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Marine Convicted

YOKOSUKA, Japan — A general court-martial today convicted Marine Sgt. Robert J. Barbuti on nine charges of cruelty to prisoners in a navy brig. He was acquitted of 17 other cruelty counts and two of assault.

U.S.-Jap Program

TOKYO — U. S. Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II and Foreign Minister Aichihiro Fujiyama today exchanged notes setting up a new, \$2,066,000 educational exchange between Japan and the United States.

Note To Bulganan

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower is expected to send Soviet Premier Bulganin a message this weekend holding open the door to an eventual summit conference, but rejecting Bulganin's bid for such a session within three months.

Caracas Troubled

CARACAS, Venezuela — Demonstrators in downtown Caracas last night demanded "an end to the dictatorship" as President Marcos Perez Jimenez sought to mollify the Vatican by freeing five jailed priests.

Bomb Try Noted

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A New Year's Eve attempt to bomb the home of the state president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was revealed yesterday.

Bandit Slain

TEHRAN, Iran — Bandit leader Dadrach, accused of murdering three Americans last March, was killed by gendarmes today in a gunfight near the Pakistan border, police reported.

Driver Killed

LENOIR — Delma Mae Beard, 48, of Lenoir, was killed early today when the auto she was driving went out of control on N. C. 91 a little over a mile north of here.

Typhoon Lashes

GUAM — Typhoon Ophelia continued to lash away at islands in the western Pacific Saturday with 95 mile an hour winds. One island in the Marshalls group reported all buildings destroyed.

2-Gun Banker Needed Only One To Foil Bandit

CLARKSON, Ky. — Clyde L. Bratcher is now a two-gun, 70-year-old bank president.

One of the guns is an ancient .45 caliber revolver. The other is a new weapon friends gave him after he foiled a holdup attempt at the Bank of Clarkson Wednesday with the old weapon and 35-year-old bullets.

Bratcher whipped out his gun when a bandit came to his teller's cage. He fired twice and the two bandits ran.

SLUGS FOUND

Two slugs later were found jammed in the barrel. A third shot failed to fire.

The banker said if one of the bullets had spoken instead of shoving a note through his teller's



Let That Be A Lesson

Queenie the pup learned the hard way not to nip her young master. She tried it, and Timmy McSoley, 3, promptly turned and bit Queenie a good one on the muzzle. Action occurred in Indianapolis.

Tests Success

Missile Launchings Spur 'Moon' Hopes

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The nation's testers of space vehicles, having launched two 5,000-mile missiles within four hours, turned their attention today to efforts to put two baby moons into the sky.

The launchings Friday of an Atlas ballistic missile and a Navaho ramjet vehicle were successful. The Navaho took off ballistically under the power of two liquid propellant rockets considerably longer than the missile itself. The rocket boosters dropped off into the ocean after about 40 miles of flight. After the Navaho attained supersonic speed its ramjet engine was able to take over.

Both missiles were believed to have flown several hundred miles, far short of their designed range.

ONE SATELLITE

One of the satellites, designed as a civilian scientific project under the Navy's management, will

be an aluminum sphere only 6.4 inches in diameter and weighing about 3 1/2 pounds. It will be launched by the three-stage, 72-foot-long Vanguard rocket.

The other will be a metal cylinder 9 inches long and six inches in diameter, weighing 29.7 pounds. It will be the final stage of the Army's Jupiter-C missile.

Details of the satellite launch preparations were secrets locked behind the high fence that cuts off the Air Force missile test center here from the rest of the world.

But it was known that both missiles are here, in varying stages of the complex program of assembly.

Persons close to the programs expect the Vanguard attempt to come possibly next week and that of the Jupiter-C a week or so later.

A Vanguard launching attempt failed Dec. 4. The Army has not yet tried to put up a satellite.

OFFICIALS CRITICIZED

Project Vanguard officials were roundly criticized for the publicity on their Dec. 6 launching attempt. They have sent out orders that no information on the program be released here, and that all queries be referred to headquarters in Washington.

