

CHILD SLAYER STILL AT LARGE

In The Day's News

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SHOOTING ceases in China after an apparently spectacular meeting last night between Chiang Kai-shek and General Marshall. (At this meeting, Chiang announces cryptically, "seemingly unsurmountable obstacles were cleared away.")

WITH the shooting finally stopped, events move swiftly.

Chiang this morning opens the long-pending Chinese political consultation conference, and announces that the government (his government) will:

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Experience has taught us to keep our fingers crossed, but it really begins to look as if China might be getting started on a program of peace and reconstruction.

That would be a definitely BIG development from our standpoint.

WHAT of Russia's part in the Chinese settlement?

Well, a few straws are beginning to appear in the winds. It was announced inconspicuously a few days ago that Outer Mongolia (which borders Russian Siberia) is to become an independent people's republic (probably with Russia's blessing).

This morning's dispatches say it is "best news" that at last night's meeting with General Marshall, Chiang finally agreed to "modify his previous insistence that the nationalists (Chungking government) should occupy certain specified STRATEGIC areas in the Inner Mongolian provinces of Chahar and Jehol."

YOUR map will make it clear to you that Outer Mongolia and Inner Mongolia, if under Russian influence, will provide Russia on the east the same kind of PROTECTIVE BAND of friendly governments she seems to be determined to build up clear around her borders.

ANOTHER straw:

The dispatches state today that U. S. Ambassador Lane has informed the Polish provisional government that he will oppose the granting of ANY U. S. funds to Poland as long as "present conditions" exist there.

The "present condition" to which he objects seems to be a Polish decree NATIONALIZING all basic Polish industries employing more than 50 persons per shift. (Nationalizing means taking over by the government.)

The Polish government is under Russia's thumb.

STILL another straw:

Five American correspondents were permitted recently to visit the Russian-occupied zone of Germany. They reported cautiously upon their return that a "PLANNED ECONOMY" for industry and business and widespread revision of land ownership are the basis of the Soviet program in Russian-occupied Germany.

That is to say, all of eastern Germany is to be added to the ring of "friendly" governments by which Russia is surrounding herself.

IT is becoming slowly apparent that in the new world that is being carpentered together two basically opposed systems of government will face each other throughout a great part of the world—the Russian system in which the STATE IS EVERYTHING and the Anglo-American

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Telephone Tie-Up Near In Oregon

Phone Workers Vote To Respect Union Picket Lines

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—A tie-up of long distance calls from Portland and many western Oregon cities loomed today after phone workers voted to respect picketing scheduled tomorrow by striking equipment technicians.

Members of the 3000 United Telephone Employees of Oregon voted last night to stay away from offices of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company throughout the state if pickets appear.

Workers of the Independent Association of Communication Equipment Workers, who install and maintain Western Electric equipment of the company, left their jobs yesterday morning. Their pickets were expected to appear shortly after midnight tonight.

Company officials reported dial phone service here would continue unless disrupted by equipment failure. Supervisory workers will handle emergency long distance calls in an attempt to maintain leased wire service to newspapers and radio stations.

F. D. Tellwright, general manager of the company's Oregon system, yesterday asked all phone employees to continue working.

Pickets were expected to appear at Portland exchange offices shortly after midnight Thursday.

SEATTLE, Jan. 10 (AP)—Disruption of the state's telephone service tomorrow appeared imminent with announcement today of plans by the striking Association of Communication Equipment Workers to place pickets before most exchanges before the main day shift arrives for work.

Fred A. Fedden, secretary-treasurer here of the ACEW local, said that provided no last-minute settlement is reached today in the east in the strike against Western Electric, the pickets will appear from 6:30 a. m. on in front of most exchanges here, at Spokane, Tacoma, Bellingham, Yakima and perhaps Lewiston, Ida.

