

# Florida Dad Kills Tykes

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—A Florida businessman, his two children and a policeman were dead today as the result of a gun battle. Officers said the businessman, James Hofer, 34, killed the children.

Detective Edgar F. Beazley said officers were called to the home of the parents of Hofer's estranged wife after Hofer crashed through the living room window with a .38 caliber revolver in his hand.

The first officers at the scene were Sgt. Sumter Lewis and veteran patrolman Joe Reynolds, 48.

They were told that Hofer was upstairs with his wife, Dorothy Bailey Hofer, and their children, Vicky Ann Hofer, 4, and Katherine Hofer, 2.

Beazley said the officers could hear Hofer and his wife talking in an unlighted bedroom. There was no sound from the children. Reynolds apparently opened the door, shined his flashlight at Hofer, and saw that he had a gun.

The officer shot Hofer, who fell to the floor. Reynolds walked over to him, and was within an arm's length from the fallen man when Hofer shot the officer. Lewis began to exchange shots with Hofer, but could only shoot at Hofer's gun flashes. Meanwhile, Mrs. Hofer fled.

Lewis ran out of ammunition and went downstairs to call an ambulance for Reynolds and get more bullets. At least 10 more officers had arrived.

Police heard the children talking with their father, who was firing constantly while Lewis was downstairs. When he and the other officers got upstairs, the children and Hofer were dead. One of the girls was found at Hofer's feet.

# Demo Council Scores GOP

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Democratic Advisory Council has taken a lusterous whack at Republican "veto government." By implication, it also said it doesn't think Democratic leaders in Congress are doing enough to make a clearcut party record for 1960.

"Until there is a Democratic president in the White House," the council said in a statement Sunday, "we face the retarding and corrosive effects of 'veto government.'"

"The Congress has been continuously threatened with presidential vetoes in the attempt to thwart one constructive and necessary measure after another." The council said Congress should ignore the veto threats, rather than yielding. But with implied criticism of Democratic leaders, it added: "Time-consuming efforts have been made to water down proposed legislation to the limits of what the President might accept, or to what might win the support of the two-thirds majority in each house necessary to override a presidential veto."

The council, headed by National Chairman Paul M. Butler, has 27 members, including former President Harry S. Truman and Adlai E. Stevenson.

# Rare Foods Exhibit Open

LOS ANGELES (AP)—How about a luncheon of quail eggs, shark fins, reindeer steak and caterpillars?

Or perhaps lily bulbs and grasshoppers broiled in butter? These and other unusual foods are on exhibit at a wholesale market fair that opened Sunday at a downtown hotel.

On display are exotic snacks from all over the world — hams soaked in whiskey, caviar, cheeses, pink beer, and grasshoppers.

"These," confided the fair manager, Ted Dohl, pointing to a plate of the broiled insects, "are for people who have eaten everything."

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# Nicaragua Seeks Proof Of Assistance To Rebs

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP)—President Luis Somoza's regime today sought proof for the Organization of American States that the young socialists who tried to topple his regime got substantial help from other Latin American governments.

Somoza's aides stepped up their efforts after the government staged a triumphal parade through the capital Sunday in a show of confidence that the small-scale, two-week-old revolt was over.

# Union Plans Strike Probe

PORTLAND (AP)—A Carpenters Union vice president said Saturday the union will look into the strike of union pile drivers, an affiliate.

Lyle Hiller, the official, said Maurice Hutcheson, president of the union, has named an investigating body to come here from Washington, D.C. It will open hearings Tuesday.

Hiller made the announcement after another negotiating meeting with a U.S. mediator failed to produce a settlement.

George Walker, the mediator, said "some progress" was made on minor issues but none on major ones.

The weeks-old Portland area pile drivers strike has halted some 15 million dollars worth of construction projects.

Pile drivers have turned down a contract accepted by the Carpenters Union in the state.

Employers have threatened in an oblique way to shut down every major construction project in Oregon if the pile drivers remain off the job.

# Planes Partake In Dedication

GRANTS PASS (AP)—Nearly 80 planes from out of town flew into Josephine County's \$160,000 airport for dedication ceremonies Sunday.

The new airport, eight miles north of Grants Pass, has facilities to handle commercial flights, although no regularly scheduled airlines serve the town now.

A crowd of 3,000 heard County Judge Raymond A. Lathrop trace the county's aviation history, and watched the pilots' flour bombing, ribbon cutting and parachute jumping contests.

