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### Brave Black Panther Dies In Attempt To Save Mate

CHICAGO (UP)—A gallant black panther, aging but still full of jungle courage, fought to the death with five lions to save his mate at the Brookfield Zoo.

Visitors watched in horror on Wednesday as Snowball, a 12-year old panther from Sumatra, sprang at five lions who had been let into his cage by mistake.

Snowball never had a chance. A single blow from a huge lion's paw broke his back and he was dead within moments. But his mate, spitting fury from a ledge in the cage, was unharmed.

The lions were in the panthers' cage for only eight minutes before zoo attendants, using bars, poles, and streams of water, forced them from Snowball's mangled body.

Zoo Director Robert Bean said Snowball apparently sprang

into battle to save the life of his mate and himself.

A fluke of chance led to Snowball's death. He and his mate had been moved from their regular cage while it was being cleaned. Ten minutes before feeding time, keeper Cecil Aldridge, 37, let the five hungry lions into the cage. Snowball and his mate were lying on a ledge when the big cats stalked in.

The panther tensed, his muscles standing out under his sleek black coat. His long tail twitched.

Then in a single, graceful lunge of split-second fury, Snowball leaped at the advancing lions. Snowball went down under two of the lions. Then the others sprang on him with vengeful claws. The panther was probably dead within seconds, witnesses said.

Snowball was past his prime.

Raised in the Sumatra jungle, he was brought to the suburban Brookfield zoo with his mate in 1946 at the age of three. Now, at the moment of his last battle, he was 12 years old — the equivalent of a 60-year old man.

The lions were young and husky. Each one weighed about 300 pounds to Snowball's 175. Their average age was four or five years — equivalent to a 30-year old man in the prime of life.

Snowball was a beautiful beast, despite his age. His species is known as a black leopard, although it is commonly referred to as a black panther. His body was practically coal black.

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### West German Chancellor Flies To Soviet Meeting

BONN, Germany (UP)—West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer left today by plane for Moscow with a pledge to serve the peace "not only in Europe but in the whole world" during five days of Kremlin conferences.

Adenauer, who hopes to get Soviet approval of a united Germany and win the release of 200,000 German slave laborers, made it clear in talks with government leaders he expects to achieve very little in his historic mission.

But before his huge super-constellation took off from Wahn Airport for talks with leaders of the nation that has kept Germany divided since the war he issued this pledge:

"I am going to Moscow with the firm determination to do all that is in our power to serve the cause of world peace."

Adenauer fears the Soviets will offer unity and the release of the prisoners in exchange for the Bonn republic's abandonment of rearmament and the Western alliance and agreeing to a "neutral" status such as that accepted by Austria.

Government officials said the chancellor would flatly reject any such proposals and would tell the Kremlin leaders there was no hope of seducing West Germany out of her alliance with the free West.

Adenauer met with his cabinet

and with the Bundestag (lower house) Foreign Affairs Committee Wednesday and warned them not to expect too much — that the main significance of the trip was that it was the first direct contact with Soviet leaders.

### Mexican Cities Clean Up Damage

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The flood was over today for Mexico City and the Gulf Coast port of Tampico.

Residents of a four-square-mile area of northwest Mexico City began cleaning up their flooded homes. Waters dumped by more than 10 inches of rain receded.

Portable pumps helped drain the houses and health units disinfected buildings.

**AIRLINE RELEASED**  
TOKYO (AP)—The Soviet Union will soon turn over its share of the Soviet-Korean Air Transport Co. to the North Korean government, Peiping radio said today.

The unprecedented trip by the 79-year old statesman was in reply to a Soviet invitation of June 7 to come to Moscow and "establish diplomatic, economic and cultural relations." The talks last five days.

Government sources in Bonn said he would warn the Soviets bluntly that "normal" relations are impossible on the basis of the status quo and the continued division of Germany.

His price for diplomatic relations will be a public statement by the Soviets accepting the principle of German reunification and firm guarantees of a timetable by which this can be achieved.

In addition, he will warn that normal relations also are impossible as long as some 200,000 Germans, including about 9,000 prisoners of war, continue to be held in slave labor camps behind the Iron Curtain.

Another important matter for Adenauer was Germany's eastern frontier. For the time being it is on the Oder-Neisse line, with German territory east of that annexed by the Soviet Union and Poland.

Moscow gave a strong indication German unification would not even be considered now. An editorial in the Communist newspaper Pravda strongly indicated this was not considered a major topic of the talks.

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