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Auto Looted, Burning Flaming Vehicles Hit Head-On On Highway 29

Three men were killed early this morning when their automobile hit a large truck and trailer head-on on Highway 29, a few miles outside the city.

Police said those dead were Thomas J. Meeks, general delivery, Kannapolis; John G. Viner, Lee Blackwelder, Route 2, Cheroke; and Charles Lee Funderburk, Route 2, China Grove.

Officers said apparently the three men died almost instantly. All three were riding in a Chevrolet coach which collided with a Pilot freight carrier truck shortly before 1 A.M.

The truck driver, Ralph Hamilton, 28, of Hightgate, was not injured. He told officers that his truck was carrying 16,000 pounds of freight at the time and that he was going about 40 miles per hour.

The three dead men were employed at the Central Motor Lines in Charlotte. Meeks, who was 30 years old, was a mechanic. Blackwelder was 47 years old and worked as a driver.

The accident occurred on the highway between the Mecklenburg County Industrial Home and Mallard Creek.

The truck was headed toward Concord at the time, and the automobile was coming toward Charlotte.

Ships, British Say Both Sides Fired On

LONDON (AP)—A foreign office spokesman said today that Chinese Nationalist guns as well as Communist artillery had fired on a British ship in the Yangtze River.

The Amethyst, which was fired on by Nationalist guns, too, the spokesman said.

Under questioning by a newsman he said that only one of the Amethyst's guns was damaged by the Nationalist troops.

The Amethyst, he said, was on a "purely humanitarian mission" on the Yangtze to take provisions to the British embassy.

He had no comment on a Communist claim that Britain should be held "fully responsible for losses" inflicted by British gun-fire.

Several London papers have demanded that Britain call on the Chinese Government to pay heavy reparations for damaging the ship and killing 44 British seamen.

Communists Cross River Near City Yangtze Defense Line Crumbles

By SEYMOUR TIPPING NANKING (AP)— Communist troops tonight crossed to the south bank of the Yangtze River three miles from Nanking's west gate.

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House Kills Communist Bills Against Communists

RALEIGH (AP)—The huge \$427,000,000 biennial appropriations bill was enacted into law by the House today as the Legislature prepared to adjourn its 1949 session this afternoon.

The funds provided in the bill would go to operate state agencies, institutions and the public schools during the 1949-50 biennium.

As one of his last acts the House withdrew the Judiciary Committee Number Two and killed by postponing indefinitely a measure to outlaw the Communist Party in North Carolina.

The bill would have required "loavely wails" by all public employees in the state and would have made it unlawful to belong to any organization advocating overthrow of the government.

Also killed by the House Calendar Committee was a bill to restrict the State Highway Patrol to enforce the traffic laws and a bill instructing the insurance commission to raise the maximum rates on tobacco store bonds.

However, the House later voted to revive the measure and then enacted it.

Air Power Decision Reached Work Stopped On Big Carrier

By ELTON C. FAY WASHINGTON (AP)— Secretary of Defense Johnson today ordered the Navy to stop construction of its giant aircraft carrier United States.

The keel of the \$3,000,000 flat-top was laid at the Virginia yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding Corporation last Monday.

Johnson said in a memorandum to Navy Secretary Sullivan that he acted to stop construction of the vessel after studying the views of the chiefs of staff.

and after careful consideration and discussion of the matter with the President. I have reached the conclusion that appropriate orders should be issued discontinuing the construction of the vessel.

Accordingly, you are hereby such orders as may be required under the circumstances in order to discontinue the construction of the vessel.

Considerable controversy had developed between the Navy and the Air Force over plans to build the big carrier.

Scott Gives Praise To NC Legislature

RALEIGH (AP)— Governor Scott, who has lauded some of the Assembly's yesterday was generous in his praise of the lawmakers.

In what apparently was his last news conference before the 1949 Legislature adjourns, the governor said today that he had a "pretty good job" you've done.

"The only thing of importance they ought to have done, but didn't," he said, "is his main criticism, 'to boost teachers' salaries up to the level of other professions'."

The Legislature, following a conference committee's recommendations, passed the bill on a 52-38 vote.

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Germans Offered Broader Self-Rule

WASHINGTON (AP)— The United States State Dept. today held out an offer of broader self-governing powers to the western German bloc in an effort to get a general state victory for the former enemy country.

The British cabinet secretary for Russia hanging on the outcome, the United States rushed its approval of the plan by the German parliamentary council working at Bonn.

The powerful Socialists had claimed that the original three-zone plan for Germany was the "western occupational zones" would include a great many of the proposed government, especially in financial matters.

The first reaction to the proposal was a four power conference between the United States, Great Britain, France and the Soviet Union.

Time Purchase Terms Eased

WASHINGTON (AP)— Beginning next Wednesday installment buyers will find credit terms as easy as before for the newly reduced terms, both of them, effective April 27.

"We can get the story to the people, they vote" for the Board studies today, the Fed's top officials said.

In addition to the present 18 percent for everything but autos—for which it remains 3 1/2 percent—before March 7, the Board's control limit was eighteen months.

The Federal Reserve Board, taking an admittedly inflationary-type action in the wake of recent business declines, announced yesterday it is relaxing credit controls for the second time in two months.

Clues Sought In Singer's Slaying N.C. Parolee's Gun Tested

ATLANTA (AP)—Hours of testing by a ballistics expert today failed to connect a bullet that struck a man with a gun taken from a murder parolee.

Cornett, technician for the Fulton County sheriff's office, was testing the bullet fired from a gun found in the possession of a man arrested in Weston, S. C.

Cornett halted the laboratory tests against Pulley, whose name had been given to the State Dept. by Herman Jones, Fulton County criminologist, identified the man caught in Clinton as Grover, 240.

He said Pulley told officers after serving seventeen years of a sentence for murder in North Carolina that he had shot a man.

Endurance Fliers Worrying About Walking Again

WASHINGTON (AP)—Record endurance fliers Bill Brist and Dick Riedel are worrying about walking again, they said today.

Nearing their goal of 1,000 hours in the air, the fliers are worried about the possibility of being grounded by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Brist and Riedel are working on a record of 1,000 hours in the air, which would be a new world record.

They are currently flying a Cessna 441, which they have modified for long-range flights.

Major Cities Of Country Move To Daylight Savings

NEW YORK (AP)—About 50,000,000 Americans will be clocked out of an hour's sleep tonight with the advent of Daylight Savings Time.

Most of the big cities will turn their clocks back one hour at 2 A.M. Sunday.

Residents will have to walk into their homes to get back their "lost hour." At that time, clocks will be set one hour ahead.

The object of Daylight Savings Time is to allow daylight workers to enjoy an extra hour of daylight after the quitting whistle.

For that reason it is most popular in heavily settled areas.

Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Washington, Cleveland, Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Portland, Ore.

Seattle will switch to June to change its climate committed suicide last July 4.



Once Over Lightly by WALTER SHERWOOD



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