

WET KILLS 12 ON JERSEY STREET

In The Day's News

OVER the three-day Labor Day week-end, some 500 Americans got themselves killed in violent accidents. Nearly 400 of them lost their lives in automobile mishaps.

Looking over this number record in the cold, gray light of the morning after, Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, says it is "enough to make every decent American sick at heart and boiling mad."

He adds bitterly:

"A nation posing as civilized has just given one of the most shocking peacetime exhibitions of mass indifference and reckless craving to show off the world has ever seen."

WITH complete respect for his opinion and granting fully his right to express it, I'd like to differ with him. When 190-odd million Americans cut loose and PLAY for three days in the uninhibited way that Americans have always played, 500 violent deaths isn't anything particularly unusual.

Remember—

A million is a thousand thousands. So a THOUSAND violent deaths in a population of a million would be only one death per thousand. There must have been at least a hundred million of us playing around over the Labor Day week-end.

Considering the way that Americans play, I'd say that we got off pretty well when only 500 of us die violently over a three-day holiday.

THE same story that tells of the nearly 400 of us that got killed in automobile accidents adds that an estimated THIRTY MILLION automobiles "crowded the nation's highways."

Thirty million automobiles could and probably did carry nearly a hundred million persons. That would be only a trifle over three persons to the car.

Considering the nature of the automobile itself and WHAT IT DOES TO US, I still think that a total of around 400 deaths CAUSED BY THIRTY MILLION AUTOMOBILES AND THEIR DRIVERS is cause for wonder at the smallness of it rather than at the hugeness of it.

LET'S consider for a moment what the automobile does to us.

It puts the power of 100 horses under our throttle foot. Is it strange that command of a hundred horses by the mere movement of a toe should tend to inspire us with dangerous delusions of grandeur?

Remember that up to a generation or so ago, the command of 100 horsemen was a responsibility for good and evil for which men must be trained with meticulous care for a third of a lifetime. Otherwise, they might ABUSE this responsibility.

Most of us climb into the driver's seat of a car CASUALLY and with little thought, if any at all, of the responsibilities for good and evil that we assume when we take command of a hundred horsepower.

NO, all in all, it isn't surprising that nearly 400 of us got killed by the thirty million automobiles we drove on crowded highways in the course of the three play-days that came to an end at midnight last night.

US Military Might Shown in Germany

NUERNBERG, Germany, Sept. 6 (AP)—America's fighting strength was unleashed at dawn today in the greatest postwar display of military power against a mythical foe from the east.

It was the first maneuver under the unified command of the three services, with more than 110,000 U.S. soldiers, sailors and airmen taking part.

The "aggressor army" launched an attack at daybreak from the east with a striking force of 18,000 first division to the Rhine river. The offensive forces are made up of men bent on plowing through the U.S. continental.

The maneuvers, known as "exercise harvest," were planned to simulate actual wartime conditions, with plane strafing the ground forces and artillery and infantry following through.

Giant Storm In Atlantic

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 6 (AP)—A giant tropical hurricane with winds up to 120 miles an hour churned the Atlantic some 400 miles south southeast of Bermuda today with virtually no forward movement.

Grady Norton, chief storm forecaster here, said the gargantuan storm "apparently is just wallowing around hundreds of miles from anywhere."

From information we now have it appears that the storm hasn't moved more than one degree of latitude in the past 24 hours, said Norton.

Hurricane precautions were advised in the Bermuda area.

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Holiday Death Total Record High

Truman Said Planning '50 Stump Tour

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Sept. 6 (AP)—Top ranking advisers said today President Truman will spearhead the democratic campaign in next year's congressional elections in personal appearances in key states.

These presidential associates, unquoteable by name, said Truman's Labor Day speeches yesterday were just a sample of the technique he will use in a rear platform stump tour in 1950.

Most of them were agreed that Mr. Truman is undecided whether he will seek re-election in 1952. They also felt that he will make no decision until after the returns are in from next November's voting on senators and representatives.

The president started his 1950 campaigning early by lashing "organized special interests" in speeches at Pittsburgh and Des Moines.

