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Local Grocer Dies

SUSAN KUYKENDALL



Blast In Amman

AMMAN (AP)—A time bomb exploded today in a building of the Jordanian National Development Board, damaging a wall. None was injured.

Bishop Dies

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Archbishop Theophylact, leader of the 100,000 members of the Greek Orthodox Church in Australia and New Zealand, died today from injuries suffered in an auto accident Thursday.

Fire Claims Four

OSLO (AP)—Four passengers burned to death today when an Oslo street car caught fire. Twenty others were injured.

Freights Collide

SCHERREVILLE, Ind. (AP)—A long New York Central freight train piled into a parked freight near this Northwestern Indiana town early today, derailing nearly three dozen cars and partially blocking traffic on busy U.S. Route 30.

British GI Killed

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—A British serviceman was killed in Nicosia today by unknown gunmen in an apparent reprisal for the killing of two Greek Cypriots.

Iraq Recognized

SAIGON (AP)—South Vietnam has recognized the new republican government of Iraq, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said today.

Convoy Ambushed

ALGIERS (AP)—A French military convoy was ambushed by Nationalist rebels and lost 10 dead and two missing, military sources said today.

Italian Heat Wave

ROME (AP)—Italy sweltered in its worst heat wave of the year today and the weathermen predicted no general relief for at least a week. At least 12 persons have died of sunstroke. Temperatures reached the upper 90s in northern Italy and hit 104 in Rome.

More Fun As Jumble Expands

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Rec Summit Note Sought

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP)—U. S. officials looked today for a quick—and probably favorable—reply from Moscow to the U. S.-British proposal for a U. N. summit conference to begin about Aug. 12.

These authorities said, however, that the exact response of Soviet Premier Khrushchev is more than ordinarily difficult to predict. Because the Russian leader has been confronted with not one but two conflicting summit proposals from the West, these officials say Khrushchev is in a position to pick and choose. French Premier de Gaulle has called for a five power meeting to begin in Geneva Aug. 18—and outside the framework of the United Nations. In the series of exchanges between Western leaders and Khrushchev over the past two weeks, the Soviet Premier at one point agreed to a U. N. Security Council session of heads of government—as advocated by President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Macmillan. But Khrushchev later came out strongly for his original proposal of July 19 for a five-power summit of the type which De Gaulle favors. This Khrushchev is in position to move either way.

NOTE SENT

President Eisenhower's latest move in negotiating for a summit meeting to discuss the tense Middle Eastern situation came yesterday in another note to Khrushchev. In it, Eisenhower said for the first time that if a special session of the U. N. Security Council arranged he will attend "and I hope that you would do likewise."

Eisenhower left open the question of a site, saying that the meeting might be held in some place other than New York City, which is U. N. headquarters. There was much talk that the decision might eventually go to Geneva or possibly another West European city.

PROTECTION READY

Meanwhile, however, U. S. officials charged with security arrangements reported that plans for protecting Khrushchev against possible anti-Communist demonstrations in New York should he go there, were substantially completed.

They estimated that 4,000 to 5,000 police and government security agents would be used. They said also that if Khrushchev made his personal headquarters in a Soviet-owned mansion at Glen Cove, L. I., they hoped he would agree to travel between that point and U. N. headquarters in Manhattan by helicopter. They planned to make several helicopters available to him for this purpose.

In his new reply to Khrushchev, Eisenhower again rejected the Soviet charge that "U. S.-British troop landings in Lebanon and Jordan threatened world peace."

"The problem of the Middle East is not one of a threat of aggression by the United States," Eisenhower wrote, "but rather the threat, by others, of further indirect aggression against independent states. This problem is clearly the responsibility of the United Nations Security Council."

'Stay With It'

Man Who Knows Ends Suicide Try

NEW YORK (AP)—They talked for more than half an hour, just before a George Washington Bridge girder 450 feet below the Hudson River. One man spoke of life and hope, the other of despair and death.

When police noticed Edward Madden, 28, and homeless, climbing up the bridge superstructure yesterday, they failed in all efforts to get him down. They brought a priest to the scene, but his pleas were in vain.

Madden said he was going to jump, adding, "Catherine, she's my wife, we've been separated a year. I have no place to live. I have no children. What do I have to live for?"

Homer K. Wright, 45, of Saddle Brook, N. J., a Port Authority electrician, saw the desperate man high above the teeming traffic, asked and received permission to go up.

