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TWO DIE AS TRAIN FALLS

Freight Plunges Through Trestle

By ERWIN POTTS
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Two trainmen were killed early this morning when eight cars and an engine of a Norfolk Southern freight train plunged from a burning trestle into Rocky River near Midland.

The dead are Fred Styers, 63, conductor, and Marvin Belvin, 53, flagman. Both men were from Raleigh.

Volunteer workers had not been able to recover the body of Mr. Belvin from the engine when The News went to press.

The two men were in the second of two diesel engines at the head of the train. The first engine reached the section of the bridge reinforced by a steel span and pulled free of the break-in before the trestle gave way.

Engineer William Andrews said he saw a small fire in the upper section of the approximately 40-foot-high trestle as he rounded the curve approaching the bridge.

He said he applied the emergency brakes, but could not possibly stop in the short distance. Eight cars of the 22-car train followed the diesel engine into the river.

Engineer Andrews said he felt the rear part of his engine dip down when the trestle gave way, then pull free when the coupling released it from the rest of the train.

With Andrews in the front engine and Guy T. Williams, fireman, and Joe Williamson, brakeman.

The time of the wreck was set by Andrews at 4:45 a. m. Volunteers of the fire department from Locust, Mint Hill and Oakboro were on hand to extinguish freight cars fires which were still smoldering under the trestle.

There was no indication as to how the fire started at the trestle. Brakeman Williamson said another train had passed over the bridge around midnight and might possibly have dropped sparks and started the fire.

Mr. Williamson said he went to the nearest house for aid before the wreck occurred. He said it was about an hour before help arrived.

The Midland community is located about a mile off Highway 27 in Cabarrus County, approximately 21 miles northeast of Charlotte. The bridge spanned the river about 2 miles from Midland.

The wrecked train No. 64, had left Raleigh at 3:45 a. m. for Raleigh. It was due in Raleigh at 11 a. m.

The body of Mr. Belvin apparently was buried beneath the wreckage late this morning, still unable to locate the body.

Engineer Andrews said the only thing which prevented his engine from falling into the river was a steel span which reinforced the bridge about three-fourths of the way across.

The span prevented the greater part of the bridge from collapsing, according to Mr. Andrews. When the train hit the portion of the bridge which was reinforced by the span, the trestle gave way.

He said the momentum of the train's speed carried the first engine into the water.

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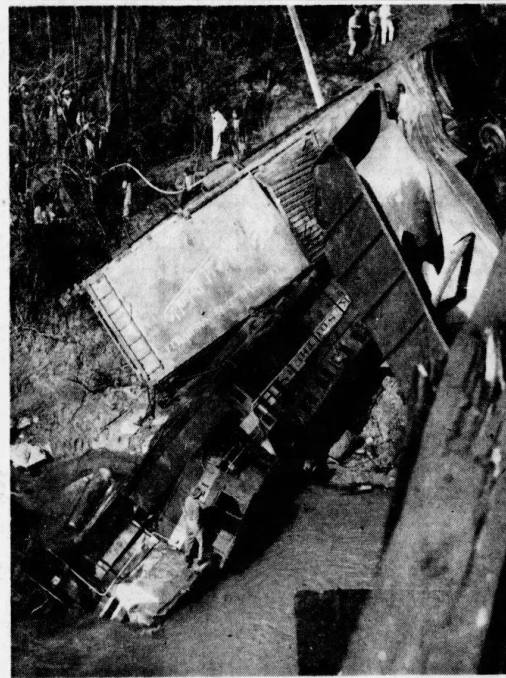
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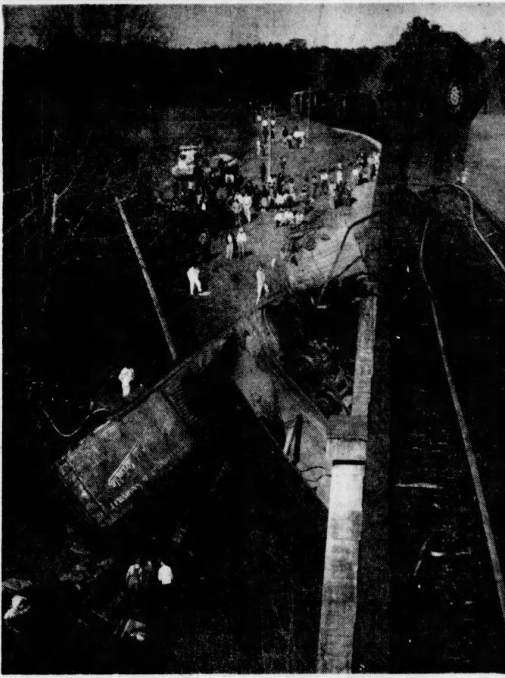
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Rescue Workers Check Cab Of Diesel In Rocky River.



