

Gls Drop Grenade in Bar; One Killed, Fourteen Hurt

NEW YORK (AP) — Three young servicemen—one of whom police said wanted to "show these spics something"—discharged a phosphorus bomb in a crowded tavern early Tuesday.

The action brought off events which brought death to one of them and injuries to 14 others. Thirteen of the injured were in the tavern.

A few minutes later, and eight blocks away, police shot and fatally wounded one of the servicemen, identified as Marine Sgt. James Eugene McDermott, 19. He died in a hospital.

During the chase and scuffle which led to the capture of McDermott and one of his companions, a patrolman allegedly was knifed by McDermott to bring the injured count to 14.

Only three of the 14 injured, including a federal narcotics agent and a second patrolman, both hurt in the blast, were kept at hospitals after treatment.

Police said bigotry detonated the violence in an upper West Side Manhattan area partly inhabited by a large number of Puerto Ricans. Eight of those injured in the bar had Spanish names, a derogatory term "spics" is a derogatory word sometimes used to describe Americans of Spanish origin.

Officials said the three servicemen—a sailor in uniform and an airman and marine, both in civilian clothes—were drinking in the bar when McDermott pulled out the explosive, a grenade filled with phosphorus. All three then fled in a waiting taxi.

Two off-duty policemen in the vicinity at the time chased the trio to 9th and Broadway, where the Marine and Airman were caught. The sailor escaped.

Police said this is what happened:

Three patrolmen, on their way home from work, passed by the tavern, "The Royal Flush," and noticed the airman hailing a taxi.

The officers suspected a holdup and followed the airman, identified as Mark Sutter, 19, into the bar. Sutter, joined his two companions while the patrolmen watched from a distance.

The officers said they saw McDermott pull the bomb from his clothes and heard him say:

"I'll show these spics something."

With that, he pulled the pin from the grenade—used by the armed forces as either an incendiary or flare—and sent it rolling like a ball of fire toward the bar.

The three servicemen then fled and jumped in the taxi.

One of the off-duty policemen John Dahill, 25, was burned; but the other two—Vincent Beckels, 28, and John Hurson—followed in Beckels' automobile which was parked nearby.

Beckels and Hurson caught the cab at Broadway and 9th Street and forced it to the curb.

The sailor, later identified as Patrick Shanahan, fled. Sutter, a 20-year-old Marine, pulled out a hunting knife and slashed Beckels' right hand.

The injured patrolman fell to the street as he managed to fire a shot. The bullet struck McDermott in the head. The two patrolmen had fired three other shots during the chase.

Ashland Radio Station Sold

MEDFORD (AP) — M. S. Hamaker, principal creditor of the bankrupt Rogue Valley Broadcasting Co., Monday purchased radio station KWIN at Ashland for \$20,000.

The station, closed last summer by the Internal Revenue Bureau because the company hadn't paid \$3,900 in back withholding taxes, was sold at a public auction in Federal Court here.

Hamaker was the only bidder. Earlier he and his wife had started foreclosure proceedings. On Oct. 2, the company filed a bankruptcy petition stating that it was losing \$1,200 a month, and listing assets of \$5,515 and liabilities of \$47,887.

Hamaker said he would try to get the station back on the air.

The operating license cannot be transferred to him without approval of the Federal Communications Commission.

Lucky Lager Not For Sale

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP) — Officials of the Lucky Lager Brewing Co. of San Francisco, disclosed Monday they have turned down an offer to sell three plants in California and Washington to Schlitz of Milwaukee.

Robert Fiddes and George Norgan, chairman of the board and managing director, said Schlitz offered \$25,000,000 for the properties but the bid was rejected "because the price would not justify an adequate return to the shareholders after taxes."

Canadian interests own 60 per cent of Lucky Lager stock, Norgan said.

The Vancouver Businessman added Schlitz wanted to acquire the Lucky Lager plants to compete with the Budweiser Co., which is constructing a new plant in San Francisco. Lucky Lager plants have a production capacity of 1,500,000-barrels per year.

One Killed In Factory Blast

PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — One workman was killed and 26 others hurt, many of them critically, in a violent explosion and fire that wrecked a building at the Bakelite Company plant yesterday.

Flames raged out of control for more than an hour after the blast—called a "dust explosion" by the company—trapping many employees in the upper floors of the four-story structure.

Firemen brought the trapped workers to safety with aerial ladders. Rescue workers picked through debris in the gutted building and, after seven hours, found the body of Herman Ellis, 44, of New Brunswick.

Prudential Has Greeting

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Anne Baxter Seeks Divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anne Baxter, Academy Award winner, has started the film colony by filing suit for divorce from John Hodiak.

In the complaint, filed yesterday, the 29-year-old actress accused Hodiak, 37, of treating her in such a "cruel and inhuman" manner that she suffered "great humiliation, mental anguish and embarrassment."

