

Killer Sets Couple Afire In Bedroom

OAKLAND, Calif. (UP)—Police sought today a revenge killer who slipped into the bedroom of a sleeping couple, drenched their bed with gasoline and set them afire, killing the man and critically burning his girl friend.

Dead were Robert Leo Hand, 27, who died in Kaiser Permanente Hospital several hours after firemen carried him and Mrs. Alice Franklin, 37, from their flaming bedroom.

Mrs. Franklin was in critical condition at the same hospital with burns over 90 per cent of her body. Police Inspector George Keller of the Oakland arson detail said it was a case of murder.

"We can rule out any possibility of suicide or accident," Keller said. "This looks like a clear case of murder, and the motive may have been revenge of some kind."

Police said Hand answered a few questions before he died yesterday, but was unable to identify the arsonist. Mrs. Franklin also talked to police but was unable to furnish any clues.

Both victims told police they had visited several bars early yesterday and had returned to Mrs. Franklin's apartment about 3 a.m.

An hour later the flames erupted with a muffled explosion and the entire bedroom was afire.

The explosion awoke two neighbors who made a vain attempt to enter the burning bedroom to rescue the couple.

Mrs. Franklin, a waitress, was divorced from Robert A. Franklin, 23, in May, 1953. Police questioned the ex-husband and afterward declared, "Franklin is clear."

Loggers Save Wounded Swan

VANCOUVER, B.C. (UP)—"Operation trumpeter" was completed here Thursday.

The operation started Tuesday when a group of loggers at Campbell River, 108 miles northwest of here on Vancouver Island, spotted a wounded trumpeter swan.

The men stopped their logging operations Wednesday and captured the rare bird with gentleness and kindness not usually associated with their kind.

The bird was carried carefully to first aid man Dave Campbell, who exhibited the same gentleness as he carried it into Campbell River.

A sliver of wood five inches long was taken from the great bird's wing. The swan, protected by federal laws, then was given penicillin and water.

The game warden was contacted and the bird flew again within five hours via a Pacific Western Airlines plane to Vancouver.

The crated bird was taken from the airport to the zoology department of the University of British Columbia, where officials are confident of saving its life.

McKay Urges Power Funds

HONOLULU (UP)—Secretary of Interior McKay declared here Thursday, in a discussion of Pacific Northwest hydroelectric power needs, that "in the past 10 years Congress has appropriated only about half as much as will be needed in the future."

"And the outlook in Congress is certainly not favorable to the great increase in appropriations which would be necessary."

He estimated a three billion dollar outlay in the next 10 years is needed for power development in the region. He told the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce that the need could be met only by "partnership between the federal government and local groups," both public and private.

He said the great development problems must be "approached on a cooperative basis," and he added: "The issue is not, as you may have heard, public versus private power."

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Hells Petition Unopposed

WASHINGTON (UP)—An attorney for public power groups said Friday they will not oppose the Idaho Power Co.'s petition to intervene in an impending court fight over Hells Canyon Dam sites.

The National Hells Canyon Assn. and other groups asked the federal Circuit Court of Appeals Nov. 28 to review a Federal Power Commission order licensing three dams proposed by the power company in the Snake River along the Idaho-Oregon border.

They advocate a federal dam in Hells Canyon, which would be flooded by the three smaller projects.

Lucien Hilmer of the law firm representing the public power groups said they would not oppose an intervention petition filed recently with the court by the Idaho Power Co.

The company said in its petition it has started construction of one dam which under the FPC license must be completed in 36 months and that power from the project "is vitally needed" in an area faced with "an impending disastrous shortage."

The FPC is expected to submit the record of a year-long hearing in the Hells Canyon case to the court late this month. Then, following a conference of attorneys, the court is expected to set dates for the filing of briefs prior to the hearing of arguments.

Berlin Reds Seize Trucks In Recognition Effort

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BERLIN (UP)—West Berlin scrap dealers said today the Communists have seized 11 west-bound trucks in another effort to force recognition of the East Zone government.

A spokesman for the scrap dealers association said Communist customs guards were holding the trucks at the Communist Marienborn checkpoint at the Western end of the 110-mile highway from isolated Berlin.

He said truckers would have to pay "huge fines" or face outright confiscation of their trucks. He said the scrap shipments they contained already have been seized by the Reds.

"The action is strictly political," the spokesman said. "There was nothing wrong with the truckers."

WAR CRIMINALS
TOKYO (UP)—Two more major war criminals of World War II were freed from Sugamo Prison today after serving 10 years. They are Marquis Koichi Kido, 66, wartime lord keeper of the privy seal, and Hiroshi Oshima, 60, wartime ambassador to Nazi Germany. Both were sentenced to life by the international military tribunal for conspiring to wage aggressive war.

Psychology Student 'Ties One On' For Science Sake

CHICAGO (UP)—A psychology student sobered up today from the most glorious drunk of his life and announced happily he would never do it again—except in the interest of science, of course.

It was in the interest of science that the student, 32-year-old Bruce Bergum, got drunk in the first place.

Until Thursday Bruce considered himself on a spree if he drank more than one weak hiball during an evening. Then he guzzled three straight shots of 100 proof bourbon

and followed those with three more, mixed with a soft drink.

Bruce got all this down in an hour's time and ended up gloriously drunk—just as science had predicted. He got \$5, a pat on the back from a policeman and a ride home for his trouble.

Bergum made an alcoholic guinea pig of himself at the Northwestern University Traffic Institute in order to prove that a man can look fine and walk a straight line but still be too drunk to drive.

Twenty minutes after he started the test, the graduate psychology student was laughing uproariously at newsmen's jokes.

But, a little later, he didn't think the jokes were so funny. When someone pointed out it was all for science's sake, he growled, "Don't kid me, Buddy."

He protested when asked to walk a straight line. An earnest conversation with traffic officials followed and he finally grumbled, "Well, if it will save a life—" and performed the task with ease.

But, when he scrawled his name on a blackboard, one of the 41 watching policemen commented, "He doesn't stagger, but his handwriting certainly does."

Bergum also flunked an attempt to balance three beer cans and then sat down before a battery of apparatus to see how drunk he was. He blew into balloons and various other contraptions and Lt. Robert Borkenstein of the Indiana State Police announced a .18 alcohol blood content.

It was expected the President would remain in the hospital at least another five days.

CRAFT DAMAGED
TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Nationalist planes damaged a Communist landing craft of about 1,000 tons and "a considerable number" of small wooden craft near the Red Taisan Islands off the Red China coast this morning, Air Force headquarters said.

The signing of Miss Bergman for the film version of "Anastasia," the hit play on exiled Russian royalty, was announced yesterday by Darryl Zanuck, production chief of 20th Century-Fox Studio.

The picture will be shot in Paris and Vienna, Zanuck said, with Anatole Litvak directing. Miss Bergman's last American-produced picture was "Sword and the Rose," which was made in Italy. During that picture she and Italian director Roberto Rossellini engaged in their celebrated romance.

It was a direct challenge to the Communists to interfere in violation of the four-power agreements guaranteeing the Allies rights in Berlin.

The gambit was first thrown down Thursday when the Army sent one such radio-equipped car into the Soviet sector with Ren, Ed Edmondson (D-Okla.). By early today the East Zone Communists had not picked it up.

Allied sources in the West German capital of Bonn said the Western Allies were considering recommending that their ambassadors in Moscow protest direct to the Kremlin over Soviet violations of four-power agreements of Germany.

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