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TRIPLE TROUBLE

News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Stodie

Pictured here is the old-model Lincoln sedan which was involved in three accidents within an 18-hour period. Police said the jinxed driver of the car is a 55-year-old Negro laborer named George Robert Easter, shown above standing in front of the car. Easter racked up a total of $80 damage to three other automobiles, police said. Traffic Capt. Lloyd W. Henkel initiated efforts today to take away Easter's license to drive. The Negro has a broken right ankle and recently suffered a stroke which police believe left his right arm in a weakened condition.

TWO AT SAME LOCATION

Stevens Makes Offer To Dispose Of Stock

'Mr. Jinx' Hits The Jackpot: Three Accidents In 18 Hours

By DONALD MacDONALD

A partially-crippled Negro man, whom police call "Mr. Jinx of 1953," was brought to police headquarters today after his battered 1941 Lincoln sedan was involved in three traffic accidents within 18 hours.

Two of the accidents happened yesterday at the same intersection, E. 7th and McDowell Sts., just three hours apart. A previous accident happened Monday at 5:05 P. M.

Officers located the battered old-model car and held it until "Mr. Jinx" arrived to claim it.

The man's name is George Robert Easter, and his address is listed as 620 Independence Blvd. He has worked as laborer at Barnhardt Manufacturing Co., and police listed him as about 55 years of age.

First accident for Easter was the Monday smash-up when officers said he ran a stop sign on Long St. at Independence Blvd. S.

Officers said his auto struck a car operated by Aaron N. Richardson, 32, Rt. 3, Matthews, going north on the boulevard.

Police said Easter tried to avoid hitting Richardson's car by swerving to the right, but the two cars sideswiped each other.

Investigating officer Johnny A. Nichols said the wreck caused $10 damage to the left front and side of Easter's car and approximately $20 damage to Richardson's automobile.

Officer Nichols gave Easter a citation for running a stop sign. During his investigation the officer found that the Negro man's right foot was in a cast, as result of an accident while at work in December.

Still Easter was able to operate the car.

Yesterday at 9:30 A. M. police said Easter was attempting to make a right turn from McCoy's Service Station at 7th and McDowell Sts. when his car collided with another operated by John C. Bird, 25-year-old insurance adjuster, 1919 Winthrop Ave.

Mr. Bird, who made a report of the accident at police headquarters, said his own car received $20 damage on the left rear fender. Easter's battered Lincoln again was smashed on the left front.

WHAT? AGAIN?

Three hours later, at 12:30 P. M., Officers Jack Wallace and A. B. King answered a wreck call at 7th and McDowell Sts.

There they found Easter and his car. This time, the officers said, Easter had made a wide right turn into McDowell St., striking a car

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Parole Plan Given Push By Senate Group

Advice Asked On Blood Test For Drunks

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Umstead's proposal to reorganize the Paroles Commission cleared another legislative hurdle today when it won the approval of Senate Judiciary Committee No. 1.

The measure, which would create a three-member board to replace the present single paroles commissioner, passed the House last week. It may come up in the Senate tomorrow for its final passage.

The committee decided to ask Dillard Gardner, State Supreme Court librarian, to speak to it next Thursday on a measure to provide scientific tests of persons accused of drunken driving to determine the alcoholic content of their blood. Results of the tests could be used as evidence.

Senator Hamilton Hobgood of Franklin, sponsor of the measure along with Sen. Adam J. Whitley Jr., of Johnston, said Gardner knows more about the subject "than anyone in North Carolina."

ADVICE ON VEHICLES

The committee also invited Motor Vehicles Commissioner L. R. Fisher to present the views of his department on other measures sponsored by the Hobgood-Whitley team. One would require a mandatory jail sentence for second offenses of drunken driving and the other would establish a minimum fine for reckless driving.

The committee gave its approval to a measure which would allow persons accused of probation violations to make bond pending a hearing.

HOT ROD HEARING

A House Judiciary committee set a public hearing for next Thursday on a bill which would ban "hot rods" from streets and highways. The measure would make illegal the use of vehicles altered so as to increase their potential speed. Gov. Umstead recommended the legislation in his inaugural address.

The House Roads and Public Safety Committee set a hearing for next Wednesday on a bill which would require tobacco hogsheads hauled on flat trucks to be fastened with steel cables. Rep. Joseph Branch of Halifax, chairman of the committee, said the hearing was asked by the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association.

Both Senate and House Agriculture committees held their first meeting of the session today. Both decided to have sub-committees to study appropriations needs of the State Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina State College Experiment Station and the Agricultural Extension Service.

