

Wat Con's Fate Placed In Hands Of York Jury

Atomic Secrets Cleared, Wallace, Hopkins

Three Children Shot To Death By Father

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — (AP) — A Port Belvoir construction engineer today shot and killed his three children, police said, as they prepared to leave their home here for school.

The father, John Conner, 39, quietly came out when police officers broke down the door to the kitchen of his home with his hands above his head. He was taken immediately to Alexandria police headquarters.

Conner was not charged immediately.

His wife, Janet, had run screaming from their home in Cameron Valley, a public housing project, to the home of neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Milton.

"Something terrible has happened," she told the Miltons. "John shot the three children. I know they're dead, because Milton called police officers. I know the bodies of the three children, Celia, 5, Michael, 4, and Stephanie, 11—on the kitchen floor of the Conner home."

Judge Baker Gives Charge On Alibi Law

Acquittal Expected By Defense Lawyers

YORK, S. C. — After three hours of deliberation, the Nat Con trial jury went to lunch today, still undecided on whether Conner is guilty of killing his three 7-year-old friend and boss.

The jury—which has spent nine days on the case—began deliberations about 10 o'clock this morning after a 2 1/2-minute charge by Judge G. Badger Baker.

The judge included the law of all which the first judge failed to point out and which served as one of the reasons the jury was so long in coming to a verdict.

Judge Baker told the jury it could return one of three verdicts: not guilty, guilty under the alibi law, or guilty under the alibi law. A guilty verdict would send him to death in the electric chair. A guilty verdict under the alibi law would send him to prison for life.

Interested Crowd Packs Rent Control Hearing

Charlotte landlords and local people who live in rented homes turned out in force last night at the Courthouse to hear pros and cons on the question of lifting rent controls.

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No Pressure From Either Groves For Secrets

Doesn't Know Who Aided Reds

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves testified today that neither Harry Hopkins nor Henry A. Wallace ever tried to get any atomic secrets or materials from him for the Russians.

Groves, who headed the wartime atomic bomb project, told House investigators that he had never, in fact, met Hopkins or had any correspondence with him.

As for Wallace, Groves said the former Vice-President never brought any direct pressure on him in connection with the atomic energy project and, as far as he knows, never put any indirect pressure on him.

U.S. To Comply With Korean Reds' Terms

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The United States today announced it will comply with terms broadcast by the North Korean Communists for the release of two Americans held captive since September.

The State Department announced the announcement as it prepared to announce that it had been bringing any news to whether it is possible to get the two Americans back.

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The extra cent tax—which will raise the State's gas tax to seven cents a gallon—automatically goes into effect the first day of the new year. It was contingent upon the \$200,000,000 rural road bond issues approved last Summer.

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Globe Circling Record Is Set

NEW YORK — (AP) — Tom Lanphier Jr. today finished winging his way around the world by scheduled airline flights in 19 minutes less than five days. He established a new passenger speed record for commercial flights.

Lanphier made the last lap of his trip on an American Airlines plane, landing at LaGuardia Field, New York, at 10:30 a. m. after a flight of 23,000 miles and 41 minutes after his takeoff last Friday.

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Noted Novelist Kills Himself

SEBRING, Fla. — (AP) — Rex Beach, 72, nationally known novelist, was found dead of a pistol wound in the head at his home here this morning.

His death was pronounced suicide by County Judge J. Howard Livingston and Sheriff Howard Coker.

Quintuplet Story Is Labeled Hoax

BOGOTA, Colombia — (AP) — Two Bogota newspapers "reported today the story of the birth of quintuplets in a remote Colombian village was a hoax."

Medellin dispatches had detailed the story of the birth of five sons to the wife of an illiterate mason laborer in the village of San Alejandro.

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