

Fall Through Skylight Fatal

NEW YORK (AP)—Alice Bellier, 18, and Louis Martinez, 17, Sunday went to the roof of the Marie Antoinette Hotel to take pictures. Alice lived at the hotel with her parents.

Martinez, a 200-pounder, climbed on a skylight over an airshaft to pose for a snapshot. The glass broke under his weight, but he caught hold of the frame as he fell.

While the girl's father and two other men tried to lift Martinez to safety, Miss Bellier ran to a floor below to a scaffolding in the airshaft.

Then the boy's grip failed. She seized his legs as he fell and was pulled down the seven-story airshaft. Their bodies struck a water pipe, and water cascaded into the pit.

Miss Bellier struck the bottom first, dying almost instantly. But her body broke the impact of the youth's fall. He was taken to a hospital in critical condition with multiple fractures and internal injuries.

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PRACTICING THE SCOUT SALUTE with a group of Korean boys is Cpl. Charles E. Kennemur (center), husband of a Marion County woman and the first American to become a regular member of the Boy Scouts of Korea. In recognition of the corporal's assistance to the scouts in his off-duty hours, the Korean organization made him a lifetime honorary member. His wife is the former Barbara Groll, now living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Richard Groll of near Marion until Cpl. Kennemur's discharge in August. They were married last September at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Cpl. Kennemur was Scoutmaster of a troop there. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Kennemur of Roland, Ark. Before entering the Army in 1948, he was an airline agent with American Airlines in Little Rock, Ark., and Elmira, N.Y.

SMALL BUT HOSTILE

MARYVILLE, Tenn. (UP)—A young mother of two children became so excited when she saw her husband being led to jail that she struck the arresting officer with her fist. The punch was leveled at a 200-pound highway patrolman, John Marshall, who admitted "the lick kinda stunned me." Marshall said the 100-pound assailant must have felt the effects of the attack, too. She fainted.

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By JOHN CROSBY

Post Mortem

"I have no statement to make," said Strom Thurmond to CBS correspondent Bill Leonard.

So Leonard, who was seeking enlightenment on the convention floor concerning the intentions of the South Carolina delegation in the middle of the loyalty fight, turned to Gov. James Byrnes. "I have no comment to make," said the Governor.

"Governor," pleaded Leonard, "everyone in the country is waiting to hear what you have to say." "This I felt was one of the most alarming overstatements I had yet heard from a convention not exactly noted for its reverence for the truth."

"Don't push that thing in my face," said the Governor. "Well, I'm just doing my best," returned the microphone, the camera and the ball to Walter Cronkite—washing his hands of South Carolina, as it were.

THIS WAS ONE of the high points of the televised version of that evening's convention activities. Pretty slim pickings, all in all. Time was when a governor said "No comment," it represented the nadir of journalism for the day; it meant nothing doing, no story, no action. Now, due to the perversion of this spectacular medium, a governor snarling "No comment" is better stuff, particularly if he politely advises the reported to get lost—than if he has a statement in his back pocket.

This is Crosby's first law of television. In fact, you can carry it farther. If Gov. Byrnes had risen to the rostrum and unburdened himself of two hours of oratory in response to Mr. Leonard's question, it would be definitely lousy television. Too many other politicians were doing just that, which is what was cluttering up the air on the Democratic convention. This is a pretty grievous reflection. After all, oratory—within all its shortcomings—is the clearest key to the candidates and the platform and the issues.

Still a governor saying I won't tell, a Puerto Rican demanding a comic roll call, a grin lady delegate beating her palms together are the most memorable scenes. Fact is, as journalism, television is still too deeply in show business to be the reflective, interpretive and informative medium it ought to be. The rules of drama apply more closely than those of the

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steady hum of chatter and pretty well ignored their speakers to such degree that India Edwards and Sam Rayburn had to plead for some semblance of attention. This lack of interest of the delegates was pretty well matched by those of us at home. For most of their convention, the Democrats laid an egg. They had no such dramatic division as the two-chariot race between Eisenhower and Taft, no such gripping issue as the stolen delegates.

"I'm sure you're all sitting on the edges of your chairs at home," said Lowell Thomas, giving a little televised essay on CBS's magnificent coverage. He then showed us around the CBS sector and did a fine job of explaining how it was all done. But I doubt that anyone was sitting on the edge of his chair. Fact is, the interest in television was pretty disappointing. The Republican convention, which was more consistently interesting because more fraught with controversy, attracted a night-time rating of only 36 in New York. That's terrible.

Milton Berle, "I Love Lucy" and a lot of other things much better than that on a single network.

YOU CAN HARDLY blame the networks for this (apart from an excessive timidity about breaking into long speeches with comment

which was generally infinitely more interesting and informative. The convention procedure themselves ought to be sharply modified, the speeches ought to be shorter, there should be fewer of them. Old-line politicians, I suppose, will scream bloody murder at such amputation. When they do I suggest someone remind them that the endless, meaningless demonstrations, the long swatches of oratory succeeded in driving 94 of every 100 set owners in New York to turning off their sets during prime evening time against no competition on other TV stations. Nothing will dry up these stage-struck windbags faster than to tell them they're losing their audience.

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