Rep. Larry I. Moore of Wilson,

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AWOL HERO MARRIED

Cpl. Robert von Kuznick, the now well-known GI who went AWOL from Fort Knox, Ky., to Korea, warmly embraces his bride, the former Shirley Taylor, in Los Angeles. Von Kuznick, whose fantastic 15-month illegal stretch of duty in Korean front lines cost him a $10 court martial fine and a complimentary rebuff from his superior officer, married Shirley yesterday. (United Press Telephoto).

Would Take Step To Win Approval

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Robert T. B. Stevens said today he would dispose of his stock in a family textile company if the Senate Armed Services Committee insists he must to win approval as Secretary of the Army.

"If the committee feels I should dispose of my stock," he said, "I am prepared to do so."

Stevens, who earlier had asked for more time to decide the question, said he hoped the committee members would not "take quick action" on the issue.

Stevens went before the committee after President Eisenhower took a personal hand in the fight for speedy confirmation of his selections for secretaries of the armed services.

NOMINATIONS SENT

Eisenhower decided to send formal nominations to the Senate and, in advance of their actual dispatch asked for hearings by the Senate Armed Services Committee on the nominees.

The hearings quickly developed that the administration was relying heavily on an order issued by Charles E. Wilson, the new secretary of defense, to clear the way for approval of Stevens and Harold Talbott, Secretary of the Air Force-designate.

The Senate seemed inclined in advance to approve Robert Anderson, secretary of the navy-designate. He holds no stocks which have come into controversy.

WILSON ORDER

The Wilson order directs that any Defense Department official must turn over to some one else any business matter involving a concern in which he has an interest.

Stevens presented to the committee an opinion from John W. Davis, one time Democratic presidential nominee, that he could retain his stock in the family concern and meet requirements of the law in the light of Wilson's order.

But the senators pressed him as to whether he would be willing to sell his stock if they insisted.

Stevens made clear that he felt he should not be required to sell his stock in the J. P. Stevens Co., Inc., a major supplier of textiles for the army.

CITES POSSIBLE LOSS

If he had to do so, he said, he feared that other people whom the government might want to call in-service might be unable to respond.

"I pledge with the committee to consider the best interests of the United States," he said.

At the outset of the hearing, Chairman Saltonstall (R-Mass) read a letter from Eisenhower asking for the hearing. He also called the committee's attention to Wilson's directive.

Eisenhower's letter advised Saltonstall that formal nominations of the service secretaries would arrive at the Senate today and added:

"I am sure you appreciate that since the confirmation of the secretary of defense has been so long delayed, he is most desirous of getting his full team into actual operation.

"In order to make this possible, is it too much to ask you to call your committee to consider the confirmation of the three secretaries tomorrow so that action may be expedited?

"Needless to say your co-operation will be much appreciated.

Stevens said he holds 42,486 shares in the Stevens company, with total holdings by his wife and family reaching 75,000 shares. The stock's present market price is around $34 a share.

He said 206,000 shares are held in a trust under which the income is payable to his mother for life, with the provision that on her

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Only Two Marines Came Back After Reds Attacked

WITH U. S. FIRST MARINE DIVISION, Korea (AP) — Only two marines came back. The other 40 died in the savage onslaught of 250 Chinese Reds.

It happened last October. But, because the number of marine casualties could not be disclosed at the time, the story wasn't told.

Pfc. Curtis (Chick) Bowlan, 19, was wounded and hospitalized, but recovered to fight again with the Leathernecks. Now he is about to return to his Huntington, W. Va., home on rotation.

The only other survivor, Pfc. Charles D. Rogers, Arkadelphia, Ark., was evacuated to the U. S. with serious wounds.

Bowlan today told how the Reds swarmed out of the night in a vicious attack on a marine outpost on a hill near Panmunjom on the Western Front.

The marines couldn't hold them. The Communists swarmed through the position with bayonets and grenades.

Bowlan and five others fell back to a high point. On the way up Bowlan fired his machine gun from the hip. From the top, the six men held off the Communist attackers for six hours. Then they ran out of ammunition.

Communist artillery fire killed one of the six.

"We knocked out a lot of them, but there were just too many for us," Bowlan said. "All of us were wounded bad and hardly had a chance to bandage each other up. All I had left was a .45."

Three groups of Reds assaulted the little knoll where the small group of marines held out. The Leathernecks knocked them back.

The section leader was a big husky sergeant. His arm was almost blown off. Bowlan made a tourniquet with the sergeant's belt and a bayonet. Bowlan was hit in the back with a grenade, and was bleeding.