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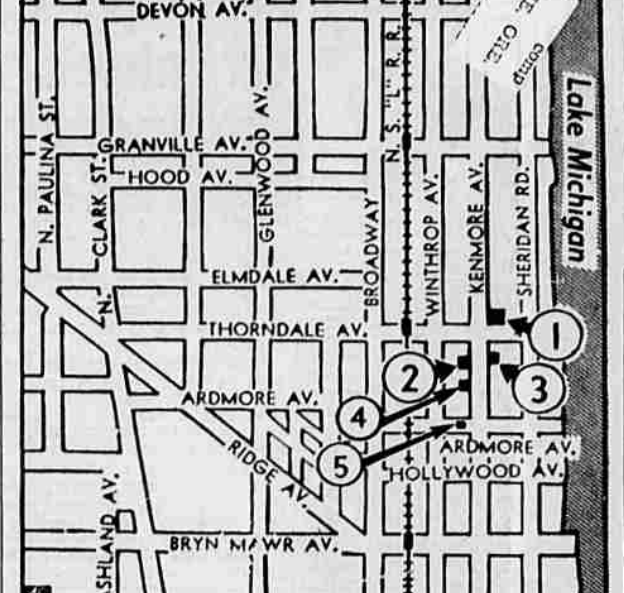
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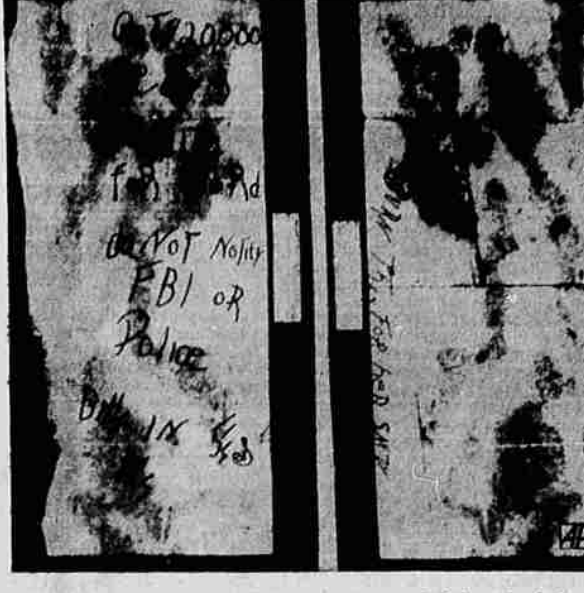
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Scene Of Chicago Kidnapin



Map locates (1) north side Chicago home from which 6-year-old Susanne Degnan was kidnaped. (2) catch basin in arroyo of apartment building where child's head was recovered. (3) another catch basin where left leg was found. (4) third catch basin where right leg was found in brown shopping bag and (5) sewer where torso, minus arms and legs was recovered. (AP Wirephoto Map).

Degnan Ransom Note



Here are both sides of the ransom note left in the bedroom of Susanne Degnan, 6-year-old daughter of an OPA official whose dismembered body was found in Chicago near her home. The oil-stained paper bore this legend: (left) get \$20,000 ready and wait for word. Do NOT notify FBI or police bills in 5's and 10's; (right) burn this for her safety. Similarity to the Lindbergh crime has been noted in the case. (AP wirephoto).

Police Seek Two Men In Kidnaping

CHICAGO, Jan. 10 (AP)—A man once employed at a nursery situated within two blocks of the home of Susanne Degnan, 6, kidnap-killing victim, was the object of a police search today.

Mrs. Margaret Perry, operator of the nursery home, told the police this man was discharged because of "questionable habits." Investigators also learned he formerly was a mental patient at Manteno state hospital but had been discharged as cured. They said he formerly was a practicing North Side dentist.

Inquiry into the identity and background of former employees of the nursery came about when Mrs. Perry identified a ladder found in an alley at the rear of the Degnan home as one which had been left at the nursery two years ago by roofing company employes.

The police believe the fiendish kidnap-killer used the ladder to enter little Susanne's bedroom early Monday when he took her from her bed, left a \$20,000 ransom note, killed her and dismembered her body. The child's father, James E. Degnan, Chicago OPA official, told reporters, however, he had seen the ladder in the same location in the alley the day before the crime.

Another man sought, the police disclosed, was an ex-convict with a record of sex offenses against young girls.

Intensive search for the arms of Susanne's body continued. All other parts of the body having been found in four sewer catch basins Monday night.

Policemen carrying ladders looked on garage roofs and every other conceivable spot in the neighborhood where the killer might have tossed the arms.

Although several clues, previously regarded as important, collapsed during the last 24 hours, police still held for questioning today two janitors and hunted for a third party they

wanted to interrogate in connection with the kidnaping and killing-dismemberment of the child.

