said this was written in soft pencil on one side of an oily piece of paper and on the other side, in hard pencil, were the words: "Burn this for her safety." He said the writer apparently tried deliberately to disguise his handwriting.

Capt. Goldberg said the cart was sent to the police crime detection laboratory to determine whether the stains were human blood.

In St. Louis, FBI Agent Gerald B. Norris said a man arrested in the St. Louis Union station, and booked as Grover Casey, 23, of Troy, Ala., had demanded \$500 in three telephone calls to Suzanne's father, James Degnan.

However, Norris said: "So far it looks like nothing more than an attempt to chisel in on the folks up there, but we are investigating every possible angle."

One hundred picked policemen were on a house-to-house, store-to-store search for the maniac killer in the North Side neighborhood where Suzanne lived.

The gruesome discoveries last night of the child's head, chopped crudely from her tiny body, and dismembered parts of the blond, blue-eyed girl, came after one of the biggest man hunts in the city's police history got underway.

The head, torso and legs were found in four different catch basins in the vicinity of the Degnan home at 5943 Kenmore avenue, in the Edgewater beach district on the North Side.

Only the two arms of the little victim were missing as nearly 100 policemen and crews from the city sewer department continued their all-night search.

Infuriated Officers

Grim, infuriated officers set about to interview everyone living in the neighborhood, every janitor and storekeeper, under direction of Supervising Captain Joseph Goldberg who told them: "Men, the police force is on trial; nothing must be left undone to solve this case."

Anyone who called at the county morgue, asking to see the child's body was subject to immediate police interrogation.

A half dozen men, mostly janitors in the neighborhood, were taken into custody, for questioning, although Capt. Walter Storms, chief of detectives, said all six had reasonable alibis as to their whereabouts at the time of the fiendish crime.

Mayor Edward J. Kelly and all the top-flight officials of the police department, coroner's office, state's attorneys and sheriff's offices maintained all-night headquarters at the Degnan home, departing early today but leaving a detail on guard.

The investigators listed these important clues in the brutal killing which followed the kidnaping and the leaving of a \$20,000 ransom note:

Fingerprints on the window sill of Suzanne's room, a burlap bag in which the little girl's torso was found, a paper shopping bag with red crayon markings found with the right leg, the ransom note, a worn gray-green fedora hat found near one sewer, two shoe-size footprints in the earth near the Degnan back porch, the ladder used by the kidnaper to enter the girl's room, a white muslin laundry bag with initials "U. S." found in a nearby basement, two black hairs found on the chest of the torso.

Meantime in Baltimore, Md., where the Degnan family formerly lived, prayers were said in Catholic churches for Suzanne, who was known there as a chubby, honey-haired, friendly "worrywart" of the Degnans' neighbors.

Tragic News Told

The tragic news of Suzanne's death was told to her grief-stricken parents, James E. and Helen Degnan, by their parish priest last night shortly after the finding of the severed head of the little girl in a catch basin near an apartment building about a half block from the Degnan home.

About five hours later the left leg, severed at the thigh with a clean cut, was discovered in a sewer in a nearby alley. The right leg and parts of the torso were removed from another sewer in an alley a block south and near the Degnan home. Later the remainder of the torso, minus the arms, was found in another sewer, also less than a block from the home.

Police said the torso was found in a sugar sack and also inside the bag was a pair of girl's blue pajamas, which fitted the description of the clothing worn by Suzanne when she was kidnaped.

Chicago Shocked

The brutality of the crime shocked the city. Hundreds of persons milled near the Degnan home throughout the night as scores of police toured the area in response to pleas from parents terrorized after news of the finding of the child's body. Many pleaded for police protection for their children until the killer had been apprehended.

Top law enforcement officials of Chicago and Cook county joined in the investigation. John C. Prendergast, recently named police commissioner, was in direct charge of the search for the killer and the department's ace detectives were assigned to the case.

Mayor Kelly, who last night went to the home of the distraught parents, termed the slaying "even too horrible for a maniac." Police Capt. John L. Sullivan called the killer a "sadistic fool—motivated by both lust and money."

The parents, since the discovery of Suzanne's kidnaping at 7:30 a. m. Monday, had maintained hope throughout yesterday that they would get their child back by paying \$20,000, as demanded in a note left in her room.

Degnan, 36-year-old supervisory executive of the Chicago metropolitan office of price administration, had appealed by radio to the kidnaper to return his child and he would pay the ransom. He pleaded with his daughter to obey her abductor.

But his appeals and pleadings were of no avail. Police theorized that Suzanne, who was a first grade pupil in the Sacred Heart academy, had been killed almost immediately after the kidnaper snatched her from her bed at a time estimated around 3 a. m.

Truman Lauds Moscow Meet

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—President Truman today expressed complete satisfaction with the atomic energy and other agreements reached at Moscow by the foreign ministers of the United States, Russia and Great Britain.

The president also told a news conference that the agreements providing for recognition of the Romanian, Bulgarian and Yugoslav governments were conditional and that he would have the final say.

Mr. Truman, meeting the press for the first time since the Christmas holidays, told questioners that he had no information to indicate the Russians had developed an atomic bomb.

(He apparently was referring to a report by Dr. Raphael E. G. Armatore, director of Lomeshia research center for anthropology and human biology at London-derry, northern Ireland, that Russia had developed a bomb that made the U. S. version "obsolete.")

Mr. Truman said flatly that the Romanian, Bulgarian and Yugoslav governments were not going to be recognized finally without guarantees of free and fair elections, and added: I have final say.

Rewards Up For 'Butcher'

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP)—Rewards totaling \$11,000 were offered today for evidence resulting in the arrest and conviction of the "Mad Butcher of Edgewater" who kidnaped, killed and mutilated 6-year-old Suzanne Degnan.

Mayor Edward J. Kelly who called the crime "the most horrible thing anyone can imagine," offered \$5000 to anyone supplying evidence leading to arrest and conviction. The mayor said he would guarantee payment personally, if necessary.

The Chicago Herald-American announced a reward of \$5,000 for exclusive information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer while two citizens each offered rewards of \$500 for his apprehension and conviction.

The two offers, made to the Chicago Tribune, were by Charles J. Whalen, a building manager and father of two small children who attended Sacred Heart academy, where Suzanne was a first grade pupil, and J. C. Deagan, a musical instrument manufacturer.