The men tried to get back to their base. They didn't know the Communists had overrun that particular part of the main line.

Bowlan, a slightly built, 140-pounder, tried to help the sergeant along. They became separated from the other four.

"I never saw them again," Bowlan said.

Bowlan carried the 190-pound sergeant 200 or 300 yards. Then he dragged him by the feet through a trench toward their line.

"The sergeant told me to leave him. I finally had to. I couldn't carry him any more," Bowlan recalled.

Bowlan walked almost to the main line — only to find the Communists barring his way. He hid under some bushes until daylight.

Then he found Rogers, staggering around in no-man's land with two bullet wounds in the neck.

Together they tried to get back to their outfit. Once they thought they saw other marines on a ridge-line. They hurried toward them, but were fired on by Chinese. They doubled back, dodging Red mortar fire.

Finally they made it — two lone survivors of a bitter battle for a small knob in Western Korea.

'Programs' Given To Visitors

'Operation Smack' Stirs Storm

By RUSSELL BRINES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich) today asked the House to demand a full explanation from Defense Secretary Wilson for an American combat raid staged in Korea last Sunday before invited guests.

The attack, known as "Operation Smack," stalled under heavy fire near the top of Spud Hill, north of Seoul. It was witnessed by Army and Air Force generals and war correspondents who were provided with advance timetables.

Hoffman has prepared a resolution asking the secretary of defense to explain "whether this raid was actually for justifiable military purposes or whether it was a show staged for some as yet unknown purpose."

The resolution probably will be referred to a House committee which may summon Wilson for an explanation.

A spokesman for the division which took part in the attack on Spud Hill last Sunday said in Korea today that "to call the operation a dress rehearsal is completely wrong."

The spokesman, who could not be identified for security reasons, said he considers criticism unfair and added: "There are no theatrical trappings. Not a single one. This is a deadly serious business and every one over here knows it."

Pentagon officials said they have requested a full report from the field. They said they had no information on "Operation Smack."

Another Republican House member, Bray of Indiana, said yesterday he had demanded an explanation from the Defense Department. Bray, an Army reserve colonel with four years' service in the Pacific, said he was "mad as hell" and "never heard anything like it."

In a statement, Hoffman said: "I am sure our people want to know whether these invited guests were witnessing a spectacle similar to that where gladiators performed for the entertainment of invited guests in the time of the Roman emperors."

Hoffman's statement also said: "It is bade enough to fight a purposeless, unending war where the men who are doing the fighting are sacrificing their lives, but it is wicked to use them as expendable cannon fodder for propaganda purposes."

The attack, planned since Jan. 19, moved along on schedule—airplanes, artillery, tanks—until the infantry ran into deadly Communist groundfire and hand grenades within 15 yards of Spud Hill's crest.

The soldiers finally pulled back to their own lines.

The spectators watched from a

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DOCTOR PLANS SPECIAL CARE FOR SPECIAL GIRL

KANSAS CITY—(AP)— A worried young doctor carrying equipment he hopes will save the eyesight and life of a two-year-old child flew to New Mexico today.

The child, in Santa Fe, was stricken with meningitis Wednesday.

Dr. Ray Perer changed planes here after flying from Rochester, N. Y., where he is doing graduate work at the University of Rochester.

"The disease usually settles in the covering of the brain or in the spinal cord," Dr. Perer said. In this case, which is rare, it settles in the chamber behind the left eye. It is very difficult to treat—hard to reach with penicillin and sulfa."

The doctor explained the equipment he carried employed a means by which drugs could be introduced into the infected area through an electrical process.

"It is a very simple treatment but we are not sure that it will work," he said. "My wife and I are praying that it will work on Ruth Karen."

"You see," he added, "she is our daughter."

Allied Tankmen Blast Commies

SEOUL (AP)—Tank-led Allied raiders hit a Chinese position southwest of the Panmunjom truce conference site today and killed an estimated 27 Reds with bullets, grenades and flame throwers.

In Tokyo, three top U. S. military commanders conferred amid persistent speculation that the stalemated Korean War soon might take a new turn. But it was only speculation—no concrete signs.

Meeting were Gen. J. Lawton Collins, chief of staff; Gen. Mark Clark, Far East commander; and Lt. Gen. Maxwell Taylor, who takes command of the Eighth Army in a few days. Collins leaves tomorrow to inspect Japan's northern defenses.

Taylor leaves Tokyo in a day or two to replace retiring Gen. James A. Van Fleet, who bade a tearful farewell in Seoul today to 50,000 cheering Koreans. The popular, 60-year-old Eighth Army commander promised to return to Korea someday because of his affection for the Korean people.

