GENIAL ACTOR

Lewis Stone, that genial Hollywood perennial, is the subject of an interview by News Film Editor Emery Wister, just back from the movie capital. Turn to Page 10-A.

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Two Slain, One Critically Wounded In Kannapolis

ANTI-TRUMAN DEMOCRATS CALL PARTY

Domestic Row Ends In Murder & Suicide

Wounded Man In Grave Condition

CONCORD — A domestic dispute flared into violence at nearby Kannapolis during the night, leaving two dead and a third critically wounded, authorities said here today.

Coroner N. J. Mitchell identified the dead as Garlaen Whiten, and his wife, Mrs. Pearl Whiten, both in their early 20s and the wounded as A. H. Hooper, father of Mrs. Whiten.

The Coroner gave this version of what happened, gleaned from the testimony of witnesses:

The Whitens, who had not been married long, had been separated and Mrs. Whiten had brought a charge of non-support against her husband. Police arrested him yesterday and fingerprinted him.

Last night Whiten and a companion identified as Bud Moore went to the Hooper home on Longview Ave., near the Kannapolis baseball park, shortly before midnight. Moore knocked and Mrs. Hooper came to the door and told him to go away, that they were not going to get in touch with Mrs. Whiten that night.

Mr. Hooper then came to the door, as did Whiten, who had remained outside. Whiten shot Mr. Hooper, the bullet grazing the arm and entering the chest.

Whiten then ran into the house and up the stairs, where Alfred Hicks Hooper, Mrs. Whiten's brother, reported that he saw Whiten choke his wife and then slash her throat with a knife.

The Coroner was told that Mrs. Whiten came out of the house and down the street nearly two blocks before she fell dead.

Whiten then ran out of the house, Coroner Mitchell was told, and shot himself in the side of the head with an automatic pistol. He was taken to the Cabarrus Hospital and died at 5:45 A. M. today.

Coroner Mitchell said it was a clear case of murder and suicide.

Mrs. Whiten's body was taken to Lady's Funeral Home.

Mr. Hooper was taken to the hospital, where his condition was described as critical.

High Death Toll Seen

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The nation today began an extended week-end holiday in observance of Independence Day and the death toll from violent accidents appeared about normal.

Since 6 P. M. Friday, a survey showed, 19 persons lost their lives in accidents. The fatalities included 15 in traffic mishaps. Three persons drowned and one was killed in an accident of miscellaneous cause.

The National Safety Council said 235 persons will be killed over the three-day holiday — but it said the toll could be lowered if motorists used more caution. An estimated 30,000,000 cars were expected to be on the highways as millions headed for vacation lands and lakes.

In the three-day holiday period last year the violent death toll was 532, including 255 traffic, 163 drowning, five fireworks and 109 miscellaneous causes.

In the first survey of accidental deaths, New York State reported five, including two drowning and three in traffic mishaps. Colorado, Indiana and Michigan each reported two traffic fatalities and one each occurred in Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio and Texas.

Bernadotte Gets Arabs' Answer

CAIRO, Egypt—(AP)—The Arabs handed to Count Folke Bernadotte today their reply to his proposals for a settlement of the Palestine warfare. The reply was not made public.

Arab spokesmen had said earlier the seven nations warring upon Israel would reject the suggestions of Bernadotte, the United Nations mediator.

Bernadotte flew to this city today from Rhodes, where he has been negotiating for an extension of the current four-week truce. He may receive the Jewish answer early next week.

TO ASSUME NEW POST—Herschel V. Johnson of Charlotte, newly appointed U. S. Ambassador to Brazil, packs his diplomatic credentials at his suite in the Savoy-Plaza Hotel, New York City, preparatory to sailing to his new post yesterday. (AP Photo.)

Change Looming

Scott Backs Waynick As Party Chairman

RALEIGH — (AP) — Governor-Nominate Kerr Scott said last night that if Capus Waynick wants to be chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, "he should have some consideration."

Talk has been prevalent on Capitol Hill that Waynick, Scott's associate manager in his successful campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, would like the party chairmanship.

Scott, now vacationing near West Jefferson, told the Raleigh News & Observer, "If Waynick wants it, he should have some consideration. I have not had a chance to talk to Waynick about it, since I haven't seen him since about midnight last Saturday night. If he is interested, I'd be favorable."

