Giant Tanker Sliced in Two; At Least One Dead

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — One of America's largest seagoing tank ships was sliced in two early Saturday in a collision with another giant oil carrier in Delaware Bay.

Eighty two crewmen, of 86 aboard the two ships that burst quickly into flames, leaped into the water or boarded lifeboats and were rescued.

The Red Cross listed Joseph Donnelly, 45, of Marcus Hook, Pa., as the only man known dead. He was a crewman making his first trip.

Three men are missing, the Red Cross said.

The 24,000-ton tanker Phoenix, 556 feet long, sank to the muddy bottom of the Delaware River 40 miles south of Philadelphia. Still flaming at dawn the ship lay a blackened and charred hulk a few hundred yards from the New Jersey shore.

Only a few years old, the Phoenix had a capacity of nine million gallons of petroleum products and when she was launched was the nation's largest.

A shiplength or two away, the 11,681-ton tanker Pan Massachusetts burned fiercely. Her main deck had sunk almost to the water level and her keel was on or close to the bottom.

F. L. Judson, port engineer for the owner of both ships, the National Bulk Carriers, Inc., of New York arrived several hours after the collision. He estimated damage at six million dollars for each ship and said both were totally destroyed.

The collision at 11:16 p.m. (EST) Friday night appeared to have resulted from a mixup in signals between the two ships moving in opposite directions, survivors said.

It was a warm, clear summer night on the river.

So intense were the fires and so great the columns of black smoke rising skyward that watchers on shore said "the stars were blotted out."

The high rescue percentage was a tribute to a night of heroic work by the Coast Guard and residents and volunteer groups on both sides of the river-bay that leads from the port of Philadelphia to the Atlantic Ocean.

Summoned by flame-lit skies, many persons manned small boats to cruise as close as possible to the wrecks, picking up swimming sailors. Some crewmen swam to shore on each side of the river, were picked up by watchers there and bundled off to hospitals.

Most of the crewmen suffered shock, burns or minor injuries.

Capt. Reginald C. Gross, 53, Houston, Tex., of the Pan Massachusetts was among the injured survivors. He suffered second degree burns but before he was put to bed in a hospital told the Associated Press his ship was "on fire all over" when he left her.

The captain of the Phoenix, Capt. Gustave Japachen, 53, of Langhorne, Pa., was admitted to St. Francis Hospital, Wilmington, suffering from severe burns. Hospital attendants sai[illegible]'s condition was poor.

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ix amidships. The Phoenix, like a whale with a broken back, went down quickly, her bow jutting into the air and her entire prow above water.

Versions of what happened from members of both ships indicated there was a mixup in signals between the two huge tankers as to how they were going to pass each other.

David D. Higbee, 53, Haddonfield, N. J., pilot of the out-bound Phoenix, gave this version of the crash to State Policeman William Wilds from his bed at Salem Hospital:

"There was some kind of a mixup in signals. I still don't know exactly what happened. The mixup had to do with which way we were going to pass — on the port or starboard side. We never did get it straightened out and the Pan Massachusetts rammed us amidship on the starboard side."

Higbee is reported suffering from broken bones, shock and exposure. He jumped overboard and swam ashore after the crash.

Maurice Hibler, 26-year-old able bodied seaman from Tulsa, Okla., jumped overboard when the life boats on the Pan Massachusetts jammed and couldn't be lowered. As lookout on the Pan Massachusetts, here's how he saw the collision:

"We saw the Phoenix turning in front of us and heard two long blasts from her. We gave two back, and took a hard left to the port, but it wasn't enough. We hit the Phoenix aft of their midship house. The crash was about 11:16 p. m. ship time 12:16 EDT). There were explosions on both ships and then fire."

Hibler said he was picked up by one of the many private citizens who put out to help pick up survivors.

Both ships are grounded on the New Jersey side of the river and a dense billowing cloud of smoke could be seen miles from the scene. The general area in which the crash occurred is thick with shipping traffic. Tankers and freighters sail up and down the bay between the industrial Philadelphia area and the Atlantic Ocean, about 100 miles away.