The raid pulled off by his troops on the Far Western Front earlier in the day was the heaviest action reported along the frozen, 155-mile battlefront. It was only about 30 air miles north of Seoul.

Ike Holding Top Level Meet On World Strategy

By RELMAN MORIN

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower assembled his top military, foreign affairs and intelligence officers today for a full-dress review of the foreign situation and a discussion of cold war strategy.

He has expanded the conference with the National Security Council, bringing the heads of several agencies to the White House.

Along with the regular council members Eisenhower called in Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, retiring chief of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Allen Dulles, designated to succeed Smith as CIA boss.

OTHERS PRESENT

Vice President Nixon, Secretary of State Dulles, Secretary of Defense Wilson and Mutual Security Director Harold Stassen will attend the conference as members of the council. The President is chairman.

There were indications that both Western Europe and the Far East would be discussed.

Dulles and Stassen leave tomorrow for a 10-day tour of Western Europe. Their itinerary calls for meetings in Italy, France, England, Western Germany, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

In a televised speech Tuesday night, Dulles said the plan for European defenses, which includes a mixed six-nation European army, "now seems to be somewhat stalled" and Eisenhower had asked him to make a quick survey.

POLICY CHANGES POSSIBLE

Dulles said that should defense efforts fail in Western Europe, "it would be necessary to give a little re-thinking to America's own foreign policy in relation to Western Europe."

The question is closely tied in with appropriations for foreign aid, a subject on which some congressmen believe Eisenhower may encounter serious obstacles in Congress. Former President Truman's budget earmarked $7,600,000,000 for assistance to America's allies. Some Republican legislators suggested it could be cut to five billion.

Stassen, as mutual security administrator, will be in charge of allocating a large portion of whatever is appropriated.

Sen. Johnston Would Slash U. S. Pay Roll Overseas

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D-SC) urged a sweeping overhaul today of the government's activities abroad, saying at least 100,000 employes overseas could be discharged.

He recommended not only an immediate reduction in "the variety, scope and size of our foreign programs and activities" but major changes in the organization and management of government operations around the world.

His proposals were set out in a report submitted to Vice President Nixon, the Senate president. They were based on a survey Johnston made last fall, as chairman of the Senate Civil Service Committee, of federal pay and personnel practices in the Near East, Africa and Europe.

Johnston said:

"While great progress has been made in the execution of our many tremendous projects abroad . . . the very foundation of our foreign policy is being damaged by an undertow that is steadily increasing its pressure.

"This undertow derives its strength from streams of indecision, overlapping authority, duplication of effort, wasteful practices, overstaffing, and irresponsible and uncoordinated supervision and direction."

Johnston also said "We are losing the respect and good will" of the peoples in Western Europe despite the help they have received from this country in rebuilding their economies since the war.

He said "our wasteful practices", the large number and "plush living" of U. S. employees abroad and the extent of the government's operations tend to breed "digust, suspicion contempt and jealousy."

Johnston, who has opposed many foreign aid appropriations, said billions of dollars could be saved if his recommendations were adopted. He said more than 100,000 employes overseas could be dismissed within a year.

Two Appointees Stamped Okay

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved two diplomatic appointees after Secretary of State Dulles sent up a letter vouching for their loyalty.

They were Winthrop W. Aldrich to be ambassador to Great Britain and Mrs. Oswald B. Lord to be U. S. representative on the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

The approval came quickly after the two had testified before the group in a 90-minute hearing. Mrs. Lord won a unanimous vote. One Senator, Langer (R-ND), voted against Aldrich, a New York banker.

The two nominations were the first heard under a new emergency procedure under which Dulles vouches for the loyalty of the nominee. This waives a requirement that an FBI report be in hand before the committee acts.

The Dulles letter also covered Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, President Eisenhower's choice for Undersecretary of State; James Bryant Conant, named as high commissioner to Germany; and Herman Phleger, the selection for general counsel of the department.

OUR WEATHER

Fair and continued rather cold today, tonight and Friday.

High temperature yesterday, 60 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 55 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 28 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 30 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:24 A. M.; sunset, 5:49 P. M.

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Comic Dictionary

HISTORY

An account of how other nations have always been wrong.

EVENING PRAYER

O God, who dost not allow the nations which believe in Thee to be dismayed by any terror, deign to receive the prayers and sacrificial gifts of a people consecrated to Thy service; and let peace, granted by Thy loving kindness, protect Christian lands from every foe. Amen.

Tonight's The Night As Mothers March On Polio — Be Sure Your Porch Light Is On