



Priest And Doctor Administer To Injured Man In Reno.

Voluntary Boom Curb Requested

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today the government will have to make in some form of inflation controls if business and labor fail to deal with the problem adequately on a voluntary basis.

The President at a news conference, did not specify what type of controls he may have in mind. Eisenhower also said that he believes Israel has a decent respect for mankind and will continue with United Nations demands that it withdraw its troops from the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba area.

As for whether the United States would go along if there is a U.N. call for economic sanctions against Israel, Eisenhower made no direct reply to a question on the point. But he did say the United States is committed to support the U.N.

Israel so far has refused to comply with U.N. demands that it withdraw its forces from all of Egypt.

On the matter of inflation, Eisenhower was reminded that in his January State of the Union message he called for both business and labor leaders to cooperate in a voluntary drive to check spiraling prices.

Today, Eisenhower said that when he brought up that point in his message he had in mind the long-term best interest of every one concerned.

He went on to say that if there is no adequate voluntary effort, and inflation continues, the government would have to move in with some kind of controls.

The news conference also touched on these other matters: HEALTH: In response to a question, Eisenhower said he does not feel as good as he did before his 1955 heart attack.

DEFENSE: Eisenhower formally announced that Arthur S. Flemming, chief of the Office of Defense Production, will be succeeded by Gordon Gray, now an assistant secretary of defense.

Charles Peterson, manager of a shoe store, said: "A big slab of concrete landed on me. I couldn't lift it up. Then I saw a fireman and he came and took it off."

Two little girls, covered with blood, called "Mama, mama, mama" from emergency tables at the hospital. Their mother, Mrs. Shirley Fleming, was in serious condition with head cuts and other injuries. Their father is Dr. Charles Fleming. The girls and their mother apparently had been shopping.

Only steel girders—twisted like taffy rose above the rubble-filled basement of Patterson's men's store where the smell of gas first brought a call for utility workers and firemen.

Banker's Trust building, which contained a number of shops and offices, disappeared—leaving only smokes, steam and rubble.

The Blitz building's walls stood—but its interior was a ruin.

Only empty shells remained of the Elks building and the Gray Bell department store, Reno's biggest.

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Two Killed And 41 Injured In Reno Gas Blast Series

By JIM THOMAS

RENO, Nev.—Two persons were killed and 41 injured in a series of explosions and a fire which destroyed five buildings along Sierra Street in mid-Reno yesterday.

Damage was estimated in excess of two million dollars.

Five persons were reported missing.

Because of the great amounts of rubble to be cleared away and dangerous walls and overhanging beams which needed to be knocked down, disaster crews could not search the wreckage until today.

But for a clothing store employee's quick reaction when he smelled gas, said Fire Chief Karl Evans, the death toll "could have been a hundred."

Events and other officials still sought the cause and place of the leak which freed the propane-air gas into at least three buildings in which it exploded. The gas is heavier than air and tends to settle to the lowest possible point where it escapes. There may have been three such pockets.

The first of the series of blasts occurred at 1:02 p.m., short minutes after an employee in the Paterson men's clothing store reported smelling gas in the basement.

A crew of trouble shooters from the Sierra Pacific Power Co. and a Fire Department rescue squad were rushed to the scene. They evacuated nearly every one from the five buildings before the fires started.

TROUBLE SHOOTER

Major credit was given to Orville Owen, power company trouble shooter who sensed the danger. He warned all in the Paterson store, then rushed along the street warning people to "get out."

The firemen arrived as the first blast went off. They evacuated those in the Gray Bell department store, Reno's largest, and the Elks Club, both on the east side of Sierra Street.

Neither of those known killed was inside the buildings. Mrs. John DeFrat, about 60, socially prominent wife of a retired grocer, was struck by falling debris. Frank Spina, 48, owner of a shoe repair shop, was crushed to death beneath an automobile which was blown over on him and crushed by a falling wall.

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BIRDS OF FEATHER

MADISONVILLE, Ky.—Bulldozer operator Roy Holley, moving earth at a strip mine, uncovered 29 snakes all coiled together. They included a large copperhead, blacksnakes and chicken snakes. Not the least unnerred, he dumped them into a barrel, took them to a newspaper office to be photographed, then destroyed them. Select Foremost Milk Products at your favorite store—Adv.

'Everybody Out' Man Smelled Gas, Took Fast Action

RENO, Nev.—Quick thinking by a gas company trouble shooter saved Reno from a greater loss of life in yesterday's do-or-die explosions and fires.

Called when gas was smelled, he realized the danger and started an evacuation.

