

Hand Of Assassin Hinted In Siamese King's Death

BANGKOK, Siam, June 26 (AP)—A reliable report today said medical evidence secretly studied by a board of 18 physicians supports to a considerable extent the theory that youthful King Ananda Mahidol was the victim of an assassin.

The 20-year-old monarch was found dead in his apartment June 9. The official report to parliament the next day said he accidentally shot himself and that the bullet went through the forehead.

There were numerous rumors, however, that the king either had committed suicide because of a thwarted love affair while he was a student in Switzerland or because of dissatisfaction with his role as monarch, or that he had been killed by reactionary royalists who disliked his democratic tendencies.

As a result of the rumors the commission was appointed to make an investigation. The commission ordered the body taken from its great golden urn in Dusit hall for examination and X-rays were made to determine the course of the bullet.

The medical board, which included one American, will return its report suggesting assassination to the special inquiry commission investigating the strange circumstances of the monarch's death, it was learned.

The exact details of the medical inquiry will be withheld until the commission reports. It was learned, however, that the sensational medical finding came in the course of a two-day investigation by doctors who examined the body minutely. Gunfire tests were made on corpses. X-rays and photographs of the body at the scene of death were examined.

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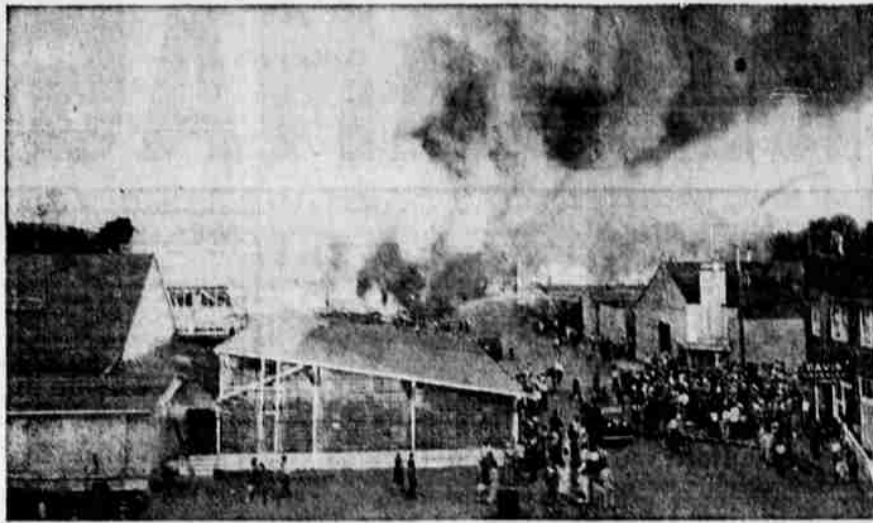
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Thongs Gather At Scene Of Medford Blaze



Blaze Destroys 3-Block Sector In City Center

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offices are a short distance from the American plant. He was working in his office at the time and noticed smoke emerging from the northwest corner of the big new plant.

An immediate call to the Medford fire department was followed by calls to the Ashland, Central Point, Camp White and forest service departments which responded at once. There was ample water on hand to fight the flames which were brought under control at about 8 o'clock.

Fruit Spray Burns

The new American plant, built in the fall of 1944 by a chain outfit with headquarters in Philadelphia, was the first to go. Drums holding a highly inflammable fruit spray, burst with intense heat, spraying the wooden structure and turning it into a sky-high leaping mass of flames and smoke. The burning barrels of oil resisted efforts of the firemen to halt the spread for more than an hour. Great clouds of black smoke, caused by the burning



Medford's most tragic fire from an industrial standpoint was viewed from S. Fir street by a horde of valley citizenry early Tuesday night. Above, persons from surrounding communities thronged to Medford to gather around the entire circumference of the fire. Left, in the foreground, is the Myron Root Packing company which escaped the blaze. Below, a typical scene. Approximately a dozen families, whose homes in the west side were menaced by the conflagration, moved out of their houses. Wind bore the blaze toward the homes until equipment from surrounding communities and army installations arrived and aided in getting the fire under control. Furniture and clothing from several of the homes were piled in the city park.—Photos by Brainerd, Medford; courtesy Medford Mail Tribune.

spray, rolled across the city as thousands of spectators jammed streets near the South Fir-Bartlett street area where the fire burned.

Airline pilots reported that flames were still outlining the razed section at midnight, but by then firemen had ended the threat to other sections of the city and only a few heavy timbers were burning.

The cement structure of the Monarch company plant was credited with slowing the flames sufficiently to permit firemen to concentrate their hose and eventually control the fire.

The American plant faces Fir street and covers an area of about one-half a block. It is

bound by Fir on one side and the Southern Pacific tracks on the other. Hoses across tracks prevented movement of SP trains and north and south-bound trains were delayed in Medford several hours.

Fire Leaps Street

The Crystal Springs plant, owned by Maurice and Ward Spatz is about 100 feet south of the American plant and the flames leaped easily across the intervening space to catch that building which was built a number of years ago. Klamath folks will be interested to learn that Mrs. Maurice Spatz is the former Clarice Elliott Horan of this city.

