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Grigger In Murder Case Believed Sleep Pill Victim

HAMDEN, Conn. (AP) — Seven weeks ago, Joseph P. Crowley, a former Yale football star, was cleared in a sensational Tokyo trial of slaying his brother-in-law. Today Crowley himself lay dead, felled on his 50th birthday, the cause not precisely determined. Authorities indicate he may have died from barbiturates. Crowley's body was found by his son Joseph Monday on a bed in his home in Hamden, a New Haven suburb. He wore trousers and a sweater. Authorities said he probably died Sunday night while his family was at its summer home.

Coroner James Corrigan said an autopsy revealed conditions "consistent with barbituric acid or barbiturate poisoning."

But the coroner said the autopsy was inconclusive. A toxicological report expected today should clear up the cause of death, he said. Police suspected no foul play.

Crowley's death came just as he was rebuilding the life he'd led up until May 1958—that of a prosperous businessman whose standing in the New Haven area was enhanced by his exploits nearly 30 years ago as a Yale football hero.

Crowley's wife Betty is a daughter of the late T. A. D. Jones Sr., a famed football coach of years ago and a one-time All-America player.

It was T. A. D. Jones Jr., 45, Crowley's business partner and Betty Crowley's brother, that Crowley was accused of killing in Tokyo last year.

Crowley and Jones arrived in Tokyo May 5, 1958, looking for an oil tanker for their New Haven fuel oil firm, T. A. D. Jones Co. Three days later, Jones' battered body was found in the hotel room the two men shared. Blood was on walls and curtains.

Crowley told police — and held to the story later in a manslaughter trial that lasted nearly 12 months—that he had nothing to do with Jones' death.

He testified that the pair had gone out to sample the city's night life the night before, had done some drinking, and returned to their hotel. What happened after they got to the hotel was a blank in his memory, Crowley said.

The prosecutors cited the husky ex-halback's record as an ath-

lete—he starred on Yale football teams of 1930-31-32. They charged that the defendant quarreled with Jones and used his fists to beat him to death. They asked that he be sentenced to four years at hard labor.

Crowley's lawyers told the court's three judges that Jones probably caused his own death by falling out the room.

On June 22, the judges announced the evidence was not sufficient to convict Crowley of having inflicted the injuries that caused Jones' death.

Crowley and his wife, who had joined him in Tokyo, left by plane days later, despite the objections of the prosecutors. They said he was morally obligated to stay until they could decide if they wanted to appeal the verdict.

Two days after Crowley returned to Hamden, with optimistic comments for newsmen who met him, the prosecutors announced they were dropping the case.

He spoke of picking up where he had left off, of returning to his work with the T. A. D. Jones Co. and two other New Haven firms he headed.

"I want to forget about my experience in Japan," he said. "It's been a rough time."

Early last week, a rumor that Crowley had quit his job as executive vice president of the Jones Co. was circulating in New Haven. On Friday, the company issued an announcement confirming this.

It said he had severed his connection with the company July 23 in order to look after his other business interests. Crowley was president of the New Haven Terminal and the Excello Corp. of New Haven, storage and shipping companies.

Police said the last time Crowley's family saw him was Friday.

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Letters Toted 5,000 Miles Delivered 2 Months Late

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A Thor-Able rocket carried two letters 5,000 miles in half an hour last May. But it was 2½ months before they were delivered.

This is the story, as disclosed by the Air Force Missile Test Center Monday.

The Thor-Able hurled its nose cone 15,000 miles an hour to an Atlantic target off Ascension Island on May 21. The cone contained letters addressed to Maj. Gen. Donald N. Yates, commander of the test center, and Col. Henry F. Warden, deputy commander for tests.

A recovery ship plucked the cone from the ocean and brought it to Cape Canaveral. The letters were not found, however, and officials thought they may have burned up in the intense re-entry heat encountered by the cone.

A train carried the cone to Philadelphia for study. Two weeks later technicians there found the letters crammed among the many telemetry instruments in the front of the cone.

The undamaged mail was flown back to the test center and placed on the desk of Lt. Col. Thomas W. Morgan, Thor project officer, who sent them in the first place. Morgan was on temporary duty at another station and it was almost two months before he discovered

the letters and delivered them to Yates and Warden.

So the mail had traveled several thousand miles to reach the addressees—who were both within

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In a DC3 borrowed from Pacific Power and Light Co., the commission flew out of here Sunday morning and covered more than 1,500 miles.

The aerial trip took the commission along the coast to the California border, over Klamath Falls and Burns, the Snake River, Hells Canyon, and Northeastern Oregon.

The plane landed twice—once at Klamath Falls to re-fuel and once at Medford to pick up Commissioner Glenn Jackson.

It was the first such tour ever made by the commission. And on the trip, the commission conducted its first meeting in the air, naming a representative to a legislative committee.

Burglars Return For Supplies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When burglars carted off three photo duplicating machines from his office three weeks ago, Fred Ernst thought he had the last laugh.

"They can't use those machines because no one else in this area has photo copy paper that fits," Ernst isn't laughing any more. Burglars broke into his office again Monday night and took \$1,000 worth of the photo copy paper.

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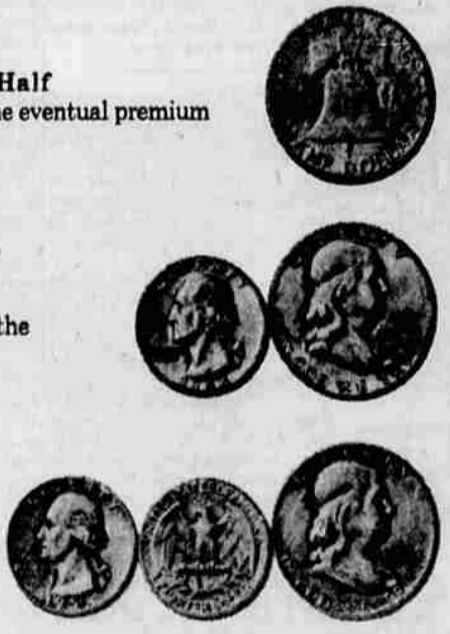
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