

Speeded Car Robbed of \$60,000 In Cash

Smoke and ashes pour from the volcano of northeast Luzon which has been rumbling threateningly. Several days ago it belched sparks 10,000 feet in the air and geologists have warned that the submarine volcano may blow its top any time and send a tidal wave rolling in on Luzon. (United Press Telegram).

Charge Inflation Fostered

3 Industry Members Would Abolish Pay Stabilization Body

WASHINGTON (AP)—Three industry members of the Wage Stabilization Board said today the board "should go out of business" because it is "causing inflation and defeating its own purpose."

Their statement was further evidence of the bitterness in the controversy over wage board recommendations in the steel case. Recommendations which Defense Mobilization Charles E. Wilson said pose a serious threat to stabilization efforts.

In reply, CIO President Philip Murray blasted Wilson as a "biased and uninformed" big business man and refused to meet with him on the crucial steel dispute.

Ike's Deputy Sees No Red Attack Now, Maybe Never

WASHINGTON (AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower's deputy expressed belief today that Russia will not attack now, and "if we take the proper action," the Soviet Union will never strike.

Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, chief of staff for Eisenhower, made the statement while testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on President Truman's \$7,800,000 foreign aid program.

It was Gruenther's second day in a row as a witness at the Capitol. His testimony yesterday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee appeared to have sidetracked for good a proposal that Eisenhower come home to testify himself.

The proposal, by Sen. McMahon (D-Conn.) and two other supporters, had seemed lukewarm after Gruenther's appearance yesterday. Gruenther told the House committee today that Eisenhower's SHAPE headquarters (European) is constantly reminded of the cost of Europe's buildup, which has come under Congressional attack.

Eisenhower believes, his deputy said, that "if we create a military force and destroy the economies of the United States and the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) nations, our work will be in vain."

GILLETTE SWITCHES

Sen. Gillette (D-Ia.), who voted a week ago for inviting Eisenhower to testify, told a reporter: "I think now we won't recommend Gruenther's knowledge of the European defense program is so comprehensive that testimony by Eisenhower would be just cumulative. I still say, however, that Eisenhower will be welcome if he comes."

Sen. Wiley (R-Wis.) and Sen. Green (D-Ill.), who also voted to invite Eisenhower, indicated they were satisfied with the information Gruenther provided and would not press for another vote.

On March 17 the committee rejected, 7 to 5, the proposal to have Eisenhower testify if he cared to. Then it unanimously reconsidered the vote, in effect shelving the issue until after Gruenther had testified.

Most of those who voted against the proposal said they were against inviting Eisenhower because of the political implications—his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination.

Comic Dictionary

CIVILIZATION

A scheme devised by women to make men work for them.

Name Your Candidate

Presidential Poll

With the 1952 Presidential election a subject of wide public interest, The News is conducting an informal poll in which its readers may indicate their choice for the Presidency.

The News realizes that your preference may change before the election in November. At the same time a cross-section of the current preference of News readers will be of interest.

This is the second straw vote taken by The News in the current campaign. Eisenhower led the vote a month ago, and the current poll may indicate whether there has been any change of sentiment among Carolinians.

You may cast your vote in this poll by indicating your choice on the ballot below. Bring or mail the ballot to the Poll Editor, The News, Box 360, Charlotte 1, N. C.

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE POLL

At this time my choice for President of the United States is: Indicate your preference by an (X).

EISENHOWER _____

() KEFAUVER _____

() KERR _____

() STAVENSON _____

() TAPF _____

() TRUMAN _____

() WARREN _____

() RUSSELL _____

Neither of them. My choice is _____

(Write in name of candidate.)

I am: () Democrat () Republican

In 1948 I voted for: () Truman () Dewey () Wallace () Thurmond

Remarks: _____

LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY

6 PERSONS KILLED IN HOTEL FIRE

By PAUL DITZEL

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Fire roaring swiftly through the St. George Hotel in downtown Los Angeles today killed at least six persons and injured or burned many others.

The hotel at 115 East Third St. was turned into a scene of horror within minutes.

Screams of victims sounded through the early morning quiet. None was identified immediately.

Hotel patrons ran from the building, or stumbled through smoke down to the lobby. A number jumped from upper floors into the street. The hotel is a tall, narrow building, largely built by men transients.

Deputy Coroner Frank Johnson said that bodies of five men, who had been suffocated rather than burned, were removed and piled in the lobby. Another man fell to his death in an alley after hanging from a fifth floor ledge. Then losing his grasp.

Johnson said at least 10 other persons were injured and several dozen others were affected by smoke.

Night Clerk Leland Whitehouse, 37, an immediate hero of the fire, ran through corridors awakening patrons. He then returned to the lobby to awaken more by telephone.

FLASH FIRE

It was a flash fire, brought under control within an hour after its outbreak about 3 a. m.

"The first I knew of it," Whitehouse said, "was when someone called down from the fourth floor that he saw smoke. I ran upstairs. I went down a back stairway from the fourth to the third floor. Then I saw the fire. It was coming from room 312, at the rear."

The St. George is a 100-room brick hotel. There were about 150 patrons in the place.

The fire department called for all available ambulances. Inhalator squads were rushed to the scene.

Firemen raised steel ladders to rescue patrons from upper floors.

The hotel's location is just off Main St., the downtown Skid Row section of Los Angeles. It is two blocks south and a block east of the civic center cluster of public buildings including the city hall.

