

Man Is Shot Twice While Foiling Holdup

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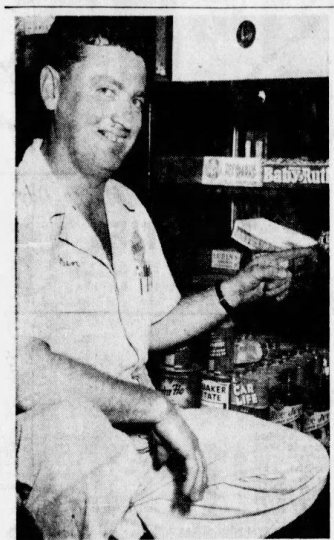
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BULLET HOLE IN SHOWCASE AFTER HOLD-UP ATTEMPT
Ben Beatty, Friend of Shooting Victim, Points to Damage

Gas Station Operator Hit Twice

Police Seeking Pair Of Gunmen

A Wilkinson Blvd. service station operator was shot twice early today by a gunman who reportedly a post-midnight robbery.

County police said that the shooting victim, Earl Craig Johnston, 34, of North Belmont, was shot in the right leg and in the right arm after he refused to permit the gunman to rob him. Johnston is night operator of Beatty's Service Station on Highway 74-West. The gunman got no money.

Officers said the bullet which entered Johnston's right arm broke his arm but explained that the bullet which struck him in the right leg passed completely through the leg.

FLED IN CAR
After the shooting the gunman and a companion who had not alighted from their parked car fled in the auto from the service station driveway.

In good condition at Memorial Hospital, Johnston described the gunman as being about 16 to 20 years of age, Johnston told police.

The service station operator said the two men drove away toward Gastonia.

County police said the shooting and attempted robbery occurred about 1:30 a. m. after the two men drove up into the station yard in a gray 1950 Ford and asked for gasoline.

Johnston put gasoline into the car and then was asked to check the amount.

As the service station operator pulled his head from beneath the hood, the tall gunman leveled a .22 caliber automatic pistol on him and said, "This is a stickup."

Johnston said that he turned back and grabbed a stool, throwing it at the gunman and then ran quickly inside the station house to get a weapon.

But the gunman followed Johnston inside the station and shot at least three times.

Officers of the station went through a showcase inside the station.

CRAWLED TO DOOR
After the gunman and his companion

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IT TOOK ALMOST TWO HOURS to free Lewis Parks Cunningham of Lincolnton, Ala., from the cab of his truck yesterday afternoon when the truck ran into a ditch off Pineville Road. Pain was inflicted in his face, but he remained calm as police and other rescuers worked to get him out. James Griffin, an ambulance driver helped him (bottom left) just before he was taken out of the truck.

Gluckhohn Testifies

Firing Of Pistol Called Accident

By NOEL YANCEY
Raleigh — Richard Kluckhohn today described as an accident the firing of his pistol in a Raleigh hotel room on May 13.

Kluckhohn is on trial on murder charges growing out of the killing of a woman shopper, Miss Bernice Seawell, 48, on a parking lot near the hotel. The state contends the shot was fired from Kluckhohn's room.

Kluckhohn, 21-year-old representative of an Evanston, Ill., textbook publisher and son of parents who are members of the Harvard University faculty, took the stand in his own defense yesterday after the state had rested its case. He resumed his testimony today.

Kluckhohn related that he was preparing to leave the hotel and go to the home of a friend at Chapel Hill.

He said he had packed his belongings except for his German Luger pistol, some tools, and cleaning stuff for the pistol.

After reading for a while in bed, he got up and "reached down to pick up the pistol."

"SNAPPED TRIGGER"
"As I picked up the pistol, I snapped the trigger and it went off."

Kluckhohn said he sat down on the bed. "The noise was awful. I was dazed."

He related he then picked up the pistol, took it apart and ran a cleaning patch through its barrel before putting it in a bag.

He said he then left the room and went toward the hotel lobby.

13 Men Believed Lost As British Sub Sinks

By EDDIE GILMORE
PORTLAND, England (AP)—A practice torpedo exploded and tipped over the Royal Navy submarine Sidon today, sending it to the bottom of Portland harbor with 13 men trapped in its shattered hull.

Seven hours after the explosion the admiral said all hope had been abandoned for the three officers and 10 enlisted men.

