

STORMS, FIRES, BLAST KILL 40

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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THIS comes from Sofia, capital of Bulgaria (Bulgaria is run by the Moscow breed of communists): "Bulgarian communists today filed in homage before the embalmed body of their late premier, Georgi Dimitroff, which was placed on view yesterday in Sofia's Ninth of September Square—the body, like that of Nicholas Lenin in Moscow's Red Square was embalmed by a SECRET SOVIET PROCESS which the Russians said would preserve it indefinitely."

THE dispatch goes on with the grisly details: "The Bulgarian press says the secret embalming process preserves the body's freshness, color and features at ordinary temperatures. "The process used on Lenin, also Soviet state secret, is said to include maintaining a constant degree of sterilized moisture working through the tissues at a pressure kept constant by an electrical pumping device connected inside the body, and by maintaining a constant temperature of about 60 degrees Fahrenheit inside the glass canopy over the body."

NICE, cozy reading, isn't it? So far as I'm concerned, that's one state secret the Soviet government can go on possessing FOREVER.

ALSO— If I ever get to Moscow, I'm NOT going around to the Red Square to take a look at Lenin's body, kept lifelike by this state secret. The same goes for Dimitroff's body in Ninth of September Square in Sofia.

THAT general line of thought brings up an interesting question propounded to me by a reader the other day: "What is the difference between socialism and communism?"

LET'S put the answer this way: IN BOTH NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, SOCIALISM HAS PERMITTED ITSELF TO BE PEACEFULLY VOTED OUT OF POWER.

CAN you imagine communism permitting itself to be peacefully voted out of power at an election? I can't. Communism has never yet come into power as the result of a free election. It is my guess that it will never permit itself to go out of power as the result of a free election.

WHAT'S the connection between all this and the embalmed bodies in Moscow and Sofia? Well, communism is a GOVERNMENT BY MEN and can't even afford to let its men DIE.

Man Kills Children, Wife, Self

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Dec. 12 (AP)—A man described by neighbors as "a mild little guy who liked to play the guitar" killed his wife, his three small children and himself with six bullets from a German luger pistol yesterday.

Police Chief Roland Kelley said Carl Amarella, 34-year-old interior decorator and upholsterer, killed his wife, Millie, 33; their children, Sandra, 6; Larry, 4; and Janet, one-year-old, while they slept and then took his own life.

Note He left a note written on three different sales slips, telling his attorney, G. H. Martin, how to dispose of everything and where to find his money and papers.

Hidden away in closets were unopened Christmas packages, intended for the children, Christmas cards, some addressed to relatives, were lying on a table.



THEIR FIRST REAL CHRISTMAS — Goggle-eyed with wonder, German children are fascinated by the window display of a toy shop in Frankfurt. Members of a generation that has known nothing but war and its aftermath of privation, these youngsters and thousands of German children like them are seeing mechanical toys for the first time in their lives. Germany, once one of the world's largest producers of such toys, has been exporting all post-war production up to this year.

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KEY WEST, Fla. (AP)— and re-arrange today to help "Fair Deal" Truman and the "Fair Deal" program.

They worked on the presidential yacht USS Williamsburg, and in quarters L, a naval residence, in their usual anonymity but the sunshine of this Florida vacation spot reflected their activities.

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder's arrival yesterday for a 24-hour stay—joining Budget Director Frank Pace—focused attention on taxes and spending, but the working force doing the spadework said basic decisions already have been made.

And both Snyder and Pace are returning to Washington today, weather permitting. They talked over the size of the budget and the prospects of raising additional revenue by new levies against corporation profits.

The "state of the union" budget and economic messages will bring all the conclusions into the open and into the turmoil of congressional debate in a hectic election year.

Frozen Body, Headless, Found Here

The headless, frozen body of a man tentatively identified as a former Seattle restaurant worker was found Saturday in a barrow pit just off the Southern Pacific right-of-way a mile below the Klamath Packing company plant.

A social security card found on the body gave the identity of Ernest Smith, 119 Yesler way, Seattle.

Sheriff Jack Franey said it was evident the man had committed suicide, using dynamite.

Fatal Act Apparently he had made a bundle of three or four sticks of gelatinous powder explosive, lit a fuse and held the dynamite back of his head. The head and hands were blown off.

A piece of fuse found in a pocket of the man's clothing was identified by a local powder expert as a regular No. 6 fuse for a No. 6 cap.

Half a dozen burnt matches on the ground around the body indicated the man had made several tries at igniting the fuse.

Sheriff Franey said the body probably had been on the ground less than 48 hours when found by Charles Griffith, who lives in the area and was checking a fence.

The body was fairly well clothed in a blue mackinaw and chalk blue trousers.

Ward's funeral home contacted Seattle authorities and learned that an Ernest Smith residing at the Yesler way address had been employed at the New Pioneer cafe until recently, and had previously worked at a Bedford cafe in New York City. A check is being made in New York for relatives.

