

Nine Patients Perish In Hospital Blaze

Mentally Ill Women Are Trapped In Structure

Screams Heard Over Inferno

ASHEVILLE — (AP) — Nine women patients perished here early today in the blazing inferno of a mental hospital fire.

Seven of the victims were trapped helplessly on upper floors of the Highland Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Dr. B. T. Bennett, medical director, reported.

Two others were evacuated by firemen who dashed into the fiery structure but they died soon afterward.

The hospital released the following: Mrs. W. R. Kennedy of Kingston, N. C.; Mrs. Ida Engel of Johnston, Mo.; Mrs. Julius Doring of Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Robert Schoch of Rome, Ga.; Miss M. DeFries of Raleigh, Tenn.; Mrs. F. Scott Fitzgerald of Montgomery, Ala., widow of the author; Mrs. Virginia Ward James of the hospital; and Mrs. G. C. Womack of Asheville, Tenn.

Preliminary Steps Taken

Frances Ross Will Enter Caswell Training School

By TOM FERREMAN
Efforts to get eleven-year-old Frances Ross into a State mental institution finally started to pay off today.

The Mecklenburg County Welfare Department was instructed to send the necessary examination reports to Caswell Training School.

When these reports are received at the Kingston institution, officials there will notify the Welfare Department to bring Frances to the hospital. This process usually takes about ten days.

SEVEN WEEKS AGO

It has been seven weeks since the News first told the story of the imbecile Ross child whose uncontrolled violence was making life a nightmare for her family in their little house on Jones St.

Since the News' first story about Frances was published, attempts have been made to get Frances into Caswell Training School.

Before that, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ross had been trying for years to have their daughter admitted to the institution.

The long, trying period has been tragic proof of the woeful Virginia Ward James of the State's hospital facilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross and their children, Calvin Jr., Robert, William, Joyce, Ann and James, will go to the City Health Department to have blood tests and chest X-rays taken. They will be admitted to the institution.

The day Frances is taken from her home to Kingston should mark the beginning of a new life for the five other Ross children.

They have lived in fear of their older sister's "spells."

Frances, mentally twisted, should enter Caswell Training School by Mrs. Grace Jones, Welfare Department director, who is handling the Ross case.

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Arms Talked As Part Of Foreign Aid

GOP Lawmakers Favor Proposal

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Republican members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee today talked of broadening foreign aid programs to allow sending of guns and weapons to any country.

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Rep. Hinchey (R-Calif.) complained in another speech that the national defense is being "frittered away" by Communist "infiltration" in military planning.

Vorys said the House Republican group is primarily to talk about ways of speeding passage of the European Recovery Program. The Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, which is headed by Senator Wherry of Nebraska, acting Republican leader, predicted a vote this week.

Only One Survivor

12 Die As Plane Crashes, Burns

CHICAGO — (AP) — A Delta Airlines DC-4 plane crashed and burned explosively late last night a few seconds after it took off from Chicago's municipal airport. Twelve of thirteen aboard were killed.

The only survivor was a 33-year-old mother whose seven-year-old son perished in the fiery wreckage. She screamed hysterically for her child as he was pulled from the flames.

The woman, Mrs. Tripolino Meo, of Suburban Oak Lawn, Ill., suffered severe burns. Both of her legs and both of her arms were broken.

All four members of the crew were killed. The plane was splashed into an orange-colored flaming mass on a nearby prairie at 10:58 P. M. (CST) from a height of 500 to 1,000 feet, according to witnesses.

It was Delta's first accident in flight since it began service in 1934. Last year the airlines received a special citation from the National Safety Council.

Continuing went wrong" and the huge craft caught fire when only a few feet above the runway, Delta's district traffic manager said. There was no further explanation.

The identified dead were two Chicago brothers on their way to the bedside of their father, near death in Miami Beach, Fla. The two were Harold Levy, 47, prominent criminal lawyer, and Ralph Raymond Levy, 41, an insurance broker.

The plane had a capacity of 44 passengers. At least 20 persons who had reservations for the flight, No. 705, with stops at Cincinnati, Ohio, and Jacksonville, Fla., cancelled their reservations since 1934.

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Drastic Restrictions Laid Before Assembly

Would Exclude Many Questions

LAKE SUCCESS — (AP) — The United States today proposed drastic restrictions on the big power veto in the United Nations. The proposal would exclude all the issues on which Russia used the veto 22 times in the last two years.

It was laid before the Little Assembly, which is scheduled to carry out a declaration made by Secretary of State George C. Marshall before the U. N. Assembly last September.

Marshall said at that time the United States was willing to limit the veto to questions of prime importance if the other big powers would agree. The assembly referred the entire veto question to the Little Assembly.

In advancing his specific proposal, the U. S. spokesman said that the veto would be used to prevent carrying out a declaration made by Secretary of State George C. Marshall before the U. N. Assembly last September.

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Two-Day Parley Opens

Truman Drive Launched With 'Grass Roots' Meet

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Democratic strategists sought advice from the "grass roots" today on how to advance President Truman's out-in-the-open candidacy. National Chairman J. Howard McGrath called in key party leaders from a cross section of the country for a two-day parley.

Simultaneously, Chairman Leon Henderson of America for Democratic Action, challenged the executive committee meeting to make "a determined fight" for the President's civil rights program.

The Diete rebellion touched off the anti-communist, anti-loyalty, anti-discrimination and other racial equality proposals in a Western conference held prominently in the committee's discussions.

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Anti-Red Union

European Treaty Reported Complete

BRUSSELS — (AP) — A delegate said the drafting committee of the five power conference had completed editing the final text of a Western European treaty today.

Direct Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg have been conferring for the past several days on political, economic and military union.

Pierre Elvinger, Luxembourg member of the drafting committee, said the treaty had ten articles under a preamble.

A plenary session of the conference was convened again today to consider the draft.

Conference officials said "only minor changes" would be made to be settled. All predicted agreement on those before the deadline.

At the end of today's session, the treaty text in French and English will be ready tonight or tomorrow morning.

State Doesn't Want

Civil Rights Plan Scored By Blythe

By FRANK ADAMS
Charlotte Special Writer

WILMINGTON — State Senator Joe L. Blythe of Charlotte, Democratic national committeeman from North Carolina, said here today that he has "made it plain" to Chairman J. Howard McGrath that North Carolina wants no part of the Truman civil rights program.

Senator Blythe is here to attend a meeting of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

The Tar Heel member said he is "fully in accord with the position" of the party's executive committee, which he visits Friday.

Mr. Blythe was accompanied to Wilmington by Dr. A. B. Choate, of Charlotte.

Clubs Formed

Veterans Organize To Halt MacArthur Boom

CHICAGO — (AP) — Former servicemen and students in four cities have announced formation of organizations to oppose the boom in support of the possible Presidential candidacy of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

In Chicago, Paul Berger, 34, in a "Veterans Against MacArthur" club, said "If the move gains enough momentum, the great fear is as to developments."

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Witnesses' Story

Hospital Fire Sees Fantastic Mixture Of Hysteria And Calm

By DIX SARNSFIELD
ASHEVILLE — (AP) — Witnesses said today that last night's Highland Hospital fire took a fantastic mixture of hysteria and calm.

H. F. McLaughlin, hospital superintendent, said that the flames had raced from the basement to the roof when he arrived. Strife could be heard above the fire's roar.

"I ran in on the third floor and started suspecting the doors to see if the patients were all accounted for."

"I saw immediately that the only place I could go was to the second floor ward," he said. "One end of the floor was on fire, and smoke was about half way up to the ceiling. There were no patients there, the nurses and attendants had led them all out."

"As soon as we got the helples ones out and safely put away there," she went on, "we rushed back to help the others. By then we knew they were locked, and the nurses had to unlock them. As far as I know, some of the patients resisted being out."

Miss Urbens said she believed some of the patients must have overcome by smoke and were unable to help themselves.

Palatine Building Damaged In Blast

Jerusalem

JERUSALEM — (AP) — The closely guarded Jewish Agency building was damaged by an explosion today after a car flying through an American flag was seen entering the compound. Early reports said the death toll would be high.

Five persons were known to have been killed and close to 100 injured. None of the casualties was a top officer of the agency, officials said.

Through three of those slightly hurt were minor officials.

Russian Police Catch Bootleggers At Work

MOSCOW

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Grand Jury Indicts Garsson Brothers

Baltimore

BALTIMORE — (AP) — A Federal Grand Jury charged today the Garsson brothers and associates in their war-time Illinois munitions contracts. The indictment charged the brothers and associates in their war-time Illinois munitions contracts.

Weather

Considerable cloudiness and colder tonight

Considerable cloudiness and colder tonight. Low temperature will be in the 30's. Windy by clearing and cold, Friday.

Temperature at 2 P. M., today 47. High 54. Low 34. Wind S-SW. Sun out 54 minutes. 6:27. 6:58. 7:28.

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Bulletin

Washington

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today asked Congress for an additional \$55,000,000 to help nine Western European over which the European Recovery Program is enacted.