The blast tore apart the forward end of the sub while it was moored alongside the depot vessel Madstone. It occurred shortly before the Sidon was to leave the harbor.

An admiral spokesman said the explosion occurred in a torpedo propellant in the forward torpedo compartment.

The Sidon rested on the surface for about a half an hour after the explosion then sank under 30 feet of water.

SEVEN ESCAPE
Seven other crewmen escaped with only slight injuries, the admiral said.

"I regret to say that three officers and 10 ratings are definitely

known to be missing and must be presumed dead," P. L. Thomas, first Lord of Commons in London, said in addition to officers and several ratings were injured and are in the hospital.

Asked whether the men died in the blast or because they couldn't escape, Thomas replied:

"As far as my information goes, I think that the loss of life is likely to have been entirely due to the explosion."

The explosion rocked the south coast naval base and sent columns of dense yellow smoke billowing skyward.

An eyewitness said as the sub was about to move off, the explosion rocked the Sidon "and clouds of smoke shot up from the front of her."

The sub lay on the surface for about 30 minutes, but then nosed up as the forward position was flooded, this witness reported.

Men jumped from her decks into the sea. Tugs raced to the aid of the survivors.

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Plane Crash Fatal To 15

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)—A Brazilian airliner bearing 24 persons crashed in a heavy fog five miles from Asuncion early today and 15 were reported killed or unknown for. Officers of the line, who said there were two known survivors.

John Dowling, chief of Time Magazine's bureau in Buenos Aires, was among the 14 passengers. He was en route back to the Argentine capital from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Rescue workers hauled the bodies of six passengers and three of the plane's "member" crew from the fire-carred wreckage near the village of Cuatro Mojonos, but identifications were

The plane—in the final stages of a long flight to Buenos Aires—crashed in a landing in Lison, Sakar, Recife, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, Brazil—according to the Paraguanay Air Ministry sent in officers to investigate.

Extended Time For Nursing Homes Requested By Building Inspector

By CHARLES KURALT
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Six local nursing homes condemned as fire hazards will get an additional 90 days to correct hazardous conditions or move into new buildings, if the City Council approves.

Acting Chief Building Inspector C. W. Edge said today he will ask the Council at its meeting next Wednesday to extend the present 30-day compliance period to three months.

City Manager Henry A. Yancey said he would discuss with City Attorney John Shaw the possibility of an extension.

But even the extended time would not be enough, according to one of the operators involved, W. B. O'Neal. Mr. O'Neal, who owns Hillcrest Nursing Home, 2435 Sharon Rd., said he had a new building in the planning stage, but it would take at least 12 months to complete it.

"And I'm going to stay in business no matter what I have to do," Mr. O'Neal said. Most of the operators, he said, are ready to go to court to protect their interests.

Building Inspector Edge said in his opinion, the nursing homes need at least 90 days to comply with the law. "I'm going to tell the Council these people can't do much in 30 days," Mr. Edge said.

The six homes have been adjudged in violation of a North Carolina law which requires institutional buildings of frame construction to be no more than one story in height. All of the six homes are two-story wood buildings.

The homes, which received letters yesterday from the Building Inspections Dept., ordering "complete compliance" with the N. C. Building Code within 30 days, are:

Crane's Convalescent Home, 1917 Park Dr.; Elizabeth Nursing Home, 229 Travis Ave.; Dwiggin's Convalescent Home, 129 N. McDowell St.; Oakhaven Nursing Home, 2900 Hutchinson Ave.; Charlotte Nursing Home, 315 Hawthorne Lane; and Hillcrest Nursing Home, 2435 Sharon Rd.

About 200 patients are cared for in the homes, approximately 75 of them being charity patients of Mecklenburg County. Payment for these 75 is made by the county with the aid of state and federal money. County officials are known to be concerned about the prospects of finding new quarters for these patients if the homes are closed.

Mrs. Ruth Flanagan, head of the county's Charity Hospitalization Dept., has suggested using

Ike, Defense Heads Meet In War Games

By STERLING F. GREEN
EMERGENCY PRESS, HI-AD-QUARTERS, Operation Alert
President Eisenhower sped from his hideaway White House today to the emergency headquarters of the Defense Department for a meeting with the National Security Council in the wake of yesterday's massive-but imaginary—atomic attack.

On tap for the practice session was an up-to-the-hour briefing on the mock devastation in 61 major population and industrial centers. Presumably the problem was to weigh the theoretical devastation and loss of life as a guide to the action the President would order in the vast disaster exercise were a reality.