Under a ruling by a criminal court judge at a habeas corpus hearing yesterday, the two janitors, both of whom underwent so-called "lie detector" tests last night, will be released at 4 p. m. today unless they are charged with an offense.

Chief Justice Harold G. Ward ordered the men retained by police for another 24 hours after Police Sergeant Jack Hanrahan and state's attorney's officials pleaded for more time to question the two janitors. Both are employed in apartment buildings near the Degnan home in the Edgewater Beach district on the North Side.

The case is getting hotter and hotter all the time," Hanrahan told Judge Ward. "In 24 hours we will know the answer."

The immediate release of the two janitors, Hector Verburgh, 65, and Desere Smet, 35, and Verburgh's wife, Mary, 64, had been asked by their attorney, James A. Ricker.

Meanwhile, as police pressed for a break in solution of the crime which has been described by officials as "shocking to the nation," an additional \$10,000 reward for arrest and conviction of the killer was posted.

The Chicago Tribune announced it would pay \$10,000 for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the slayer. This brought to \$21,000 the total rewards offered.

Iran Seethes With Unrest

TEHRAN, Jan. 10 (AP)—A government announcement said today that fighting had broken out in two Russian occupied provinces in northern Iran.

A ministry of interior official said the outbreaks occurred in Chalus, on the Caspian sea in Mazandaran province, and at Kazvin.

One person was reported killed and two others wounded at Kazvin, in Kazvin province, where the government said "groups of immigrants and strangers" fired upon voters during a provincial election.

The ministry said the attacks occurred Tuesday after "attempts to intimidate the voters" failed.

Kazvin, 90 miles northwest of Tehran, is the southernmost outpost of the Russian zone of influence in Iran and may be entered only with the permission of the Russian commandant.

Portland Lumber Head Dies Here

Frank H. Ransom, 75, Portland lumberman who suffered a heart attack while visiting here several days ago, died today in Hillside hospital.

Ransom recently resigned the presidency of the Eastern and Western Lumber company, Portland, to become chairman of its board. He was president of the Pacific Lumber inspection bureau last year.

Born in San Francisco, he came to Oregon in 1899. The widow, two sons, a stepson, a daughter and two sisters survive.

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Bowles Fights Price Boosts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—OPA Administrator Chester Bowles, flatly opposed to food price increases recommended by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, has appealed for a slower removal of government subsidies.

Officials who know his views say the price rises has written to Stabilization Director John G. Collet asking that food subsidies be continued beyond dates tentatively set in a program drafted in November.

At that time Collet announced the government hoped to end by next June 30 virtually all such food payments. Purpose of the \$1,785,000,000 a year war-born program, is to keep retail prices from rising.

Bowles took up the fight for extended subsidies against a background of blunt OPA opposition to Anderson's recommendation for an 18-cent-a-pound butter price increase by next spring.

OPA also has fought quietly Anderson's proposal for higher meat prices.

Officials who asked that they not be named said Bowles takes the position that since food prices have not declined as expected and actually have risen in some instances, subsidies provide the only way to prevent a general increase in the cost of living.

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'Overseas Nerves' Blamed By 'Pappy' For Endearing Terms Of Letters To Lucy

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 10 (AP)—Rugged, stocky "Pappy" Boyington was honeymooning today with blonde former Frances Baker, after a fast-breaking romance which left his attractive bride "happier than I can tell" and "stunned" the brunette who asserts he jilted her.

Pappy, otherwise Lt. Col. Gregory Boyington, marine corps air ace who spent 20 months as a prisoner of the Japanese, said the affectionate terms of a series of telegrams and letters he had sent Mrs. Lucy Malcolmson were the result of "overseas nerves."

"Remember, I'd been out of the country a long, long time," he remarked, a little sheepishly.

The colonel, at a press conference, gave his version of the romantic mixup which in the past few days may have made him wish he was back fighting the Japanese over Rabaul, where he was shot down January 3, 1944, and subsequently taken captive.

He said he met Mrs. Malcolmson about June, 1942, on the SS Brazil as he was returning to the states from Bombay.

When he returned to combat, he continued, he entered into a legal trusteeship which made her guardian of his children by a previous marriage, Gregory Jr., 10, Janet Sue, 8, and Gloria, 6. They are now with his parents in Brewster, Wash.