Waynick, asked by the paper about Scott's remarks, indicated he'd be willing to serve as party chairman.

It is customary for the Democratic nominee for Governor to have his way about who is the chairman to conduct the general election campaign.

The present chairman is Wilkins P. Horton of Pittsboro, who was named to succeed William B. Umstead when Governor Cherry appointed Umstead to the U. S. Senate in December, 1946.

There is precedent for Scott either to press for Waynick's appointment to succeed Horton, or to request that Horton be continued as chairman.

The date for the next meeting of the state committee won't be set until after the Democratic National Convention, which opens in Philadelphia July 12, Horton said yesterday.

Plans for the meeting will be made at a conference of Cherry, Horton and Scott.

Oklahoma Town Starts Holiday With A Bang

STILLWATER, Okla. — (AP) — Fireworks Merchant Jimmy Hoke had his Fourth of July two days early last night.

And no one can say Stillwater didn't get a big bang out of it—firecrackers, Roman candles, sky rockets, pin wheels and all.

It began—and ended—a few seconds after the hired boy at the fireworks stand found he didn't have a knife to cut that heavy piece of string, around a bundle of firecrackers. He tried to burn it through with a match.

It Had To Come

Wooden Nickels Make Appearance In Meter

A couple of those wooden nickels everybody is admonished not to take turned up this week in Charlotte's parking meter receipts.

Some guy, who spent 50 cents worth of time (if it was worth anything at all) cutting out a nickel-sized piece of wood, had dropped two of the Charlie McCarthy coins in downtown meters to save himself a dime.

City Treasurer L. L. Ledbetter, custodian of the meter funds, today displayed the wooden nickels and said it was with some embarrassment that he at last had to take the coins that he has always been advised to avoid.

But the wooden nickel guy, plus a few other dishonest slug droppers-in, didn't have much influence on the week's legitimate take from the meters, which disgorged a total of $1,205.66, bringing the whole year's collection to more than $53,000.

It had been estimated that $50,000 would be realized from the meters during the fiscal year ended last Wednesday. The receipts thus exceeded the estimate in spite of the relatively few who dropped in slugs and wooden nickels.

Burning Ship Is Abandoned By Crewmen

Flames Sweep Swedish Vessel

NEW YORK — (AP) — Raging flames swept the 5,000-ton Swedish steamship Dagmar Salen 10 miles off the Delaware coast today but all members of its crew were saved after abandoning the vessel.

The fire, breaking out in the ship's engine room, spread quickly to the superstructure. The crew took to lifeboats at 3:49 A. M. (EST).

One crewman, identified by the Coast Guard as John Weller, was burned on the face and legs. The Coast Guard said one of its PBY planes had landed at the scene, taken him aboard and would fly him to a Baltimore hospital.

The master of the S. S. Perla, which reached the scene shortly after the Dagmar Salen sent out its distress message, said he had picked up half of the crew. Later, along with other crewmen still in lifeboats, the rescued seamen were transferred to the Coast Guard cutter Gentian.

FIRE SLOWED

The Gentian poured streams of water into the blazing ship and the Coast Guard said later the fire was coming under control slowly and was "believed to be stopped from spreading."

The Dagmar Salen ordinarily carries a crew of 38. The Swedish Consul's office in New York said there were no passengers aboard.

The Coast Guard gave the location of the burning ship as 30 miles south of Cape May, N. J., and ten miles east of the Delaware coast.

It was en route to New York from Shanghai, via the West Coast and the Panama Canal.

Shortly after the Gentian reached the Dagmar Salen, two other cutters were sent out from Cape May to assist in rescue operations.

The Dagmar Salen arrived in Baltimore June 16 with a cargo that included such items as firecrackers, bamboo splits, hog bristles and perfumed joss from the Orient.

Capt. Sigurd Lowdal had his wife and two children, Annette, 7, and Claus-Sigurd, 4, along with him.

The bridge of the Dagmar Salen was damaged last Sept. 29 when it collided with the streamlined Black Ball ferry, M. V. Chinook, in a dense fog midway between Victoria, B. C., and Seattle, Wash.

Federal Pay Action Due

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Truman is expected to act today on a bill to raise wages of most Federal employees.

Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) told reporters after a White House call, however, that steadily increasing prices will cancel effectiveness of the pay boosts. He criticized the Republican-controlled Congress, platform and candidates saying they have failed to offer "even a slight remedy" for increases in living costs.

The pay legislation would increase wages of approximately 478,000 postal employees by $450 a year and provide $330 boosts for about 800,000 classified Civil Service workers.

Reviewing price increases, O'Mahoney also said the rises would reduce the value of dollars being spent for European recovery.

He said the latest report on Mr. Truman's desk showed the cost of living index up 170 per cent of the 1935-39 average compared with 166 per cent last year.

The report, he said, showed food up 202.9, clothing 197.5, and rent 116.7. He said rents, still under control, hold down the general average increase.

President Kills Blind Aid Bill

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A bill aimed at helping blind persons who can work part time is in President Truman's "dead" basket today because he said it was unfair to the unemployed blind.

Mr. Truman slapped at Congress for the "hasty last minute passage" of the measure, which would have let States disregard earnings of up to $40 a month when making payments to blind persons.

The President said he was letting the bill die unsigned because states with limited funds could boost benefits to one group only at the expense of the other.

Berlin Conference Held

Sokolovsky Refuses To Assure Opening Of Road

BERLIN — (AP) — An official American spokesman announced tonight that Soviet Marshal Sokolovsky had refused to give any assurances to Western powers commanders that the Russian blockade of Berlin would be lifted.

The four commanders conferred at Sokolovsky's residence this evening on the Berlin crisis. It was their first meeting since March 20.

The talks were requested by the Western Allies, the spokesman said, because of the "serious situation" caused by the two-week-old Russian blockade of Berlin's land transport lines.

A British announcement said problems arising from the circulation here of rival Eastern and Western German currencies also were on the agenda.

The conferees were the U. S. Military Governor, Gen. Lucius D. Clay; the British Military Governor, Gen. Sir Brian Robertson; and the French Deputy Military Governor, Gen. Roger Noiret.

The American spokesman said "the situation remains unchanged."

The British said the consultations were the result of a suggestion made by Robertson in a letter to Sokolovsky. Robertson demanded that the Russians re-open the highway from Western Germany and say when rail traffic to this isolated city can be restored.

Clay said the meeting "sprang out of a mutual desire of the military governments of the Western sectors of Berlin that no stone be left unturned to find a solution to the Berlin situation."

To give the negotiators on the scene time to work on the problem, the three Western powers deferred a protest direct to the Kremlin.

Following the talks, the American spokesman told a news conference:

"Gens. Clay, Robertson and Noiret met with Marshal Sokolovsky at 5 P. M. (10 A. M. EST) at their request.

"They went to see Marshal Sokolovsky to state that the blockade, which affected a large part of the civilian population of Berlin, was becoming a serious matter and that they wished to be given some assurances as to when the 'technical difficulties' stopping railway traffic would be overcome. They wished to be assured it would be at an early date.

"We were able to obtain no assurances and at 5:30 P. M.

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Balkan Dispute

Albania Breaks With Yugoslavia

By ALEX SINGLETON

LONDON —(AP)— Albania has broken off cultural and trade agreements with Yugoslavia and ordered Yugoslav missions and military experts to leave the country, the Belgrade radio said today.

Premier Marshal Tito's Foreign Office, the broadcast said, protested in its fourth stiff note to Albania this week and warned that Yugoslavia would hold her "responsible for all the consequences."

Albania's action was described as "brutal," "revolting," and "grossly insulting." The broadcast was monitored in London by Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency.

The radio said Albania gave the trade and cultural missions of her big neighbor 48 hours to cross the frontier. The Foreign Office was quoted as saying the expulsion of the Yugoslav military experts was violently insulting to "our army and its leaders." (Tito is the chief of those leaders).

The Yugoslav-Albanian quarrel was the outstanding development in the Soviet sphere of the Cominform's denunciation of Yugoslavia's brand of Communism last Monday.

AID CITED

The broadcast said the Foreign Office protest reported the "active balance" of Yugoslav aid to Albania now amounts to 2,000,000,000 dinars ($40,000,000). It said the aid for Albania was aimed at correcting "the backwardness of her economy and damage suffered in the war."

It said Albania had refused to furnish Yugoslavia with any guarantees for this aid and "what's more, with its procrastination and silence, endeavored to extract from Yugoslavia as many material means as possible and then slander it in the most ruthless manner, thinking it thus has rid itself of all collusion."