Discovery of the body yesterday was the third incident of its type in this immediate area in three weeks. The body of a one-armed man found floating in Lake Ewata December 1 remains unidentified at Ward's, and a skeleton found November 21 on the shore of Upper Klamath lake at Barclay springs is likewise unidentified.

6 FAMILIES HOMELESS Bandon, Dec. 12 (AP)—A motor court fire south of here Saturday night left six families homeless.

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Insane Duo Fled in Car Found Here An automobile found abandoned here last Wednesday has been definitely identified as one used by two criminally insane men in escaping from the state mental hospital in Salem.

State police at Salem believe the men, Robert M. Burr, 21, Oregon City, and Marion E. Watson, 21, Manteca, Calif., have gone into California and probably are somewhere in the Los Angeles district.

Burr and Watson went to Los Angeles after an escape last year and were recaptured.

The sedan recovered here just off the state line road below Worden was stolen from the state hospital grounds two nights after the men escaped December 2. State police theorize they stayed in the Salem area until the car was stolen. It was owned by W. J. Willard, an attendant at the insane hospital.

A spare tire and wheel were missing from the vehicle when it was recovered here and a police check along the route from Salem traced the accessories to Auber Carter, a farmer living near Goshen. State police quoted Carter as saying he swapped 10 gallons of gasoline for the tire and wheel.

He said two men stopped him about 3 a. m. December 5 and made the swap. He identified pictures of Burr and Watson as occupants of the car.

OTI Student Killed In Cycle Wreck

His second motorcycle mishap in four days proved fatal to Robert Lewis Suttin, 24-year-old Oregon Tech student, and painfully injured a young companion.

Suttin was killed outright last night when his cycle skidded on a highway 39 curve just at the Merrill north city limits. State police said he was thrown into a telephone pole alongside the roadbed.

The youth's skull was fractured and his brain injured.

The fatality brought Klamath county's 1949 traffic toll to 17 dead.

Maurice Aasland, 22, also an Oregon Tech student, was thrown off the machine and received a broken jaw and lacerations. He was brought to Klamath Valley hospital for treatment by Kaler's ambulance.

Not Fast 1949 Asto Aasland said he and Suttin were going to Malin on Suttin's 1949 Harley-Davidson motorcycle. They passed a state police car about a mile out of Merrill and at that time were not traveling fast, the officer reported. The accident occurred just before 8 p. m.

Last Thursday afternoon the two young men and their motorcycle were involved in an accident on the S. 8th viaduct in Klamath Falls and Aasland was painfully burned on the left leg.

The motorcycle had stopped on the viaduct in traffic and was hit from behind by an automobile. Both young men were knocked to the pavement and the cycle was thrown on Aasland.

Suttin's home is in Washington, Ia., but he came here from Gail, Calif. His parents live in the Iowa city.

Young Aasland is a resident of International Falls, Minn. Suttin, single and a navy veteran, roomed on the OTI campus.

Famed News Artist Dies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)— Clifford K. Berryman, whose gently effective cartoons adorned Washington front pages for 53 years, died peacefully yesterday at the age of 80.

The Evening Star cartoonist-dean of his profession in America, Pulitzer prize winner and friend of presidents since this century began—also won a niche in American history as originator of the "Teddy Bear."

Rescuers said the jutting rock broke free because a six-hour campfire heated it following the intense cold of the early morning.

Killed were Robert Asper, 35, and Mrs. Jessie Isom, 45, both of Upland, Calif.; Harold Bovee, 40, Ventura, Calif.; and Mrs. Frances Morris, 38, Pomona, Calif.

Critically injured were Mrs. Frances Long 35, Upland, and Clifford Morris, 38, husband of Mrs. Morris. Rescuers tunneled for two hours to reach Mrs. Long, who was resting on a cot when the ledge broke off. She and Morris suffered internal injuries and face and head cuts.

When rescuers first arrived on the scene, they found the frantic picnickers trying to dig under the rock with stones and sticks. Some of them were hysterical.



NEW YORK'S WATER SHORTAGE GROWS—With the water situation becoming more acute day by day and the metropolitan area taking emergency steps to save the precious fluid, New York housewife (above) takes the advice of a grocery chain by purchasing paper cups and plates to save water used in dishwashing. Some 100 other stores plan similar displays of the water-saving technique.

Technicality Stops Shuck Trial Today; New Hearing Slated

A scheduled criminal trial in circuit court this morning came to an abrupt end when the negligent homicide indictment against Richard Shuck, 26, was dismissed and Shuck was rearrested in a matter of minutes on a newly-drawn charge.

Shuck was accused of negligent homicide in the automobile accident death of Robert Henry Anderson, 73-year-old Klamath area pioneer, on the Merrill highway last June 27.

He had pleaded not guilty to an indictment returned July 22 and the trial was to have begun this morning.

Dismissal Asked But when Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg called for the trial to begin, District Attorney D. E. Van Vactor stepped forward and asked the indictment be dismissed.