"There could have been hundreds killed or hurt," said fire chief Karl Evans.

Only two are known dead, with three seriously hurt. Five others were reported missing.

Orville Owen, 29-year-old Sierra Pacific Power Co. employee, prevented a heavier toll in human lives. When Charles Peterson smelled gas in the store where he worked, the 6-foot-5 local athlete was sent to investigate. Another report of gas came moments later from the Elks Club.

A quick whiff convinced Owen the gas collection was dangerous.

"I ordered everybody out of Patterson's," he recalled. "Then I started down the block to every shop telling everyone to get out."

His warnings came at a time when store employees normally are returning from lunch and shopping is increasing.

Owen's moving away from the site of the first blast—believed to have been a basement boiler—when the first explosion rocked the city at 1:02 p.m.

"I was walking up a stairs when I was knocked down," he said. "I staggered up again—then another knocked me down."

"It must have been my reflexes that made me crawl out of the fire and debris. I don't remember anything else until I reached the back door."

His face and legs were burned but he required only emergency treatment at a hospital.

Tape Recorder Tells Story Of Boy's Death

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Police sat down last night with Gerald Ellis, 16, and Wylie D. Clement, 17, to play a tape recording. The tape was from Jerrald Pearson's recorder, in his room at home. Jerrald's father and an older brother collect guns, investigators said. Gerald, Wylie and Jerrald often played with some of them in Jerrald's room. They often flipped on the tape recorder. The tape spun out these sounds from yesterday afternoon's session: "When I pull the trigger . . . (Click of pistol) . . . When I pull the trigger this time, duck . . . (Voices): Boom-boom, bang . . . (Laughter, all talking at once) . . . I don't play fair . . . No, we both shoot the same gun . . . (Shouts): Boom-boom-boom . . . I'll tell you, I'll go in the back bedroom and you'll come back and try to get me . . . (Loud blast, like a door slamming, shouts, screams) . . . Don't run! . . . Don't run, Jerry! . . . Stand still! . . . I'll call the police."

Jerrald, Pearson, 15, ran down through the house, out onto the sidewalk, collapsed and died of a bullet wound in the chest. Police said the hammer slipped after Wylie Clement cocked one of the pistols, then tried to reset the hammer. They ruled it was an accident.

Pistol Fire Kills Couple

BAILEY, Mo.—A middle-aged Bailey merchant, released recently from a tuberculosis sanatorium, and his 36-year-old wife died in a flurry of pistol fire at their Main Street home here late last night. Nash County Coroner said the case had the appearance of a murder.

The couple's young daughter, Lynda, rushed into the police department where she called Nash County No. 809 and cried her father "is shooting, Mama, and get a doctor quick."

Dr. Brown said that when he was called at the Main Street home, Volle Lamm, about 30, and his wife, Mary, were dead in the front yard beside the porch. A .32 caliber revolver lay beside Lamm.

Lamm had been released several weeks ago from the North Carolina Tuberculosis Sanatorium, 10 miles west of Wilson.

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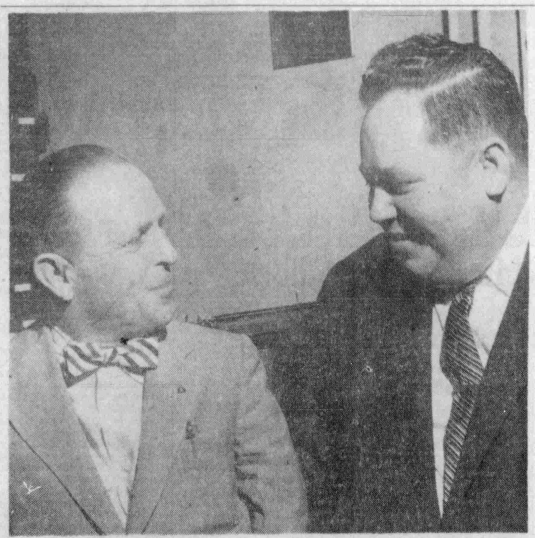
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Evening Prayer

In the midst of this week, Our Father, we would commune with Thee. May we not falter nor fall Thee but upheld by Thy hand, move on from victory to victory. For Jesus' sake. Amen. Go First to FIELDS—Expert Watch Repairs.

Like Arms U. S. May Seize Oil Production



Rep. Love (Right) Talks To House Clerk Billy Arthur, Ex-Charlottian.

Love Lists Love As No. 1

Vogler Recommends Vogler As Sen. Blythe's Successor

By JULIAN SCHER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

RALEIGH — A third man, Rep. James B. Vogler, is in the race for the Senatorial seat vacated yesterday by Sen. F. J. Blythe, who resigned because of "ill health."

