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Police Hint At New Leads In 'Bug' Beam Murder

HOUSE DELAYS ACTION ON DRAFT BILL

Officer Says Statement Would Hurt His Inquiry

Warehouse May Offer Clues

By RALPH GIBSON
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ROCK HILL, S. C. — The mystifying murder of George C. "Bugs" Beam Jr. remained unsolved today as Rock Hill and York County police kept silent about the progress in their investigation of the case.

York County Deputy Sheriff W. F. Allison, who is in charge of the case, declined to make a statement this morning for fear of hurting his investigation, but indicated that several definite leads are being followed by the officers assigned to the baffling puzzle. Who shot the young Rock Hill businessman, jammed his body into a weighted crate, and dumped it into Crowder's Creek?

Handicapped by a lack of definite clues, the police continued today to talk with business associates and acquaintances of the 27-year-old fuel oil and war surplus goods dealer whose crated body was found floating in Catawba River backwaters Saturday afternoon, with a bullet hole through his chest. Medical examiners estimated the badly decomposed body had been in the water from five to seven days.

The small box in which the body was wedged along with a 100-pound weight is being studied carefully by the police. The crudely made box — 41 inches long, 30 inches wide, and 15 inches deep — is believed to have been made at Beam's warehouse on Fairfield Ave. in Rock Hill where he stored war surplus goods.

A post-portem examination of the body made by a York physician indicated that the slain man had been shot in the back by either a high powered rifle or a pistol, the bullet passing through the left side of his chest.

The absence of a bullet which would tell what sort of weapon fired the fatal shot has slowed down the investigation considerably, the police feel. It has also been unofficially reported that several bullet holes have been found in the warehouse where the crate may have been made.

Since Mr. Beam was known to have carried large sums of money on his person, robbery has been advanced as a logical motive.

NO KNOWN ENEMIES

Friends of the dead man told police that he had no particular enemies and that he was widely-known and had a pleasant disposition. He lived in a period in which whose other occupants described him as a "nice boy." He was a member of the Elks Club in Rock Hill.

A native of Lincolnton, he came to Rock Hill three years ago and opened the Carolina Oil Co., a fuel oil business. He operated his oil and war surplus businesses from a warehouse on Fairfield Ave.

He owned a car and a station wagon, but friends said had not driven either of the vehicles since his driver's license had been suspended after he was convicted on a drunken driving charge a few weeks ago. His automobile was found in the garage at his home and the station wagon was parked at a Rock Hill service station.

The first reports of trouble came several days ago when Mr. Beam's parents in Lincolnton began to worry because they had heard nothing from their son in nearly a week.

Then one of Mr. Beam's employees called Lincolnton to ask the parents if Mr. Beam was in that city.

York County police were called to Crowder's Creek about nineteen miles north of York late Saturday afternoon by two men who rowed out to the partially submerged crate which had first been spotted by a sixteen-year-old girl. It was then about 200 yards from where the crated body was drifting.

The police hauled the crate to land but could not identify the remains. Beam's identity was eventually established through deposit slips in his pockets and his fingerprints which were on file at Rock Hill police headquarters.

The body was clothed in a shirt and trousers and he wore a wrist watch, but his wallet and other personal effects were missing. He had been jammed tightly in the crude box with his hands behind his back and his knees drawn up tightly against his chest. Beam was five feet eight inches tall and weighed 160 pounds.

Police have refused to theorize on how the crated body reached the cove or where the shooting took place.

Before Convention

Dixiecrats Plan Anti-Truman Meet

NEW CASTLE, N. H.—(AP)—Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina announced today that a caucus of Southern states opposed to the nomination of President Truman will be held in Philadelphia before the Democratic national convention.

Thurmond said the meeting was decided upon by seven Southern Governors at a private session during the National Governors' Conference here.

He said the caucus would be held a day or two before the Democratic convention and that some Western delegations would be invited.

"We are against Truman," Thurmond said, "we feel he is not the right man for President. If he is nominated we don't think he can be elected. At any rate we are against him."

Thurmond had been one of the leaders of the so-called Southern revolt against Truman which was touched off by the President's Civil Rights program. The Southern Governors who met with Thurmond discussed several candidates for the nomination but would not identify them.

The South Carolina Governor said Truman would probably get the nomination if he wanted it.

"But he does not stand a chance of being elected," Thurmond said.

"President Truman will only hurt the party if he accepts the nomination!" Thurmond said. "I hope he will see the futility of accepting."

Thurmond said South Carolina will not vote for Truman in the election and neither will it vote for the Republican candidate.

The state will vote, instead, he added, for an elector.

"We have made a fight of this against President Truman on the basis of state sovereignty. It is not necessarily a Southern fight. It is a fight for American principles and should interest every citizen."

