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Children Will Be Buried At Kershaw

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — A Florida Circuit Court awarded the bodies of two murdered children today to their maternal grandmother, permission to take them to the town today.

The order was signed by Circuit Judge George E. Holt after Mrs. Guy testified that the father — who is charged with murdering them — refused to yield the bodies. The children, Peggy Russell, 11, and John Russell, 7, were found and strangled in their father's cottage.

Mrs. Guy was accompanied here by her son, H. L. Guy, 22, uncle of the slain children.

TALKS WITH FATHER

Mrs. Guy talked last night with the father, 59-year-old Chris Russell. Detective Sergeant John L. Deas said Russell readily admitted killing his children with a baseball bat and shooting two of the neighbors when they sought to have the children placed in a home because he was an "unjust father."

In poorly constructed sentences, Russell asked the court in broken English:

"Why does she come now to take my children away when they are dead? Why she did not tell my wife to come back and live with me?"

HIDES FACE

Russell hid his face from photographers. "Why do you hide your pictures of me for two days, are you ashamed?"

"Judge, your honor," he responded, "I've been taking pictures of me for two days."

"I'm a dead man," Mrs. Guy, 52, motherly-looking with gray hair and wearing glasses, said in answer to the questions which Russell directed at her over the Court's objections.

Judge Holt listened patiently through April 23 although 117 of the 300 residents of the little town had signed a petition asking that she be released.

Stays With Army

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Plane Crash In Syria Is Fatal To 15

Pan American's Ship Falls

NEW YORK — (AP) — Fifteen persons of 57 aboard the Pan American World Airways Constellation Eclipse were killed early today when the giant liner crashed at Meiyadine, Syria, while trying to make a forced landing, the airline announced.

Eight of the dead were passengers. Seven were crew members. The remaining 22 passengers and crew members were described as safe, although an earlier report said three were seriously injured and seven were less critically hurt.

None of the dead passengers was an American, the company said. Neither their names nor those of surviving passengers were available.

FEW DETAILS

Pan American said the only details of the crash, which occurred while the plane was en route from Karachi to Istanbul, were contained in a brief message from Damascus which said the plane's No. 2 engine caught fire and the craft was destroyed at 2 A. M. Damascus Time, 7 1/2 hr. EST, yesterday.

The company information from its Damascus office was that the three crew members who survived were Purer Anthony, who was stewardess Jane Bray, both of New York, and pilot Robert W. Roddenberry, of River Edge, N. J.

The other members of the crew, announced earlier by Pan-American and presumed to be since killed, were:

Asst. Joseph Hill Hart Jr., Green- wich, Conn.

First Officer Robert Stanley McCoy, Queens, N. Y.

Second Officer Howard Thompson, Queens, N. Y.

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May Defense Rests Case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The defense rested its case today in the Max-Carson war fraud trial and just a motion for a delay in continuation of the case.

Charles J. Margiotti, chief defense attorney, asked for a suspension until a key witness, Joseph Freeman, recovers from a heart attack.

Judge Henry A. Schweinhaut directed that the case should proceed with the final few witnesses the prosecution wants to call before the present law controls expire June 30.

Buck said he does not know what charges the President might object to, except possibly the so-called Hawkes amendment for permissiveness.

Under this provision, rental increases of up to 15 per cent are allowable if the landlord and tenant agree, prior to Dec. 31, on a lease which will be effective throughout 1948.

"That is not as bad as it would seem," Buck said, adding that all controls will probably end next February and the tenants who agree to at least be assured that their rent cannot go higher during 1948.

Mail Delaying Charges Dropped

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The mail delaying charges against 33-year-old postmaster Joseph J. Griffin, postmistress of suburban Seaside, have been dismissed.

Griffin was charged with violating the Federal Post Office Act by "cluttering" his office with "undesired" mail.

Some of the packages had been in his office for two years, they added.

Miss Harlan was relieved of her duties April 23 although 117 of the 300 residents of the little town had signed a petition asking that she be released.

Antitrust Expert To Assist Nelson

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — An antitrust expert of the Department of Justice, Robert J. Rubin, has been assigned to assist Nelson, who heads the Independent Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, in his fight against monopolistic practices in the distribution of motion pictures.

Formerly an aide to the Attorney General, Rubin has been named as an assistant to Nelson, who heads 25 independent film producers.

Bees Finally Out-Talk Ump

They say it can't happen here, but it might. The American League's new pitcher, Don Marlin, happened to be right on the spot to get a plebeian's cheering but the umpire's change of heart.

Also there to watch was Minor League star George Trautman, and he saw the umpire argue with Valdes, gesticulate at DeLoach, and then the whole scene along with other Hornet news is on the sports pages.

Truman Meets Some Ex-White House Tenants

Truman, Mrs. Thomas Jex Preston, widow of the late President Grover Cleveland; President Truman, former Herbert Hoover, and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the World War I President. (AP Wirephoto).

No Obstacles Senate Ready To Pass Rent Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senator Buck, Republican Delaware, predicted Senate passage today of a House-sponsored bill to extend rent controls for eight months and allow "permissive increases" up to 15 per cent.

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Ex-Marine Who Stubbled Priest Enters Asylum

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Don Laurentz, 28-year-old former Marine, charged with stabbing a Catholic priest administering Holy Communion, was to enter the state insane asylum at Jackson today.

Laurentz was arrested inside last week by a lunacy commission. He displayed no emotion yesterday as Criminal District Judge Fred W. Oser formally committed him to the asylum.

Laurentz was charged with stabbing the Rev. James W. Courtney, S. J., during his Mass April 21.

Warns Attack Possible

Gen. Collins Says Red Soldiers Outnumber U. S. Army 20 To 1

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — Lt. Gen. J. Lawton Collins said today Russian soldiers outnumber those of the U. S. Army 20 to 1.

In addition, he declared, the Russians have "10,000 more airplanes and we cannot man 4,000 aircraft today."

Collins said that in case of trouble there are "so small that they could be overcome."

He estimated that Russia is capable of putting 200 divisions in the field, have them in the field right now, compare with ten divisions in the whole U. S. Army.

Collins said "Russia's advantage in Europe" could provide another 800 divisions.

"I am simply citing these as examples of the fact that we are terribly weak today," the War Department spokesman said in a speech prepared for a convention of the Reserve Officers Association.

17 Executed by Greeks

ATHENS (AP) — Seventeen men convicted of treason and murder were executed today in the court-martial of a Greek prison. Among the 17 were three who died were Communist sentenced for murders.

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Commission To Look Over U. S. Agencies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Expenditures Committee today approved legislation creating a twelve-member commission to look over Government agencies with a view to promoting economy, efficiency, and improved service.

The commission would report to Congress ten days after the 81st Congress convenes — about a year from now.

The measure was introduced by Senator Lodge, Republican, Massachusetts.

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SUMMER COOLNESS

Not many ways to keep cool these early Summer days. You can go swimming, or you can sit in front of the fan, or possibly you can stay in the shower from morning till night. But one way that helps is to serve cool Summer salads and cold cuts like the one you can find in The Charlotte News Thursday food pages. Smart Charlotte housewives make these fine pages their Thursday habit the year around.

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