The Pan Massachusetts, enroute from Texas City, Tex., carried a crew of 41 and Capt. Gross said he believed all of his men were accounted for. The Phoenix had 45 aboard including Capt. Gustav A. Japachen, Langhorne, Pa., who was burned seriously. There was no report on the extent of injuries although a few men are believed to be critical.

George S. Parent, Lamarque, Tex., first assistant engineer on the Pan Massachusetts, said he didn't know what had happened. He said the last he saw before jumping into the river was the Phoenix breaking in two.

John Wilhite, Truman, Ark., a crewmember of the Phoenix, said he was in the water a couple of hours before being picked up by a tug.

Michael Vove, of West Grove, Pa., mess man on the Pan Massachusetts said he was in his bunk when the crash woke him up. He went topside and said he could see the flames from the other ship. He jumped when he saw his ship was on fire.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, the next hour at which we might hear something on the progress of the truce negotiations has been set at 10 o'clock tonight EDT. In modern alphabetical jabberwocky, EDT means Eastern Daylight time. I got to wondering what time that would be in Oregon, and in an unguarded moment I started trying to figure it out.

Take my advice. DON'T EVER TRY IT. By the time you get through wrestling with time zones and how many of 'em are there between here and the East and does the earth spin eastward or westward and do they turn the clocks forward or backward when they tinker with 'em, you'll be UTTERLY exhausted.

While congress is stalling around waiting to see how the cat is going to jump and trying to decide whether it is better to back Ike up in his efforts to balance the budget or to cut taxes and go on spending at one and the same time, why doesn't it turn in some morning after breakfast and make a law providing that whatever time we decide to use it shall be the SAME TIME ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES?

The South Korean ambassador to the U.S. says in Washington this morning he has received word from his government that President Syngman Rhee will never sign an armistice agreement that LEAVES KOREA DIVIDED.

The old man is pretty obstreperous, you say? Wait a minute. Suppose our country had been split north and south at the Mississippi or east and west at the Mason and Dixon line by some wicked enemy.

We'd want to get it back together again, wouldn't we?

That prompts a question: How long since Korea has been a UNITED country?

Well, for a long, long time before World War II, Korea was united UNDER THE HEEL OF THE JAPS. Came then the war, and the Japs were licked. For a shining little hour, it looked to Korean patriots like their country might be united again under an INDEPENDENT Korean government.

Then—

We got to palavering with the Russians and the upshot of it was that a line was drawn across Korea at the 38th parallel. It was vaguely agreed that north of the 38th parallel in Korea would be a sort of Russian sphere of influence and south of it would be a sort of American sphere of influence. The Russians waded in to make their part of Korea a COMMUNIST country and we set out to make our part of it a democracy more or less modeled on our own.

So, you see—
KOREA GOT DIVIDED AGAIN.

Then—

After several years of more or less vague do-gooding (based mostly on talk) we started muttering in our beards that the thing for us to do was to get out of South Korea and leave the South Koreans on their own and the Russian communists took us at our word and sent their North Korean communists barging over the 38th parallel to TAKE SOUTH KOREA BY FORCE.

If that had been permitted to happen, Korea would have been a UNITED COUNTRY again—united UNDER THE HEEL OF RUSSIAN-DOMINATED COMMUNISM as it had formerly been united under the heel of Japanese imperialism.

It didn't happen, because we barged in again and succeeded eventually, at the cost of much blood and treasure, in fighting the communists—Russian, North Korean and Chinese—to a standstill at or somewhat above the 38th parallel where all the shooting started.

So, you see—
Poor Korea is DIVIDED AGAIN.
Where is it all going to stop?

It's an obvious mess. It got to be a mess, I think, because we waded into a series of world-shaking foreign policy decisions without a proper understanding of what a sound foreign policy is. A SOUND foreign policy is one that looks out first for the best interests of the country concerned and lets the chips fall where they may.

That is the kind of foreign policy we need—in Korea and elsewhere throughout the world. I think that is the kind of foreign policy President Eisenhower and State Secretary Dulles are proposing for us.

At least, I hope so. If we don't take care of our own best interests, nobody else is going to take care of them for us.

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Senators Endorse Taft Treaty Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators Wiley (R-Wis) and H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) endorsed today a proposal by Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) that the U. S. seek a military alliance with Britain, France and other allies to counter communism in the Far East.

Wiley, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said in an interview he thinks an alliance similar to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Europe ought to be formed in the Pacific.

But whereas Taft suggested the U. S. "disentangle" itself from the U. N. to form such a Far Eastern pact, Wiley said it ought to be undertaken under the U. N. charter's provision for regional arrangments.

"We have separate treaties with Australia, New Zealand, Japan and The Philippines," Wiley noted. "The time is coming when all of these nations should be drawn, along with England and France, into a NATO for the Pacific."

In a separate statement, Wiley said U. S. allies in Europe have "sharply increased their defense expenditures" in the last three years despite slim pocketbooks and said this held out hope that even those NATO allies with fewest resources "are pulling and will continue to pull their full share of our mutual security load."

Smith, who heads a foreign relations subcommittee on the Far East, said he always had been in favor of "stronger mutual security agreements in the Far East."

He said this might take the form of a military alliance such as Taft suggested. But the New Jersey senator said he has some doubt that the U. S. would want to agree, as it did in the NATO pact, that an attack on any one of the members would be regarded as an attack on all.

He pointed out that the French already are under Communist attack in Indochina, adding that he doesn't believe this country would want to send troops to that area although it already is helping the French with military supplies.

"I am glad to see that Taft wants the British and French included in any collective security arrangement in the Pacific," Smith said.

Area Wheat Crop Threatened

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — A U.S. Department of Agriculture official said Friday the Palouse country's 100-million dollar winter wheat crop faces a serious threat from the weather.

Dr. Orville Vogel, the department's chief agronomist at Washington State College, said:

"With all this rainy weather and from the rain, plus early seeding and nitrogen fertilizer, early seeded wheat is bound to go down. The question is when."

Fireworks Warehouse Blast Kills Four, Injures 73

HOUSTON (AP) — More than 40,000 pounds of holiday fireworks blew up Friday in a spout of flame, killing four persons in a nearby cottage and injuring 73 others in the neighborhood.

Damage was estimated at 3 million dollars. Most of the injured were in nearby small cottages and apartment houses. Only two men were in the fireworks warehouse and both escaped with minor injuries, running outside as soon as a spark touched off a blaze that resulted in the explosion.

The explosion smashed nearly everything in the block surrounding the Alco Fireworks and Specialty Co. warehouse. At least a dozen homes blazed. Other homes gaped openly, their windows shattered, roofs, stripped and sides sheared away.

Mayor Roy Hofheinz ordered an investigation into why the explosives were stored inside the city limits. City Atty. Will Sears said it's against the law without a permit. He quoted Fire Marshal P. W. Clooney as saying the Alco firm had a permit for a small warehouse but not for the big one which blew up.

The small warehouse, stacked to the rafters with fireworks, was damaged only slightly. It was across the street from the larger building.

The cause apparently can be traced to a hammer being used by Kenneth B. Williams, 35, Alco's general manager. He had minor injuries. He was driving nails into the framework of a pressed-paper display containing explosives.

"I either hit the gerb (cylinder) with the hammer or struck a spark off one of the nails," Williams said.

"The whole place was blown up in 15 seconds."

The charred bodies of the four killed were found in the ruins of a small cottage that had stood only 20 feet from the warehouse.

Two young husbands were stunned when they learned of the deaths at a hospital.

John Walton, a clothing store department manager, was in an emergency room corridor when a loudspeaker called him. He collapsed when he was told his entire family had burned to death. They were his wife Jean, 25, and their two children, Cathy, 4, and John Jr., 2.

Gurnade M. Barziza, 24-year-old hotel auditor, identified the body of his wife, Jessie Jane, 22, through a wedding band and engagement ring and bits of charred clothing.

Montana Flood Pattern Shifts

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — Residents of the Milk River Valley in North-Central Montana got set for flood conditions Saturday, but high water was dropping in the Great Falls region, some 100 miles southwest.

The Milk, rising in Canada, was being flooded with excess water from northern tributaries and the U. S. Weather Bureau predicted a steady rise at Havre through Saturday night or Sunday.

Meantime, the Missouri River and its flooding tributary, the Sun, dropped in the Great Falls area of West-Central Montana. Lt. Col. Erland A. Tillman, chief of the Army Engineer Corps at Fort Peck, estimated damage in Cascade County, in which Great Falls is located, at $1,500,000.

He placed total damage in the area at $2,000,000 and estimated 2,000 persons were displaced by water overflowing from the Sun, Marias and Teton Rivers and Belt Creek.

At Havre, Police Chief Virgil Mooney said early Saturday that 2,000 persons were evacuated from vulnerable points in anticipation of the Milk River flooding. Volunteer workers were bracing dikes with sandbags. Havre City Engineer E. B. Martin said $100,000 damage already had been caused by a flash flood in Bull Hook Creek.

New York Fireworks Blast Kills Two

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — An explosion leveled the main building of a fireworks factory near here Saturday, killing two men and injuring a third.

Police tentatively identified the dead as Albert Benjamin, about 47, of Schenectady, owner of the factory, and Anthony Sisario, about 43, of Amsterdam, an employe. Their bodies were severely charred.

Vincent Barbuto Jr., of Schenectady, was hospitalized with second degree burns of the back, arms and face. Ellis Hospital attaches said he was in fair condition.

The blast destroyed a 20-by-30-foot one-story, cement block building at the North American Fireworks Co. factory about four miles east of the city, along the Mohawk waterfront.

Windows were shattered in homes a mile away. Cement blocks and 2-by-10 wooden beams from the plant were blown over the land and into trees.

LION FOOD is being inspected above by a quartet preparing for the Lions Club state convention here June 14, 15 and 16. A barbecue put on by the Merrill Lions Club is one of the feature events. The four Barbecue Committee members above are (l to r) Gib Fleet, Clyde Hammond (Merrill), Robert Dragoo, and Harvey Denham (Merrill).

Duffy Away From Bed Long Enough To Call Firemen

NEW YORK (AP)—Gerald Duffy awoke at dawn and found his Grymes Hill, Staten Island apartment filled with smoke so he called firemen and then despite his 50 years jumped two stories to the lawn.

Firemen found him bruised and shaken up. They put out the small fire in a living room sofa, picked up their hoses and looked around for Duffy.

He was back in bed, asleep.

Officer Held For Ordering Korean Shot

By FORREST EDWARDS

TAEGU, Korea, Saturday (AP) — An Air Force officer was arrested today and accused of ordering two enlisted men to shoot a Korean at an Allied air base in South Korea last September.

Col. Jerome L. Loewenberg, Fifth Air Force judge advocate, said Lt. George C. Schreiber, 25, was arrested at an air base near Pusan and charged with premeditated murder and conspiracy to commit premeditated murder.

Schreiber's home is in Hollywood, Ill. He entered the service at Chicago.

He was the third man arrested in the case.

The other two, arrested in the United States and returned to Korea for future trial, are Robert W. Toth, 21, a discharged airman who was back in Korea five days after his arrest at a Pittsburgh steel plant May 13, and Airman First Class Thomas L. Kinder, 21, arrested at a Wisconsin air base March 10 and returned to Korea May 26.

Toth and Kinder are charged with premeditated murder and conspiracy to commit premeditated murder. Toth, in addition, is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

Loewenberg said Schreiber allegedly ordered the shooting of Bang Soon Kil last Sept. 27 after Bang was apprehended by Kinder in a restricted area on an air base near Pusan, pistol whipped by Toth and taken to Schreiber.

After the alleged order from Schreiber, Loewenberg said, Toth allegedly selected an empty revetment on the base for the shooting and Kinder allegedly did the actual shooting.

Loewenberg said Schreiber was arrested at the air base before noon today, charged, and then restricted to the base.

Schreiber was not placed in confinement, the judge advocate said.

He also said that neither Toth nor Kinder are actually confined at present. Kinder has been given duties at and restricted to, an Air Force installation in Taegu. Toth is restricted to, an air base just outside Taegu.

Since Toth is a civilian he has not been given Air Force duties, Loewenberg said.

Roundup Edition Set For June 23

The Herald and News annual Klamath Basin Roundup edition is to be published this year June 23. The edition will feature only local news and pictures of Roundup principals and activities. Most of the pictures will be taken on the annual Queen Candidates Outing, June 11.

