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## Many Americans Aboard 99 LOST IN AIRPLANE CRASH



### Damages Paid

CAIRO — (AP) — Finance Minister Hassan Abbas Zaky announced today that France has agreed to pay Egypt 20 million pounds (\$57,400,000) compensation for damage inflicted in the 1956 British-French landings at Suez.

### Union Curbs Hit

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House Labor Committee today refused to consider legislation putting new curbs on unions. The decision left the way open for a floor fight Monday. Some members are talking of bringing up at that time a Senate-passed bill.

### Police Nab Pair

LONDON, Ohio — (AP) — Two Baltimore, Md., men identified as the pair who held an elderly spinster and her nephew hostage in their farm home for more than 10 hours, surrendered meekly to London police officers today.

### Pullout In Korea

TOKYO — (AP) — Peiping Radio today said 100,000 Chinese Communist troops have been withdrawn from North Korea since July 11. According to western estimates, that would leave 170,000 still to go.

### 4 Die In Creek

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — (AP) — Flood waters, rolling over much of Pennsylvania last night, took the lives of four persons in a raging creek. Two were children. The four were trapped by the torrent as they tried to make their way home across Conewago Creek in a tractor.

### Huge Payment

ST. LOUIS — (AP) — Mrs. Florence Tott Bettendorf has been granted a divorce and awarded gross alimony of \$1,175,000 from Joseph Bettendorf, St. Louis supermarket executive. Bettendorf will transfer \$1,175,000 in cash to her and pay \$12,000 a year for the support of four children.



Littlejohn-Leans On A Rake, Talks To Reporter First Day Out Of Office.

## Chief Clowns For Friends, Weeps Inside For Himself

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Frank N. Littlejohn, a tough police officer, faced his hardest task in 30 years yesterday — and for just a few seconds he lost a fight with his emotions. Hours earlier a split City Council had relieved him of his job and he was telling his men goodbye for the last time. His small office stripped nearly bare, the veteran police chief got up to leave for good at 4 p.m.

He didn't look back into the office after he walked out. It looked as if he was afraid of what might happen and he didn't want people to think of this as a sad thing and the end of Frank Littlejohn.

He opened the door to the captain's office near the chief's door and walked in.

GOODBYE SAID  
Sgt. Jack Wallace got up and grabbed the chief's hand and said, "I've enjoyed every minute of it, chief."

Officers Tom Griffin and John Henry told him goodbye and

tears quickly filled Littlejohn's eyes.

He wiped his eyes dry and started joking with his men. He walked quickly out the door and was met by newspaper photographers.

For them, he clowned. He climbed into his 1949 Ford station wagon and started up the motor. He posed for the photographers and said, "I

thought you all were finished with me. I'm just an old man."

FOOTLOOSE MAN  
He stuck his head, topped by a big straw hat, out the car window and laughed. "I'm footloose and fancy free."

One of the police officers with wet eyes looked at Littlejohn and said, "I

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## Young Speculator Fails To Corner Token Market

NEW YORK — (AP) — A youth with a \$5,000 bank account started out to corner the market in subway tokens, it has been disclosed.

The 18-year-old boy decided subway fares, now 15 cents, were going up. He began buying with the idea of selling them later at a higher price.

He bought small lots, some from change booth to change booth in Brooklyn. Curious Transit Authority police stopped him about the time his pants pockets bulged with hundreds of dollars worth of tokens.

Subway authorities, who withheld his name, advised him that if the fare went up there would be no profit in tokens no longer valid.

They promised to buy back his bagful at the going rate.

--'WE SURE WON'T MISS HIM'--

## Texans Applaud Shooting Of Town's Police Chief

BOYD, Tex. — (AP) — A sal-ten, jeering crowd of men and boys dispersed early today after gathering in front of the city hall to cheer the shooting of the town's police chief.

The uneasy crowd, numbering about 200, gathered after Police Chief Lee Cockrell was wounded seriously in a gunfight that erupted when he tried to arrest three young men.

Cockrell, 47, was shot in the right arm and twice in the back. He was in a serious condition today in a Fort Worth hospital, about 27 miles southeast of here.

Joe Henderson, 21, was shot in the left arm and was re-

ported in fair condition at an Arle, Tex., clinic.

Accounts of the quick action gun battle varied and Wise County Sheriff Carl Ramsey was investigating. Ramsey said last night he was holding in "temporary custody" Orville Lee Peet, 22, and Warren Sautters, 23.

WARLIKE MOB  
Ramsey kept a wary eye on the milling 200 men, half the town's total population, and said the mob had the "makings of a young war."

He and other officers on the scene made no attempt to disperse the crowd as its members shouted approval for the police chief's wounds.

"I hope he's dead," cried a voice in the mob.

"We sure won't miss him," echoed another voice.

Officers — highway patrolmen and county lawmen — said the crowd started gathering after the town's two remaining officers strode down the street with shotguns under their arms.

Ramsey said his probe so far had revealed that three "boys" were "raising sand with Mayor W. B. Horn over police actions here."

Cockrell said he and a patrolman answered a disturbance call in the vicinity of the Horn residence. The chief said after

his patrol car and the one occupied by the trio met, everybody dismounted. One of the trio, he said, leveled a shotgun at the patrolman.

GUN DRAWN  
Cockrell said he drew his pistol and ordered the man to drop his gun.

Although Cockrell said it wasn't his first draw a gun, he said it was Henderson who shot him. Both the chief and the patrolman opened fire then, he said.

Henderson told a reporter that he was standing in front of a station wagon and saw the

## Talk Hints New Blood For Council

By JULIAN SCHEER  
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The present controversies in City Recorder's Court and yesterday's relief of ex-Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn has focused early attention on local spring elections.

