



17 Children, One Adult Die In Two Home Fires

Six Children Die As Virginia House Burns Victims Trapped On Second Floor

CHUCKATUCK, Va. (AP)—Six children ranging in age from 3 to 14 years, were burned to death when fire trapped them on the second floor of their frame home near this eastern Virginia community last night.

The 34-year-old father, Robert L. Eley, said he was awakened by a roaring noise after all had gone to bed. Flames cut him off from the upstairs when he came down to investigate, he said.

The mother, Evalina Eley, 38, was at work on a night shift at the Planters Nut & Chocolate Co. in Suffolk.

Firemen recovered the bodies of the children from the second floor. They were: William Henry, 14; John T. Jr., 11; Willie Mae, 10; Ruby, 8; Catherine, and Betty Gene Eley, 3. They were Negroes.

Dr. G. Richardson Joyner, Nansemond County medical examiner, said Eley told him he didn't know what caused the fire. Firemen theorized the blaze started from a wood-burning heater.

City Council: 'One More Won't Hurt'



Charlotte has never been a city to forget its historical past nor the glorious history of the nation. The photographs above testify to this, as we heard multiple memories on 'Tom Jefferson, the second president of the United States.

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U. N. Awaits Reply From Chinese Reds

By A. I. GOLDBERG
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—U. N. Security Council discussion of a cease-fire in the Formosa Strait today awaited Red China's withdrawal from the area will ease answer to the council's bid for Peiping spokesmen to join in the debate.

U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold cabled the invitation to the Chinese Communist capital last night after the council voted to:

1. Take up New Zealand's request for debate on "hostilities in the area of certain islands" off China;
2. Invite the Chinese Reds to participate in the debate; and
3. Delay until after the New Zealand proposal council consideration of renewed Soviet demands for immediate withdrawal of U.S. armed forces from the Formosa area and surrender of the coastal islands to Peiping.

COUNCIL IN RECESS
The council then recessed its sessions until Hammarskjold hears from Peiping.

A Peiping radio broadcast today made no mention of the council invitation but said New Zealand should withdraw its proposal—which is aimed at a cease-fire in favor of the Russian resolution. Quoting from the official Chinese Communist newspaper, the Peiping People's Daily, the broadcast repeated Red Chinese pledges to

New Fighting Flares Around Tachen Islands

By FRED HAMPTON
TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Fresh fighting on sea and in the air boiled up around the embattled Tachen Islands again today while the United States and Nationalist China debated the future of Chiang Kai-shek's offshore island outposts.

An American source said the fighting was being put in Washington to an agreed announcement clarifying the status of the Nationalist strongholds just off the Red mainland.

In the explosive Tachen area, Nationalist and Communist Chinese hammered each other with bombs and guns.

The Defense Ministry said four Nationalist planes clashed with Russian-built MIG-15 fighters in broad daylight but returned to base after successfully carrying out their missions.

The ministry said two of the Nationalist planes dived and strafed Red targets on newly-captured Yikiangshan Island, starting major fire despite heavy Red anti-aircraft fire from Yikiangshan and Toumen Island, five miles to the northwest.

Four waves of MIG-15s tried to intercept them as they returned

Methodist Women's Plan School Integration Projected

By HELEN PARKS
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Methodist women in the Southeast have been working to implement their long-range plan for school integration, which points toward an end to segregation in the public schools, Mrs. Melissa Stevens, executive secretary of the Dept. of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of Women's Division of Christian Service, said today at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of Women's Division of Christian Service.

Ralph T. Wilson, Laurens, S. C., secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, also at this morning's sessions in Charlotte's First Methodist Church, Mrs. Melissa Stevens, executive secretary of the Dept. of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of Women's Division of Christian Service, made an unscheduled announcement that a report of progress toward integration will be submitted in a few months to the United Nations committee on discrimination.

A "five-year supplement" to the 1950 publication on State Laws on Race and Color by the

U. S. Fire Toll For Week Reaches 46

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Forty-six persons—most of them children—have lost their lives this week in a tragic outbreak of fire occurring in six states.

At Amsterdam, N. Y., a 10-family tenement was destroyed early today and 12 persons, including eleven were children.

Another tenement fire in New York City, caused by an exploding kerosene heater in an East Side Manhattan building, took the lives of three children and three adults.

In Indiana, a gas tank in New York City blew, most of them similarly injured.

The fire deaths:

Georgia—A 29-year-old mother at Rossville, Mrs. Alta Wright, died trying to save her four children after an oil stove exploded. The children, ranging from three months to 10 years, also perished.

Indiana—Army Sgt. John T. Smith Jr. burned to death with his three young children in their home at Camp Gordon.

Indiana—Three children lost their lives in a blaze caused by an overturned oil stove while their mother was alone on errand.

Kentucky—Mrs. Charles E. Hodge Sr. and her two daughters were trapped in their burning farm home near Liberty. The fire apparently started from kerosene being used to kindle a fire.

Ohio—A 56-year-old man living in a farm shack.

Mecklenburg Proposal Committee Delays Action On Sex Bill

RALEIGH (AP)—House Judiciary B. Vogler, Jack Love and E. M. McCarver, and treatment of sex cases on the subject.

Under terms of the bill, persons convicted of taking any "immoral, improper, or indecent liberties" with a child under 16 would be sentenced to 1 to 20 years in the local jail, rather than imprisonment.

It provides for the "Under the bill a solicitor could file a report with a Superior Court clerk if he had evidence tending to show that a person was a sexual psychopath."