Thurmond said "nearly all" the people of the South are against Truman but some are not going to fail to vote for the Democratic nominee even if Truman is named.

Attending the conference with Thurmond were Governor Beauford H. Jester of Texas, Millard Caldwell of Florida, William M. Tuck of Virginia, Earle B. Clements of Kentucky, Ben T. Laney of Arkansas, and Fielding L. Wright of Mississippi.

Gov. Jester was one of the lead-

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Union Heads Place Blame

Rail Talk Failure Laid To President

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Three Railroad Union heads told Congress today President Truman is to blame for failure to settle the railway labor dispute.

The union chiefs testified that Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman told them Mr. (Truman had insisted before a strike was scheduled last month that any settlement must not go beyond the recommendations of an emergency board.

Alvanley Johnston, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said that it seems the President has hamstrung us by telling the railroads and by telling Steelman that they should not go farther than the Board recommended.

A. J. Glover, president of the AFL Switchmen's Union, said: "We think a settlement could have been made in these mediatory conferences with Dr. Steelman, except for the attitude of the President."

David M. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen, said: "It was made very clear to us during our meetings with Dr. Steelman that his mediatory efforts had been circumscribed by the President of the United States to the extent that any agreement reached must be within the confines of the emergency board report."

They appeared at their own request, before a Senator Labor Subcommittee headed by Senator Ball (R-Minn).

Glover said Steelman first told them May 7, four days before a railroad strike was scheduled, that "President Truman insisted we must accept the report of the board."

A reporter asked Robertson later whether he will support Mr. Truman in the Presidential campaign.

Robertson replied: "I will have to know who are nominated before I will know what candidate I will support."

Ball commented that he thinks

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Broadcast Blame Laid

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A Congressional committee said today that "unfortunate" broadcasts went out on the "Voice of America" because the State Department was "negligent" and the National Broadcasting Co. failed to use "ordinary safeguards."

These conclusions were reported by a House expenditures subcommittee which investigated the "Voice of North America" broadcast by NBC under contract with the State Department.

A storm arose in Congress last month when Senator Capehart (R-Ind.) read to the Senate transcripts of some of the broadcasts. They contained such statements as "New England was founded by hypocrisy and Texas by sin."

Both Senate and House investigations were begun.

They developed that most of the scripts were prepared by Rene Borgia, a native of Venezuela. Borgia testified that he had not liked "cheap comedy" in the scripts, but that it was ordered by his superiors.

The House group, headed by Rep. Chenoweth (R-Colo.), made these recommendations:

"1. That members of the advisory commissions authorized by law be appointed immediately by the President.

"2. That, except in extraordinary situations, only American citizens who have lived the greater part of their lives within the United States, be employed to prepare our foreign information broadcasts.

"3. That no foreign broadcasts be conducted unless the scripts are either first written in the English language or translated into English and accurately checked.

"4. That language experts be employed by the (State) Department to monitor and control all broadcasts as they are going out on the air.

"5. That in all our foreign broadcasts, emphasis should be placed on quality instead of quantity.

"6. That in the absence of clear and convincing evidence of the need for, and the effectiveness of, our broadcasts to Latin America, such broadcasts be reduced to a minimum, or eliminated."

The committee said it is "convinced that if there did exist a deliberate design and intention on the part of some employee, or employees, of the National Broadcasting Co. to sabotage our efforts to promote international understanding and goodwill, those employees of the company were ignorant of the intent and purpose of this phase of the foreign information program as authorized by Congress."

Reds Agree To Danube Conference

Soviet Accepts U. S. Invitation

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Soviet Russia has accepted an American proposal to hold a ten-nation conference July 30 to arrange for free international navigation on the Danube River.

In a reply announced by the State Department, Russia alab withdrew previous opposition to Austria's taking part in the conference, Moscow said it is willing to invite Austria to send representatives in a non-voting capacity.

The Soviet note, dated June 12, said Yugoslavia advised it would be difficult to provide facilities for holding the conference at Belgrade.

Russia proposed instead that it be held in the capital of one of the other Soviet bloc Danube states.

The United States last month suggested the July 30 meeting in an effort to get action on an issue which has remained unsettled since the end of World War II.

MAJOR POINT

The Danube is a major route of trade between Eastern and Western Europe. Peace treaties with the Axis satellite nations called for an agreement on free navigation of the river and that is what the July conference will seek to work out.

Russia had turned down several previous American proposals to get the conference started.

Press Officer Michael J. McDermott was asked after he announced the Russian reply whether it was regarded as a sign of a "more cooperative attitude" by Moscow. He replied the State Department had "put no interpretation on it" but was giving "expeditious attention" to the note.