The seven-member Charlotte City Council is the center of much interest in some circles. The News learned today that there has been increasing talk of a "citizens ticket" for the council, but no definite plans have been formulated. What has transpired is talk — but it has increased greatly over the past few weeks.

It is not unusual for talk of a "ticket" here in the spring, but the controversy swirling about the heads of at least four council members has brought it out earlier than usual. Of course, some members of the council usually run on a "ticket" of their own. But the talk here in recent days is of a slate of seven candidates who would run as a team. No members of the present council appeared to be a part of it, although it is much too early to announce a lineup.

There is another facet to the informal talks. When he announced his intention of resigning, Chief Littlejohn himself said he was going to do some "politicizing."

He said he wanted to "let people know what is going on" in the city.

There is no indication that he personally would be a candidate for office. The talk of a "citizens ticket" started before Littlejohn's statement. There are several independent factions talking of such a move and Littlejohn was apparently talking only for himself.

Several prominent citizens have been "approached" to see if they were interested. The talk has been on a non-partisan basis and some of the solicitation has been by both Republicans and Democrats. Council candidates ran for office without party tags.

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## Evening Prayer

O gracious God, how well we know that we cannot save ourselves. Knowing this, we reach out our hands for Thy help. When the light is dim, when our faith is weak, and our courage fails, then grant us, increasing by the light of Thy presence, inward faith and courage that will bring us victors in Christ's name. Amen.



MRS. PRESLEY

## Heart Attack Fatal

## Mother Of Singer Elvis Presley Dies

MEMPHIS — (AP) — The mother of famed rock 'n' roll singer Elvis Presley died in a hospital today of an unexpected heart attack. She was 42.

Presley, home on emergency leave from the Army, was asleep at his \$100,000 mansion when she died. His father, Vernon Presley, 43, was doing in her hospital room on a cot.

Vernon Presley said he was aroused at 3 a.m. by his wife "suffering for breath." He called her physician, but she was dead by the time he arrived. Elvis, called from home, said to his knees beside his mother's bed and wept. His father also broke down.

## Dutch Craft Down In Atlantic Ocean

SHANNON, Ireland — (AP) — A KLM airliner with 99 persons aboard was lost over the stormy Atlantic today. Wreckage with semi-inflated life rafts was sighted about 50 miles west of Ireland, and a spokesman for the Dutch air line said the plane must have crashed.

The Super Constellation was flying from Amsterdam to New York, via Shannon, with 91 passengers and 8 crewmen.

The plane is long overdue, said a KLM spokesman at London. "It must be considered to have crashed somewhere on the route."

If the four-engine plane is lost with all hands this will be the worst disaster in the history of commercial aviation involving a single plane.

A passenger list given out by KLM listed about 50 Americans. A Trans World Airways pilot reported encountering a terrific squall in the Atlantic off Ireland. "We hit a very bad squall," said Capt. Everett Wolf after landing in London. "If that KLM plane had engine trouble she really might have been in a bad way."

A Pan American Airways cargo plane over the North Atlantic

heard a SOS signal 450 miles east of Gander, Nfld.

In the flurry of hurried messages between Holland, London and Shannon, numerous times were mentioned for the last moment of contact.

Operatives in the Shannon control tower said, however, that the final contact was 3:40 a.m. (10:40 p.m. Wednesday EST).

They said the big plane roared off the Shannon runway at 2:35 a.m.

London airport broke out an international alert over the Atlantic. Tense messages went out to all planes and ships to look for the plane.

In New York Alvin Levenson, of KLM's traffic and sales department, said over the Idlewild Airport's public address system, "We deeply regret to announce that our aircraft is still missing."

A listener shrieked. Others began to weep, and still others awaiting the arrival of relatives and friends heard the news in stunned silence.

## HAD LITTLE

"I like to do what I can for my folks," he said. "We didn't have nothin' before, nothin' but a hard way to go."

When possible, he moved his parents to wherever show business or the Army took him.

He just enjoyed having his family around," said Elvis. "I don't look at it as just a duty—something I ought to do to love them and I like them and I like to have them around. They can't be replaced. They're all I've got in the world."

Elvis is the Presley's only child. He was born a twin. His brother died in infancy. Mrs. Presley was in good spirits before her death. She felt well and talked most of yesterday with her husband and son.

## Council Did Wrong By Littlejohn

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## The Brighter Side

## This Time Robbers Took Kitchen Sink

(FROM AP REPORTS)  
The old proverb starts, "Everything but..."

Well, this time the thieves grabbed the kitchen sink. In Winston-Salem, N. C., a house had been broken into and plumbing and hardware valued at \$162 had been stolen.

The items included a bathtub, lavatory, a supply of window weights and — the kitchen sink.

## No Wrong Done

Back in July St. Louis Judge Randolph H. Weber tossed two burlesque dancers in jail for interstate auto theft.

This week he received a letter from them which contained a parody of the "Frankie and

Johnnie" song, and which said, in part, "He sentenced us to a year and a day, and now you hear us sing."

But nowhere did the letter say "he does us wrong."

## Lived Like Star

Freeman Curtis Clawson was no Hollywood star, but police said he certainly lived like one. They accused him of:

Drinking Lana Turner's liquor.

Smoking with James Cagney's pots and pans.

And sleeping on sheets belonging to Marjorie Main.

Clawson was booked on suspicion of stealing more than \$1,700 worth of property from stars' dressing rooms at the studio where he was stationed.

## Our Weather

Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms through Saturday.

Low this morning	70
Low tomorrow morning	70
High today	84
High yesterday	82
High tomorrow	90
Sunrise today	5:42 a.m.
Sunset today	7:13 p.m.

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