He sought to drum up support for enactment of the Brannan production payment plan and for repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor act.

He defended the democratic controlled 83rd congress for repairing "most of the damage" he said the GOP-dominated 80th did, but he added:

"There are still many reactionary senators and representatives in congress, but they are no longer in control as they were last year and the year before."

"They are still doing all they can to slow up my progress, but they are not able to stop it."

The president flew into Missouri last night immediately after his address to the American Veterans of World War II (Amvets) at Des Moines.

He is flying back to Washington today.

Truman eyed a tighter farm labor coalition in 1950 in his Des Moines speech and in an earlier one at Pittsburgh. In Pittsburgh he spoke at the Allegheny county free fair grounds before a police estimated crowd of 100,000.

There, the president accused his opposition of trying to block the "fair deal" program with a "scare word campaign."



PULLED FROM WELL—Eugene Sanders, 17-year-old Chicago youth, managed a smile as he was hauled to the surface after being trapped six hours in a cave-in at the bottom of a 20-foot well. The cave-in occurred on a farm at Bristol, Ind., just as Sanders and a helper had finished digging the well. Sanders was pulled to the surface through aid of a nearby fire department.

Huge Plane Loses Motor, Makes Port

HONOLULU, Sept. 6 (AP)—The huge flying boat Philippine Mars landed safely here today with its 54 passengers and crew after dropping an engine 440 miles out to sea.

The Hawaii sea frontier said the four-engine craft landed at Keahi lagoon, Honolulu.

It was conveyed by an air-sea rescue flying fortress from Hawaii and a Pan-American strato-cruiser. The strato-cruiser sighted the Mars after the big ship sent an urgent message to Hawaii.

The Hawaiian sea frontier said the plane radioed that its No. 1 engine fell off at 4:55 a.m. (Honolulu time).

There were 40 passengers and a crew of 14 aboard. There were no civilians among the passengers.

Beauty Battle Pits 52 Girls

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Sept. 6 (AP)—Fifty-two blondes and brunettes—but no redheads—today begin the annual battle for the Miss America crown and all that goes with it.

For a week the girls will compete in various phases of the contest. And the final judgment on beauty must be on the up and up—no "fabrics" or padding in the bathing suits is allowed.

Contestants cannot drink intoxicating liquors or see their boy friends during the contest under the Miss America rules. Each will be chaperoned by a local hostess.

The pageant opens this afternoon at 3 p.m. with a Mardi Gras parade on the boardwalk.

During three nights of preliminaries the girls will be judged on their figures in bathing suits, their poise in evening gowns and their talent. Personalities will be assessed by the judges at breakfasts each morning.

A \$5000 scholarship goes with the proud title of Miss America. The 14 runners-up will share another \$20,000 in scholarships.

Fire Danger Still High

The week-end was a bad one from the forest fire standpoint, but luckily, all fires were small ones and confined to a minimum of damage to woodlands, Klamath Forest Protective association officials said today.

Fire danger is still extremely high, KFFPA said, with forests dry as tinder.

Approximately 160 acres near the old Maxwell place one mile north of Bonanza burned over before it was brought under control by KFFPA, the forest service and Bonanza people Sunday.

Caution in a more concern was a blast that broke out in a heavily timbered area along the Clover creek road near Spencer creek. A little under two acres was burned off. A Weyerhaeuser camp 4 crew assisted KFFPA fighters.

Early this morning, two reports of fires came in, one near camp 6 which was speedily controlled by camp 6 men and KFFPA crews, and the other north of the Gopco power plant about a half-mile across the California line. Crews from both Yreka and Penny springs went out, and soon had the fire controlled.

Oregon Escapee To Be Returned

SALEM, Sept. 6 (AP)—William P. Benson, who went over the state prison wall with Ifer John O. Pinson last Memorial Day, will be returned here from Columbus, O., as soon as he recovers from a suicide attempt.

Warden George Alexander said last night that Columbus police would advise him as soon as Benson was able to make the return trip to prison.

Benson was picked up in a Columbus alley Sunday. He had taken poison and when questioned in a hospital, said he was suffering from cancer and was going to die anyway.

