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—STABBING FATAL TO UNDERWORLD FIGURE—

Lana Turner's Daughter Kills Mom's Suitor



LANA TURNER

HOLLYWOOD — Actress Lana Turner's 14-year-old daughter last night killed a handsome underworld figure romantically linked with her mother. Police said brown-haired Cheryl Crane plunged a knife into the abdomen of husky Johnny Stompanato, 42, in a pink-carpeted bedroom of Miss Turner's home.

Stompanato died instantly. Beverly Hills Police Chief Clinton Anderson said he was told that Cheryl stabbed Stompanato after he threatened her 30-year-old mother in a stormy scene in the glamorous blonde movie star's bedroom. Cheryl, serene, and her mother, sobbing, were taken to the Beverly Hills station. Miss Turner's second husband and Cheryl's father, Stephen Crane, met them there.

Cheryl was booked on suspicion of murder and then turned over to juvenile authorities. She was given sedation and held overnight at the jail.

THE STORY

Anderson said Cheryl and her mother told him this story: Stompanato, who returned from an Acapulco, Mexico, vacation with Miss Turner March 19, went to her home last night and started beating her.

Cheryl went to the kitchen, picked up a 10-inch butcher knife and returned to the bedroom.

"You don't have to take that, mama," Cheryl said.

Then she stabbed Stompanato, pulled the knife out of his body and laid it on a coffee table.

Stompanato fell dead at the foot of a king-size bed.

Miss Turner telephoned her mother, Mrs. John Turner, and asked her to send a doctor.

Cheryl telephoned her father.

NOT WELCOME

Chief Anderson said: "It seems that Stompanato had been unwelcome in the Turner home and resisted every effort of Miss Turner to discourage his attentions and to leave the house."

The five-times married actress has been seen in Hollywood night spots many times with Stompanato, but on their return from Acapulco she insisted there was nothing to reports of romance between them.

Cheryl came home from Hollywood Valley School on Ojai, Calif.



CHERYL CRANE

River Rages

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — A major break in the San Joaquin River levee today that sent water spilling over several thousand acres of rich ranch land was reported by Stanislaus County Sheriff Dan Kelsay.

Hungary On Own

STALINVAROS, Hungary — (AP) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev warned Hungarian Communists today that if a new revolt comes they must not depend on Russian help.

Workers Strike

OSLO — (AP) — A strike of municipal workers halted all street cars and many suburban trains today. The strike is not expected to be felt seriously until Tuesday.

Gold Bars Found

PARIS — (AP) — A missing shipment of gold bars worth about \$45,000 has turned up in Tel Aviv, police sources said today.

The gold was put aboard a plane from Paris to Teheran last Tuesday and failed to arrive there.

Europe Shivers

LONDON — (AP) — Much of western Europe shivered today on a chilly Easter weekend. Heavy grey skies, sleet and rain kept families by their firesides.

Carrier Limp In

PONTA DELGADA, Azores — (AP) — The battered U. S. aircraft carrier Corregidor limped today to land four crewmen injured in Atlantic storms Tuesday and to make repairs.

5 Die In Crash

EUGENE, Ore. — (AP) — A trip to a high school dance ended in death for five persons when their car collided head on with a Greyhound bus last night. The victims were three young men and two girls. Nine of the 25 persons aboard the bus were injured, none seriously.

Chinese Grown

TAIPEI, Formosa — (AP) — President Chiang Kai-shek today indicated Nationalist China might sever diplomatic relations with Japan if Tokyo grants full rights to a Communist Chinese trade mission.

Airliner Safe

SHANNON, Ireland — (AP) — A Dutch KLM airliner carrying 38 persons from Amsterdam to Montreal failed early today in a second attempt to fly the Atlantic when one engine quit. It landed safely here.

Driver Killed

AUGUSTA, Ga. — (AP) — Jack M. Gregory, 26, of Langley, S. C., was killed early today when his car left U. S. 1 across the Savannah River in South Carolina and plunged down an embankment.

HIT ON TV

NEW YORK — (AP) — Former President Harry Truman will be the guest on the "Youth Wants To Know" program on NBC-TV Sunday, May 4.

MURROW, MAURICE

NEW YORK — (AP) — Maurice Chevalier will talk with Edward R. Murrow on CBS-TV's "Person To Person" show April 18 at 10:30 p.m. EST.



(AP Photos)

Suit For Traveling

This dummy clothed in a protection suit to be worn by the world's first real "space man" is prepared for windblast tests at Edwards Air Force Base in California. It is mounted on a sled at a high speed experimental track. Test Pilot Scott Crossfield will wear the suit in an outer space cruise early next year in the rocket-powered X15 plane.