Rep. Vogler joined J. Spencer Bell and Rep. Jack Love as candidates for the job.

Vogler injected himself into the picture today by saying he has the support of the majority of the Democratic Executive Committee of Mecklenburg for himself or his second-line candidate, Fred McIntyre.

OLD LINE FAVORITE

Bell is the favorite son of old line party members in the county who had hoped earlier to "sell" him to the Love forces.

In so many words, Vogler put himself in the picture also. He hinted no words, however, today when he told The News that "I am not personally in favor of any of the candidates mentioned thus far. None has the experience to serve as senator from Mecklenburg."

The candidates mentioned include Bell, who Vogler calls

—MECKLENBURG MOVEMENT—

Council Asks Limits View

By DICK YOUNG

Charlotte News Staff Writer

An appeal to those who favor annexation by the municipal government to express their views to Mecklenburg legislators was made today by members of the City Council.

Expressing the belief that there are many who are not opposed to extension of the city limits but who remain silent, Councilmen voiced the hope that the other side of the story might be told to local legislators.

Emphasis in the city limits extension movement has shifted to Raleigh where the Mecklenburg legislative delegation is being asked to pass a bill calling for an election on extension of the city limits.

Comment of councilmen today was: Councilman Herbert H. Batten—"Prestige of the city of Charlotte for its obligations and fulfillment of its contracts has long been the highest for our successful city. The only question that still seems doubtful in some minds is fulfillment of our pledges to complete our services before

"a good personal friend," Love.

Howard Arbuckle, Judge Fred Helms and Robert Lassiter. No date has been set for the executive committee meeting to select Sen. Blythe's successor. William M. Nicholson, Mecklenburg Democratic party chairman, said today.

EXPEDIENTY SOUGHT

Vogler, asked if he was an active candidate, said, "The Democratic Party has trained a man for the position by sending him to Raleigh eight times. But it seems that the powers to be are not looking for experience but for political expediency."

And, he says, the power of the Democratic Executive Com-

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mittee is

Love Seen As Wrench In Extension Cogwheel

Rep. Jack Love, aspirant to Jack Blythe's State Senate seat, today loomed as a roadblock to city officials' hopes for annexation legislation.

Rep. Love told The News today:

"Annexation has not been sold. I am not in favor of taking in 300 square miles, including 33,000 people, until all services—I don't mean just water and sewage but about 10 more—are offered before these people start paying taxes."

"I feel that my friends in the House and Senate would agree to have my name submitted to the executive committee of the party," he told The News. "I did so with the understanding that I would not be the candidate of any particular faction."

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Our Weather

Cloudy and cool with occasional rain or drizzle today and tonight. Tomorrow scattered showers and warmer. Low this morning . . . 41
Low tomorrow morning . . . 53
High today . . . 59
High tomorrow . . . 69
Sunrise today, 7:18 a.m.; sunset today, 5:37 p.m.

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Flow Must Continue To Europe

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today the Federal Government may have to step in unless the flow of oil to Europe is kept at a maximum.

Eisenhower told his news conference that Europe must not be left flat on its back for lack of oil.

He said the government has certain powers under which it could move into the field of state production of oil production, and control other activities of the industry.

Eisenhower said he does not want the federal government to disturb the economy in this way.

He added, however, that it is to the long-term interest of business as well as to the country that Europe not be forced economically to its knees.

OIL GOAL

The goal, Eisenhower said, should be to supply all the oil that transportation facilities can handle.

Eisenhower said that includes filling up all tankers that can carry oil to Europe, from all parts of the world as well as the United States.

While Eisenhower was discussing Europe's oil needs, a congressional committee heard testimony that U. S. investments of nearly 50 billion dollars in Western Europe may be lost if the area does not get enough fuel.

Asst. Secretary of the Interior Felix E. Wornser, who handles oil and minerals matters, discussed that danger before investigating senators. Wornser told them that Eisenhower's desire for peace led to the emergency plan for supplying Western Europe after the Suez Canal was blocked.

COUNTRY INVESTS

Wornser told senators representing three interested committees that this country had invested nearly 50 billion dollars in economic and industrial aid in Western Europe since World War II, and he added:

"That investment will be lost if our friends in western Europe cannot be supplied with petroleum products."

Bell Won't Make Fight For Position

Attorney J. Spencer Bell said it clear today he will not put on the gloves to slug it out with Rep. Jack Love for the vacant Mecklenburg State Senate post.

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