

River Yields Jordan's Body

By JOE AZER
 The body of a Charlotte woman was recovered from the Catawba River late this morning after it was spotted from the air by a Civil Air Patrol search plane.

The Rock Hill, S. C., rescue squad reached the floating body of Mrs. Ben F. Jordan shortly before 10:30 a. m. as the CAP plane circled the spot where it had caught on a rock.

Mrs. Jordan was first discovered missing yesterday evening when Mr. Jordan awakened from a nap to find a note from her saying she planned to take her own life.

NOTE GAVE TIME
 Charlotte police said the note was timed 6:15 p. m. and said Mrs. Jordan planned to jump into the Catawba River from the Rock Hill Road bridge.

Mr. Jordan said he called police as soon as he awoke at about 7:55 p. m., and they in turn notified South Carolina law officers.

York County rural police quickly found the Jordan automobile abandoned on the bridge, and the search began.

The body was found about 1,500 yards downstream from the bridge, a good bit further down the river from where the rescue squad was operating.

BODY ON ROCK
 The plane, piloted by Lt. Karl A. Shuler, commander of the Rock Hill CAP squadron, was flying low over the water when the body was seen on the rock. The plane was then flown low over the scene where dragging operations were going on and Lt. L. Pete Ste-

PRESIDENT CABINETS CONFERENCES

Ike Still Working
 On Message Series
 For Congress Session

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — President Eisenhower, nearing completion of a series of messages to Congress, confers again today with administration advisers.

The President scheduled another early morning session in his office at the Augusta National Golf Club. He started the new year yesterday with a four and a half hour morning conference on the State of the Union message which he will deliver to Congress in person next Thursday.

Then Eisenhower went off for a round of golf while his aides worked on into evening on the document.

The President plans to fly back to Washington tomorrow, ending a visit which began Christmas Day.

Eisenhower yesterday reappointed Harman D. Denny to a six-year term as a member of the Civil Aeronautics Board. The Pittsburgh

Republican first was appointed to the CAB last April for the balance of a term which expired Dec. 1 of a year since.

The President also named three members of a board set up to investigate a wage dispute between the Railway Express Agency and the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

Appointed to the emergency board were Judge Fred W. Messersmith of the Nebraska Supreme Court; William E. Brady, New York lawyer, and Allen Dash Jr., of Philadelphia, a labor arbitrator.

Pair Nabbed In Bank Robbery
 NEW ORLEANS (AP) — FBI agents said today a young couple wanted in Houston, Tex., in the \$57,000 robbery of the National Bank of Houston, Tex., were captured here last night.

Special Agent Ray L. Falset identified the pair as James David Mitchell, 24, and his wife, Lela, 18, a native of New Orleans.

Falset said both will be arrested today before the U. S. commissioner here. Mitchell, one of the four men hunted in the Houston bank robbery, was charged with violating the federal bank robbery law. His wife has been named as a material witness.

Mitchell's arrest leaves only one of the four alleged bank robbers at large. The two in custody are Donny Norris Alford, 24, a native of the bank, and Johnny Gonzales Navarro, 24.

Police were still looking for Nick Mitchell, 48-year-old uncle of the younger Mitchell.

Allen admitted being an accomplice in the robbery after he was quizzed and he implicated the other three, Houston police said.

Comic Dictionary
ARTIST'S MODEL
 A girl who works only when the boss is looking.

**Sale Of Stamps Stopped
 By Angry Postmistress**

ALICE, Tex. (AP) — You couldn't buy a stamp in this city's post office today because an angry woman postmistress had locked the door and walked out.

Charging "politics" because she is to be replaced, Mrs. Margaret Mullen yesterday put all cash on hand and stamps into her post office vault, closed the door shut, and locked the office over to a clerk and left.

She said that until an acting postmaster is named or a postal inspector arrives the post office will handle only incoming and outgoing mail.

Apparently the next move is to appeal to postal authorities. They have been unavailable for comment.

Mrs. Mullen, a Democrat, has been postmistress here since August 1953. Last month Asst. Postmaster General N. R. Abrams notified her she would be replaced.

Mrs. Mullen charged she was being "forced for political reasons."

Thursday, she announced she would turn the post office over to a clerk if a qualified successor had not been appointed by 1 p. m. yesterday.

She said she is not resigning from her \$8,070 a year job, just transferring the office. She plans to appeal to the Civil Service Commission.

McCarthy's Foreign Affairs Role Rapped

MAN WHO CAME BACK AND TWO HE MADE HAPPY



Cpl. Claude Batchelor (center) smiles broadly at Panmunjom after his release from a Communist compound, where he was one of 22 Americans said to be refusing repatriation. He said he was to return a month earlier but feared for his life. At left is Kyoko Kaki, his Japanese wife. She had written him to come home, and he said her letters were a strong influence on his decision. And his wife, Dorothy Batchelor (right), says she is "thrilled to death" by his change of mind. She is a member of the Kermit, Texas, high school band, and this picture was made at Dallas where the band was appearing. (AP Wirephotos)

Claims Some Holdouts Armed
Batchelor Says Others Would Quit Reds

By JOHN RANDOLPH
 SEUL (AP) — A young Texas corporal — one of 23 American war prisoners who originally stayed with the Communists — said today there might be others who would "come out" if given protection from dagger-wielding fellow POWs.

Cpl. Claude J. Batchelor, who changed his mind and asked yesterday to go home, called for an investigation of conditions inside the pro-Communist neutral zone compound and said Indian guards should search it for hidden weapons.

Batchelor, of Kermit, Tex., is the second of the 23 Americans to ask repatriation.

STORY CONFLICTS
 His story of life in the wire-enclosed compound near Panmunjom, told during a 40-minute press conference here, conflicted at many points with reports of the Indian command on conditions in the stockade now holding 21 Americans, 1 British and 32 South Koreans.

The 22-year-old corporal claimed a battery of newsmen, cameras and microphones as he made these points:

1. Both South Korean and American pro-Red prisoners in the camp are armed with daggers to intimidate any prisoner who wishes to escape. "It would be difficult at times for the Americans to get out."

2. Chinese Communist leaders have "some contact" with prisoners in the neutral zone compound, despite Indian reports to the contrary.

3. "A lot of fellows there are quite mixed up and there might be others who would come out" if given protection.

4. All outgoing letters from the camp are written jointly and read to the other prisoners.

5. The prisoners are split into factions and the leaders of various groups sometimes fail to pass on their own messages.

6. The U. N. Command said today that the 125 Chinese prisoners returned to the U. N. command after the Chinese prisoners of the 4,385 prisoners.

7. The Indians asked no questions. They simply called prisoners from the compound.

**Ships Collide
 Off California**
 SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The ore ship *Perseus* Silverbow collided with the Coast Guard cutter *Ward* today after two of her holds were flooded in a collision with a freighter off the northern California coast.

The 7,629-ton ore carrier, southbound from Portland, Ore., with 40-45 crewmen, collided late last night with the Manila-bound 7,606-ton freighter *Colorado*, about 145 miles north of San Francisco.

The *Colorado's* forepeak was flooded but she reported no danger.

The *Silverbow* radiated the flooding appeared rapid. A passing Standard Oil tanker, the *J. N. Macgregor*, the *Colorado* and two Coast Guard cutters, were accompanying the *Silverbow* to San Francisco where it was expected to arrive by mid-morning.

Henry J. Kaiser's Permanent Steamship Co. of Oakland operates the ore ship and the *Colorado* is operated by the States Steamship Co. of New York.

The deadline for signing the imperial register and offering bet was today at Hirohito.

The crowd swarmed toward the gates of the palace grounds as police tried to bar the entrance at the deadline, today said.

Thousands who had not yet had a chance to sign the register tried to push through. Men, women and children, dressed in their holiday best, were caught in a "terrible crush" during the afternoon.

The crowds hoped to get a look at the Emperor and Empress who had appeared on a balcony seven times earlier in the day.

Kyodo News Agency said the vast throng got off of hand at about 3:30 p. m. (1:30 a. m. EST).

Gen. Gillette Would Curb Prober's Power

Says Wide Scope
 Never Intended

By EDWIN E. HAAKINSON
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Gillette (D-Iowa) said today he will ask the Senate to curb broad investigative powers in the field of international relations now held by the committee headed by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

"This is a glaring situation," Gillette said in an interview. "It is something that was never intended and I will ask the Senate to pass on it at the coming session."

McCarthy is chairman of the Government Operations Committee and of its more widely known Permanent Investigations subcommittee.

Gillette said he wants the Senate to rescind authority for the Government Operations Committee to investigate international affairs and give this solely to the Foreign Relations Committee, of which Gillette is a member.

OMITS NAME
 Although he has tangled with McCarthy in the past, Gillette made no mention of the Wisconsin senator in explaining why he sought the change.

"International relationships are delicate now and will be for an unforeseen time," Gillette said. "The Senate has given its Foreign Relations Committee authority in this."

"We all know that careless action or statements in this field can jeopardize our international status," he said.

Gillette's proposal followed by a day a remark by another Democrat, Sen. McClellan of Nevada, that the investigations subcommittee in its investigations of communism "has stepped over into the area of internal security."

However, McCarthy in an interview said nothing about attempting to curb McCarthy's activities. He said on the contrary he thought the investigations subcommittee "does good work" and emphasized there was nothing personal in his remarks. He and McCarthy often have exchanged complaints of each other.

The Nevada said, however, he thought the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, of which he is senior Democratic member, "can do all the work necessary on the Senate side" in investigating subversive activities.

McCarthy, in Miami, said yesterday that "digging out communism" is not the "primary purpose" of his investigations and that he has been careful to check with the Internal Security subcommittee to avoid duplication. He continued:

"We are not investigating subversive elements in government which would prevent the government from operating properly, and in neither congressional group is it our business to do that."