Rain Washes Out Sunrise Service

The 31st annual community Easter Sunrise service at Freedom Park has been cancelled. Scheduled for tomorrow at 6 a.m., the service was called off late yesterday by Dr. Herbert Spangh, chairman of the Lenten and Easter Committee of the Mecklenburg Christian Ministerial Association, which was in charge of the event.

Dr. Spangh, who is one of the founders of this event, said the cancellation was caused by the sooty condition of Freedom Park and its amphitheater, plus prospects of continued rain tomorrow.

NOT PRACTICAL

"We hate to do it like everything," he said, "but it appears that it is just not practical."

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, was the scheduled speaker, and music was to have come from massed bands and choral groups from city schools.

Dr. Spangh said Park and Recreation officials had informed him even if good weather prevails today, the park and parking area would be too muddy to accommodate the anticipated crowd.

The head of Charlotte's Moravian Little Church On the Lane pointed out "we think the community reaction would be much more favorable if we cancelled service if we went through with it."

He said he could remember only two occasions when the service was not held out of doors in the

All's Quiet As Easter Dominates

By LARRY ALLEN

HAVANA — (AP) Fidel Castro's "total, implacable war" against Cuban President Fulgencio Batista began today as a war of nerves.

The government, which relatively calm, the big push "to be free or to perish"—as Castro put it in his declaration of war against the strongman President — may not come until after Easter holidays end Monday morning.

Some rebel sources in Havana claim the Catholic Church has been friendly to the 31-year-old rebel leader's cause and he would not want to antagonize the Catholic hierarchy by open attacks during religious celebrations.

There was also no sign of Castro's long-threatened call for a general strike. Rumors in Havana said the head of the insurgent leader would issue the call from his mountain hideout on Tuesday.

MUCH HELP

Castro claims 50,000 supporters would then pour into the streets, halt all commerce and do battle with the police and the army.

But the government, with the backing of the powerful Cuban Confederation of Labor, has vowed there will be no strike. Workers have been authorized to kill anyone who urges them to walk off their jobs. Those who strike will lose their jobs permanently. Employers have been threatened with jail if they close down their businesses.

Castro's declaration of war went into effect at one minute past midnight — but not a shot was heard in downtown Havana at that time and there were no reports of stepped-up rebel activity from anywhere in Cuba.

A PLEDGE

Castro had pledged: "From this instant on, the country is in a state of total war against the tyranny of Batista. The war will be waged implacably, with scattered showers or thunderstorms, high gay mood. Streets, highways and hotels were almost deserted. Rebel sympathizers, who claimed they had arms stashed away in buildings in almost every street in this capital, awaited orders from Castro's stronghold in the Sierra Maestra of Oriente province on Cuba's eastern tip. Batista sent out bedded police patrols to keep the peace.

The rebels' determination was matched by confidence in the Batista camp which verged on cockiness. The 57-year-old former army sergeant, who has dominated Cuban politics for almost half his lifetime, had 30,000 men under arms.

Batista's military leaders had no doubt they could wipe out Castro's 2,000 or so mountain guerrillas—if only they would come out of the backwoods for an open fight.

Two rebel columns totaling about 1,000 men have been abouting up transportation and communications in Oriente for the past few days. But they have held them in a full-scale assault on the 5,000 troops garrisoned in the provincial capital of Salgado.



FIDEL CASTRO

Navy Launches Missile Sub

PORTSMOUTH, N. H. — (AP) — This is launching day for the USS Growler, the Navy's second guided missile submarine.

The Growler, built at the Naval Shipyard here, will be armed with Regulus II, a versatile missile with range exceeding 1,000 miles and speed of about 1,000 m.p.h.

The weapon coupled with the submarine's mobility means the Growler could deliver a nuclear blow nearly anywhere in the world.

Mrs. Robert K. Byrte of Los Angeles, widow of Cmdr. T. B. Oakley, who commanded the first Growler when she was lost in 1944 on her eleventh war patrol, is sponsor of the craft. A previous commander gave his life to save the old Growler. He was Cmdr. Howard W. Gilmore who, seriously wounded on the bridge in action with the Japanese, ordered "Take her down!" The order was obeyed.

The new Growler is a 2,500-ton craft, 317 feet long, diesel-electric driven and until it comes to Regulus II, essentially of World War II type.

Joseph Benjamin Ivey, founder of the J. B. Ivey mercantile store, was laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery.

Death came yesterday to the man who was widely known for his church work as a Methodist layman, his love of flowers, his world travels and his writings.

Officiating ministers at the 3:30 p.m. funeral today at First Methodist Church were Dr. Kenneth I. Goodson, pastor of the church; the Rev. H. Glenn Lanier, associate pastor; and the Rev. Howard C. Wilkinson, chaplain for Duke University at Durham.