He explained the indictment asserted Anderson's death was the result of negligent driving on the part of Shuck and the use of intoxicating liquor, and that a section of Oregon law couples negligent operation of a car and the use of liquor into material allegations of the crime of manslaughter, not negligent homicide.

Van Vactor said the allegation that Shuck was intoxicated at the time of the accident should not have been placed in the indictment for negligent homicide.

Judge Vandenberg, remarking he had no alternative, dismissed the indictment.

Re-arrested A few minutes later Sheriff Jack Franey again placed young Shuck under arrest on a warrant charging negligent homicide and he was immediately arraigned in justice court.

The body of the new charge does not mention the use of liquor but alleges Anderson's death resulted from negligent operation of an automobile by Shuck.

Shuck's \$10,000 bond was posted by his brother, Cliff Shuck of Merrill, and sister, Mrs. Maude E. Liskey, Klamath Falls.

He will have a preliminary hearing Wednesday morning.

New Date The grand jury meets December 27 and the case against Shuck will be re-submitted. Van Vactor said it was a matter of starting the case over again.

The original charge filed against Shuck a few days after the fatal accident made no mention of alcoholic liquor, but when the indictment came out of the grand jury the phrase mentioning liquor had been inserted.

Van Vactor said he had found some evidence that Shuck had consumed a small amount of beer before the accident and the grand jury thought liquor should be mentioned in the indictment.

Double Jeopardy The district attorney said that by halting the proceedings before any testimony was on record, Shuck was not placed in double jeopardy and could be legally tried later.

Little Man's Tax Load Big Issue

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Crater Skiing Surprises

Skiing at Crater Lake national park was "better than expected," according to a Monday report from rangers who said 52 cars carrying 165 persons, entered the park Sunday.

Ninety per cent of the visitors came with skis and although snow was not considered deep enough for safety, there were no accidents.

Minimum temperature Sunday was the seasons low of 3 above zero. It warmed considerably this morning and low was 17 above.

It was snowing in the park area Monday morning and at 9:30 a half-inch of new powder had fallen.

The commercial tow has been installed but will not be in operation for another two week-ends. The tow is on Knob hill near the lodge.

Catastrophes Sweep Country; Many Injured

More than a score of lives were snuffed out over the week-end in a series of fires and explosions throughout the nation.

Four soldiers apparently were asphyxiated in their sleep when a smoldering couch filled a Tacoma, Wash., tourist cabin with smoke yesterday.

A 74-year-old Germantown, Pa., widower and his two sons were victims of a fire which destroyed their home yesterday. Flames killed the father and one son before firemen could reach them. The second son died of burns later.

At Cascade, Pa., near Williamsport, eight children and stepchildren of an unemployed laborer and his wife died in a fire that leveled their two-story cabin Saturday night. The couple and a 14-year-old son suffered critical burns.

Three men suffocated and a fourth was seriously injured when fire gutted their two-story frame rooming house in Rensselaer, N. Y.

Half-Million Blaze One man burned to death and another was missing in a half-million-dollar fire which early today destroyed a block-long amusement center at Union City, N. J.

In Birmingham, Mich., cranes and bulldozers nosed through the charred ruins of a three-story antique shop where five persons perished in a gas explosion and fire last night.

More than 100 tenants fled fire in a five-story tenement house in New York City's lower East Side last night. A three-month-old baby died in the flames.

A two-year-old Negro girl was killed by smoke in a rooming house fire in Harlem last night.

Mother, Baby A 19-year-old mother and her three-year-old daughter buried to death in a farmhouse blaze near Wellsville, N. Y., yesterday.

In Oswego county, N. Y., a 52-year-old man was trapped and burned to death when he ran into his burning farm home to rescue his family. His wife and their son and daughter were hospitalized with burns.

Everybody Go Tree Hunting?

Was there anybody home Sunday? Not from the looks of the highways with roads out of Klamath Falls in all directions jammed with Christmas tree carrying cars homeward bound from a trek into the woods.

Every possible conveyance was observed, passenger cars loaded down with families and greens, jeeps, pick-ups, big trucks and small, and one family had hitched up the horse trailer with which to bring home their forest loot.

Problems Kids were scouring around to bring in trees promised for the school room, families were battling it out for the perfect tree to set up in the living room, office representatives were on detail to pick out big trees for business houses in town—in fact every one was on a mission of sorts, whether it was for a table tree or for one to stand 20 feet tall.

There was little snow to fight in the higher elevations and compared to last Christmas season less effort had to be expended to bring in the greens.

MEMORIAL SERVICE SALEM, Dec. 12 (AP)—A public memorial service will be held Thursday in the supreme court chambers for the late Justice Percy R. Kelly. It will start at 10 a. m.



Meet the People SHOPPING in town and in line of fire of The Herald and News cameraman was Lorenzo "Firpo" Marchetti of Weyerhaeuser.

11 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS!