

State Announces 'Underbelly' in Corn Pile

Corn's Luger Pistol Called Death Gun

By TOM SCHLESINGER
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YORK, S. C., A German Luger pistol which the State claims was used by Nathan T. Corn in killing George C. Beatt Jr. was introduced in court here today by F. W. Wolfe, chief of Rock Hill detectives.

Mr. Wolfe testified that three bullets were missing from the clip of the weapon when it was found at Corn's home.

He said three holes were found in the wall of the room where Beatt is believed to have been murdered.

Mr. Wolfe spent two hours on the witness stand before Judge J. Henry Johnston resumed court until 3:15 P. M. The gist of his testimony as the State began to wind up its case in the bizarre "crash boat" murder.

He found a box of Ex-Cellor bullets in the glove compartment of Corn's 1941-model Cadillac white sedan which he said was the car in which Beatt was killed.

A number of bullets were missing from the Luger pistol was found at Corn's home, he said.

He said the bullets had been cleaned and heavily coated with oil.

Three other bullets in the clip of the pistol, he said, although the total capacity of the clip is nine.

Wolfe said police made tests to determine whether the bullets were fired from the Luger pistol by firing bullets through the wall.

He said the bullets were fired by a 16-year-old boy named Beatt, who was the young oil company owner.

None of the neighbors who live near Corn's home had seen the first during the police test, the detective testified.

During the investigation of the slaying last June, neighbors had claimed that they hadn't heard any shots on the night of the slaying, when the murder was alleged to have occurred.

Investigating officers last summer said they had evidence that Beatt's body was stuffed into a packing case in the warehouse and shipped by train to Rock Hill, S. C., where it was found.

The only available lead to the slaying was the fact that the 34-year-old defendant was working for Beatt.

Wolfe said the body of Beatt and which had been found in a packing case was described as being by Wolfe during his testimony.

He said the thickness and width of the boards nailed to the murder case fitted the dimensions of a small scrap board found by police at the company warehouse, he said.

Under the warehouse the police found wood chips and sawdust, indicating that sawing had recently been done on the wood.

The detective's testimony, given before Judge Johnston, was heard by spectators who all filled the courtroom during the midday session.

Corn sat, poker-faced, beside his friend, Thelma (Boots) Slagle of Rock Hill. Both yawned several times during the detective's testimony.

Mr. Wolfe's calmly worded testimony was in sharp contrast with

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Police Continue Slaying Probe

'Woman From Alabama Is Hunted'

By DONALD MACDONALD
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A little while search began today for a mysterious woman who shared a hotel room with Johnny Rogers, then disappeared one day before he was shot to death here Tuesday.

There seemed to be no answer for Charlotte police to the identification riddle. An unfounded report gave her name as "Dot," while another stated the woman brought a bus ticket to Atlanta and had gone to Jacksonville, Fla.

The shooting of the ex-bus driver was admitted yesterday by Jack O. Williams, proprietor of the small, inexpensive Franklin Hotel on S. Broad St.

The dead man and the woman he called his wife registered at the hotel one week last September. They were roomed at the other hotel here Monday when he was "checked out for parts unknown."

A hotel clerk said the woman telephoned from their room, and

she also must leave. Her drunk husband, she said, was cursing and beating her.

That was Monday afternoon. Rogers was shot to death when he entered Williams' room on Tuesday reportedly nagging him to "come outside and settle some."

Williams said.

Waiting preliminary hearing at City Police Court yesterday on a charge of murder, the hotel operator said he shot the woman after Rogers reached into his pocket as if to grab a gun.

He shot only in self defense, Williams said.

Rogers "died right off," the hotel operator told a reporter yesterday. He admitted he shot a .42 caliber Smith & Wesson pistol into Rogers' forehead.

The hotel proprietor is a cripple, injured in an industrial accident several years ago. He claims he could not have fought off Rogers unaided.

Police have searched for her in Birmingham, Ala., in Asheville, N. C., and in other areas. But all attempts to locate her have been in vain.

Berlin Friction Continues

Reds List Airlift 'Violations'

BERLIN.—(AP)—Russian military authorities complained anew today that American airlift planes had violated four-power regulations in flying over the Soviet zone.

Soviet air safety officers listed sixteen alleged offenses in the past month. A Russian letter said the most of the "violations" involved four-engine C-54s flying as high as 30,000 feet.

The letter said the planes were flying at altitudes of 3,000 feet or higher in the Soviet zone and over the Berlin corridor.

Without acknowledging or denying the charges, the U. S. Air Force said it was "not possible to brief our pilots have been briefed and will continue to be briefed to abide by the rules of flight."

One specific case listed by the Russians said that on Nov. 18 an American craft allegedly "came under the clouds" at Juterbog near the Soviet zone.

The Russian plane was claimed to have been flying at an altitude of 30,000 feet, a collision only by diving.

Sunny skies speeded the airlift again today. Yesterday's list of 432 tons brought to Berlin was the second largest in the airlift history.

Earlier, bickering between East-West sectors and Western sector Berliners continued on mail delivery.

The Soviet-controlled State railway refused to provide freight cars to carry away garbage from the West, although the West refused to guarantee a given amount of mail delivery.

The deadlock over mail distribution meanwhile swamped post offices on both sides with undelivered letters and packages.

Many Berliners living in the Russian sector were unable to pick up parcels from abroad because east sector postal officials refused to handle official cards from West Berlin post offices.

East and West trading associations urged responsibility for the mail blockade. The Communist-run government insisted charges of mail would not be resumed until a guarantee was given that the East already had more than its share.

The President's Pulling For Frankie's Recovery

PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—(AP)—A letter from President Truman was sent to a 15-year-old boy, recently turned by 50,000 volts of electricity, according to his nurse.

Frankie Wojciechowski came in contact with the letter while on his way to the hospital.

The boy's badly burned legs were amputated in an attempt to save his life. Nurses said the boy became dependent when the President's letter was received.

Frankie said he had no knowledge of how the President learned of his plight. Nurses said they did not know how the President heard of Frankie's condition.

The boy said yesterday he almost had given up hope of becoming a machine operator.

Israel's Bid Seems Doomed

By ARTHUR GAVSHIN
PARIS (AP)—Israel's bid to become the 59th member of the United Nations this year appeared to be doomed to failure today, stymied in the Security Council.

A move to slash all controversial resolutions of the Security Council for a Palestine settlement, already twice revised, defeated the work of the U. N. Korean commission, recognizing the Korean Republic of U. S.-occupied South Korea as a legal government and recommending withdrawal of occupation troops "as early as practicable."

The resolution was sponsored by Australia, China and the United States. It was rejected by the Soviet Union, which occupies North Korea, has refused to permit the U. N. commission to operate in that territory.

The general Assembly voted 23 to 12 to continue the U. N. appeal for children another year. All countries except the Soviet Union and the U. S. were in the majority.

The Assembly approved 23 to 0 a Swedish resolution asking the U. N. to make a study of the situation of the Jewish people in the last of April.

Board's Board Drafts Draft; Draft Bored?

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Murder Of Races Outlawed By U.N.

PARIS.—(AP)—The United Nations approved unanimously tonight a convention outlawing genocide.

Nationalists Admin Head Casualties

One Army Group Believed Lost

By KEYMOUR TOPPING
NANKING.—(AP)—Government military sources admitted today Chinese Communists have inflicted heavy casualties on three encircled army groups on Nanking's approaches.

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S. Grocer Held In Bat Bat Slayings

HAMPTON, S. C.—(AP)—A coroner's jury today ordered a 41-year-old grocer held on charges of murder for beating his wife and two children to death with a baseball bat last night.

Dr. J. A. Hayne Jr., who examined John B. Bowers in jail last night shortly after the battered, bloody bodies had been found, said he recommended to Solicitor Randolph Murchaugh that the defendant be taken to the state hospital for the insane for examination and observation.