Mr. Ivey, who was 53, died at 1:30 a.m. yesterday in a local hospital. He had been in declining health for three years.

He was born June 8, 1894, in Shelby, the fifth child of eight of the Rev. George Washington Ivey and Selma Richard Neal Ivey. His father, a Methodist circuit rider for 30 years, died at his home in Granite Falls in 1902.

After 10 years of working as a clerk, and later manager of stores in Benwood, Newton, Henrietta and Caroleen, he began the store in Charlotte.

Mr. Ivey rented a small store in the second block on Tryon St. and opened his store Feb. 18, 1900. The first day sales amounted to \$33.18.

He and his brother George were co-owners, but his brother was not active in the business. By 1924 the company had moved to the corner of N. Tryon and W. 5th Sts.

Three programs of expansion have taken place, in 1939, 1950 and last year.

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Also surviving are eight grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren, and a stepdaughter, Mrs. C. Wilkinson of Mount Airy.

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Eddie Doesn't Pass First Driving Test

CINCINNATI — (AP) — Eddie Stanky was driving solo for the first time yesterday. The trip was short but damaging.

Eddie released the brake on his father's car. It rolled fast down a steep driveway and across the street and snapped off a telephone pole, damaging the car's back end.

Eddie, age 3, was not hurt.

—STRICTLY POLITICAL—

Tempo Quicker, Plot Thicker

to be a really potent factor in the Congressional race.

THE WOMEN have been busy. The nucleus of the Democratic Women's Club, purportedly an impartial group, is solidly behind just one candidate in the Senate race. They have picked Rep. J. Spencer Bell as their boy and are ignoring all others.

A meeting of about 30 key women was held this week in Eastover and each received a mimeographed pledge to sign. Bell and that they'd get ten others to sign up, these ten would get ten more.

(Sen. and Mrs. Bell attended.)

—YOUTHS BURN TRESTLE—

New Initiation Rite: Arson

DENVER — (AP) — Juvenile gangs in Colorado have a new and fearful initiation rite: arson.

Capt. E. William Crawford, state fire marshal, said today that teen-agers wanting to join gangs must first set a fire.

"Investigation of most recent arson cases has uncovered the practice," he said. "Those we caught admitted that in order to gain gang membership they were told to set a fire."

Some of the fires have been costly. One of these was the burning of a Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad trestle in February. It caused \$50,000 damage and disrupted rail traffic for hours.

"That was one of the big ones," Crawford said. "And the youngsters admitted they wanted to be members of a gang."

A group of teen-agers in Douglas County south of Denver recently roved through a resort area setting the torch to summer cabins.

"They wanted to qualify for

gang membership too," Crawford said.

Two of the state's largest fires in recent months both were of suspicious origin, he said. One, an early morning blaze, gutted a large plumbing supply firm in Pueblo, and the others destroyed a horse and dog when the stables of the swank Broadmoor Hotel near Colorado Springs were gutted.

One standard method used by teen-agers involves use of a cigarette and a book of matches, Crawford said. Others are set in traditional style with oil-soaked rags or newspapers.

Crawford said his staff of experts is kept busy running down youth arson cases, but they have now a headway in recent months through constantly improving detection techniques.

"It's a tough problem," Crawford said, "and with the gang angle, a new one. They keep us busy."

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10 In Family Die In Fire

JERSEY SHORE, Pa. — (AP) — Ten members of a family, including eight children, were killed today in a fire and explosion which destroyed their two-story frame house on the outskirts of town.

The victims were Clarence Flook, 34, a truck driver, his eight children and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Maude Blair, 62. Mrs. Flook got out of the house suffering only slight burns.

A neighbor said he saw the family gathered at a second story window during the height of the blaze and tried to set a ladder.

"A bureau fell in front of the window," said Herman Seichrist. "That's the last anyone saw of them."

Fire Chief Richard Edwards said the house was completely enveloped in flames when firemen arrived. It burned to the ground. He said Flook's charred body was found holding two of his children. The bodies of his other children, ranging in age from 15 months to 16 years, and their grandmother, were found dead around him.

Edwards said he did not know who caused the explosion and fire, and had not had a chance to talk with Mrs. Flook. She was staying with friends.

The home was in a residential section on the outskirts of this north-central Pennsylvania community.

The children, five boys and three girls, were Barry, 16, Bonnie, 14, Terry, 10, Susan, 8, Kenneth, 6, Ruth, 5, Richard, 2, and William, 15 months.

Third Man's Theme May Ruin Robber

DEVER — (AP) — Only three persons were in the branch office of the Silver State Savings and Loan Assn. when two men robbed it of \$8,000.

One was the branch manager, a second was a teller. The third was a portrait artist, who sketched the robbers' portraits for police a few minutes later.

The robbers are being hunted.

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