Merchants advertising in the special edition are to base their ads on "brand names." Copies of the edition are to be sent to the Award Committee of the Oregon Advertising Committee, Portland, for selection of the best "brand names" ad. The winning ad is to then be submitted to the National Brand Names Foundation for consideration in its annual Brand names Foundation for consideration in its annual Brand Names Awards.

The Herald and News will reprint the winning ad and give the advertiser like space for further use at that time.

Trucers In Secret Meet; No Hints Out

PANMUNJOM (AP) — Allied and Communist negotiators met in tight secrecy for 19 minutes today as mushrooming reports of near agreement on the key issue of prisoner exchange bolstered hopes for an armistice in Korea.

There was no official hint of what went on inside the conference hut, but an authoritative South Korean source said "No new proposal was made by either side."

The Reds asked for and got a recess until 11 a. m. tomorrow (9 p.m. EST Saturday). The South Korean source indicated—without elaboration—that progress might be made then.

He described the atmosphere inside the conference hut today as businesslike—"neither good nor bad."

Other observers said the U. N. Command probably asked for clarification of an hour-long statement read Thursday by North Korean Gen. Nam Il.

This was reported to have been a counter-proposal virtually paraphrasing the latest U. N. plan for breaking the long prisoners exchange deadlock, last major barrier to a Korean truce. The Reds were said to have suggested five changes, none of them major.

An informed source close to the negotiations said there was a possibility the Communists would agree to refer final disposition of prisoners who refuse to go home The Reds reportedly had objected to this provision of the May 25 U. N. proposal.

The same source said there were indications the "minor points" of difference would be froned out Sunday or within a "matter of days."

HOPE MOUNTS

In Western and Communist capitals around the world hope mounted that the end of the bloody Korean War was in sight—perhaps before the conflict winds up its third year on June 25.

There was optimism even in Moscow where the official government "is clear that the sides participating in the talks are extremely close to signing an agreement . . ."

Only in South Korea was there deep gloom.

President Syngman Rhee voiced further violent objections Saturday to the reported armistice terms and unveiled a counter-proposal he sent to President Eisenhower.

Only a few hours earlier, however, Rhee declared in a recorded interview that "we would accept almost any proposal the United States asks of us because the United States is the only friendly nation which has done so much for us in the past and who will do much more for us in the future."

Truce negotiators have met in secrecy since Lt. Gen. William K. Harris Jr. handed the Communists on May 25 a "now or never" plan to break the prisoner exchange deadlock.

SECRET TALKS

After Saturday's session Lt. Col. Milon Herr, official U. N. spokesman, would say only that the meetings were still in executive session.

This places the cloak of secrecy around at least the opening of Sunday's session. One source here said negotiators might be waiting until all loose ends are tied up before any announcement is made.

South Korea's truce delegate, Maj. Gen. Choi Duk Shin, again boycotted Saturday's session.

The boycott, which began with the May 25 session, is to protest armistice terms Rhee and other South Korean government leaders have branded "unacceptable," a "death sentence" and a "sellout."

Rhee's counter-proposal called for:

1. Withdrawal of all foreign troops—Allied and Chinese—from Korea.

2. Immediate and automatic U. S. intervention in the event South Korea is again attacked.

3. An adequate supply of arms, ammunition and other supplies to strengthen South Koreas armed forces.

4. Continued participation by U. S. air and naval forces until the South Koreans are able to take over.

BOB HOLMES, 3741 Butte, was on his way to the doctor this morning.

Bishop Oxnam Asks Hearing

WESTMINSTER, Md. (AP) — Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, sometimes called the national voice of Methodism, has asked to appear before a House committee to answer charges linking him with Communist-front groups.

With angered church members rallied behind him, the Bishop made the request last night in a telegram to Rep. Harold H. Velde (R-Ill.), chairman of the House Un - American Activities Committee.

It culminated a heated verbal exchange between members of Methodist Church, in session here, and Rep. Jackson (R-Calif), a member of the committee.

The Bishop, who says the committee's files connect him with organizations to which he never belonged and others he left before their loyalty was questioned, has denounced the committee's staff as incompetent.

He declared that its files are "90 per cent false, irrelevant or at least unverified."

This prompted Jackson to say in a recent House speech that Bishop Oxnam "works for the Lord on Sunday and for the Communist fronts the rest of the week."