Miss Baxter, granddaughter of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, complained that her husband's attitude had caused her to become nervous and rundown.

She declined to say whether reconciliation was her aim, including her cigar-smoking—was in any way involved.

Nor were details disclosed of a property settlement which gives her custody of their 18-month-old daughter, Katrina.

The Hodiaks were married July 7, 1946, at Burlingame, Calif., and separated last Dec. 1.

The actress said: "We felt sick about it. We'd tried our best."

Senator Sees Europe Test

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Monroney (D-Okla.) predicted today the chances for harmony between President-elect Eisenhower and Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) will get an early test on the issue of U. S. aid to Europe.

Monroney, just back from an overseas vacation tour, told reporters he found sentiment strong in Europe for "a shift from the old system of direct aid to one trade with this country."

The Europeans' quest for a bigger U. S. market for their goods to replace shrinking dollar aid, he said, will present what he termed "the problem of whether the internationally minded Eisenhower people can prevail over the Taft people's high protective tariff views."

Monroney said he agrees with the recent recommendation of Secretary of Commerce Sawyer that virtually all outright grants of economic aid to Europe should be ended.

Old Folks Want Nylons

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elderly women in a ward at Rancho Los Amigos, the Los Angeles county home, were asked what they wanted for Christmas.

A shawl? Bed slippers? Warm bed socks?

No. The nearly unanimous choice of 163 aged women was—nylons.



WHOOOSH! Appearing like a leaping marlin, an experimental Convair XF2Y-1 leaps from the water in a test flight at San Diego, Calif. It's the first combat plane to apply hydro-ski principles.

Log Mishaps Fatal to Two

By The Associated Press

Two Oregon men were fatally crushed in logging accidents Monday.

Hugh Nadeau, 41, was killed near Valsetz when a log rolled on him. The log was set in motion by a charge of explosive which Nadeau had set off under another log.

Everett Edward Atkins, 33, was fatally injured near Idlewild in Northern California when a load of logs rolled off a truck. Atkins, a resident of Grants Pass, died en route to a hospital.

Crews Work On Towers

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — Maintenance crews rushed repair work Tuesday on two Bonneville Power Administration transmission towers which collapsed under a load of ice near Bickleton, Wash., last weekend.

H. R. Richmond Jr., BPA area manager, said replacement steel for the towers on the Midway-The Dalles-Eugene line was sent to the site and crews are working overtime in an effort to re-energize the 230,000-volt line by Wednesday night.

Weight of ice on an aluminum conductor cable pulled apart a steel plate holding wires to one tower, Richmond said, and two others collapsed.

It was the first failure of a Bonneville steel tower, he added.

16 Found In Wreckage

NAGOYA, Japan (AP) — Rescue workers have found 16 bodies in the wreckage of a large fertilizer plant that blew up here Monday.

Five persons are missing. Police said 33 were seriously injured and 198 slightly hurt.

The Toa Gosei Co., owner of the plant, said damage totaled \$1,400,000.

Investigators were uncertain of the cause of the explosion, which occurred in a tank of ammonia nitrate.

War Claims Ike Friend

SEOUL (AP) — Cpl. James A. Murray of Muskogee, Okla., who lunched with U. S. President-elect Eisenhower on a Korean hillside three weeks ago, was killed in a recent patrol action, the Army disclosed Tuesday.

In New York, Gen. Eisenhower said Tuesday, "I am grieved by the report that Cpl. Murray has been killed in action."

"I have fine memories of our brief friendship," the President-elect said. "He was a splendid young soldier, typical of thousands of our young men who are fighting in far-away Korea for the principles all Americans cherish and for a just peace. My profound sympathies go to his family."

Goldwyn Gets Key

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Veteran movie producer Sam Goldwyn was presented a gold key to the city and a gold medal of appreciation at the climax yesterday of the observance of the 40th anniversary of his venture into films.

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O'Brien Sad At Christmas

HONG KONG (AP) — Michael Patrick O'Brien, the man without a passport, looked up from the breakfast pancakes he's been eating neatly every morning since Sept. 18.

"The only thing I want for Christmas," he said wearily, "is off—off this bucket, off this patch of salt water."

"I don't care whether my feet are on pavement or gravel or sand or mud—just so they're off the deck of this ship."

The ship is the ferry Lee Hong, which plies between Hong Kong and Portuguese Macao. O'Brien has been on it more than three months, including 19 days in dry-dock.

He doesn't have a passport. So authorities at both ends of the ferry line refuse to let him land. O'Brien says he's an American. The State Department asserts he is Hungarian.

O'Brien said he sleeps on a circular divan and gets up feeling "like a tensed-up shrimp." He reads murder mysteries and westerns and talks to passengers. He's given up looking at the scenery.

A Shanghai shipper whom O'Brien befriended pays for his food and cigarettes. And once in a while, a passenger buys him a drink.

The 57-year-old perpetual traveler said:

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