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Johnston Asks Full Story On Ladejinsky

By G. MILTON KELLY WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D-S.C.) demanded from the Eisenhower administration today the inside story of the dismissal of Wolf Ladejinsky, U.S. agricultural attaché in Tokyo.

Nat T. Corn, Escaped Killer, Still At Large

COLUMBIA (AP)—Convicted murderer Nathan T. Corn and three other escaped prisoners described as dangerous still were at large today after a daring break with two other youngsters.

The six crawled to freedom through a utility and heating tunnel being built within the South Carolina Penitentiary walls. They sawed through heavy pine timbers at the tunnel's end to gain freedom by way of the prison heating plant outside its walls.

The break was noticed soon and two were picked up a few blocks away. A guard who had a view of the tunnel from his post was discharged. Supt. W. M. Manning of the penitentiary identified him as H. W. Griffin, who had been employed since July of last year.

City, county and state law officers organized a search immediately, keeping a check on all roads, railroads and bus lines. The escape was Corn's second. He sealed himself in a packing case and was taken out of the prison in February, 1951. Three weeks later he was picked up in Columbia, S.C.

He was convicted and sentenced to die for the 1948 murder at Rock Hill of his oil company employer, George C. Beam. Beam's body was found in a packing crate in backwaters of the Catawba River.

Corn, now 40, won a new trial on an appeal, again was convicted, but this time was sentenced to life.

He tried for another new trial in 1953 on a purported death bed confession to the murder by his father, who had died in 1951. But a court rejected the validity of the confession.

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APPLAUSE FOR FRENCH POSTPONED

American Officials Cautiously Await Further Action

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower and other top administration officials cautiously withheld today any vigorous applause for France's preliminary move toward accepting Western Germany as a full partner in the West's defenses against communism.

While several senators enthusiastically hailed last night's favorable French Assembly vote, Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles, however, a nd Secretary of State Dulles awaited non-ballooning expected tomorrow before joining publicly in the rejoicing.

Some high officials felt that even if Premier Pierre Mendes-France finally persuaded French legislators to approve German rearmament, his government faces an unpredictable future which might cause a new crisis.

Eisenhower, who had expressed serious concern over the French Assembly's earlier defeat of the German rearmament proposals, was reported keeping in close touch with Dulles.

Through his press secretary at his Augusta, Ga., holiday headquarters, the President said only that he was "gratified at the turn the proceedings have taken."

He referred to the 289-251 vote by which the National Assembly last night approved entry of West Germany into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Dulles canceled his usual Tuesday news conference, obviously desiring to avoid discussion of the German rearmament outlook until the French had made a firm decision.

But a number of congressmen foresaw last night's vote as clearly pointing to formal French approval of Germany's partnership with the West.

Sen. Monroney (D-Okla.) said the first vote "marks the high water point of Russian influence in Western Europe," and he added: "The grave danger will be in Asia, but it is not comparable to the grand prize of world domination that the fall of Europe would represent."

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) employing almost the same language in a separate interview, agreed that the French Assembly decision, if sustained in later votes, means "a high point of Russian influence in Europe will have passed."

Within minutes after last night's first vote, Chairman Wiley (R-Wisc.) of the Senate Foreign Relations committee termed it "welcome news of the greatest historic importance," but cautioned against new Russian efforts to sabotage German rearmament.

"The Soviet Union is not going to be able to take advantage of the Soviet Union's decision," he said.

Sen. George (D-Ga.), who is in line to replace Wiley in the foreign relations chairmanship next week, said from his home in Vienna, Ga.:

"The vote is extremely gratifying and reassuring and heartening. It indicates that the free world can hold together, and it certainly strengthens the free world to have France come along."

Resident Of Monroe Shot, Roped Here

In France, These Demonstrators Lost ...



SIGNS READING "Soudvins-Tol (remember) Chateaubriant ... AUSCHWITZ ... Cradour" were carried by Parisian demonstrators hostile to German rearmament ... They weren't so gay when the National Assembly voted. (AP Wirephoto).

French Premier Still Faces Hurdles

PARIS (AP)—Premier Pierre Mendes-France appeared today to have won three-fourths of his battle for French Assembly approval of West German rearmament. But the last quarter may be the most difficult of all.

The Assembly by a 289-251 vote gave preliminary approval last night to the French Assembly approval of West German rearmament. But the last quarter may be the most difficult of all.

The Premier still must win from the reluctant lawmakers two more confidence votes on the interlocking accords to free West Germany and enlist 500,000 West German troops in Western defense.

Still at stake is the key pact setting up a seven-nation West European Union with power to control the arms and armaments of member countries. It is this treaty which actually provides for West German rearmament.

The Premier's preliminary approval of the NATO agreement cheered U.S. officials. A statement from the Premier's chief of mission in Augusta, Ga., said President Eisenhower was "gratified."

Several senators in Washington hailed the vote but high administration figures refrained from joining in the rejoicing until after tomorrow's action meant that after more than a week of debate and parliamentary maneuvering, the Assembly has given at least a tentative approval to three of the four treaties.

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Gen. Dean's Son Joins Air Force

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—William F. Dean Jr. was sworn into the Air Force yesterday. His father, Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, 24th Division commander who was held captive by the Reds in Korea, looked on proudly.

The Junior Dean, 24, will report Jan. 3 to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex., as an aviator cadet.

Local Youth Being Held For Attack

Victim Identifies Hitch-Hiker Assailant

By DONALD MacDONALD Charlotte News Staff Writer

A Monroe loan company manager who picked up a hitch-hiker at Charlotte Post Office was shot through the stomach and robbed of his car and approximately \$40 early today after begging for his life.