The two men talked quietly. "Look, mister," Wright told Madden, "I know what trouble is. My boy has had an open heart since he was a baby."

"He can't play with the other kids. He can't do what they do. Do you know what that means to a father?"

Wright continued: "I know what you are thinking now. I've thought of jumping off the bridge myself. And now I think we're going to save him. He's going to have an operation. Maybe it will work. Things get better. You must have hope."

Madden convinced, slowly made the trip down with Wright. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital for observation.

Said Wright, "I left for the guy's got trouble. I've got it, too. But a man's got to stay with it."

IRAQ APPROVED

LISBON (AP)—The Portuguese government announced today its recognition of the new government of Iraq.

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Officers Reed and McAuley Question Polk

Beirut Rebels, Shehab Confer 50 Deaths Feared In Rio Explosions

By WILTON WYNN
BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—President-elect Fuad Shihab met today with rebel leader Saeb Salam behind a heavy security cordon in a Beirut residential area.

Salam, the commander of rebels in the Beirut area and a spokesman for insurgents all over Lebanon, came from behind the barricades in the Basta Moslem quarter for the first time since the rebellion began May 10.

Witnesses said a crowd cheered Salam as he cleared the home of relatives for the meeting. Shihab arrived a few minutes later.

Salam demanded after Shihab was elected Thursday to become president Sept. 24 that pro-Western President Camille Chamoun step down immediately to make way for Shihab, the nonpolitical commander of the Lebanese army.

Shihab has not used his army against the rebels in more than limited holding actions and reports of the shattering blasts that spread panic over a wide area.

Artur de Vargas Jr., who was in housing development near the scene, described the blasts as "something terrifying and indescribable."

"We got the impression it was the end of the world," Vargas said, "that houses, people, everything would be wiped out in the big catastrophe."

The main blast exploded in the Cambul munition dump in the town of Dooder. Two army regiments are stationed near the dump.

The newspaper Diar al-Nahar quoted President Juscelino Kubitschek as saying the army estimated the damage at one billion cruzeiros (74 million dollars).

The ambassador recalled Secretary of State Dulles' statement Thursday that U. S. forces would leave when a duly constituted Lebanese government asks them.

"Of course, we could pull out unilaterally, but I don't foresee that," the ambassador said.

Adm. James L. Holloway, who also participated in a news conference, denied that there was any political significance in the arrival of more U. S. forces. He said he understood tanks also are on the way but declined to comment.

Lebanese ministers still loyal to Chamoun tried to hold together Premier Sami Solh's cabinet after the finance minister quit.

NO SABOTAGE

An army spokesman said the explosions apparently were caused by spontaneous combustion and ruled out the possibility of sabotage.

City Health Secretary Guillermo Romano said in a radio interview after returning from the disaster scene that "thanks to fast evacuation there apparently will be only a small number of victims."

Authorities estimated during pre-dawn darkness that up to 1,000 persons might have been killed. This was based on the belief that the blasts and fire had swept a nearby housing area. But when the sun came up behind pillars of smoke, authorities said there was a good chance most residents had been evacuated.

The army was credited with saving hundreds of lives by sending soldiers racing through the housing development minutes ahead of flames shooting waxes to rescue families.

President Juscelino Kubitschek, informed almost as soon as the explosions began at 11 last night, ordered hundreds of rescue workers who sped to the scene in a suburb 18 miles from Rio.

A fire began late last night at the Cambul munition dump, where 85 millimeter shells are stored. Gen. Eurral Magalhães, chief of the general staff of the First Military District, withdrew his troops because of the danger.

Military officials apparently felt the fire could be checked and would not spread to the Cambul dump nearby.

Hawaii Jittery After A-Test

HONOLULU (AP)—Hawaiians, who haven't forgotten that they are protesting the firing in introduction they got to the age of atomic missiles yesterday.

A nuclear warhead was sent streaking an estimated four miles high over Johnston Island shortly after midnight. The giant mushroom cloud of its incandescent explosion was visible here, 700 miles northeast, for as long as 10 minutes.

Thousands saw it. As the mushroom cloud reared itself over the horizon after the initial white flash, it turned a sullen red shot with streaks of blue and green. The cloud rose many thousands of feet higher into the stratosphere.

Calls to the police more than quadrupled as alarmed residents asked if Pearl Harbor had been blasted again.