WITNESS IDENTIFIES SUTTON



Theodore Sands (left) assistant manager of the Sunnyside, L. I. bank that Willie Sutton and his pals allegedly robbed, leaves the Queens County courthouse in Long Island City, N. Y., under the protection of Detective Gerald McTernan. Sands identified Sutton and Thomas Kling as two of the bandits who looted his bank of \$64,000. (United Press Telegram).

Unattended Vehicle Looted Near Boston

Getaway Abandoned Found Sodonated

DANVERS, Mass. (AP)—Three gunmen today robbed an armored money car of about \$800,000 cash, all the money in the vehicle, while it was stopped in this quiet town about 20 north of Boston.

Danvers Policeman Alanson Burnham said the truck was unattended while guards were in a drugstore.

Lawrence Johnson, who was in charge of the truck, estimated the loot and said most of it was in small bills.

The car, owned by the United States Trusting Co., was being used to deliver money to banks and business concerns in various communities in Massachusetts.

The robbery came in the wake of a black truck stolen from a bank in Boston, which was found abandoned in Everett, just north of Boston.

The car was seen leaving the car, but disappeared quickly.

The truck was parked in Maple Street, near the main business street in this community. Just across from the Danvers National Bank.

Policies said their quick, early investigation indicated the back of the truck were left unattended.

Johnson said he had delivered probably a million dollars to banks and business houses before being here to make a delivery to the Danvers National Bank.

The robbery was described immediately, almost knowing Dan. Patrolman Edmund Noonan who was on traffic duty in Danvers Square about 200 feet distant.

It circled around Danvers to get back onto U. S. Route 1 (known as the Newburyport Turnpike in Massachusetts), which runs from Maine to Florida.

It sped toward Boston before it was abandoned. The car was reported stolen from a Boston steelworker, working on a Malden construction job.

Malden adj. Everett.

Everett police later located witnesses who, unaware of the robbery or the part the car played in it, had seen men "adding large bundles" from it to another car, a black Pontiac.

The transfer was speedy and so was the departure, in an undetermined direction, of the Pontiac. The registration of the second car was not known immediately.

The trans-shipment was carried out in Everett, police said.

Police searched the area without success.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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On Prisoner Exchange

Talks Conducted In Secret

By SAM SUMMERLIN

MUNSAI, Korea (AP)—Korean trade negotiators drew a curtain Tuesday across their talks in exchanging prisoners of war.

"The negotiations are being conducted in secrecy or privacy, but the results if any will be published," said Brig. Gen. William P. Nichols, U.S. Command spokesman.

The news blackout was established in an effort to break one of three dead-end possible agreements they are out of the propaganda limelight.

Their problem is how to exchange prisoners. The U.S. wants prisoners of war to decide for themselves whether they will be sent home. The Reds want all POWs repatriated, whether they like it or not.

second group of staff officers reached general agreement on the secondary question of ports of entry to be used during an armistice. But it deadlocked on the key issue of whether Russia should be recognized as a neutral nation supervising the trade.

No secrecy is involved in these talks. The Reds rebutted an Allied effort to break the deadlock. The Allies suggested each side name only two neutrals instead of three.

The U.N. Command warned the Communists the secrecy on the POW discussions will be lifted immediately if the Reds try to make propaganda capital of them.

In a statement to the press the U.N. Command said staff officers went into "executive session" to permit the representatives of the sides to discuss themselves freely, informally and frankly without any implication of a commitment prior to the full development of their respective views.

"Any substantive agreements reached as the result of these negotiations will be announced promptly."

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OUR WEATHER

Mostly fair and warmer today. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and mild.

Low temperature this morning, 35 degrees; expected low tonight, 46; high yesterday, 52; high expected tomorrow, 65 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:20 A. M.; sunset, 6:58 P. M.

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RAINMAKING IMPLICATIONS

Can local rainmaking have any effect on the weather in other parts of the world? Scientists who pioneered the technique say that precipitation may be one of the main driving forces that produce the complex motions of the atmosphere.

The fall of one inch of rain releases as much thermal energy, through latent heat of evaporation, as several days of sunlight over the same area. If man can produce widespread rainfall, he is beginning to control vast stores of energy which may some day enable him to influence world-wide weather.

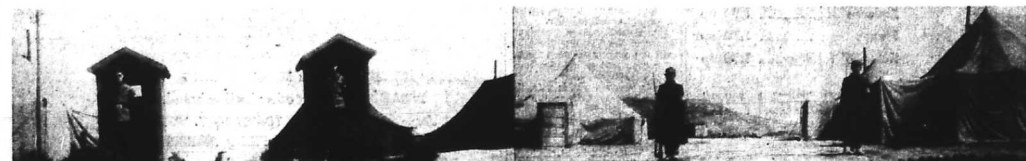
SNOW MOSCOW PARLEY

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—The Indonesian Parliament today turned down a proposal to send seven parliamentary observers to the Soviet Union's economic conference at Moscow next month.

EVENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we ask of Thee, that Thy will be done in the lives of Thy dear children, so peace will come to their souls, and the cares of this life will grow strangely dim in the light of Thy marvelous Grace. Amen.

Approaches To Peace Talks Reflect Views On Life In General



United Nations guards at the peace talks at Panmunjom in Korea stand by sturdy sentry boxes at their entrance to the truce line area. Evergreen trees line the roadway to brighten the otherwise drab spot. Photo at right shows the Communists' approach to the area with Red sentries guarding the gateway. Their only attempt at landscaping is to line the walkway with bricks. (United Press Telegram).