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Six Are Killed In Head-On Auto Collision In S. C.

URANIUM SHIPMENTS TO REDS REPORTED

3 Soldiers, 3 Negroes Are Victims

Three Others Hurt In Accident

AIKEN, S. C. —(AP)—Six men were killed and three others injured early today in the head-on collision of two automobiles near the town of Belvedere, between Aiken and Augusta, Ga.

Three of the victims were soldiers stationed in Georgia. The other three were Negroes.

A fourth soldier and two other Negroes were hospitalized, one of the latter with serious injuries. Aiken County Coroner James Gregory said.

The coroner said the dead soldiers were Carlton E. Moore, Wayne R. Gentry and Harry N. Porter. He did not immediately have their rank, home town or home station. Gregory said they were stationed at Camp Gordon and Oliver General Hospital in Georgia.

NEGROES UNIDENTIFIED

Identity of the Negroes was not available.

The soldiers and two Negroes died instantly. A third Negro died a short while later.

Gregory said the crash occurred shortly before 3 A. M. near a farmhouse. There were no witnesses.

The bodies of the soldier were taken to Oliver General Hospital at Augusta.

Corn Defense Is Under Way

By ASHLEY SMITH
Charlotte News State Editor

YORK, S. C.—Nathan Corn's defense attorney attempted to prove today in Corn's second trial for the murder of George C. "Bugs" Beam that the oil meter found in the crate containing Beam's body did not come from the Carolina Oil Co. warehouse where the State contends Corn killed Beam.

R. B. Hildebrand, attorney for the 26-year-old truck driver, presented George A. Lloyd, formerly of Rock Hill and now of Anderson, S. C., to account for an oil meter missing from the warehouse.

Lloyd said he bought an oil meter from Beam, owner of the warehouse, in May, 1948.

Beam, a native of Lincolnton, N. C., was slain by a bullet fired into his chest on the morning of Saturday, June 5. His body was found in Crowder's Creek, twelve miles north of Rock Hill on June 13. In the crate with the body was a heavy oil meter, apparently used to keep the body submerged.

The State contends that 92 meters were in the warehouse before Beam's death, and that only 90 were there after the body was discovered.

The defense contends that one of the 92 meters was sold to a Charlotte man and that the 92nd was the one bought by Lloyd,

Hildebrand is attempting to prove that the killing did not take place in the warehouse. Corn worked out of the warehouse as a truck driver for Beam.

Hildebrand attempted to make the same point by presenting Louis Roth, a civil engineer of the York County Public Roads Commission, who testified concerning the angle of the bullet that the State declares killed Beam.

DUKE IN LONDON

LONDON —(AP)— The Duke of Windsor arrived here from Paris today for a brief visit. His American-born Duchess remained in France.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIGENTHALER

Seems like to me the fellow that works the hardest has to get up the earliest. . . There's some folks that seem to think that they can hitch-hike their way up yonder.

Shooting Victim Runs Over Woman Assailant With Car

CHESTER, S. C. —(AP)—A man was critically shot and his woman companion was run over by an automobile near here late last night, Sheriff James H. Saye disclosed today.

The sheriff said information he assembled indicated these events: Mrs. Violet Dye, 35-year-old widow, shot Frank Allen, 40, as they sat in an automobile on a Nitrold road. She jumped from the car, but the wounded man started the car and it ran over her. He climbed out and helped put her back into the car and drove to the office of a Great Falls physician.

Sheriff Saye said he had been unable to find out what led to the shooting. He described Allen as an employee of Republic Cotton Mills at Great Falls.

Allen was given blood transfusions at Pryor Hospital here today preparatory to an operation. He was shot in the chest, shoulder and arm.

Marion Sims Memorial Hospital at Lancaster said Mrs. Dye suffered a fractured shoulder and other injuries.

Benton Is Appointed Connecticut Senator

HARTFORD, Conn.— (AP) —Gov. Chester Bowles today appointed his one-time advertising partner, William Benton of Southport, to be United States Senator.

Benton, an independent in politics, immediately announced he would sit in the Democratic side of the Senate when he takes the place of Raymond E. Baldwin, Republican, who is resigning effective Dec. 17 to take a job on the Connecticut Supreme Court.

"I shall, of course, take my place on the Democratic side of the Senate," said Benton. "I supported Franklin Delano Roosevelt in all his four elections as I did Gov. Alfred E. Smith and the Democratic candidates before him. I supported President Truman's policies when I was Assistant Secretary of State, and I backed him throughout his entire campaign for re-election."