Countries expected to take part in the conference include the "Big Four" — United States, Britain, France and Russia — and Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Ukraine and Yugoslavia.

Soviets Block German Road

BERLIN — (AP) — The Russians halted traffic temporarily today on the Autobahn linking Western Germany and Berlin.

They said the stoppage was occasioned by closure of a bridge across the Elbe for repairs. Later they said signs for a detour around the bridge had not been completed and permitted traffic to continue. They did not say when the bridge would be closed for the repairs.

The span is a makeshift structure built after the original bridge was destroyed in the war.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay said last night the Americans would use the detour.

"Even if they have to drive 300 more miles?" he was asked.

"Yes — I cannot demand the United States go to war just because somebody has to drive 300 more miles."

Regional Meets On Polio Planned

GREENSBORO — (AP) — North Carolina plans a series of regional meetings covering the state to plan infantile paralysis control measures.

The first will be in Greensboro Wednesday afternoon. Representatives from 20 Piedmont counties will be present.

—Crowd Hears Truman At San Francisco—

Thousands gather around the band stand in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park and listen to President Truman's Flag Day speech. Many are seated beneath the umbrella-like trees. AP Wirephoto).

One-Year Extension

Congress Passes World Trade Pact

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Congress passed and sent to the White House today a Republican-sponsored bill extending the reciprocal trade agreement act for one year with some changes in its provisions.

New Delay

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BULLETIN

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Soft coal operators today broke off contract negotiations with John L. Lewis, saying they were "getting nowhere."

President Rolls East

ABOARD TRUMAN TRAIN EN ROUTE TO KANSAS CITY, Mo.—(AP)—President Truman campaigned today in the Southwest with the plea that the people decide whether he or Congress is "wrong" on domestic issues.

"If I'm wrong," he said, "you will have a chance to attend to me later on. If I'm not wrong, you ought to attend to somebody else."

Mr. Truman challenged the legislators to stay in session until they pass price control, housing, Federal aid to education and five other bills, in a talk at Los Angeles yesterday.

Back aboard his special train en route to Kansas City last night, the President said at San Bernardino, Calif., that he would "keep pouring it on Congress."

His remark was in response to a question from a crowd estimated by Police Chief D. G. Murdock at 10,000 persons.

Somebody presented the President with a supply of fresh eggs.

He tied up the gift with his request for price control authority, saying "I appreciate those eggs. The cost of living has gone up."

And he added, "At least they weren't thrown at me."

"Throw 'em at Taft," someone shouted from the crowd.

"I wouldn't throw fresh eggs at Senator Taft," Mr. Truman replied, referring to the Ohio chairman of the Senate's Republican Senate Policy Committee and candidate for the GOP Presidential nomination.

At least six speeches from the rear platform of the Presidential train appeared likely today as the President headed into Arizona and New Mexico.

Mr. Truman will meet Clinton P. Anderson, his former Secretary of Agriculture, today in New Mexico. Anderson resigned to make the race for the Senate in New Mexico. He is now the Democratic nominee.

The President is due in Kansas City Wednesday afternoon. He and Mrs. Truman and their daughter, Margaret, will drive immediately to their home in nearby Independence, Mo., to spend the night.

Maritime Strike Threat Fades

NEW YORK —(AP)— The threat of an immediate nationwide maritime strike petered out today in the wake of injunctions obtained by Federal attorneys in New York, Cleveland and San Francisco.

The CIO National Maritime Union, largest of seven unions involved in disputes with shipowners, was the first to capitulate to a court order.

Union officers sent out instructions to all members directing that they obey an order from Federal Judge John W. Clancy in New York ordering both sides in the dispute to maintain the status quo for a period of ten days, with a further hearing set for June 18.

Hail In Hartsville Damages Plantings

HARTSVILLE, S. C. — Hartsville and vicinity were visite dby electric rain and wind storms yesterday afternoon. No serious damage was reported from wind or lightning. Considerable damage was done to crops in nearby areas. Full extent of damages by hail storms was not ascertained today. The stones pelting Hartsville for fifteen minutes from 3 to 3:15 o'clock were about the size of bird eggs. One person reported broken windows. A phone call to rural sections 4 miles west of Hartsville stated crops were considerably damaged.

Leaders Hope For Passage Tomorrow

Several Speakers Oppose Measure

WASHINGTON — (AP) — House leaders today gave up hope of passing a draft bill by nightfall and aimed for passage tomorrow instead.

House Republican Leader Halleck (R-Ind.) told newmen "this bill is too important and too far-reaching to be rammed through in one day."

Halleck said he will ask the House to meet early tomorrow so the bill can be disposed of then and sent to a Senate-House conference.