Mecklenburg County Police have arrested a 21-year-old man—definitely identified by his victim—after he charged Boyd Ware, 121 W. Vance St., with armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and larceny of an automobile.

In critical condition at Presbyterian Hospital is William Graham Seiger, 28, of 14 Windsor Ave., Monroe.

The robbery-shooting took place about 1:30 a.m. today along a lonely stretch of Yorkmont Rd. near the Filmore prison camp.

The bullet passed completely through the man's body. After the robbery and shooting, the victim was forced to walk



That Photo Is The Assailant BOYD HERBERT WARE

down an embankment at the side of the road, whereupon the young hitch-hiker drove away in the salesman's 1954 Chevrolet convertible.

Denying any part of the charges, the 21-year-old Ware was arrested by Mecklenburg County police officers who spotted him walking on York Rd. near Clanton Rd.

His wearing apparel fitted the salesman's description and \$40 in cash was found in his clothing.

Officers said the weapon has not been found. However, police located Mr. Seiger's automobile about one-half mile south of the robbery scene.

Officers said Mr. Seiger managed to walk to the Wilmont Prison camp for help after his assailant sped away in the stolen car. Before losing consciousness from pain, he was able to give the following details concerning the hold-up.

Driving past the Charlotte Post Office on W. Trade St., Mr. Seiger said that he heard someone call to him from the sidewalk. He looked and saw a young man, neatly dressed in a topcoat, who shouted to him: "Hey, Bill, wait a minute."

Mr. Seiger said he stopped the car, believing the youth was someone he knew. At that time, the youth—who appeared to be between 18 and 21 years of age—

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WHAT'S INSIDE

THERE ARE 18 BILLION DOLLARS in Washington, and you have a personal interest in it. A new column, It's Your Money, tells you about it. Turn to page 3A.

THIS IS A BIG WEEK FOR SPORTS and The News sports pages today offer complete coverage from Australia's Davis Cup matches to Raleigh's Dixie Classic. Turn to pages 4B and 5B for a headline-filled sports week.

Table with columns: Business, Classified, Comics, Crossword, Editorial, Features, Obituaries, Radio & TV, Serial, Sports, Theaters, Women

Wife Held After Arsenic Found In Body Of Man

WILSON (AP)—Mrs. John Samuel Cockrell, 54, and a man were held in jail here today for their role in the death of her 57-year-old husband last July. The coroner, Dr. Robert E. Gandy, said an autopsy disclosed that Cockrell died of arsenic poisoning.

Mrs. Cockrell and a man whom authorities refused to identify, while they continued their investigation, were arrested by an agent of the State Bureau of Investigation yesterday and held without charge for questioning.

Records show that Cockrell, who lives in Wilson County, was admitted to a hospital here last July, and the cause was listed then as kidney condition.

Mrs. L. T. Barnes Jr., of Rt. 3, Kenly, Wilson County, said she informed authorities a month ago that the death of her husband, who played basketball, was due to arsenic poisoning she had seen in the Cockrell home were found in a nearby field after her father died.

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy and mild today, tonight and tomorrow with occasional light rain. Low temperature this morning 52 degrees. High temperature expected tonight 53 degrees. High temperature expected tomorrow 65 degrees.

Deluxe Bus Service Aimed At Commuter

By CHARLES E. FRANKEL CINCINNATI (AP)—The lovely motor bus, the plebeian of commuter transportation, is using airline hostesses today to lure bankers, brokers and lawyers aboard.

The Cincinnati Transit Co. started the new curbside service yesterday from the fashionable Mt. Lookout neighborhood to the heart of the city.

Under the company's "club bus" the commuter is picked up at the curb outside his home and taken directly to his office building. With no stops outside the Mt. Lookout area, the seven-mile ride takes about 25 minutes.

Many of the prospective riders have two cars in their garages. But the traffic congestion which makes driving to work a chore.

This week the club plan is on the house. But three hostesses on loan from an airline were on the buses today to sell the idea.

It will cost \$10 a month to get a guaranteed seat and then 10 cents for each ride to or from town.

Seven-Year Probe Ends In Arrests

MILAN, Italy (AP)—Police announced today the arrest of 18 men following a seven-year investigation of a counterfeiter ring.

Agents said they found in Milan 20 Dr. Taylor reported, "This patient had been getting arsenic which had been shown by the hair content, and also probably received arsenic shortly before death as indicated by the intestinal content level."

"The concentration of arsenic in the liver, kidneys, hair and in the intestinal content is sufficiently high to indicate beyond any reasonable doubt that this patient suffered arsenic poisoning as such, the intoxication resulted in his death."

Mrs. Barnes said Sheriff J. W. Thompson had advised her not to discuss the case while it was under investigation. But she said that she believed the man being held had visited her mother shortly after the death.

High Winds Hamper Fighting Efforts

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP)—Wind-lashed flames, which have burned 2,000 acres of timber and scorched roofs and fences, today threatened a mountain town in Cajon Pass, gateway to Southern California from the east.

Nearly 800 residents in 120 homes in Devore were alerted for possible evacuation. Fire crackled from the east through the San Bernardino mountain community, which runs U.S. Highway 66.

Big Forest Fire Threatens California Town

EVENING PRAYER

Thanks be unto Thee, O God, that Thou dost come to dwell with us in the form of the baby Emmanuel. Thanks be to Thee, Lord Jesus, that Thou dost come to guide us into the way of truth and peace and eternal riches in heaven. Amen.

TOWN CLOCK CARETAKER WANTS RAISE

FREDONIA, N. Y.—The caretaker of the village clock wants a pay raise. He says \$25 a year isn't enough for climbing into a church tower twice a week to wind the old impeller.