**Hunt For Navy
 Plane Ended**
 SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — The Air Force and Civil Air Patrol called off at noon today their search for a missing Navy Beechcraft plane.

An Air Force source reported at the same time, that the chances anyone survived the Monday crash are "not too good."

The Coast Guard and Navy abandoned the hunt yesterday, along with the South Carolina CAP Wing. The Air Force and the Georgia, Florida and North Carolina CAP wings concentrated their search this morning inland, between Brunswick and a point just north of Daytona Beach.

The Beechcraft had a crew of three men and a passenger. En route to Jacksonville from Norfolk, Va., it flashed distress signals from somewhere over the eastern part of Georgia.

The six-day search covered an area of 20,000 square miles. Members of the crew were listed by the Navy as Lt. Vernon H. King of Akron, O., the pilot; Alex Dumas of Franklin, Pa., co-pilot, and J. M. Paschall of Pensacola, Fla., aviation machinist's mate. Radio man Eugene L. Benbow of Oakland, Cal., was a passenger.

The Air Force is ready to resume the search at any time it gets a lead, said Lt. Edward Tibby, information services officer at Hunter Air Force Base.

**ATTLEE NEAR
 LONDON** — Clement Attlee, leader of the British Labor Party, formally assumed his duties yesterday.

Attlee, 71, first Negro ever elected as borough president of Manhattan, formally assumed his duties yesterday.

ASSUMES POST
 NEW YORK (AP) — Julian E. Jack, 47, first Negro ever elected as borough president of Manhattan, formally assumed his duties yesterday.

**ALL-OUT DRIVE
 On Polio Set**
 NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis today began an all-out drive on the disease next month.

Foundation President B. B. O'Connor, in a nationwide broadcast inaugurating the 1954 March of Dimes campaign last night, said thousands of children in Pittsburgh, Pa., would be inoculated with a new polio vaccine.

Inoculations in February are to cover "every state in the nation" as part of the program.

O'Connor said the program would cost \$5 million dollars but that the development of the serum brought the fight against polio to the verge of victory.

The serum is to be tested on between 500,000 and a million second-grade school children.

EVENING PRAYER
 Christ, Thou didst find it necessary to pray. It is more necessary for us. May we be one with Thee today, so living in Thy will that those with whom we walk and those whom we know that we are Thine, For Thy name's sake. Amen.

New Year's Deaths Behind Yule Toll

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Traffic deaths over the nation this New Year's holiday registered 148 today, more than 100 fewer than were killed on the highways in the corresponding period of the Christmas holiday.

The count of persons killed in traffic mishaps began at 6 p. m. (local time) Thursday and will continue until midnight Sunday. In addition to the traffic victims, 22 persons died in fires and 23 were killed in miscellaneous accidents, a total of 193 deaths from violent causes.

In the corresponding period Christmas weekend, a total of 317 lives were lost, including 253 in traffic, 36 in fires and 28 in other violent accidents.

The final Christmas toll of 317 accidental deaths was 717, including 323 traffic deaths.

The Christmas total is included among the National Safety Council's 1,104 Died On NC Roads In '53.

**1,104 Died On
 NC Roads In '53**
 RALEIGH (AP) — Motorists on North Carolina highways have been killed in 1954 just as they did in 1953 — with an extra note of safety.

The Highway Patrol said as of 8 a. m. today no deaths had been reported for the new year. A total of 14 persons were reported injured. The state's last fatal accident took place Thursday night on a rural road near Raeford.

The first fatal wreck in 1953 occurred Jan. 3 in Sampson County at the intersection of Highways 24 and 701 at Clinton. When the year ended, 1,104 persons had been killed on the highways.

**Auto, Driver
 Drop 60 Feet**
 PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Edward Sweeney, 40, lost control of his auto last night on the east ramp leading to the Grays Ferry Avenue bridge across the Schuylkill.

The auto rammed a horse-drawn wagon, bumped over a foot-high curb, crossed the sidewalk, dropped a section of iron railing and ripped 60 feet to a railroad siding.

Witnesses said the auto turned a full somersault in the air and landed on the wheels. All four tires blew out, the trunk of the car jarred open and the spare wheel and tire bounced away.

Bridgette Carlo Verrechio found Sweeney sitting in the car, dazed.

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OUR WEATHER
 Fair and mild today. Fairer and warmer tonight and partly cloudy and mild Sunday.

Low temperature this morning 25 degrees.
 Low temperature expected tonight 17 degrees.
 High temperature yesterday 58 degrees.
 High temperature expected today 49 degrees.

Source: 7:32 a. m.; sunset 5:23 p. m.
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Los Angeles (AP) — Col. William W. Millikan, 35-year-old World War II ace, took off from Los Angeles International airport at 10:11 a. m. EST, in an F8 Sabre jet today in an attempt to establish a new coast-to-coast speed record for planes.

His goal is Mitchell Air Race at Hempstead, N.Y., and his hope is to better the record of 4 hours and 13 minutes set in January of 1946 by Air Force Col. William Connel in a P-80 Shooting Star jet.