Debate on the bill opened with a plea by the chairman of the Rules Committee for its defeat.

The lead off speaker, Rep. Allen (R-Ill.), told the House he is sure that arguments against the debate will convince the members "that this is not a necessary or a good bill."

"We all want national security," Allen said. "The question is, do we want national security by the American way or by coercion, compulsion, regimentation and control?"

Allen said "the brass hats" claim the nation faces "a great emergency." If that is so, he asked, who do those who profess to be alarmed say there is no emergency to keep the Congress here in session?

"Voluntary enlistments," Allen said, "have not been given a fair trial."

PASSAGE EXPECTED

Despite attacks on the bill, it seemed certain the House will pass it.

Rep. Wadsworth (R-N.Y.) quickly came to support of the bill. He was author and sponsor of the draft War II draft law, and during World War I was chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

"The arguments we are hearing now are along the same line I heard in 1940," he said. "In fact, I heard most of the same arguments in 1920. There is always the proposal that we can get along without this or without that.

"We have lost thousands of lives and spent billions of dollars on account of our defection."

Wadsworth said the world situation is "exceedingly tense" and "contains a menace to the freedom of the people of the United States."

Rep. Barden (D-NC) denounced the bill as "undemocratic, not in the best interests of society, and definitely detrimental to the education system of this country."

"Nothing could wreck the morale of this country any quicker," Barden added.

Rep. Folger (D-NC) said the draft would bring young men into service, and this, he said, "is the worst thing we can do to the morale —and morality— of these boys."

It will take more than House approval, however, to start any actual inductions of men 19 through 25.

First, Senate and House conferees will have to compromise minor differences in the two bills.

After that—if the House gets its way on the chief point of dispute —President Truman will have to wait 75 days and then order the draft machinery into motion by a formal proclamation.

SEEK 200,000

Military authorities have estimated they will have to draft some 200,000 men this year and next to reach manpower levels provided for in the bill.

If the debate unless climaxes a months-long argument that began March 17 when President Truman asked Congress to restore draft laws to build up the armed forces. His reason: To serve notice on Russia that it must halt its Communist aggression.

The Senate passed its draft bill only last Thursday, although the House bill has been waiting for rules committee clearance since May 7.

The clearance came yesterday on a 6-to-4 tally that found at least two opponents voting to give the House a chance to debate the bill.

WEATHER

Scattered showers and thunderstorms today and tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy and continued warm with scattered thunderstorms.

Temperature at 2 P. M. today....78
High and low last 24 hours 90-71
Sunset today 7:29
Sunrise tomorrow 5:56

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Some Department Heads In Jeopardy

Scott Election Would Mean Changes

By NOEL YANCEY

RALEIGH —(AP)— It's common talk in Raleigh political circles these days that if Kerr Scott is elected Governor of North Carolina there'll be some changes made come January.

Political oldtimers recall that when Scott became commissioner of agriculture he staged a thorough-going house cleaning of the higher brass in that State Department.

Scott himself has indicated in some of his speeches that if his campaign for Governor is successful some of the men who hold high state office will be looking for other jobs next year.

At the same time Scott has assured the rank and file of State employees that they have nothing to fear.

Scott said in one of his first primary speeches:

"There are certain appointive department heads who know they will lose their jobs if I am elected. They know that I will not put up with feather-bedding the State payroll with department heads who devote more time to trying to elect a Governor they know will reappoint them, than to attending to the people's business.

"Kerr Scott is not going to fire efficient workers who are giving the taxpayers value received in these departments."

Chairman A. H. Graham of the State Highway Commission has reason to believe that he won't be reappointed, for Scott said in another speech that, "I shall cut the political head off the Highway Commission." Political sources say that some members of the Highway Commission will follow Graham on the way out if Scott is elected.

State department heads who have been particularly active in the campaign of Scott's opponent, Charles M. Johnson, have good reason to believe that a Scott victory would mean the loss of their jobs.

Sources close to Scott said that department heads who fall in this category include: Robert Grady Johnson, member of the State Utilities Commission and Cousin of Charles M. Johnson; Pardee Commissioner Hathway Cross; Chairman Carl Williamson of the State ABC Board; and Col. H. J. Hatcher, commander of the State Highway Patrol.

Scott himself furnished these stanzas of his housecleaning in the Department of Agriculture. He said that when he took office 6.8 per cent of the employees were physically or mentally unable to be on the job; 45 per cent were related; 54 per cent were residents of Wake County and had no previous experience in the field of agriculture.

He said that these conditions had been corrected by the time he left office, but he added that if he is elected Governor "rumors that I intend to indulge in an indiscriminate orgy of replacing faithful and efficient employees are completely without foundation."