The Baltimore Conference, embracing 176,000 Methodists in Washington, Maryland and Eastern West Virginia, applauded the Bishop and demanded that Jackson make a public apology.

They called his remarks "Disrespectful. . . to our distinguished Bishop and an affront to the Methodist Church." They condemned the committee for dealing "in innuendo and techniques of misrepresentation."

Jackson's retort was that Bishop Oxnam should submit to a "thorough examination" by the committee.

Chiloquin Bandit 'Confiscates' Confiscated Wine

CHILOQUIN — Candidate for the boldest bandit of many years was being sought here today by Police Chief Bill Jones.

This daring thief last night broke in the Police Station here and carted off a large quantity of wine.

The bottles, in a gunny sack and shopping bag, had been confiscated from inebriates over a period of several months.

ROK Troops Lose Out In Counterblow

SEOUL (AP) — A beefed-up North Korean battalion ripped through a main line Allied position on the Eastern Front today and held stubbornly against counterattacking South Koreans.

Some 750 to 1,000 Reds overran three ROK outposts ahead of the main line, then slammed through the line itself in four spots east of Luke's Castle, where bloody fighting has raged for a week, the Eighth Army said.

Another North Korean battalion tore into a South Korean outpost on Bloody Ridge on the East-Central Front. The ROKs met the attack ahead of the outpost but were hurled back in desperate hand-to-hand fighting, the Army said.

Two prongs of the attack on Luke's Castle area penetrated the main Allied line about 500 yards apart, caving in South Korean positions.

REDS DROVE 500 YARDS

The Reds drove 500 yards into Allied territory, an Eighth Army briefing officer reported.

Counter-attacking ROK 12th Division troops—in battle almost steadily since last Monday — 250 yards but were cut short as the North Koreans hurled grenades from higher slopes.

At last report the battle—which raged through the night—continued at close range.

On Bloody Ridge, the furiously-attacking Communists stormed the outpost slopes and, at last report, the ROKs had withdrawn to the Outpost Center and were streaming mortar and artillery fire on the Reds.

FIGHTING CONTINUOUS

Fighting has been almost continuous on the Eastern Front hill mass since Monday night when the North Koreans got their first foothold on the tip of Luke's Castle terrain.

Despite repeated South Korean counter-attacks, the Reds lashed further ahead and now hold about one-half of the forward ridge of the Castle.

On the Western Front, other South Korean troops killed an estimated 100 of 300 Chinese who attacked an outpost southwest of Kelly Hill before midnight Friday.

The Reds pounded the outpost with 3,000 mortar and artillery shells in the 2½ hour fight.

WHY STEP-UP?

There was speculation the Communists stepped up the fighting along the Eastern and East-Central Fronts—despite signs that a truce may be imminent—for two reasons:

1. To gain ground for the time when a buffer zone between the present battlelines is set up after a truce.

2. To weaken the South Koreans, who man that part of the front. The South Koreans have threatened to continue the fighting in the event of a truce.

Meanwhile, small Chinese forces probed an American division in the Panmunjom sector on the extreme Western Front and withdrew after short harassing actions.

Allied aerial strikes over North Korea were hampered by heavy early afternoon, but 32 fighter-bombers using electronic aiming devices hit scattered Red frontline points.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly cloudy with occasional rain through Sunday. High Sunday 55; low Saturday night 48.

High yesterday	57
Low last night	44

Bill Cutting Into Coroner's Preserves Fails Passage

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Assemblymen debated the dead last night.

They had a bill providing that if a coroner also is a mortician he could not keep all the corpses to build up his own business.

The legislation was asked in the name of equality by Assemblyman Donald D. Doyle (R-Lafayette).

Assemblyman Julian Beck (D-San Fernando) objected. If two people were killed in the same accident, he reasoned, one body might be taken to the opposite end of the county and the other would be left nearby.

Assemblyman Lloyd W. Lowrey (D-Rumsey) said he doesn't want anyone dragging bodies into his district.

The bill, by Sen. Robert I. Montgomery (D-Hanford), lacked 18 votes to win passage.

"The bill's dead," shouted Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel (R-Inglewood). But it wasn't.

Doyle said he'll ask reconsideration.