Hawaii's Gov. William F. Quinn asked again for permission to warn the public when such tests are impending. Less tactful protests were heard from others.

The explosion of an Army Redstone capsule of around 300 miles horizontal range and possibly 100 miles in vertical climb, was perhaps the first test of a missile designed to intercept an intercontinental ballistic missile.

When he landed, an old friend, Pete Miller, ran up to the plane and shouted: "What are you doing here?"

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Poker Beating Fatal To R. W. Kuykendall

By JOHN KILGO
News Staff Writer

A 65-year-old grocery store operator was brutally beaten to death with a sharp poker early today inside his small store at the corner of Wilmont and Amay James Rds.

County Police almost immediately arrested a muscular Negro man and charged him with murder.

The body was taken to the County Recorder's Court early next week, probably on Monday.

The dead man was identified by police as Riley Williams Kuykendall of 3614 Wilmont Rd. He owned and operated the Wilmont Service and Grocery Store.

Police arrested Polk after a 13-year-old Negro girl saw him come out of Mr. Kuykendall's store shortly before the body—as discovered at 5:30 a.m.

Polk first denied the slaying but admitted to it after about an hour of questioning by police officers.

EARLY RISING

In an interview with a News reporter, Polk said he set his alarm clock at 3 a.m. and got up and went down to Mr. Kuykendall's store.

"I walked in," Polk said, "and Mr. Kuykendall was standing there crating some eggs."

"I asked him if I could borrow some money and he said he didn't have any to loan right now."

"We talked for a few minutes and then I grabbed him and whirled him around. He stumbled and his head hit the corner of the counter. He started bleeding."

"I picked up the poker and started beating him in the head while he was on the floor. I don't know how many times I hit him. Everything just went black and I didn't know what I was doing."

NO ENMITY

"I didn't mean to hurt him," Polk continued. "I didn't have anything against him. As far as I know he was a good man."

Polk said he had been in Mr. Kuykendall's store many times before and had never had trouble with him.

He said he took the poker and walked out of the store, shutting the door behind him.

"I took it to the outside toilet at my house and hid it," he said.

Patrolman Tommy Smith found the poker. He said it had a very sharp point on the end.

Lizette Mae House, 12, of 2228 Hemphill St., was going to the store about 5:20 a.m., she told police.

SOUGHT HELP

She said she saw Polk walk out. She went to the door and saw Mr. Kuykendall's body and immediately ran for help. The elderly store keeper was dead when police got there at 5:46 a.m.

Police said Polk confessed to the crime after he was confronted with the poker.

Capt. G. A. Stephens said there were about 10 severe cuts on Mr. Kuykendall's head. There were no other bruises on his body.

Chief Joe D. Whitley said Polk took about \$39 from the store.

Elmer O. Kuykendall, the dead man's brother, said he talked with his brother right before he left the house to go to the store around 5 a.m.

Polk's had trouble since he opened this store eight years ago. Elmer Kuykendall said.

"We just buried our mother yesterday, and his son took his own life about two months ago."

Police found a box of turnip greens, a bag of greens and Mr. Kuykendall's cap on the counter.

Our Weather

Mostly cloudy and somewhat muggy with scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers through Sunday.

Low this morning 74

Low tomorrow morning 72

High today 91

High yesterday 91

High tomorrow 93

Sunrise today 5:32 a.m.

Sunset today 7:28 p.m.

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U.S. Sergeant Slain In Beirut

BEIRUT (AP)—A U. S. Army sergeant was slain today, last night by unknown assailants as his truck was passing through Beirut, an Army spokesman said.

Both an Army team and Lebanese authorities were investigating the shooting but there was no immediate indication who fired the bullet which struck the sergeant at the base of the throat.

He was the fifth American to die—the first four accidentally shot—since U. S. troops began landing in Lebanon July 15 at the request of pro-Western President Camille Chamoun. The sergeant's name was withheld until next of kin could be notified.

The Army spokesman gave this account of the slaying shot. The sergeant, sitting in the right front seat, apparently put his head out of the window to see where the truck was being used to move radio relay station equipment from North Beirut to the airport south of the city.

A Lebanese security force man took the sergeant to a hospital but he was dead on arrival.

The three-quarter-ton truck with trailer was being used to move radio relay station equipment from North Beirut to the airport south of the city.

The name of the sergeant was withheld pending notification of next of kin.