Next to catch fire was the Porter Lumber company, owned by George Porter of Medford. Soon after the commercial plants had felt the fury of the flames, the fire swept into an adjoining residential section. Only the home of Mrs. Helen Tunny actually felt the damage by fire, but damage almost equally as harsh was suffered by home owners when heat, smoke and water swept their houses. When the Tunny residence caught fire, firemen were forced to use a heavy hose which literally "blew the inside out" of the structure.

Residents became panicky at the proximity of the flames and

Atcheson Says Pact Violated

TOKYO, June 26 (AP)—Chairman George C. Atcheson Jr., told the allied council for Japan today, in effect, that Russia was violating the Potsdam surrender terms by failing to repatriate Japanese captured in Manchuria.

The Russian member said the council wasn't supposed to talk about that; it wasn't on the agenda.

The American chairman made his point this way:

He quoted the Potsdam declaration, to which Russia was a party, as providing that "Japanese military forces, after being completely disarmed, shall be permitted to return to their homes."

He followed with figures on the percentage of Japanese repatriated from various areas—including: Soviet areas, zero per cent.

(American news correspondents who entered Manchuria last February drew from the red army commandant at Mukden, Maj. Gen. Andrei Kovtoun-Stankovitch, the statement that disarmed Japanese troops in his area had been sent by train to work projects in Siberia).

Atcheson concluded: "I submit the opinion that applicable terms of the surrender should be carried out voluntarily by all allied authorities as promptly as practicable. From the point of view of allied unity alone, I should not wish to see any terms of the surrender unilaterally abrogated or disregarded."

French Cabinet Wins Approval

PARIS, June 26 (AP)—The French constituent assembly voted approval today of President Georges Bidault's new coalition government, 517 to 4.

The president had called earlier for a truce among political parties and promised France would "maintain our friendships and alliances with the great peoples who were our allies in the war and in the victory."

He stood by his financial program of wage increases not exceeding 15 per cent, as against a demand of the powerful general confederation of labor for a 25 per cent increase.

started carting furniture from their homes. One excited man, Medford sources said, threw an end table through a window. Soon the courthouse lawn and city park were filled with furniture and this morning many a householder was without her own pieces of furniture which got mixed up as people moved back.

Records Destroyed
Heads of the American and Crystal Springs plants said one of their heaviest losses occurred when flames consumed lists of customers which have been compiled throughout the years and went to all points in the world. When the fire hit the space which held piles of pine cones, tissue paper and decorations for the thousands of gift wrappings, the flames roared with renewed intensity. The American specialized in gift boxes.

Tall piles of box shook, used by the two fruit firms, went up in smoke but it is understood that southern Oregon lumber firms can replace the shook before the fall harvest.

Medford sources advised that virtually all companies carried sufficient insurance to "pretty well" cover the losses sustained in the Tuesday night fire.

Injured Indian Girl Reported Improved

The condition of Christina Riddle, seriously injured in an automobile accident near Klamath Agency this week, was reported improved Wednesday afternoon at Klamath Valley hospital.

Another Indian girl of the Klamath tribe, Ethel Mae Ruff, injured near the Agency on the Sprague River road Monday, was dismissed Wednesday from Hillside hospital. Miss Ruff was hurt when her car left the road and overturned.

10 Die As Train Wrecks Truck

HARLINGEN, Tex., June 26 (AP)—Ten were killed, and 11 seriously injured when a passenger train plowed into an open truck packed with Latin American farm workers on a palm-lined right-of-way near here shortly after dusk yesterday.

The accident was strikingly similar to one in 1940 when 29 were killed near Alamo, a few miles to the west.

The victims and wreckage yesterday were scattered for 150 feet. Some were hurled almost into nearby orange and grapefruit orchards, for which the semi-tropical Rio Grande valley is famous.

All were believed to be residents of nearby La Paloma. They were all Latin Americans, or American citizens of Mexican heritage.

The dead and injured lay along the rails for half an hour until ambulances from Harlingen and Mercedes arrived to pick them up. No occupants of the truck, which was believed to contain 21 persons, most of them standing in the bed of the vehicle, escaped injury.

N. Y. Holocaust Flames Again

NEW YORK, June 26 (AP)—A smoldering blaze—aftermath of yesterday's disastrous fire which destroyed the Staten Island ferry terminal and claimed three lives—spread today to emergency piers and all but halted ferry service to Brooklyn and Manhattan. Some 40 persons were injured.

Inconvenience which almost amounted to isolation faced Staten Island's 30,000 commuters, forced to detour by bus or train through the traffic-congested New Jersey approach to New York City, up until noon.

The department of marine and aviation began limited operations at noon with four boats putting in at a pier on the north side of the island, a quarter-mile away from the terminal.

A fresh crew of firemen came on duty at dawn, working with pneumatic drills to penetrate concrete flooring and get at flames which stubbornly ate through the highly inflammable creosote piling.

All told, 200 fire-fighters were backing away at the scorching, smoking heap of rubble trying to quell the \$2,000,000 blaze, worst in Staten Island history.

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