

Gunman Shoots Three, Gives Up To Police After Confessing Crime To Padre

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Three persons were shot and wounded in a Hollywood hotel Wednesday night and three hours later heavily armed police closed in on the Wadsworth Veterans Hospital and cornered a gunman while he was admitting the shooting to a Catholic priest.

While the gunman, identified as Albert Markle, 32, held a gun and talked with the priest for an hour and a half 15 officers armed with rifles and tear gas bombs drove at the hospital and stationed themselves outside the priest's office.

Police Sgt. Al Barr said the officers kept Markle covered but waited while he talked for fear of

injuring the priest, Father Fredrick Lamb Jr., hospital chaplain, and another man, Lt. F. W. Green of the hospital police force, who was in the room.

While Markle talked the tension mounted. "We were just going to give him another two minutes to surrender his gun when he finally turned it over to Green," said Sgt. Barr.

Markle was handcuffed after surrendering his gun and then booked on suspicion of attempted murder.

Detectives said that earlier in the evening Markle had appeared at a small Hollywood hotel, pointed a gun at George Lawless, 58, a male nurse, and demanded to see a Mrs. Juanita Simmons, 41. Lawless said he took Markle to Mrs. Simmons' room where her invalid father, Charles Piers, 80, also was present.

Lawless said Markle formerly had been a caretaker at the hotel and also had acted as a nurse for Piers. Lawless said Markle brandished his gun when he arrived in the room, argued over the selection of TV programs and became enraged.

Police said Mrs. Simmons told Markle: "We know you've been drinking, Al. Leave us alone and go away."

Lawless told detectives that Markle then fired three shots at Mrs. Simmons as she stood up and four shots at himself and Piers. Mrs. Simmons was seriously hurt with two wounds in the stomach. Piers and Lawless were shot in the legs.

Italian Crisis Still Boils

ROME (AP) — A possible member of the government coalition Italy's Christian Democrats are trying to form threw a new problem into the Italian political crisis Thursday.

The Democratic Socialist Party, demanded that the nation "humble" itself neither to America nor Russia.

The statement by the Moderate Socialists' parliamentary group leader, Elio, Vigorelli marked a new turn of the party, whose record has been definitely pro-Western in foreign policy.

Coming out of a conference with Italian President Luigi Einaudi, Vigorelli told reporters: "We are working for a government of democratic concentration which recognizes and wishes to find a solution to the problems of the working class and poor people — without humbling itself before America, but without bowing down before Soviet Russia."

Vigorelli was one of the last of the Italian political leaders to consult with Einaudi, who soon must choose a new Premier.

Eisenhower Plane On Ferry Trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — On orders from President Eisenhower, 16 Air Force enlisted men on leave got a surprise ride back to the United States from Germany the other day.

It was Jan. 23 and Lt. Col. William G. Draper, Eisenhower's Air Force aide and pilot of the presidential plane Columbine, was returning to this country after flying Secretary of State Dulles and his party to the Big Four Conference in Berlin.

Carrying out instructions from Eisenhower, Draper made a stop at Frankfurt, Germany, and took aboard the group of Air Force men headed for the United States on leave. They arrived in Washington that night.



MRS. ELSIE SIEMENS — a native of Klamath County, employed as deputy tax collector for many years is asking the support of friends and all voters in the coming primary election where "my name will appear on the ballot as a candidate for County Treasurer. My past experiences in handling money and distribution to the various taxing districts, gives me a general knowledge of all the duties and responsibilities involved in handling the office of county treasurer. Should I be nominated and elected to this office, I wish to assure you, I will be efficient and courteous to all as in the past." Mrs. Siemens, member of a pioneer family is the sister of ex-sheriff Lloyd Low.

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Okay Given For State Building

SALEM (AP) — The state was free Wednesday to proceed with construction of the \$400,000 State Finance Department Building when a property dispute was settled out of court.

Clifton Erickson, a garage man who had refused to move from the site, had claimed he had the right to stay on the property for five years.

The property was sold to the state by Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmar Anderson, Turner, who had been renting it to Erickson on a month-to-month basis.

The state, the Andersons and Erickson made an agreement under which Erickson would vacate the site. The terms were not disclosed.

The state had brought suit to evict Erickson, and arguments were to have been heard Wednesday afternoon.

Butter Okay For School Lunches

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon public schools will continue to use butter for school lunches the rest of this school year.