The appointment of Benton had been expected for some time. The senator himself broke his silence on the matter last night when he told interviewers something of what he plans to do in Washington.

Benton gill serve at least until January, 1951, although Baldwin's terms doesn't expire until early in 1953. A state election next November will decide who is to serve beyond the term covered by Ben ton's appointment.

As Assistant Secretary of State, Benton was one of the originators of the "Voice of America."

He has been commuting recently between his Fairfield County home and New York City, where he is publisher and chairman of the board of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Benton, father of five children ranging in age from seven to eighteen, has been a close associate of Bowles, with whom he founded the advertising firm of Benton and Bowles in 1929. Benton left in 1935 while holding the title of chairman of the board.

Later he served as vice-president and assistant to the chancellor at the University of Chicago, resigning in 1945 to enter Government work.

WILLIAM BENTON

Five Are Dead In Plane Crash

LONG BEACH, Calif.— (AP) —A Beechcraft Bonanza airplane crashed and burned today at Long Beach Municipal Airport, killing all five persons aboard.

Eyewitnesses said the plane's motors started to "cough and spit" soon after takeoff and the plane pancaked onto the field and burst into flames.

The plane was owned by Bob Sanders, 37. A CAA spokesman said it was believed Sanders was at the controls. The field control tower reported others aboard as Hal Evans, John Putnam and Cliff Boyden.

The fifth victim was unidentified.

All were believed to reside in the Long Beach-Los Angeles area.

Betty Hutton Hurt In Movie Tumbling

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Bouncy Betty Hutton is home recovering from a leg sprain suffered while bouncing in a bed during a movie scene.

"I was doing a trammeling act, like they do in circuses when they toss performers in the air with a net," Miss Hutton said yesterday. "But I didn't land correctly during one of the tosses."

She said she ignored the accident, which occurred last Wednesday, and continued working until Friday, "when I just folded up."

X-rays disclosed a severe sprain. She will remain in bed a few days.

Burns From Bed Fire Are Fatal To Actress

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Mme. Maria Ouspenskaya, famed Russian character actress who died Saturday of burns suffered when a cigarette set her bed afire.

The 73-year-old actress came to this country in 1923 as a member of the Moscow Art Theater. Since 1939, she has appeared in many films and operated a theatrical school here.

Nationalists Abandoning New Capital

Officials Flying To Formosa Base

By WAYNE RICHARDSON

HONG KONG — (AP) — Evacuation of the new Chinese Nationalist capital at Chengtu, 170 miles northwest of Red occupied Chungking, apparently began today.

A special dispatch to the newspaper Sing Tao Man Po said government officials assembled at the Chengtu airport at 2 A. M. (Chengtu time) for air transport to Formosa, island fortress 100 miles off the South Central China coast.

Planes belonging to retired U. S. Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault have been chartered by the Nationalist Government for the airlift, the report said.

Communist troops of Gen Liu Po-Cheng rolled on toward Chengtu after taking Chungking, the provisional capital only last Wednesday. Chengtu became the Nationalist capital then.

GOOD PROGRESS

Reports to Sing Tao Man Po said the Reds were making good progress toward Chengtu, which lies in a basin a few miles from the Szechuan province border.

Nationalist Gen. Hu Tsung-Nan hurriedly had brought up troops for the defense of Chengtu. Defense lines were established 30 and 50 miles outside of the provisional capital.

This rapid development in the Chengtu area came as Nationalist leader, said the Government would fight on against the Communists despite defeat on all sides.

At about the time Chiang granted an exclusive interview to Spencer Moosa, Associated Press correspondent in Chengtu, Acting Nationalist President Tsung-Jen left Hong Kong by plane for the United States. Li had been in a hospital there for a stomach ailment. He was rumored en route to the United States to petition for aid for the Nationalists although he and Chiang have split.

Stamps Increase Weight Of Missive

SAVANNAH, Ga.— (AP) —Theodore Johnson, courthouse porter, walked to the Post Office with a fat letter yesterday.

Not enough stamps, said the clerk.

Johnson walked back to the Courthouse, stuck four more three-cent stamps on the letter. Then back to the office.

"Still not enough," the clerk decided.

The additional stamps had boosted the letter's weight to the point where another three-cents was needed.

Plane Is Missing

HONG KONG —(AP)— A Civil Air Transport plane carrying five persons and four tons of gasoline is missing on the Hong Kong-Kunming run.

CAT said the two-engine C-47 carried a woman and a child and a crew of three.

It said the pilot is James McGovern, Patterson, N. J. It did not name the co-pilot.

Beaten Body Found In Sinkhole

Youth Confesses To Girl's Murder

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — (AP) — A 22-year-old law student yesterday confessed the hammer-slaying of his Evansville High School sweetheart who he said had entreated: "Let's die in each other's arms."

The body of pretty sixteen-year old Mary Ellen Harmon, three months pregnant, was found beneath leaves and bushes in a deep sinkhole near Hopkinsville, Ky.

Franklin Thomas Slay of Griffin, Ind., a student at Florida State University, made a written statement to Evansville police and then drew a map showing where the body was found.

Evansville authorities went to Hopkinsville and were joined by Kentucky State Police. The map was an accurate that authorities went directly to the spot where the body of the girl had lain since her head was split open on the afternoon of Nov. 26.

Slay was extradited from Athens, Ala., last Saturday. He is held on a charge of investigation for kidnaping, but Evansville police said they expected murder charges to be filed at Hopkinsville.

Detective Chief George Hanach quoted the youth's statement as saying that he and the girl left Evansville a week ago Saturday "fully agreed on marriage" the next day in Florida. He said they planned to complete their schooling there.

But he said Miss Harmon was silent for about two hours after they left and that he finally asked her what was wrong. His statement quoted her as saying: "Frank, this is wrong and if we do it, it won't right our first one mistake of living as man and wife previously."

"So I asked her what she wanted to do," Slay stated, "and she said 'Let's die in each other's arms.' I was shocked, and asked if she was sure, and she replied in the affirmative."

He continued: "I drove up into a side road and after we professed our love for each other we agreed on my shooting her and then myself."

Slay said he attempted to load his .22 caliber rifle but that a piece fell from the breech. "Mary and I were afraid it would not work and we found another way. Things are vague to me from now on."

Slay said he took the hammer from the tool chest and told the girl to bend over in the car. She did and I struck her. I don't know how many times." Officers who found the body said the girl had been struck four or five times over an eye with the rounded end of a mechanic's hammer.

The young student said he drove to a bridge and tried to jump off but "My last nerve cracked and I couldn't do it." He said he and Mary were nearly out of our minds at the time and I hereby plead guilty to the unpremeditated murder of Mary and ask no leniency whatsoever."

Police at Athens, Ala., arrested Slay the same night after he had left the scene of a minor accident. He was booked as a fugitive on the basis of the kidnaping affidavit filed at Evansville.

Slay told Athens police that he had left the girl at Madisonville, Ky., after she had changed her mind about marrying him. He asserted she had hitch-hiked home.

Ex-Congressman Begins Term

Prison Doors Close Behind May

ASHLAND, Ky. —(AP)— Andrew J. May, complaining of his heart and protesting his innocence to the last moment, became a Federal prisoner for wartime bribery and conspiracy today.

The 74-year-old former chairman of the Powerful House Military Affairs Committee succeeded in slipping—without fanfare — into the Government correctional institution near here before daylight with the help of his personal friend John M. Moore of Lexington, U. S. marshal for Eastern Kentucky.

May and the Garsson brothers, Henry and Murray, operators of a wartime munitions combine, were convicted July 3, 1947, for using for profit May's considerable influence as committee chairman.

ACCUSED OF BRIBERY

The former Congressman, himself, was accused of accepting more than $50,000 in bribes for getting War Dept. favors for the Garssons.

Moore had denied to newsmen last night that he had received any commitment order for the ex-Congressman.

First word that May had succeeded in a cat-and-mouse game with newsmen keeping watch for him came from Warden R. O. Culver of the prison

He announced:

"He (May) was admitted at 6:30 A. M. He was brought here by U. S. Marshal John M. Moore."

Moore said, after May was within the prison walls:

"He (May) met me just as his attorney said he would."

The marshal added that the meeting took place in Catlettsburg, the seat of the county in which the prison is located, at 6:10 A. M., and they drove immediately to the institution.

Moore said that on the drive from Catlettsburg, May complained of his heart and reiterated his claim of innocence.

His final appeal to escape serving the eight to 24-month sentence imposed on him after his conviction two years ago, had been based on a claim of poor health, and his age

Warden Culver was at the prison when Moore's car drove up, but neither Culver nor his assistant, D. R. Large, appeared to meet the ex-Congressman

Culver explained:

"There'll be no favoritism shown. He's just another prisoner."

FACES ROUTINE

The gray, courtly former Congressman, in the prison today will go through the routine of any other convict sentenced there, said Capt J. M. Wiegihton of the prison guards.

He will be interviewed at length for case history purposes, will receive a medical examination, be assigned to a cell and will exchange his conservative business clothes for gray-green denims.

ANDREW J. MAY

Company Stores Promise Credit

Santa To Visit Coal Miners

PITTSBURGH —(AP)— John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers started helping Santa Claus fill his bag today.

The diggers, idled briefly last week by their fourth walkout of the year, began trooping back to work for the first shifts promptly at 12:01 A. M., EST, by the end of the day, all are expected in the pits.

The 480,000 UMW dues payers will work the three-day week decreed by their unpredictable chief until further notice.

In the nine days before Christmas, each can earn about $139.50. That's based on their average daily wages of $15.50.

Those with some back pay they have coming for work done before last week, means they'll enjoy Christmas. Even if some diggers are broke or short of money, company stores guarantee they can buy food and toys for Christmas.

Lewis' contract gives the diggers a two-week vacation with pay if they work a full week in the first month after the contract is signed. Lewis has not yet announced a contract with industry. And coal operators show no indication of giving in.

Top operators haven't budged since Lewis' contract ran out last June 30. They maintain they can't afford to increase wages. And they want Lewis to tighten up the welfare and pension fund which has been financed entirely by the twenty-cents-a-ton royalties the operators pay for all coal mined.

The only report of a break in the stalemate has come from a small group of small Kentucky operators. They are truck mine operators who employ only about 800 men.

It is reported the Kentuckians are considering signing a contract with Lewis this week, if they do, they'll go on a five-day week. The truck operators insist they have to work a full week to break even.

Other mine operators signing the contract being considered by the Kentucky group calls for a 40-cent daily pay boost, bringing the diggers' base rate to an even $15. And the twenty-cent royalty pay per ton is reportedly would be upped to 35 cents.

Top industry spokesmen minimized the significance of the "Kentucky plan."

"It's practically a shotgun wedding with a small group of smaller-type operators," said President Joseph E. Moody of the Southern Coal Producers Association.

Property Owner Can Still Select Tenant Or Buyer

WASHINGTON — (AP — The FHA says the new anti-discrimination policy on Government financing of homes will not bar a property owner from picking the tenant he wants.

Nor will it attempt to control the owner in selecting a buyer if he chooses to sell the property.

The new rule is expected to go into effect in about 90 days. It will ban Federal home mortgage guarantees where written restrictive covenants are placed on record after the effective date.

POLICY CONFUSING

The policy was announced last Friday by Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman, with the authorization of President Truman. Confusion arose over how it will operate.

In an attempt to clarify the situation, FHA Commissioner Franklin D. Richards sent explanatory statements to FHA field offices for their guidance.

The aim, Richards said, is to bring the Government's policies in line with Supreme Court decisions that, although individuals may be free to impose or comply with restrictive racial covenants, Government support of covenants is contrary to the public policy and they cannot be enforced in courts.

Richards said the new rules will:

1. "Apply only to properties on which racially restrictive covenants are filed of record after the effective date set.

2. "Require the mortgagor to certify that until the insured mortgage is paid in full or the contract for mortgage insurance otherwise terminated, he will not file for record any restriction upon the sale or occupancy of the mortgaged property on the basis of race, creed or color or execute any agreement for or covenant which imposes any such restriction upon its sale or occupancy.

2. "Require the insured mortgage to contain a covenant to the same effect which in the event of a violation will give the mortgagee the right at its option to declare the unpaid balance of the mortgage immediately due and payable."

But, Richards emphasized the rules will not:

1. Affect property on which restrictive covenants are in effect prior to the time the new policy goes into operation.

2. "Attempt to control any owner in determining what tenants he shall have or to whom he shall sell his property."

3. Affect mortgages insured or commitments issued prior to the effective date.

4. Apply to home improvement loans financed under Title I of the National Housing Act.

Higher Steel Price Is Seen

PITTSBURGH— (AP) —Some steel prices almost certainly will increase soon, says an industry spokesman.

The spokesman, who asked that his name not be used, declared increasing labor and material costs are rising. And he added all steel companies are surveying the situation with an eye to price adjustments.

"It may not be a general increase but it is almost certain in my mind that some adjustments will be necessary on specific lines," the spokesman declared.

His remarks came on the heels of a statement from the head of the nation's fourth largest steel producer which left little doubt consumers ultimately will pay more for steel.

Declaring that production costs are rising, Adm. Ben Moreell, chairman of the board and president of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., declared:

"It becomes crystal clear that the increased costs for raw materials, for services and for labor which are now being imposed on us, must be balanced by corresponding increases in prices."

Then, Moreell added:

"We in management are not doing our job unless we keep our company in a healthy condition. . . . My feeling is that unless there is a sharp reversal of the current trend of cost increases, we must have an upward revision of our steel price structure.

Ten Die As Winds Topple Buildings

BERLIN—(AP)—Ten persons were killed and sixteen injured yesterday when winds up to 80 miles an hour toppled war-weakened buildings across North Germany.

Five persons died in Berlin.

Shipping was warned of the storm. More than 100 vessels sought shelter in the mouths of the Weser and Ems Rivers.

Hundreds of fallen trees blocked roads, snarled traffic and hampered rescue squads.

Hopkins Not Connected With Case

Evidence Revealed By Investigator

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senior Investigator Louis J. Russell said today the House Un-American Activities Committee has evidence of three shipments of atom bomb materials to Russia in 1943. He said he had no information that the late Harry L. Hopkins was connected with them in any way.

Russell was a witness before the committee on whose staff he serves.

He said that former Air Force Officer G. Racey Jordan, who has said Hopkins was instrumental in shipping atom bomb ingredients to the Russians, will appear before the committee this afternoon.

The information on three shipments of A-bomb materials was not new. A former member of the committee, John McDowell, Pennsylvania Republican told the News and reporters about it last year.

Committee Counsel Frank Tavenner said Russell:

"I would like to ask you whether in the course of your investigation any information came to your attention . . . that the late Harry Hopkins was involved in any way?"

NAME NOT MENTIONED

"To the best of my knowledge," Russell said, "his name was never brought up. But another name was brought up and I would rather bring the name up in executive session."

Tavenner then said two high Administration officials were connected with shipments.

Russell said it was determined that after the first shipment of atomic materials to Russia the Manhattan Engineering District, which developed the atomic bomb under direction of Gen. Leslie Groves, was the sole source of supply of uranium material in the United States."

The second shipment, Russell said, was obtained from a Canadian source.

Russell read a letter from the State Department, dated June 11, 1948, to a staff member of the committee which said export licenses were issued in March, 1943, for a first shipment of 200 pounds of urana, uranic oxide and 200 pounds of uranium nitrate.

An export license was issued for 200 pounds each for the second shipment. Other evidence indicated this was in April, 1943.

Also in April, 1943, there was a third export license for 25 pounds of uranium metal itself.

Furthermore, the State Department advised that in November of that year arrangements were made for Russia to get 1,000 grams of heavy water.

The State Department said it had nothing to do with the transactions. They were merely supplying information from records of the Lend-Lease Administration and the Foreign Economic Administration, whose remnants it absorbed.

The Russian officials who were after uranium supplies, Russell said, were N. S. Timofeev, N. S. Stepanov, Col. A. N. Kotikov and V. Pinogenov of the Russian Purchasing Commission and a Gen. Rudensky.

Russell said the committee had been unable to get actual manifests for Atomic Bombs but he said the committee got some oral testimony that they were flown from an air base at Great Falls, Mont., to Fairbanks, Alaska and on to Russia.

PROBE REOPENED

The committee began its investigation about May or June of last year and now has reopened it, Russell said.

He noted that back in 1943 the atom bomb program still was a highly secret project.

Before Russell testified, officials of the committee said the committee has information that substantially backs up Jordan's story of wartime shipments of atomic materials to Russia over an Alaska-Lend-Lease route.

Jordan, in a radio interview

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Shirley Granted Divorce; Tells Court Of Troubles

LOS ANGELES —(AP)— Shirley Temple divorced John Agar today, testifying that her marriage to the handsome actor was a turbulent.

She accused him of paying too much attention to other women and of drinking too much.

Courtroom spectators gasped when the one-time child star testified that Agar's conduct once Shirley Temple forced her to leave their home and consider "driving over a cliff".

She said that when she was

five months pregnant Agar brought another woman into her bedroom and urged her to go on to a party.

Frequently, she said, he left her alone in night clubs while he danced with other women and kissed them.

Also, she declared, Agar frequently came home "very drunk" and with lipstick on his face.

Miss Temple, 21, and Agar, 28, were married in Beverly Hills, Calif., Sept. 19, 1945, while Agar was in the Air Force. It was one of movieland's big romantic events.

They have a daughter, Linda Susan, 22 months.

The couple separated last Oct. 12, the day before she sued for divorce.

17 Shopping Days till Christmas