Anti-Gambling Figure Taken for Ride, Beaten

CHICAGO, (AP)—A milk salesman turned anti-gambling crusader said yesterday that crime syndicate hoodlums were responsible for the savage baseball bat beating given him Wednesday.

Robert Niemeyer, 47, in a hospital with fractures of his arms, legs and pelvis, said he was giving up his crusade, explaining he feared thugs would next strike at his family—his wife, Ellie, and son, Robert Jr., 24.

SCOFF

Niemeyer scoffed at Sheriff John A. Babb's theory that the abduction and beating came because he had taken away some milk accounts from rival dairies.

Speaking haltingly, pausing occasionally to catch his breath Niemeyer said he could not identify his attackers "because I knew my chance of surviving the ride they took me on depended upon my not looking at them."

Niemeyer's car was curbed in suburban Melrose Park Wednesday and he was forced into another car by two men, one of them armed.

"I first thought it was a holdup, but when they started down a lonely road I knew why I was being taken for a ride. When I saw the baseball bats I knew it was to be a beating, not a killing. I wasn't afraid. I don't know why," he said.

SYSTEMATIC

Wielding bats, the men struck Niemeyer on the heels. "Then they struck my ankles and my legs. Then they worked on, striking my hips, elbows, wrists and hands.

"The beating was very systematic as if it had been rehearsed. It was obvious they had a job to do and when it was done they got into their car and left," he said.

Niemeyer, of suburban Northlake, had been aiding State's Attorney John S. Boyle, a Democrat, in checking operations of gambling houses in western suburbs.

Laymen Start Church Drive

CINCINNATI, (AP)—A new, determined laymen's group—bid godspeed by Pres. Truman — fanned out today to recruit Protestants of all denominations in active church service.

The organization, united church men of America, envisages an ultimate enlistment of 10,000,000 (M) rank-and-file church men. It has mapped out plans for mass rallies in 18 key cities in 1952 to arouse the interest of men in each community and make clear to them the reasons their help is needed in developing church programs.

The cities are: Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Dallas, Denver, Grand Rapids Mich.; Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Peoria, Ill., Pittsburgh, Portland, Ore., Providence, R.I., San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis and Washington.

Lem T. Jones, chairman of united church men, said the group's aim is to make active the "75 percent of church laymen who are not now active.

The UCM plans call for all-out effort to raise the standards of service by laymen in their local churches and the initiation of community projects for the promotion of laymen in all denominations.

Jones, a candle manufacturer in Kansas City in private life and a Presbyterian, was installed as chairman last night.

Railway Sued For $10,000

A $10,000 lawsuit aimed at the Southern Pacific Railway is scheduled for trial in circuit court October 15. Probably it will be tried before Judge David R. Vandenberg without jury.

The suit was brought by George Sheridan Spencer, who was hurt when his car crashed into a freight train at a Joe Wright road crossing the night of May 11, 1950.

Named as defendents with the railroad are W. C. Holcomb, conductor, and E. M. Grable, engineer.

Spencer charges the road with negligence in not having a signalman or automatic signal at the crossing, and is himself accused of driving too fast for safety and ignoring "crossbuck" signs at the crossing. He is represented by U.S. Balentine, the defendents by Clarence J. Young of Portland.

Group Attacks Nurse Problem

The American Red Cross home nursing committees of Klamath, Jackson and Josephine counties met in Medford last week, with Klamath's five representatives, the largest group from any of the counties.

The meeting was presided over by State Field Nursing Representative Della Morgan.

The committees, according to representatives' reports, realized the great need for further home nursing training in the communities, and sought to bring out of retirement registered nurses who could assist in home nursing courses.

NAVAL SAFETY

CHICAGO, (AP)—The navy department has received the national safety council's highest safety award—for "distinguished service to safety"—for the accident prevention record of its shore establishment during 1950.