Mrs. Laura Wells, state school lunch director, gave that reassurance Wednesday, following a report from Portland schools that they were nearly out of butter with no more shipments in sight.

Mrs. Wells said shipments of butter are expected this month, and again in April. Butter from government surplus stocks is supplied for the school lunch program.

'Wolf Boy' Studied In Indian Hospital; Plans Laid For Future Operation

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A gaunt, spindly lad dubbed the "wolf boy" is providing medical authorities in Lucknow the twin problems of keeping him alive and determining his background.

The doctors said today the boy, who walks on all fours, wolfs down raw meat and laps water like an animal, is 9 years old. With his hair long and matted, he was found mysteriously in a railway freight car Jan. 17. Though definitely a human, doctors conjecture that he was reared by animals.

The boy was removed to the Balmampur Hospital in Lucknow, in north-central India, where symptoms of a serious circulatory ailment were noted.

Much against his will, he is being fed cooked meat, milk, porridge, fruit juices and pancakes, as well as the raw meat he likes. Despite more than two weeks of hospital care, however, he still lies huddled weakly in his bed, giving an occasional snarl and trying to bite attendants. He cringes from light. He shows little interest in his surrounding until raw meat is produced. This he devours avidly.

The hospital superintendent, Dr. D. N. Sharma, said message will be used in an effort to restore the boy to normal human shape.

He has serious contracture of the muscles of the limbs and flexion at both elbow and knee joints," Dr. Sharma said.

Surgical reconstruction to enable

him to walk upright is planned after the message treatments build up his physical strength.

Radio Show To Fight Welfare

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's drive against radio-TV giveaways programs that get money from the public was defied last night by "Strike It Rich," first of the shows to be criticized.

The program went on the air without changing its format or waiting for the license the Welfare Department said it should have. Welfare Commissioner Henry L. McCarthy yesterday declared that "programs like this are a national disgrace" and "play into the hands of the Communists."

The program questions people who tell hard-luck stories. They win prizes by correctly answering the quiz, and then people phone in to offer cash, jobs, homes and other aid.

This puts it in the same category as a charity, the Welfare Department rules, and should be licensed.

McCarthy's ire was directed at "Strike It Rich" because, he said, at least 55 families, lured by the promise of "easy money," have chased the program's rainbow from all over the country right onto New York City's relief rolls.

The Welfare Department suggested that producer Walter Fraumeni change the program's format.

Warren Hull, the "Strike It Rich" master of ceremonies, briefly told listeners last night about the "Heart Fund," the part of the program under fire.

"We have never asked for any contributions whatever," Hull declared and told how the fund is audited.

He insisted that it's all "gravy for the recipients, none of the money going for overhead."

"Some people sort of criticize 'Strike It Rich,'" he said. "I don't get it—it's a funny world."

People who appear on the show also get money put up by the sponsor, the Colgate-Palmolive Co., if they answer questions correctly.

Mountain Vets Train Recruits

CAMP HALE, Colo. (AP) — Mountain veterans from the bitter battles along Italy's Po River are putting greenhorns through their paces amid the rugged peaks here in preparation for the Army's big, frigid Exercise Ski Jump.

Ski Jump will involve more than 4,000 men, from the 511th Airborne Regimental Combat Team and supporting units, in action along the continental divide.

The veterans are former members of the famed old 10th Mountain Division, activated at Camp Hale early in World War II.

Little Sport In Hospital Again

WHEELING, W. Va. (AP) — Two months ago while trying a difficult pool shot Walter Floto broke his cue and the splintered end cut his hand. Five stitches were required.

Last Sunday Floto became excited when a member of his bowling team missed a triple-header strike by one pin. He grabbed hold of a wall coat hanger, somehow got entangled and pulled the hanger loose. He fell and broke a wrist. "I guess I'm just too exuberant," Floto said.

CHAMP

RENO (AP) — For the second year in a row, Justice Lawrence Layman was the busiest man in Reno's busy marriage business last year. The annual tabulation by the Evening Gazette shows Layman said the vows for 4,741 couples in 1953. The customary fee is \$10.

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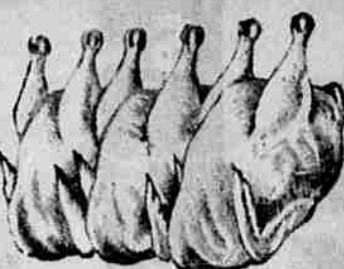
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