Yugoslavia delivered three sharp notes to Albania yesterday accusing her of "offensive acts" to destroy Yugoslav prestige. The notes warned Albania of economic repercussions if such action continued.

Today's broadcast said Albania, by a unilateral act contrary to all fundamental principles of international law, had denounced "all economic agreements and protocols" with Yugoslavia.

Tanjug said the Albanian note was dated July 1, the day after the Yugoslav Central Communist Party Committee denied the Cominform charges that Tito and his lieutenants had strayed from the path of Marxism and were conducting an anti-Russian policy.

The new note was by far the widest in scope.

It reported that Yugoslavia had warned representatives of Albania in a friendly spirit "to remove obstacles which stand in the way of correct fulfillment of obligations" under terms of Yugoslav-Albanian economic agreements signed in November, 1946.

It declared that until June 29 — two days after the Cominform had issued its indictment of Yugoslav policy — Albania had not made a single protest against Yugoslavia's performance under the pact's terms.

The note added that the trade agreements were drafted for a 30-year period with a provision they could not be terminated without notice in writing at least a year in advance.

"The act on the part of Albania, therefore, is a gross and illegal violation of existing agreements," the Yugoslavs charged.

The text of the Albanian communication ordering the Yugoslavs out of the country was not disclosed, but the Yugoslav reply said Albania's assertions that Yugoslavia had failed to carry out obligations under the pact "are incorrect and arbitrary."

Showgirl's Estate Is Valued At $100,000

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Beryl Wallace, showgirl friend of Earl Carroll who was killed with him in an airliner crash, left an estate which an attorney estimates has a value of $100,000.

Miss Wallace was one of the 42 who met death in the June 17 crash in Pennsylvania.

Support Of Eisenhower Is Implied In Telegram

No Comment Yet From General

NEW YORK — (AP) — Eighteen State Democratic leaders have joined with James Roosevelt in calling for a pre-convention caucus in Philadelphia July 10 to choose "the ablest and strongest man available for the Democratic Presidential nomination, Mayor William O'Dwyer announced today.

The text of the telegram, sent by James Roosevelt to the Democratic convention's 1,234 delegates, was released by O'Dwyer.

It said:

"It is our belief that no man in these critical days can refuse the call to duty and leadership implicit in the nomination and final election to the Presidency of the United States."

NO NAMES

The telegram did not suggest the names of any candidates for the Democratic nomination.

The name of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, now president of Columbia University, is expected to figure prominently at the pre-convention session.

In Chicago, Jacob M. Arvey, Democratic leader, said yesterday he had been invited by James Roosevelt to the conference to discuss a move to nominate Eisenhower.

Eisenhower could not be reached personally for comment. An aide said, however, that the former General of the Army was standing on his statement of last January when he declared himself out as a possible candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination.

At that time, Eisenhower wrote Leonard W. Finder, Manchester, N. H., newspaper publisher, that he felt professional soldiers should not seek high political office "in the absence of some overriding reasons."

O'Dwyer released the text of the telegram at a time when a direct statement from James Roosevelt was awaited.

The text of the telegram:

"We, the undersigned delegates, join together in our desire to hold a caucus in Philadelphia Saturday, July 10, at headquarters of Illinois delegation, John Bartram Hotel, 8 P. M., to achieve an open and free Democratic convention. We do this from the realization that the crisis in the world today makes it obligatory that we seek for the leader of our party the ablest and strongest man available. We know that in so doing we are fulfilling the wishes of the huge majority of Americans who want the Democratic Party to select a candidate of such stature that the prosperity of our nation and a lasting peace for the world will become secure. It is our belief that no man in these critical days can refuse to call to duty and leadership implicit in the nomination and virtual election to the Presidency of the United States.

"The above telegram was approved by the following key delegates to the Democratic National Convention:

"Senator Lister Hill of Alabama; Dr. R. B. Robbins, national committeeman of Arkansas; Mrs. Jack Garnes, national committeewoman of Arkansas; I. G. Beall, state committee treasurer of Arizona; Governor Ben T. Laney of Arkansas; James Roosevelt, state chairman of California; Governor Bowles of Connecticut; Colonel Jake Arvey, of Illinois; James P. Casey, of Massachusetts; Cy Bevan, national committeeman from Michigan; Mayor Hubert Humphries, of Minneapolis; William Ritchie, state chairman of Nebraska; Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York City; Governor J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina; Governor Beauford H. Jester, of Texas; Clinton D. Vernon, state chairman of Utah; Governor William M. Tuck, of Virginia, and Robert Tenan, national committeeman from Wisconsin."