Part Of Freight Remained On Tracks When Trestle Collapsed.

Quemoy Some Time Later

Attack On Matsuo Is Expected Soon

WASHINGTON (AP)—Intelligence reports under study here indicate the Chinese Communists could launch a big attack on Matsuo within a few weeks, and on Quemoy perhaps a month later.

A number of American military men say the Reds give every indication they intend to make the attack, but several factors could affect the decision, and the timing of any attack.

Among them is the April 18 opening date of a conference at Bandung, Indonesia, to which 30 African and Asian nations have been invited. Communist China will be among those represented, and there has been speculation an attack might be delayed beyond that date.

MAJOR OUTPOSTS
The two island groups, which lie near the Chinese mainland, are major outposts of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces based on Formosa. The United States has declined to say definitely whether it would move only if the attack were considered the start of a major assault on Formosa.

The intelligence evaluations, based on reports from the Far East, have been passed to top officials in Washington. They are likely to become the basis for extensive discussion when President Eisenhower talks over foreign policy with Congress members of both parties at the White House next Wednesday and Thursday.

Asked about that possibility, Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said any discussion of foreign affairs undoubtedly would touch on Formosa. But he noted that the luncheon had been scheduled for some time.

Some military leaders reportedly are urging a strong defense of Matsuo, both to save that outpost and to discourage an even larger effort against Quemoy.

The reports indicate that unless the Reds are given a very rough time in an assault on Matsuo, they could be ready for a heavier blow against Quemoy by May.

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Helicopter Forced Down In East Germany

U. S. Pilot Treated Well By Reds

STUTTGART, Germany.—An American Army helicopter pilot, forced down by a snowstorm in Communist East Germany, said today he received "good care" from the Russians, who gave him a bottle of cognac.

First Lt. Louis H. Jacquay, 36, of Fort Wayne, Ind., whose aerial survey mission, Kuehn later bore a son last night told a news conference he was confined to a room in a Soviet military compound near the West German border.

He said that at no time was there "any indication of violence," and he and a German companion were only questioned a couple of

Belgian Police Battle Crowds In School Row

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BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—Mounted police charged with swinging sabres today to disperse surging crowds of Roman Catholics protesting a government cut in financial aid to church schools.

Riot troopers on foot brandished batons to break up groups of demonstrators. No casualties were reported but hundreds were hauled away to a military barracks for screening.

The center of this capital city of 800,000 was in an uproar as demonstrators were pushed back into side streets and for the time being kept from staging a scheduled "March on Brussels."

MARCH ON BRUSSELS
Masses of people attempted to converge on the Place de Broekere, Brussels' Times Square, which police had cordoned off with barbed wire.

Two mounted policemen were thrown from their horses attempting to force the solid ranks of the demonstrators back. Several other officers lost control of their horses. Stores in the area quickly pulled down their shutters.

Riot police drenched the crowd with high pressure fire hoses but it was a sunny day and they didn't seem to mind, standing stolidly and taking the wetting.

CHEERS & JEERS
Cheers centered jeers when Catholics raised on their shoulders a leader of the Social Christian party (Catholic).

Public transportation throughout the country was thrown into chaos by the mass movement of people into the city. Trains and buses were packed and at many stations windows closed when all space on all trains for the day had been sold.

James D. Legg, 76, also was hospitalized after being crushed by a charging bull.