Maj. Gen. Donald N. Yates, commander of the test center, even went so far as to discontinue hoisting aloft on two 96-foot poles on the cape the red balls or flashing lights that have warned boats within five miles of the cape that dry run—training exercises—atomic engine tests—or actual launchings are under way.

Both the Atlas and the Navaho were fired without warning, either in the form of red ball signals or otherwise. It was the first time that this had been the case.

Development of the Navaho has been discontinued because of the faster weapons that have come along since.

High today should reach 59 degrees, compared to yesterday's 50. Tomorrow's continued sunny sky projects as unannounced help a mercury skid to 50 degrees.

A note of caution, there is a possibility of rain late Sunday evening.

Afterwards, police looked for the slugs from Bratcher's gun before "someone found them in the gun barrel. We had to drive the bullets out with a hammer," he said.

Life Sentence Ends Wetzel's Crime Trail

'Moon'-Like Beep-Beeps Only Motor

LONDON — The beep-beep was heard over Europe and in Ohio today, but the Swedish government said it was caused by an idling Russian teleprinter, not by a new Soviet Sputnik.

A BBC engineer said a teleprinter, barely powerful enough to run an egg beater, could make itself heard across a continent.

The radio impulses are far beyond the reach of household radios but a little motor leaking a few sparks could accidentally make an impression on scientific instruments many hundreds of miles away, he said.

"These receivers are very sensitive," he added. "We get strange noises constantly, and it's futile to try to identify every one. A noise might be a hair dryer in Cornwall."

The views of the Swedish government's radio motors coincided with those of the British Broadcasting Corp. BBC earlier had said the beep-beep might be a teleprinter idling.

A spokesman for Sweden's Enkoping station said the beep-beep has been heard at 20,000 megacycles on the Sputnik wavelength for hours but was traced to a "typical Russian frequency shift teleprinter transmitter."

TEXT CLEAR

He said the printer later was sending clear text in Russian after being idle for about three hours. The teleprinter is a device that transmits news and messages by radio. There was no explanation of why the signal was heard over such a wide area.

"It sounded quite like a Sputnik at the start," the Swedish spokesman said.

Earlier checks on the signals disclosed:

RBC engineers started listening intently after receiving reports from Finland and from the United States that radio amateurs were picking up strange sounds.

"There might be a new Soviet earth satellite aloft, or Sputnik II might have resumed sending signals," RBC spokesmen said.

"But at this stage it seems more likely that we are picking up some commercial operator who hopes to get an answer from someone."

That would account for the strength of the signals.

BBC listeners started monitoring 20,000 megacycles, which had been used by the original Soviet satellite.

"But we got nothing until we shifted to 20,025 megacycles," a spokesman said.

A beep - beep similar to the broadcast of the two Sputniks was heard by Tjornea Radio Station in Norway for about 37 minutes but suddenly stopped. The signal was on the Sputnik frequency.



Jail Dog Spot Grooms Killer Frank Wetzel (R) After Murder Conviction

Woman Dies In Home Fire

A 48-year-old Negro woman died this morning when her house caught on fire for a second time within four hours.

Jessie Foust, 912 E. 1st St., was identified by police as the victim of the burning.

Fire Department officials said the house caught on fire at 11:09 p. m. when a cigarette ignited the flames. Damage done to the house from the first blaze was listed as "slight."

At 2:25 a. m. the fire department got another call saying the house was on fire again. After putting the fire out for a second time, firemen went in to check the house and found the Foust woman lying in a rear room.

Police said she was badly burned and apparently died from flames. County Coroner W. M. Summersville told police he will view the body sometime today.

Leroy Rountree, who is listed by the fire department as a resident at the 912 E. 1st St. address, was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital and treated for smoke sickness, police said.

He was released from the hospital this morning.

Vigil For Firebug Continues At UNC

CHAPEL HILL — Officers and student volunteers continued a vigil over the University of North Carolina campus today in the wake of seven suspected arson fires and an attempted eighth.

Police Capt. William D. Blake reported last night a teen-aged boy was being questioned in connection with the fires which occurred during a 30-hour span. The worst blaze caused an estimated \$150,000 damage to the building housing the university's communications center.