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# Decision In Rape Trial Explained By Jury Chief

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—The jury which convicted four white youths for the mass rape of a Negro coed decided against the death penalty because there was no evidence of brutality, the jury foreman said Sunday night.

A. H. King, a Tallahassee plantation owner, described how the verdict was reached as an atmosphere of calm returned to Florida's capital city after weeks of tension.

King said that "on the basis of the testimony before us there was evidence of threats with a gun and knife but no brutality was involved."

The foreman said the case was decided on "the law and the evidence" without any consideration of race.

"We would have returned the same verdicts if the defendants had been four Negroes," King said.

Four Negroes are awaiting execution in the state prison for raping white women.

One Negro pastor said refusal of the all-white male jury to send the four to the electric chair would give Negroes charged with rape a double standard talking point at their trials.

Dr. A. Joseph Reddick, pastor of the Bethel Ame church and a former state president of the National Assn. for Advancement of Colored People, said it was his opinion the decision against a death penalty resulted from "in-grained prejudice by a white jury."

Reddick said the verdict represented some slight gain for Negroes, but not enough.

The four defendants appeared stunned by the verdict. They were whisked off to Raiford State Prison after the jury reported at 12:35 a.m. Sunday.

Tallahassee Negro ministers made references to the trial in their services. The Rev. David Brooks said prayers were offered for the coed and the four youths.

"We asked that God would lead them (the youths) to repent," he said.

All was quiet on the all-Negro Florida A&M University campus where the victim was a freshman. Passive demonstrations were staged by students there last month.

The four youths will remain at Raiford until their sentencing which is expected to take place in about 30 days. Motions for new trials must be disposed of and if they are disallowed Circuit Judge W. May Walker is expected to order pre-sentence investigations of the four.

Walker gave no hint of the penalties he will impose. Under Florida law he can go as high as life imprisonment or he could let them off with probation. State prisoners become eligible for consideration for parole after serving six months, but lifers convicted of rape habitually serve at least 10 years.

David Ervin Beagles, 18, a stocky sandy-haired high school senior, was the only defendant to register any emotion. Tears welled up in his eyes as he was led from the courtroom.

The others convicted are: Wilton (Ted) Collinsworth, 23, an illiterate telephone linesman and father of two children; Patrick

# Collegians From California Rap Television As Teacher

COMPTON, Calif. (AP)—TV, as an instructor, is strictly a one-eyed monster from nowhere among the crew-cut set at Compton College.

The collegians say: They're tired of being guinea pigs in a pioneer TV education project.

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Friday more than 200 cut classes and picketed the campus with placards protesting "automatized education" and "robot classrooms." They hanged in effigy a headless figure called "pioneering spirit."

# Six Perish In Headon

MOJAVE, Calif. (UPI)—Six persons, five of them from one family, were killed Sunday night when two cars crashed head-on on a straight stretch of U.S. highway 6 about 30 miles north of here.

California Highway Patrol officers said the cars were almost welded together and that acetylene torches were used to free the victims who included one injured passenger, a seven-year-old boy.

The dead were identified as Processo B. Subala, 49, of the China Lake Naval Test Center, Calif.; Thornton W. Howard, 28, of Edwards, Calif.; Howard's wife, Millie, 26, and their three children, Susan, 8, Cindy, 5, and Timothy, 6 months.

The lone survivor, Lonnie Howard, was reported in critical condition at the Navy hospital at China Lake.

**WATCH DOG SWIPED**  
PITTSBURGH (UPI)—Lulu Mills, worried about a wave of burglaries in her neighborhood, bought a husky Boxer dog advertised as an excellent watchdog.

Miss Mills returned from work Tuesday to find her apartment had been broken into and burglarized—of one Boxer dog.

**NO HOLIDAY**  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Post office workers won't get a holiday on July 3 like most government workers. President Eisenhower Friday authorized the holiday because the 4th of July falls on a Saturday. But Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield later announced that post offices will remain open July 3 and there will be normal mail deliveries that day.

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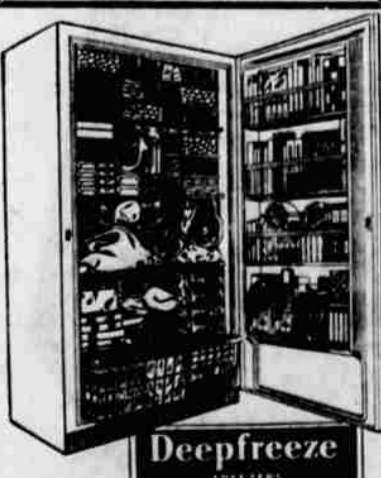
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