Dr. Hayne testified that Bowers told him: "My wife was plotting to have me killed," and added that he didn't know why he had slain the children, Wayne, 7, and Sandra, 4.

A solicitor Murchaugh said Bowers was a patient in the state hospital, Murchaugh said he had recommended that Bowers be returned to the asylum.

CROWD PRESENT
A crowd of 150 people gathered in the Hampton county courtroom as witnesses testified before Acting Coroner C. H. Thomas about the slaying of the three bodies in the home of the Bowers.

Sheriff Alton Lightsey said Bowers admitted lashing the door after he had been told to get out of the house. He said he had been in the house when the slaying occurred.

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President Says House 'Bod' 'Dead'

Charges Bring Angry Retort

By DOUGLAS R. CORNELL
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Truman again called the Congressional spy hearings a red herring today and said the committee conducting them is a dead end.

Truman brought an angry flare back from members of the House Committee on Un-American Activities who in the past ten days have turned up allegedly stolen secret documents and documents which they say are not to expose the people who stole them.

Mr. Truman said that in the light of evidence the committee has uncovered "the President's statement is a flagrant flouting of the national interests of the people."

UP TO COMMITTEE
And it is apparent, he told reporters, that the only way the facts are going to be uncovered is through the committee.

He said the President, by factually stating that the committee is a dead end, was helping to keep the facts about the stolen documents secret by the Communists from the American people.

Me. Chiang And Truman To Talk Aid

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Mercury Hits 20 Below In Montana

CHICAGO.—(AP)—The mercury skidded to 20 below zero in Montana today, the coldest in the big chill—coldest of the season—beginning toward the Central States.

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Cigarette Bowl For N. C. Planned

DURHAM.—(AP)—A cigarette bowl, Inc. was chartered in Raleigh today by three Durham men who said they represent a group which intends to stage a "big bowl game" somewhere in North Carolina, starting on Jan. 1, 1950.

8,000 Miles With Bomb Load Biggest Bomber Makes Flight

PORT WORTH, Tex.—(AP)—The biggest bomber has made its greatest flight.

The Air Force announced today that its giant plane, a B-36, flew from Fort Worth, Texas, to Honolulu, Hawaii, breaking its own record.

At 7 P. M. last night, 35 hours and more than 8,000 miles, the ship touched down at this city's Carswell Air Field.

And it had carried "a useful bomb load" to the halfway mark of the flight.

It is the best B-36 has ever done, but it was a routine training flight.

Brig-Gen. C. B. Montgomery of the Strategic Air Command made the announcement here.

He said the B-36 had flown "the best B-36 has ever done, but it was a routine training flight."

PHONE HEARINGS

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(AP)—State Public Service Commission hearings on telephone service in two South Carolina towns are scheduled for this month.

A hearing on Woodruff's service will be held today. Complaints on service at Manning will be heard Dec. 16.

CHARLOTTE 10 YEARS AGO

Charlotteans of the 1880s were best by troubles that were just as serious, intense and varied as the woes of present-day citizens.

There were no automobiles to knock them across the street, but there was another manner of trouble.

The Charlotte News, on Jan. 30, 1888, printed this item: "Mr. Low, whose home was burned, arrived at an engine at the City Hotel, and ran off, breaking up the buggy, has brought suit against the company. The case is to be heard before Judge S. W. Davis next Saturday."

And there were accidents of another sort.

Yesterday Armstrong, a five-year-old daughter of Mrs. Armstrong of Sugar Creek, was tragically killed when she was struck by a passing car.

WEATHER

Fair and cool tonight; Friday rain and continued cool.

Temperature at 2 P. M. today—48 High and low last 24 hours—41 High and low last 24 hours—41

BULLETIN

MINNEAPOLIS.—(AP)—The National Amateur Athletic Union today adopted a far-reaching amendment which he effect would restrict the number of athletes of major and minor leagues.

This change was unanimously by the miners, may be rejected by the miners at the meeting in Chicago next week.