

Man Held In Estranged Wife's Death

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Nomination Approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate Judiciary Subcommittee today approved President Eisenhower's nomination of Gordon M. Tiffany to be staff director of the Civil Rights Commission. Tiffany is a former attorney general of New Hampshire.

Election Date Set

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's King Paul today signed a decree dissolving Parliament and paving the way for a general election May 11.

Union Demands

DETROIT (AP) — The International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE) teamed up with Walter P. Reuther today in demanding profit sharing from General Motors Corp.

Carrier Damaged

NEW YORK (AP) — The aircraft carrier Corregidor suffered a crack in her hull in heavy seas in the Atlantic last night. She took in some water but was reported in no immediate danger of sinking.

Trouble Continues

NEW YORK (AP) — The 21-year-old son of Humorist S. J. Perelman, in trouble repeatedly since the age of 15, was arrested again early today in attempted rape and robbery attacks on two women. After the arrest, officers quoted Adam (Wee) Perelman as saying he was the victim of a "compulsion."

Red Boss Visits

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev flew to Budapest today and said the Soviet Union and Hungary are firmly united against the "imperialists."

10,000 Greet Pope

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Pius XII held a Holy Week general audience for more than 10,000 persons in St. Peter's Basilica today as many more thousands of tourists and pilgrims gathered in Rome for Easter.

Passage Legalized

GENEVA (AP) — A new principle of international law was approved today, in effect legalizing passage of Israeli ships through Arab waters to Israel's southern port of Eilat.

Police Say Shooting Admitted

SALISBURY (AP) — Police quoted a Purple Heart veteran as saying he pumped four shots into his estranged wife in the kitchen of her home here early today.

Mrs. Janet McCall Yates, 40, was pronounced dead on arrival at a Salisbury hospital after an ambulance answered a call from her husband, Adam Wesley Yates, 44, a food department employee of the Veterans Administration Hospital here.

STORY OF SHOOTING

Police Chief David Shuler said Yates, a master sergeant in the Army Reserves and a veteran of World War II, gave this story:

Using a .22 caliber, nine shot revolver, he shot his wife four times in her kitchen and then called an ambulance from a nearby pay station.

He then went to the home of a friend, Mrs. Lucila Landreth, and told her he had shot his wife. He left the revolver there and departed.

Chief Shuler said an alarm was broadcast for Yates who was picked up in High Point at 3 a.m., about an hour after the shooting, and returned to Salisbury. He said the revolver contained five bullets.

The couple, which had three grown children, has been separated some time.

19 Flee Gastonia

Boarding House Fire

GASTONIA (AP) — Nineteen persons escaped safely early today when fire destroyed a 16-room, two-story boarding house here.

Two roomers were injured when they jumped from windows. They were William Ray Norton, a construction worker, who suffered a cut hand when he broke out a window pane before leaping, and Cecil Barnett, who suffered burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. West, who own the boarding house said it was covered by \$25,000 insurance.

Firemen said cause of the fire was not determined immediately.

NEW MODELS DUE

NEW YORK (AP) — The age of wood has come to an end on the city transit system—well, almost. The last 50 all-wooden cars, used on an elevated line in Brooklyn, will be retired on April 11. They were built in 1904. Replacing them will be four new cars built in 1905-06.



20th Century Family Portrait

Mrs. Rubel Burleson, 41, is shown in a hospital bed in Isola, Miss., following the birth of her 20th child. She is surrounded by other members of her brood and Father Burleson (checked shirt, center). All births were of single children.

Rebel Backers Continue Fast

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Ten Cuban rebel sympathizers continued a hunger strike today. Twenty-two others were out in bond after an anti-Batista demonstration at a Miami railroad station.

The hunger strikers are encamped in the lobby of television station WTVT. The management said they may stay as long as they are orderly.

The hunger strike will continue the Cubans said, until 26 other rebel supporters are released from jail at Brownsville, Tex., where they are held on charges of arming troops in the Gulf of Mexico and being involved in a conspiracy to overthrow the U. S. Neutrality Act.