The Chicago Tribune said the Roosevelt - Arvey-O'Dwyer invitations are based on this strategy: "Eisenhower is being used as the magic spearhead of the anti-Truman movement. Some observers believe the promoters expect him to

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Dr. Short Is New Bishop

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(AP)—The Rev. Dr. Roy H. Short of Nashville, Tenn., was elected a bishop here today by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Short won on the sixteenth ballot. He received 197 votes, the exact amount necessary for a choice.

Votes for other candidates were not announced.

Dr. Short is the second bishop elected by the conference. Dr. Marvin A. Franklin of Birmingham, Ala., was elected a bishop late yesterday.

One of the new bishops will succeed the late J. Lloyd Decell of Jackson, Miss.

The other bishopric was created because of a sharp rise in church enrollment.

Bishops will be assigned to their areas today or tomorrow. Consecration services for the two new bishops will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Dr. Franklin received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University and the Doctor of Divinity degree from Birmingham Southern College in 1937. He is married and has two sons and two daughters.

He was born Jan. 19, 1894 in White County, Ga. Before going to Birmingham in 1934 he held pastorates at Park St. Church in Atlanta and at Riverside Park Church in Jacksonville, Fla.

Violence Flares In Italian Strike

ROME—(AP)—Dispatches to the Rome press said today carabinieri fired tommyguns in the air and used tear gas to disperse an angry mob during yesterday's half-day national industrial strike. They said several carabinieri and demonstrators were hurt in fighting and 27 demonstrators were arrested.

The incident was the only major one reported in connection with the walkout. The strike ended last midnight, but Communist labor leaders gave the signal for more next week.

The dispatches said the skirmish near Verona started after a tilted landlord tried to drive an automobile along a road blocked by demonstrators.

Woods Wooer Denies Abduction

Swamp Swain Gets 18 Months; Eula Mae Is Put On Probation

FAYETTEVILLE — (AP) — A muscular 44-year-old man accused of holding a frail sixteen-year-old farm girl captive in a woods for a month faced a sentence today of eighteen months on a road gang.

Norman Beard was sentenced late yesterday to twelve months by Judge James MacRae, Cumberland County recorder, for fornication and adultery, and given an additional six months for assault on a female. The two sentences will not run concurrently.

The judge sentenced Eula Mae Mason, who accused Beard of holding her in a swamp against her will, to ninety days on charges of fornication and adultery. However, the judge then suspended the sentence and placed her on probation for five years.

Beard stoutly insisted that the girl accompanied him into the woods voluntarily; she emphatically denied that she did.

Throughout the testimony, Beard denied he had held the girl prisoner.

Beard said he visited three days at the four-room home of Tenant Farmer Bond Mason last May but that Eula Mae was visiting at her grandfather's. In that period, Beard testified, Eula Mae and her uncle, Gene Mason, went to Fayetteville in an endeavor to marry. That plan "didn't go through," Beard said, so Eula Mae returned to her father's home, Bond Mason.

Beard said that in the course of a "petting" party on the front porch that night, Eula Mae told him:

"I want to marry you. I'd give my seat in heaven for you any time. I never wanted to get away so bad. Let's me and you run away."

THEIR ITINERARY

Beard said he and the girl spent the next two days at Beard's father's home in Fayetteville, and later visited in half a dozen eastern North Carolina towns. After three weeks of travel, he said, they decided to camp out in Beaver Dam township of Cumberland County and pick blackberries, which were ripening. It was while there, Beard told the court, that he whipped the girl with a tree branch because of a lewd remark.

"I tell you, I burnt her up," the 200-pound witness said.

The girl later reported to officers that Beard had held her against her will and had beaten her.

WEATHER

Fair weather today, tonight, and tomorrow. Warmer today. Continued hot tomorrow.

Temperature at 2:00 today	94
High and low last 24 hours	94-68
Sunset today	7:41
Sunrise tomorrow	5:14

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