NOT ONLY are the physically handicapped capable of handling good jobs, but many of them go into business for themselves. George Conner here demonstrates his abilities at the mike before his radio shop on S. 6th as a part of the National Employ the Physically Handicapped week which started Sunday.

Student Gets Prison Decree

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., (AP)—A university of Alabama student convicted of second degree murder was held in the county jail today while his attorneys framed an appeal.

Lawyers for James L. Colvin, 24, Lincoln, Ala., have 30 days in which to file a motion for a new trial with the Alabama circuit court of appeals.

Colvin was convicted after a six-day trial in the fatal shooting of his roommate, Jerome Veazey, 27, Greenville, Miss., last April.

The jury fixed his sentence at 15 years in prison when it reported Saturday night. Court officials said Colvin could not be granted bail because sentence was for longer than 10 years.

The handsome junior, known as a good student, claimed that he fired when Veazey advanced on him with a knife, ignoring a warning to halt.

The shooting followed a brief quarrel between the roomates over noise from a party Veazey gave the preceding night in their apartment.

Dean Sees Atomic Air Force Within a Decade

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Gordon Dean, the country's top atomic official, has forecast "the beginning of an atomic (powered) air force within a decade."

Dean made the prediction in testifying at closed house appropriations committee hearings on additional $484,000,000 installment on the multi-billion dollar Savanna river atomic project. A subcommittee made his testimony public yesterday.

The air force already has let contracts for the development of a single plane to be powered by an atomic reactor. And some officials have hinted guardedly that such planes may be perfected within the next five years.

All-OUT

The senate-house atomic committee meets in executive session today to consider a resolution by Sen. McMahon (D-Conn) declaring "that the United States must go all-out in atomic development and production."

McMahon told the senate recently he wants "an atomic army and an atomic navy and an atomic air force." He advocated a $6,000,000,000 (B) expenditure on atomic energy and said that could result in eventual reduction of from $30,000,000,000 to $40,000,000,000 in the defense budget.

Speaking on a television broadcast from New York last night, Sec. of the Air Force Finletter said that a large air force will be needed despite America's progress in the field of tactical atomic weapons.

Asked, "does that mean these weapons will be delivered essentially by planes?" he replied:

"Yes, essentially, for the moment, they are going to be delivered by airplanes. . .piloted airplanes."

Dean, chairman of the atomic energy commission, told the house committee he thought an atom-powered plane would be "in the air" within the next decade and he added:

"If the people who run that plane and service it on the ground are the air force which is referred to (by committee members), I think you will have the beginning of an atomic air force within a decade."

Dean told of development of a "whole family" of atomic weapons which are affecting Pentagon planning on what armed forces this country should have and how they should be used. He said:

"What we are working toward here is a situation where we will have atomic weapons in almost a complete a variety as we do conventional ones, and situations where we can use them in the same way.

VARIETY

"This would include artillery shells, guided missiles, torpedoes, rockets and bombs for ground-support aircraft among others, and it would include big ones for big situations and little ones—and this is important—for little situations."

In a speech at Los Angeles Friday, Dean made it official that this country has atomic tactics weapons — for battlefield use against troops. This led to speculation that consideration is being given their use in Korea.

Two Sergeants' Return Slated

Two Klamath men were among 17 Oregonians scheduled to arrive yesterday in Seattle on the rotation plan for Korean war veterans.

They are Sfc. Jean L. Derby, 720 Locust and M-Sgt. Stanley E. Sparlin, 516 Klamath.

They were among 2786 vets arriving on a navy transport, according to a joint army-navy announcement quoted by the Associated Press.

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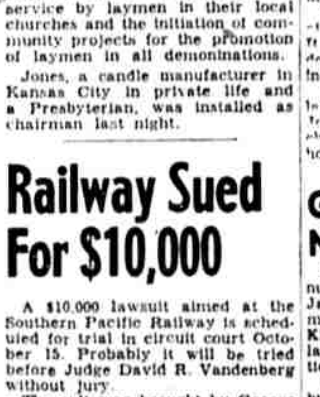

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