Four Children Die In Flames As Home Burns

SAGINAW, Mich., Sept. 6 (AP)—Four young children burned to death in their home early today after flames repulsed their mother's rescue attempt.

A fifth child jumped from an upstairs window and died a few hours later at a local hospital.

Victims were Samuel Walters, 14; his sisters, Mary, 12, and Angeline, 8, and his brothers, George, 4, and Walter Jr., 2.

Deaths May Bring End Of Air Races

CLEVELAND, Sept. 6 (AP)—Sport flying's richest and toughest race faced a new threat to continuance today with the death of distance flier Bill Odom and two suburban residents.

Odom's death plunge into a Berea home during the second lap of the Thompson trophy event yesterday revived the protests of area residents against the low flying speedsters, shrieking over their homes at 400 miles an hour. The dark green racer, a converted fighter, ripped through the home, killing Mrs. Jeanne Laird, 24, and her year-old son, Craig.

Odom was flying an F-51 Mustang owned by aviatrix Jacqueline Cochran.

Cook Cleland of Cleveland, former navy fighter pilot, took the Thompson trophy and \$19,100 with a new record speed of 387 miles an hour. He also won in 1947 with a record of 396 miles per hour that stood until yesterday.

The Labor Day tragedy, killing one of the nation's best known fliers and two persons unconnected with the sport, brought an emergency meeting of the Berea progressive citizens league to draft a protest to state, county and nearby city officials.

The three-day show drew an officially reported attendance of more than 170,000 persons.

Elliott Said In Baltimore To Save Bond

PORTLAND, Sept. 6 (AP)—Sheriff Mike Elliott was reported to be in Baltimore today, seeking to convince the Maryland Casualty company that it ought not cancel his \$110,000 bond.

The cancellation was recommended by State Treasurer Walter Pearson, who as an insurance agent arranged the Oregonian's statement on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and violating the Mann act. Police said he was with an 11-year-old Eugene girl. He was booked for action by Eugene authorities.

British Want Free Hand In Marshall Plan Spending

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (AP)—Britain will ask permission to spend Marshall Plan dollars anywhere she likes—not just in the United States—as one way out of her financial crisis, officials said today.

Diplomatic authorities said British Foreign Minister Bevin—on his way here for three-power talks on Britain's economic plight—is convinced his country shortly will have to dip into her dwindling reserves for millions of dollars unless Marshall Plan policies are relaxed.

Bevin and Sir Stafford Cripps, chancellor of the exchequer, are due in New York tonight aboard the British liner Mauretania for the critical British-American-Canadian financial conference opening today at the state department.

Top diplomats of the three governments hope to devise a series of stop-gap measures as these discussions to keep Britain's condition from getting worse. But they are reported pessimistic about finding an immediate formula for solving

2 US Youths Still Held By Russians

HELSINKI, Germany, Sept. 6 (AP)—The Russians today were reported to have postponed indefinitely the liberation of two American youths they have held in Eastern Germany since late in July.

No reason was given for the postponement of the release of Warren Oelsner, 26, of Oyster Bay, N. Y., and Peter B. Sellers, 18, of Philadelphia.

American authorities were informed early today that the two youths would be released at 4 a. m. (PDT). More than five hours later Russian authorities failed to keep a border rendezvous with U. S. military police sent here to receive the youths.

The two boys were on a bicycle tour of Germany when they were reported seized in a Russian zone town for taking pictures.

Accidental Death Toll Exceeds 500

By The Associated Press

The nation today grimly counted a record breaking accidental death toll for the three-day Labor Day holiday.

The full count of fatalities was not yet tabulated but the more than 500 persons who lost their lives in accidents over the extended holiday was the largest for any Labor Day week-end in history.

The highways took the heaviest toll. Of the 505 persons killed in violent accidents, 379 lost their lives in automobile mishaps. The traffic total was nearly 100 above the estimated 280 probably death toll made by the national safety council. Forty-five persons drowned and 81 died in accidents of miscellaneous cause.

The fatalities in an Associated Press survey covered the period from 6 p.m. (local time) Friday to midnight Monday.

This year's Labor Day total compared with the previous high of 428 over the 1937 Labor Day holiday. The record-breaking toll for a Labor Day holiday week-end followed the all-time high accidental deaths over the 1949 Fourth of July when 711 persons died violently. The all-time record is the 761 fatalities over the four-day Christmas period in 1926.

Some 30,000,000 automobiles crowded the nation's highways, the safety council estimated, as the nation observed the final holiday week-end of the summer season.

Weather generally was fair.

Plane crashes figured in the fatalities. Included in the plane deaths was Bill Odom, the famous round-the-world flier, who crashed in the Thompson trophy air race at Cleveland. Four persons were killed in a plane crash in Arizona.

California with 27 and Michigan with 23 led the nation in traffic deaths.

No Activity On Railway Strike Scene

The Oregon, California and Eastern railroad strike was passing through its ninth day today, still without a noticeable break.

Conductors of the 65-mile line went out on strike August 29, bringing out all 13 operating employees of the Klamath Falls-to-Bly road and tying up freight and hauling service of the road.

The work stoppage involves a six-point dispute between the conductors and the railroad owners, the Great Northern and Southern Pacific. Great Northern currently is managing the road and last Friday local GN officials manned one locomotive to shuttle loaded cars of grain and lumber from the OCEK track to a transfer track leading to the GN yards.

No meetings between the order of railway conductors and the railroad management, have been scheduled.

Record Crowd Betting Mark Fair Opening

SALEM, Sept. 6 (AP)—Every attendance and betting record was broken as the Oregon state fair opened its week's show Monday.

Opening day attendance was 77,870, compared with the previous record of 77,366 on Labor Day, 1946. It was 5000 more than on last year's opening day.

Concessionaires reported it was a free-spending crowd. They said they cleaned up more than on any day since the war began.

And it was a free-betting crowd, too. They bet \$100,000 on the horse races, and would have bet much more than that if the betting clerks could have taken care of them. This shattered all records, being \$19,000 more than the previous betting mark set on Labor Day of last year.

During most of the day, traffic was jammed for two miles in each direction on the Pacific highway.

But today the crowd will be much less, as Tuesday usually is the lightest day of the week. Tomorrow will be another big day, as it will be Salem Day and Governor's Day.

U. S. Senator Wayne Morse continued his long record of winning horse show events last night. He won grand champion in American horse competition on Sir Laurel Guy.

Police Probe Two Thefts

State police investigated two rural thefts over the week-end, one of tools and the other of an electric hoist from a grain elevator.

The hoist was taken Saturday night from the Andrews elevator at Midland and probably was carried away in a car. It weighed some 150 pounds, police said.

The tools were stolen from a combine in a field at the Hagelstein ranch at Algoma, and the prowlers slashed the fuel line and ripped out ignition wires of another combine in the grain field.

Dairy Champ

SALEM, Sept. 6 (AP)—George Jacobs, McMinnville boy, was chosen grand champion dairy showman of the Future Farmer division of the state fair today.

Navy Practice Bulletin Kept Texans Home

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 6 (AP)—Brownsville residents were scared—police warned them to steer clear of the beach yesterday; big storm coming.

So Labor Day fun seekers stayed away from the Gulf in droves.

The police said they had picked up navy broadcasts, warnings of high tides and 60-mile gales bearing down on this city at the extreme south tip of Texas.

But the Brownsville weather bureau, the main station for south Texas, said: Storm? Ha! Clear as a bell.

The cops scratched their heads. Then somebody remembered that a navy reserve radio unit had set up its equipment to practice at Boca Chica beach, about 25 miles north of here.

A Texas ranger grumbled: "The navy pulled an Oregon Weller." But then it was too late to go swimming.



NEW PRESIDENT—Brick Leach of Klamath Falls was elected president of the Oregon State Moose association for the coming year at concluding sessions of the state convention in Corvallis Monday. He succeeds Clifford Gee of Philomath. In other action, Portland was named the 1950 convention city. Leach is also governor of the Klamath Falls Moose lodge.

'Quiet' Man Runs Amok In Camden

CAMDEN, N. J., Sept. 6 (AP)—A 38-year-old army veteran on a maniacal rampage today killed 12 persons on a busy Camden street.

Four others were wounded.

Detective Marshall Thompson identified the killer as Howard Unruh, a quiet, well-dressed young man, his neighbors said they knew little about him.

The street "looked like a battlefield," Thompson said. "He (Unruh) turned that German Lager loose on those people like ducks in a pond."

Killed in the 45-minute hail of bullets were five men, five women and two boys aged two and five.

Police authorities here said they believe it was the worst mass slaughter on a city street in the nation's history.

It began quietly enough.

Unruh walked out of his house, nattily dressed in a light suit and white shirt with bow tie.

Without warning he whipped out his gun and began firing. Before he was finished, he had reared in and out of half a dozen business establishments, cutting down men, women and children right and left.

Then he barricaded himself in the second floor room where he lived.

For a time he shot it out with 50 policemen while men and women milled in the streets.

"They gave us a hell of a time," Thompson said. "They wouldn't get out of the way."

"Men would stop for a traffic light," Thompson added. "Then they got out."

Failing to win the gun battle, police cut loose with a tear gas barrage.

Coughing and choking, Unruh emerged from his room. He was a tumbler.

Police threw up a shoulder-to-shoulder line to convey Unruh from the building.

A horde of men and women in the streets lunged for the police screaming:

"Lynch him now!"

"Hang him now!"

But they didn't crash the line of the army in an artillery unit in Austria during World War II. He then took a pharmacy course at Temple in a nearby Philadelphia, under the GI bill of rights.

Thompson said the shootings began at 8:29 a. m. (EST).

Unruh surrendered at 9:15 a. m. For a time, wild stories flew thick and fast about what happened.

But when the smoke of battle cleared and Unruh had been quizzed for several hours by detectives, Thompson gave this version of what happened:

Unruh's home at 3202 River road was next door to a drug store operated by 40-year-old Maurice Cohen. There is no front entrance to Unruh's house.

Cohen at one time permitted Unruh to cross his yard when leaving or entering his own house from the rear.

But recently Cohen stopped Unruh from crossing the yard by building a fence and a gate.

Today Unruh walked—detectives believe he never ran during all the shooting—from his house into the drug store, tramped upstairs, and shot Cohen's mother, Minnie, 63, as she lay in bed.

Cohen's wife, Rose, 38, heard the shot and ran into a bedroom where she locked her 12-year-old son Harold in a closet.

Unruh tracked her down and shot her on the stairway of her home. Then he walked out the rear of the drug store.

Cohen chased after him.

Unruh turned on him and shot. Cohen staggered through the gate he had built to keep Unruh out, collapsed in a gutter, dead.

James J. Hutton, 45, a Westmont (N. N.) insurance collector, was entering the drug store as Unruh rounded a corner after leaving the Cohen yard.

A single shot killed Hutton.

Then Unruh paraded up and down River road entering one business establishment after another. A single shot killed each of his victims.

Finally he walked quietly back through the Cohen yard into his own house and barricaded himself in his room.

On his shop-to-shop killing spree, Unruh walked into a barber shop and shot down Clark Hoover, 33-year-old barber and two-year-old Thomas Hamilton, who was sitting in a chair getting a haircut.

A car crossed the street as Unruh emerged from a shop. A shot rebounded and the driver slumped in his seat. The car climbed a sidewalk.

Another car stopped for a light. Unruh fired three times. Three women fell.

Witnesses said they saw Unruh reload the fatal weapon at least three times during the shooting.

Thompson said Unruh was an "incredible shot."

He said police found an "arsenal of weapons" in the basement of Unruh's home. Knives, guns and other deadly weapons were there "by the dozens," Thompson said.

Bogota Riots Take 20 Lives

BOGOTA, Colombia, Sept. 6 (AP)—Twenty persons were reported killed and an undetermined number wounded in week-end political fights at Enciclopedia in Santander Sur department.

Liberal party newspapers blamed conservatives for the week-end killing spree, and conservative papers blamed the liberals. The ministry of war said the two parties sometimes try to make political capital out of cases of pandemonium.