Mock of the meeting Eisenhower announced me such action.

MOCK LAW
He issued a mock declaration of martial law to mobilize "the authority and resources of the Federal Government" to help get a badly disoriented nation back in top fighting shape.

A spokesman said it was Eisenhower's view that a martial law declaration was necessary to the national interest until Congress supposedly, but not actually, scattered—could convene and normal channels of government be re-established.

The Security Council, headed by the President, is the top administrative policy agency in matters related to the nation's safety and defense. Its members include the vice president, the secretary of defense and the secretary of the treasury among others. Additional officials sit in on its meetings as their tasks are affected.

CASUALTY FIGURE
Ready for that group were reports showing that the "attack" resulted by yesterday's screaming sirens—left on paper—7,636,000 dead and 5,002,000 injured. These figures were incomplete with a number of cities not yet in their estimates.

Total population of the 61 cities is 33,964,237. Most of them had advanced warning before the sirens

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Driver Freed From Truck

By DONALD MACDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Pinned in the wreckage of his tractor-trailer cab an Alabama truck driver waited almost two hours yesterday while police and wrecking crews struggled to free him.

Today at Charlotte Memorial Hospital the driver, identified as Lewis Parks Cunningham of Lincolnton, Ala., was in "good" condition, with no bones broken.

State Highway Patrolman said Cunningham's 30,000-pound produce hauler went off to the shoulder of Pineville Rd. a few hundred feet south of Dead Man's Curve about 2:30 p.m. yesterday. Cunningham told officers, "I must have gone to sleep at the wheel."

LONG JOB
Workmen from the Charlotte Livestock and First Aid Crew, plus wrecking crews from the White Star Body Works, assisted by Mecklenburg County Police and State Highway Patrolmen, labored for one hour and 45 minutes to free the accident victim.

Cunningham remained conscious during the entire ordeal. State Highway Patrolman said a doctor from Pineville gave the man a sedative by hypodermic needle to ease his pain.

While wrecking crews melted cab door hinges with an acetylene torch, volunteer firemen from the Woodlawn Fire Dept. played a hose of water on the wreckage to avoid fire from seeping gasoline.

County Patrolman E. J. Lutz said that Cunningham's tractor-trailer scraped the dirt embankment on the right side of the highway for a distance of about 80 feet. The truck also struck a large boulder, and front seats were buckled beneath the cab.

Officers said the truck motor

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Fighting Flares After Church Disowns Peron

Pitched Battle In Buenos Aires

By SAM SUMMERLIN
BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Revolt broke out today against the government of President Juan D. Peron shortly after the Vatican excommunicated him and other government leaders.

There was a pitched battle in the center of Buenos Aires and planes bombed Government House, the seat of government. Revoltions fired mortars, machine guns and rifles against the presidential guard.

"One airplane has been shot down. Three others have been obliged to land."

Later the radio said only naval aviation was involved, not the air force.

This correspondent saw casualties being removed from the Plaza de Mayo in front of Government House. Nearby is the national cathedral, center of last weekend's disturbances involving supporters of the Roman Catholic Church and supporters of President Peron in his campaign to curb the church in this country.

ALIVE WITH TROOPS
The center of the city was virtually alive with troops, and bands of workers could be seen running in the direction of Government House shouting "Peron, Peron!"

This came a few hours after news reached here of the Vatican's action. The Roman Catholic Church announced its penalty of excommunication—cutting off the sacraments—because of Argentine events culminating in the explosion yesterday of Msgr. Manuel Tato.

Legal sources here declared the excommunication does not mean Peron ceases to be a Catholic. Therefore, they said, he can continue to serve under the Argentine constitution making Roman Catholicism the official religion.

Msgr. Tato and an associate expelled with him meantime were being flown to Rome on a special Argentine airliner.

The two prelates, Msgr. Manuel Tato, auxiliary bishop of Buenos

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PAYS 15 CENTS FOR STOLEN NEWSPAPERS

The News today received a "conscience fund" contribution of 15 cents.

The contribution was enclosed with this letter from a resident of Concord:

"I am now a Christian and am confessing that I have secretly stolen one or more newspapers from sidewalk kind of paper rack. I have forgotten the number or of what the name of the newspaper but I want to pay for three Charlotte News newspapers."

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