When a statement has been filed, a judge could appoint two qualified psychiatrists to make a preliminary examination of the patient. If, after a hearing, the patient is determined to be a sexual psychopath, "the court shall commit him to one of the state hospitals for treatment."

Committee Chairman Uzell said a further discussion would be held on the bill, perhaps next Tuesday.

He said a psychiatrist with the University of North Carolina wanted to be heard.

Forney said that in 1953-54, 187 persons were convicted of perverse sex acts in Charlotte. Last year there were 230, including three yesterday. The last three, he said, involved an oil executive, a person with a respectable state position, and a member of the criminal investigation division of the Army.

He said the persons involved are "not the usual criminal elements, but doctors, lawyers, ministers, businessmen" and other respected members of the community. The average offender married, has 1 to 2 children, has been a faithful employee, and is well off financially.

He said courts are reluctant to convict a person of a crime against nature, which calls for a 5-10 year sentence. One of the tragedies of such a conviction, he said, is that the sentenced person is sent to prison and not given special treatment.

He said because of his lack of laws on the subject, and because the psychopaths usually migrate to the cities, Charlotte has seen "certain areas of the community turned over" to these individuals.

He said persons from as far as California, which has relatively stringent laws on the subject, have migrated to Charlotte

Princess Margaret Nears West Indies

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (AP)—Making her first visit to the new world, Britain's Princess Margaret winged toward Trinidad today for the start of a month-long tour of the colorful Caribbean.

The silver-haired Countess of Carrington, 24-year-old sister was scheduled to touch down at Port of Spain's flag-decked airport late today.

She took off from London yesterday. Her plane's first refueling stop was at Montreal.

Trinidad's Gov. Sir Hubert Ranee said the island is displaying "tremendous enthusiasm" for the royal visit. Port of Spain was decked with thousands of streamers, banners and flags.

But flags and burning deerskins at Piarcero Airport were mysteriously torn down Sunday night, despite a 24-hour police guard. Authorities declined comment on the incident yesterday as workers restored the decorations.

U. S. Air Force rescue planes en route to this British colony off the Venezuelan coast of South America, were on the ground today.

The Countess made the transatlantic hop—Margaret's first flight across that ocean—in 13 hours.



PRINCESS MARGARET

Quicker Divorce Measure Advances

RALEIGH (AP)—A bill to halve the time couples must wait before seeking a divorce was given the blessings of Senate Judiciary 1 Committee today.

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CATHOLICS IN CHINA

HONG KONG (AP)—Eighty foreign Catholic missionaries are still inside Red China, Catholic sources here today announced today. Fifty-six are priests and brothers, including four bishops and one prefect; apostolic, and 24 are sisters.

the way the law is set up, explained Forney. "We have no explanation against them."

He said the best conviction usual obtained in such case is simple assault and a 30-day sentence.

Rep. Arthur Goodman, who introduced the bill with Reps. James

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BALL OF FLAME

"The fire was a ball of flame inside," he said. "I found a boy about 13 kneeling, dead beside a crib. The baby in the crib was dead, too."

"There was a lot of screaming, and one child kept begging to go back for her two dogs."

The dogs were reported to have been saved.

Asst. Fire Chief Samuel Palumbo said flames were shooting from front and rear windows when firemen arrived. Four 50-gallon oil drums in the basement kept exploding, he said.

"It was impossible at the time to send firemen in there to get anybody without losing extra life," he said.

ROOF COLLAPSES

The roof of the building collapsed and portions crashed into the cells.

Most of the residents were believed to be Puerto Ricans.

Bodies recovered included those of Juan Rivera, 40, and his children, John, 14; Ilda, 11; Domingo, 9; Angel, 10, one-year-old boy and two of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Motyka.

Two other Motyka children trapped in the flaming, 3-story building were counted as dead.

Two other children of Mr. and Mrs. Rivera were also trapped and considered dead. They were Donna, 3, and Marion, 6 months.

Police and firemen said the fire broke out in the Heaton apartment. The Rivera apartment was directly above.

Mrs. Rivera was in a hospital at the time of the fire.

Heaton, his wife and one of their children suffered burns. They were taken to Amsterdam City Hospital.

Also hospitalized was William Motyka, 10, who suffered a leg injury when he and his father, Stanley, 46, leaped from a second-floor rear window. The father was treated for cuts of the head and discharged.

EVENING PRAYER

Gracious Lord, give us strength to answer every challenge that this day presents. Guide us in heart and mind and hand that we may do all things as unto Thee. Lord, Thy strength be in us that we may be good followers of Thee. Amen.

WHAT'S INSIDE

THE GOOD OLD DAYS of red vests and silver-tongued orators are gone from Raleigh's legislative scene, mourns Carl Goerch on today's editorial page. Turn to 8-A.

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OUR WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness and warmer today. Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with scattered light rain. Continued mild tomorrow.

Low this morning 31 degrees.

Low expected tonight 48 degrees.

High yesterday 41 degrees.

High expected today 58 degrees.

Low expected tomorrow 38 degrees.

Sunrise 7:22 a.m.; sunset 5:13 p.m.

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HALLWAY CONFERENCE is held at First Methodist Church by Miss Mary Lou Barnwell (left), principal speaker at the morning session of 15th annual meeting of the W.C.S.S., the Rev. Lee F. Tuttle, host pastor; and Mrs. E. U. Robinson, president of the society.

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