The flier said he went to Reno New Year's Eve to discuss dissolving the trusteeship, under which, he declared, she had received between \$16,000 and \$18,000 in salary and allotments while he was overseas.

But he wound up giving her a "sort of" engagement ring. However, he added, he told her there would be no marriage between them.

"Mrs. Malcolmson had no reason to announce we would be married," he declared.

In Reno, Mrs. Malcolmson—her divorce suit from Stewart Malcolmson, Australian production manager for General Motors, marked "off calendar"—went into seclusion. Her attorney said she told him she would return effects of Boyington's personal effects and quoted her: "I am so stunned I have nothing more to say. I have no reason to see him further."

Board Favors 19.5 Cents An Hour Wage Hike For GM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—A presidential fact-finding board recommended today a general wage increase of 19 1/2 cents an hour for General Motors production workers.

President Truman made public a summary of the board's report shortly after it was presented to the White House. He called it "thorough and reasoned" and said it "will commend itself to the good judgment of the American public."

Mr. Truman expressed hope that the corporation and the CIO United Automobile Workers, who have been on strike for 50 days in a demand for a 30 per cent wage boost, will follow the recommendations and speedily end "this most costly conflict."

Lloyd Garrison, chairman of the fact-finding board, estimated the 19 1/2-cent hourly raise recommended would be around 17 1/2 per cent as compared with the 30 per cent demanded by the workers.

The company had offered slightly over 10 per cent or about 13 cents an hour.

The board recommended the strike be called off and that the employees be permitted to return to work without discrimination.

The summary said that a large part of the 19 1/2 cents hourly recommended wage increase is for cost of living adjustment to the workers, who have received no general increase since 1942.

The balance, it said, is to compensate for loss of earnings as a result of a shorter work week and other factors.

Clothes Of Missing Kelso Man Found; 2 Men Quizzed

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—Two men who Sheriff Mike Southard said confessed to taking a Kelso, Wash., logger for a fatal ride December 18 were being questioned today about still another missing Kelso man.

Clothes belonging to Frank Anderson, a vanished Kelso logging camp cook, were found in a suitcase carried by the pair now in jail here.

The two—S. D. McClain, 67, and Jack Mann, 27—confessed last month, the sheriff said, that they dumped the body of Ernest Bowman, 45-year-old Kelso logger, into a stream after he was shot by McClain. Bowman's body has not been found.

McClain refused, the sheriff said, to give any information about Anderson, who disappeared from Kelso Nov. 19 while carrying \$5000 in cash and \$3500 in bonds.

Deputy Sheriff B. D. Jacobs, who came here yesterday from Kelso, identified clothing and a watch found in a suitcase in Mann's home as belonging to Anderson. The suitcase also contained some of Bowman's effects, he said.

McClain stated he had given the suitcase to Mann, Sheriff Southard said. He was quoted as saying that he and Mann drove from Kelso to Portland in Anderson's car Nov. 19—the date of Anderson's disappearance, and that the suitcase was in the car.

Attlee Warns Fate Of World In UNO Hands

LONDON, Jan. 10 (AP)—The United Nations assembly, carrying forward the world's hopes for prevention of an atomic war, came into being in battle-scarred London today and heard a bald warning that it holds in its hands the choice of "life or death" for mankind.

The warning came from Britain's Prime Minister Clement Attlee after Dr. Eduardo Zuleta of Colombia had called the delegates of the 51 United Nations to order at 4:03 p. m. (8:03 a. m. PST.)

"It is for the peoples of the world, through their representatives, to make their choice between life and death," Attlee declared in his blunt speech.

Dr. Zuleta, temporary president of the assembly, told the delegates in the cream and gold central hall of Westminster palace on Parliament Square that all must give their unqualified and unhesitating support "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war."

The American delegation took seats long before the last of the delegates had entered the hall. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt sat on the left of Senator Connally (D-Tex.). Secretary of State James F. Byrnes sat on Connally's right. They chatted and laughed during the last minutes before the two raps from Dr. Zuleta's gavel threw open the session.

The galleries overflowed and many persons stood in the corridors, unable to get in. Curious citizens began gathering early in the streets outside, under the rainbow of the 51 flags of the nations assembled within. By noon a crowd of 100 had lined up for admittance to the public gallery.

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