In another development, a cache of more than 100 hand grenades was found in a Biscayne Blvd. office by sheriff's deputies. Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly said the office was rented to two rebel sympathizers already in jail in connection with discovery last week of 600 sticks of dynamite in an apartment.

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Frequent Clashes

Rebels Cut Cuban Communications

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — Fidel Castro's rebels cut off communications to Santiago today and his patrols clashed with government forces in other sectors in the war against President Fulgencio Batista.

Rebels clashed frequently with Batista's troops around Manzanillo and Bayamo. The army reported 16 rebels killed in the last 24 hours.

In Pinar del Rio province in western Cuba, rebels shot and wounded Pedro Acosta Cusi, secretary general of the transportation union, as he entered his home. A woman neighbor also was wounded.

Castro launched his offensive by stepping up attacks on transport and communications in Cuba's easternmost Oriente province, where his 16-month-old guerrilla war is strongest.

Communications continued to be normal outside Oriente. Havana businesses operated as usual. Batista's troops and police, on a most continuous alert for months, braced to meet the rebel threat.

Castro supporters said total war against Batista would be extended to the rest of Cuba after midnight Saturday, the rebel deadline for the President to quit.

LINES CUT

Roving rebel bands cut telegraph lines to Santiago, fired upon transport moving in the area and spread oil and nails on the roads. Most bus and rail workers stopped work around Santiago and highways were almost deserted.

Rebels blew up eight high-voltage towers in the province and turned a Sinclair Oil Co. gasoline tank trailer. Clashes between government troops and rebels were reported near Santiago, Varadero and Holguin.

The 21-year-old rebel leader plans to call a general strike, some sugar mill employees in Oriente province already have joined transport workers in walkouts.

Batista obtained from Congress further dictatorial powers for 45 days.

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Evening Prayer

Our Father, we humble ourselves before thee because we have fallen short of the qualifications required of ambassadors for Christ. Forgive us, Father, and help us to fit ourselves for the great task as ambassadors for Him in this world. We ask in His blessed name. Amen.

Sees Need For Subs, Bombers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower asked Congress for an extra \$1,455,747,000 in defense appropriations, mainly to acquire B52 bombers and build more missile-firing submarines.

His request was in the form of a memorandum to the House Appropriations Committee asking for an increase of that amount in the defense budget for the year starting July 1. If granted, this would boost fiscal 1959 defense appropriations beyond 40 billion dollars. Of the amount requested, 218 million would be for the Army, 180 million for outer space research programs, 206 million to build two additional Polaris-firing submarines, and \$183 million to build more big bombers and plane refueling tankers.

FASTER WORK

The Army's allotment would be used mainly to speed up missile programs. A large share of the Navy's money would be for anti-submarine warfare programs.

Mr. Eisenhower said today the Soviet Union's nuclear test ban announcement is just a gimmick which should not be taken seriously.

Eisenhower told a news conference that evaluation does not mean, however, we should stop trying to find a common ground for agreement with the Soviet Union.

REPEATED EFFORTS

He recalled repeated U. S. efforts over the years seeking agreement with the Soviet Union in the disarmament, nuclear test and other fields.

And he said we should keep on trying to win agreement. The President said he does not believe there is any justification for labeling the U. S. position a negative one just because it is being firm in the interest of the United States and the rest of the world.

Eisenhower was in a cheerful, jaunty mood at the conference. He also dealt with these other matters:

Recession — Eisenhower said new government must give careful thought to the idea of an anti-recession tax cut. He

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Today's Weather

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Air View Shows Flooded Town Of Alviso, Calif.

California Climate

Rain Cuts Roads, Floods Village

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Without time to mop up after one heavy drenching, much of California braced for another today. Rivers were already brimming, lowlands flooded and coastal highways cut by slides.

A combination of high tide and overflow from the Guadalupe River forced evacuation last night of some 600 residents of Alviso, one of the state's oldest and traditionally one of its wettest communities.

Thirty families stood their soggy ground in the town at the southern end of San Francisco Bay. The rest moved into hotels and Red Cross shelters in the nearby San Jose area. A number of Alviso homes were flooded.

Besides the Guadalupe, seven other rivers were handfull or overflowing — the Kaweah, St. Johns, San Joaquin, Fresno, Salinas, Chowchilla and Carmel valleys.