Glenn Hay, Phoenix, was credited by officers for saving Legg's life. He rushed out of his nearby store to distract the bull's attention and then beat it over the head with a garbage can cover.

Our Weather
Clearing weather today and becoming colder. Fair tonight and tomorrow with much cold temperature and wind.

Low tonight—42.
High yesterday—70.
High today—68.
Low tomorrow—39.
Sunrise 6:19 a. m.; sunset 6:39 p. m.

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Killer In City Less Than 10 Minutes

City Police Capture Kraai

By HARRY SHUFORD
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Fast-moving Charlotte police officers captured Earl Francis Kraai here this morning after he had been in the city less than 10 minutes.

Kraai arrived by bus from Greensboro shortly after 3 a. m. today and was arrested at Poplar and 4th Sts. at 3:10 a. m. Officers said he surrendered without resistance.

A wide-spread search for Kraai, who was committed to the section for the criminally insane at the State Hospital in Raleigh in 1951, has been going on since his escape Wednesday.

His commitment came after a court psychiatrist found him unable to stand trial for the brutal slaying of a local night watchman.

Police gave this description of the capture of the 37-year-old mental ward escapee.

Detectives J. W. Severs, O. E. Elliott and C. G. Holliman were

deating at the grill at the bus station, talking about Kraai's escape, when a bus dispatcher stopped by and told them Kraai was downtown.

The three detectives started down the stairs, and according to Detective Severs "had already planned a couple of steps past him when we recognized him. He looked different, had picked up weight since 1951."

Followed Outside
Kraai said that a rush to stop Kraai before he got out of the bus station might result in shooting in the station if Kraai had a gun, the officers followed him out of the bus station. But the escapee, moving fast, went east on Trade St. and turned south on Mint St.

The three detectives fanned out in an effort to intercept Kraai, and a few seconds later the escapee walked out of an alley running behind the Central Arts, practically into Detective Severs' waiting hands.

Detective Holliman said that their radio call for aid in the brief search for Kraai brought a swarm of officers and cars into the area. Detective Severs said the entire area was covered by the patrol division almost immediately when the report was made.

The detectives said when first spotted by the Post Office, and the detectives lost sight of him momentarily.

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Council Set To Adopt Uniform Speed Law

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer
An amendment to the city's traffic code setting the speed of vehicles at 35 miles an hour on arterial streets and streets in residential districts and to 20 miles an hour in school zones is scheduled for adoption at Wednesday's session of the City Council.

City Attorney John D. Shaw prepared the amendment on the basis of recommendations from City Solicitor James E. Walker and Traffic Capt. Lloyd W. Henkel.

THE NEW LAW
The amendment provides for the elimination of section 23 of Chapter 2, Article 5 of the City Code and the substitution of the following:

(a) No person shall drive a vehicle on any street or highway designated herein "arterial highway" or "through street" at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing in excess of 35 miles per hour.

(b) No person shall drive a vehicle on any street or highway in a residential district of the City of Charlotte at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent under the conditions then existing in excess of 35 miles per hour.

(c) No person shall drive a vehicle on any street or highway in areas designated by signs entitled "school zones" at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing in excess of 20 miles per hour.

Approves Eisenhower Idea
Bulganan Favorable To Big 4 Meet

MOSCOW (AP)—Premier Nikolai Bulganin said today he takes a "positive attitude" toward views expressed by President Eisenhower concerning a Big Four meeting.

Bulganan grants a special interview to a Tass correspondent in which he said the Soviet Union approved Eisenhower's idea "if there is in view a conference which would contribute to lessening of tension in international relations."

Defeat Of Big Pay Raise Seen

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Carlson (R-Kan.) said today he still is confident federal employees will get a 15 per cent pay raise. President Eisenhower favors instead of the 10 per cent voted by the Senate.

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15 DEGREES

NOT WEATHER FOR A COAT

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP)—The temperature was 15 in Hutchinson yesterday, and when fifth-grader Harold Stover, 10, showed up at school without a coat, the teacher was puzzled.

"Don't you have a heavy coat at home?" she asked.

Harold nodded. "I don't need it."

And with that he showed his teacher he was wearing nine shirts.

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