Earlier, police had picked up a 14-year-old boy, a psychiatric patient at Memorial Hospital here, for questioning. Police said they would probably question him further.

While they were interrogating the boy yesterday a minor fire of incendiary nature broke out at the intern's headquarters at the hospital.

Last night a graduate student, Owen Leland of Charleston, S. C., reported he discovered two pianos soaked with fuel oil in basement practice rooms of Hill Music Hall.

Leland had been maintaining a watch in the music hall building when he thought he smelled a peculiar odor downstairs. He said he went down and found the two pianos soaked with fuel oil.

WATCH KEPT

Three of the fires occurred in the campus maintenance employees and law enforcement officers were alerted by student volunteers last night in maintaining a watch over the university buildings.

The Chapel Hill studio of the station will be unable to telecast until repairs are made, but programs will continue over Channel 17 from the Greensboro and Raleigh studios. Because of equipment limitations, the station was forced to cancel plans to televise the speech tomorrow night by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

French Hope For U.S. Aid

PARIS — French economic expert Jean Monnet will fly to Washington tonight with high hopes of raising most of half a billion dollars France needs in 1958 to set up a drive for financial stability.

Monnet will not ask for direct aid from the United States. Officials here realize that probably will not be obtained at this time.

But he is likely to ask postponement of interest payments due on existing French debts to the U. S. government and the Export-Import Bank. And he will raise all the foreign credits he can from international institutions where American good will may largely influence success.

To gain that good will Monnet stated a briefcase with evidence he hopes will show that French inflation is at an end and financing can now be managed through savings instead of inflation.

Defendant Is Facing 2nd Charge

By JULIAN SCHEER and BILL HUGHES
News Staff Writers

ROCKINGHAM — The end has come to a lifetime of crime for Frank Edward Wetzel, the cool and confident slayer of a State Highway Patrol officer.

Today he goes to Raleigh and the gates of Central Prison close behind him.

He will never walk free again.

A Richmond County jury deliberated for three tense hours yesterday before finding him guilty of first degree murder. They recommended life imprisonment—not the gas chamber—for the unprovoked gunning of Pte. W. L. Reece on the night of Nov. 5.

"I don't think I should have been convicted," was the killer's only post-trial comment.

NEW TRIAL

But today Wetzel was greeted with the fact that he will be brought to trial for the shooting of Pte. J. T. Brown which took place near Sanford less than an hour after the Reece murder.

Also hanging over the head of the 36-year-old veteran of crime are charges from his native New York State where he was about to begin serving life for a parole violation when he broke out of a mental institution. He is a lifetime loser in New York State.

Wetzel was outwardly calm and unruffled when he heard Judge J. A. Rousseau had down the mandatory life sentence on the jury's recommendation.

When asked if he had anything to say before the sentence, Wetzel stood and faced the bench, saying, "Everyone in this state has been real nice to me and I appreciate it."

Then Judge Rousseau passed sentence and set an appearance bond at \$33,000. Wetzel's court-appointed attorney, John Thomas Page Jr., said he will file notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court Monday. However, Page said today he did not know whether he will perfect (complete) the appeal.

The courtroom, jammed to overflowing, greeted the jury's verdict with an outburst of disapproving pleasure at the jury's recommendation.

There was a sigh of relief that the four-day trial was over, a few handclaps and cheers, but most of the demonstrators were tense.

Wetzel smiled at the decision and later shook hands with a few well-wishers.

Mrs. Reece, the attractive Welsh widow of the late State Highway Patrolman, collapsed and was carried to the lawyers' room to the left of the bench.

All afternoon she hid out in a small room, wrapped in a red coat, awaiting the decision, occasionally reading "To Live Again," the inspirational book by Catherine Marshall.

As the minutes passed and the tension mounted, she cried and sobbed uncontrollably.

Technically, Wetzel could be set free today.

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Today's Weather FAIR and WARMER

Sunny and mild today. Cooler Sunday with a chance of rain late Sunday.

Low this morning — 28
Low tomorrow morning — 34
High today — 39
High tomorrow — 49
Sunrise today 7:32 a. m.; sunset today 5:30 p. m.

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