

Monks Ask Cutting Ties With Chinese

NEW DELHI (UPI)—Buddhist monks in Ceylon demanded today that Premier Solomon Bandaranaike sever diplomatic relations with Communist China and cancel the Ceylon-Chinese trade pact because of Communist attacks against Tibet.

The Dalai Lama, spiritual and temporal ruler of Tibet, arrived safely Sunday in the Indian army hill town of Bomdila and was expected to be flown to New Delhi shortly. Thousands of Buddhist hill people greeted the god-king with drums and dancing when he emerged from the Assam jungles. Ceylon is predominantly Buddhist, site of one of the biggest Buddhist temples in the world (The Temple of the Doodh at Kandy), and the Buddhist monks carry great political weight. Their growing anger at Peiping crystallized Friday when the Chinese Communist ambassador refused to receive them to hear a protest. Observers in Ceylon said the embassy rebuff to the Buddhists was a major diplomatic blunder. The Dalai Lama is revered in Ceylon almost as highly as in Tibet.

The Communist action in Tibet also has stirred other Southeast Asian nations against Peiping and thousands of telegrams and cables poured into India to congratulate the Dalai Lama on his escape from the Red army. Many of the cables from abroad offered asylum to the Dalai Lama.

Excitement over the Dalai Lama's safe arrival at Bomdila almost overshadowed news of fighting in Tibet. Reports reaching New Delhi said the Tibetans had blown so many important highways and bridges that Tibet was now cut in two between north and south.

Police Arrive For Suspect

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP)—St. Louis police arrived here Sunday night to take Leland Duane Benson, 33, into custody on a murder charge.

State Police Sgt. F. A. Holley, said Benson, a Breckenridge, Minn., truck driver, has admitted slaying Thomas G. Kimber, 27, at Kimber's St. Louis apartment on March 31. Kimber was a field representative for the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. His body, with a fatal wound in the head, apparently caused by a hammer, was found April 4.

Holley said Benson had admitted fighting with Kimber and striking him with a tool. Then, Holley said, Benson took Kimber's radio, wallet, electric razor and automobile and headed for the West Coast.

Holley quoted Benson as saying that he had picked up two men, Floyd William Ballentine, 32, Yakima, Wash., and Larry Donald Miller, 35, Billings, Mont., at Seattle. Ballentine and Billings were held here on auto theft charges.

Benson was stopped here on a minor traffic violation by a state police officer. The patrolman became suspicious of replies to routine questions and took him to the police station. A check at St. Louis revealed that the car was Kimber's. This led to Benson being questioned about Kimber's death.

Historians Hold Meet

PORTLAND (AP)—The 12th annual spring Pacific Northwest History Conference forum heard a prediction Saturday that improvements at Fort Clatsop near Astoria will be completed within two years after additional land is acquired.

It came from Dr. John Hussey, San Francisco, a representative of the National Park Service. He said his agency has asked that the fort area be expanded to 125 acres.

He said the Park Service also plans improvements at the Sitka National Monument in Alaska, the Whitman Monument near Walla Walla, Fort Vancouver, Wash., and lava beds north of Klamath Falls.

Others who spoke before the close of the three-day meeting were Mrs. Hazel Mills of the Oregon State Library and Dr. Erna Gunther of the Washington State Museum in Seattle.

The historians reelected Sigfried Roland, professor of history at the University of Idaho, chairman. Elected secretary treasurer was Bruce Le Roy, director of the Washington State Historical Society.

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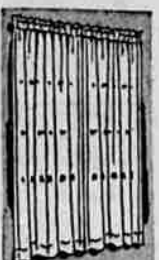
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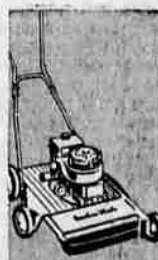
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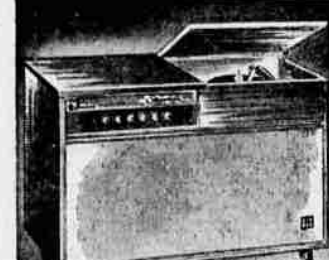
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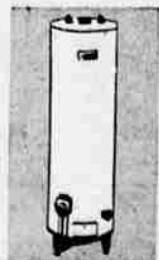
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