The Weather Bureau said a new storm would hit the northern half of the state today. Gale warnings were up from Monterey, 100 miles south of San Francisco, to the Oregon coast.

Twenty-four hour rainfall by 2 a.m. today measured 1.40 inches at San Francisco, 1.63 at Fort Bragg, 1.51 at Sacramento, 1.52 at Santa Maria, 1.02 at Los Angeles and 1.08 at Fresno.

The Fresno River and its tributaries crested last night and began slowly dropping today after flooding an estimated 4,000 acres of farm land in the Central Valley southeast of San Francisco.

With the snow level down to 2,800 feet in the high Sierra, there was fear that the new rainstorm or a sudden warming would bring new flood threats from melting snow.

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CONGRESSIONAL ACTION MAY BE NEEDED

Families Face Long Wait On Jet Claim

By JULIAN SCHEER

News Staff Writer

The Ledford and White families, burned out of their homes by a jet crash Saturday, today faced the possibility of a long delay in getting reimbursement for the loss of personal belongings.

Air Force officials said they are prepared to process claims as soon as possible, but the procedure gives little hope for a quick payment. There is the prospect Congressional action will be required if the claim amounts to more than \$1,000.

Grace A. Ledford, head of one of the two families involved, told The News he may retain the services of an attorney in filing his claims with the Air Force.

He also said he was lead to believe that the Air Force would possibly pay a "fair market value" for his burned property and "if I don't see how I can replace our losses on what

some of the property was worth at the time of the crash."

CLAIMS BASE

Capt. J. S. Robinson, Shaw Air Force Base public information officer, said today, "Shaw Air Force Base has been designated the base processing the claims arising from the crash of a jet trainer near Charlotte on March 29, 1958."

"Lt. R. D. Guy, assistant claims officer from this base, was in Charlotte on April 1 and spoke to the claimants. He explained the base process the claims must follow. The claims form must be submitted to the Shaw Air Force Base claims officer and will be checked there to see if it is complete. If it is, it will then be forwarded to Warner-Robbins air material area for processing. If the claim amounts to more than \$1,000, congressional action will be required."

Mr. Ledford said the claim would amount to more than \$1,000, for the nine members of the family furnished an eight-room home and had two fully equipped kitchens and large quantity of other personal property.

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LONG PROCESS

Air Force procedure would be for the Secretary of the Air Force to request payment to Congress through the budget bureau. The Air Force is authorized to pay claims of \$1,000 or less.

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AGENTS IMPRESSED BY NUMBERS

Wheat Rebels Halt Survey

MINNEVA, Ohio (AP) — Four Federal crop surveyors were rebuffed by 200 "wheat rebels" when they came to measure wheat acreage on a Columbus County farm owned by Dr. P. Scott Whiteheader.

Whiteheader, a Minerva physician who farms a side-line, has been waging a long fight against federal wheat controls. He is the president of the Independent Farmers of Ohio. He owes the government \$530 in penalties and costs for overplanting his wheat in two previous seasons on his 150-acre farm.

The agents took one look yesterday at the milling crowd bearing picket signs and drove away.

A spokesman, Rodney A. Bell of Ashley, said he would report the incident to Dave T. Herrmann, chief of the Ohio Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee in Columbus.

DIDN'T HELP THEM

A sign in the Whiteheader yard warns Dept. of Agriculture employees to keep their distance. "I didn't make it convenient for them," Whiteheader said of yesterday's attempt to survey his acreage.

The crowd of farmers — numbering 213 who came here in 98 cars — kept the agents off the property. Finally Whiteheader himself approached. Bell got out of his automobile and introduced himself and announced his intention to make the survey.

"I sure as Sam H'll protest that," said Whiteheader. "Do you refuse?" Bell asked. "I refuse with all the determination at my command."

Whiteheader's supporters convinced the federal agents — for the time being anyway. The next step may be a federal court injunction against Whiteheader.

Some of the picket sign legends included: "Keep Benson and vote out the control-minded congressmen." "25 years of government farming is too much." "Take the police powers away from the ASG."