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JANET TOLL AT LEAST 25 IN BARBADOS

Figure May Rise As Other Islands Fear Hurricane's Pounce

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados.—Hurricane Janet's known death toll on Barbados mounted to 25 today, but additional casualties were feared as reported filters in from the battered British West Indies in the eastern Caribbean. Shattered communications hampered accurate estimates of the number of dead and injured.

About 150 persons were injured and 2,000 left homeless when the storm roared across this sugar island Thursday. An earlier report reaching the outside had put the estimated death toll at about 100. Property damage was estimated at five million dollars.

Latest reports from the U. S. Weather Bureau at San Juan, Puerto Rico, put the center of the hurricane about 400 miles southwest of San Juan and about 1,300 miles southeast of Miami. Maximum winds were estimated at 115 miles per hour over a small area near the center, with gales extending 140 miles to the north and 100 miles to the south.

IN HAZEL'S PATH

Janet has been moving between west and northwest at about 15 miles an hour. It continued, that course could take her along the path of last year's hurricane Hazel which killed hundreds in Haiti before smashing across the northeastern United States. However, there were no predictions on her later course.

At the latest report, storm warnings were displayed on the Tarraco peninsula in Venezuela and on Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire, islands in the Netherlands Antilles.

Janet also smashed into the spice-producing Windward Islands. Reports said an unknown number of persons were killed on Grenada. The storm also did extensive damage on St. Vincent.

At Christ Church on Barbados, nine persons were killed when the walls of the Pilgrim Holiness Church lodge collapsed. A school boy ran screaming down the road and drowned in a lake born of the storm. Red Cross officials said 50 per cent of the homes in Christ Church were battered beyond repair.

The insular government declared a state of emergency. The local regiment mobilized its troops to help clear the debris. More than the island's population of more than 190,000 volunteered for relief work.

One hero of the hurricane was the Rev. Jonathan Graham, Anglican minister at St. John's, and president of Coddington College. While the storm raged, he went by car and foot about his parish, helping the people in danger. He was packed with refugees today.

Major highways on Barbados were cleared today. The only airport reopened, but operations were difficult without any ground-to-air communication because of a break in power lines.

Blast Kills 40 In Mexico

MEXICO CITY.—A dynamite-laden truck and a train collided, causing a shattering explosion that took the lives of more than 40 persons.

In a chain reaction, the collision and explosion set off the cargo of a second dynamite-carrying truck. Reports from the scene said more than 40 bodies had been recovered and the death toll might reach 70. More than 150 persons were injured.

Authorities said the two trucks, both heavily loaded with explosives, were racing without lights when the lead vehicle collided with the Torreón-to-Chihuahua train.

Torreón is about 200 miles west of Monterrey in north central Mexico.

Former N. J. Senator Dies At Asheville

ASHEVILLE.—Former U. S. Sen. William H. Smathers of New Jersey died in a hospital here today. He was an uncle of Sen. George Smathers, Florida Democrat.

Smathers, 64, a Democrat, was elected to the Senate for the 1937-41 term after serving as state senator.

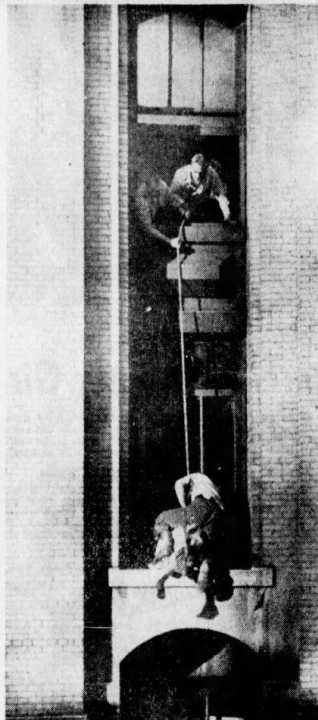
He was born in Waynesville, N. C., and studied at Washington, C. and L. and the University of North Carolina.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy this afternoon and tonight with a chance of light showers. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and a little cooler with a chance of light showers.

High yesterday—81.
High today—88.
High tomorrow—92.
Low this morning—64.
Low tonight—65.
Sunrise 6:12 a.m.; sunset 6:18 p.m.

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FIREMAN EDWARD BARBOUR straddles Harvey Harding on the 11th story window ledge of a New York City building as they are both pulled to safety. Harding's estranged wife told police he was being ill for some time. (AP)

President In Bed Eisenhower Has Digestive Upset

DENVER (AP)—President Eisenhower "suffered a digestive upset during the night," and failed to turn up at his office at the usual time this morning.

Murray Snyder, assistant White House press secretary, told newsmen that Eisenhower's personal physician, Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, was summoned during the night and was with Eisenhower again a few minutes before 8 a. m. MST.

"The President suffered a digestive upset during the night," Murray Snyder announced. "If he comes in (to his office) at all, it will not be until considerably later."

Asked whether the ailment was serious, the press secretary replied that "all I know" was what Dr. Snyder had told him—that it was "a digestive upset."

A reporter then asked whether Dr. Snyder had been summoned during the night to the home of the President's mother-in-law, Mrs. John S. Doud.

"Yes," the press secretary replied, "and he is there now."

Snyder said Eisenhower was remaining in bed for the time being.

Clues Few In California Baby Kidnaping Case

SAN FRANCISCO.—Hundreds of policemen, pressing a desperate search for week-old Robert Marcus, knew today only one thing: a woman resembling the untidy, buxom blonde kidnaper, 1, is in the San Jose area, 45 miles south of here.

2. Is stealing diapers, and 3. Does not know, apparently, much about caring for a tiny infant.

Those slight clues centered the biggest search in northern California history. The baby was stolen from Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco last Monday.

HUNT WIDESPREAD

The hunt continued at other California points also with tips coming from as far east as Sacramento and as far north as Marin County. Police vainly tracked down another from Atlantic City, N. J.

Two women told San Jose police of a furtive woman who stole diapers from a far home as Sacramento and as far north as Marin County. Police vainly tracked down another from Atlantic City, N. J.

Earlier still another woman told of being asked to warm a bottle for a screaming, tiny youngster, carried into her home by a blonde woman she hadn't seen before, or since.

The baby's father, Dr. Sanford Marcus, emphatically worried about his new son and about the mother, Hanna, 29.

"I just want my baby," is all the mother murmured from her hospital bed. Mrs. Marcus' parents and her brother were killed in Nazi concentration camps and

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Gov. Hodges Demands Storm Relief Action

'Self Help' Hint Angers Governor

By BRYAN HAINSLIP
RALEIGH.—Gov. Hodges today angrily called on federal officials to "let us know what you can do" to help hurricane disaster victims.

The governor's outburst came at a conference of state leaders with Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson and Agriculture Undersecretary True D. Morse.

"I'm sorry to raise my voice," said Hodges, "but I'm sick and tired of this kind of delay."

The governor's remarks came after Morse said that "self help is important" among farmers suffering from storm damage.

Hodges said he resented "even an implication that the people of North Carolina won't carry the burden" of the hurricane disaster.

North Carolina has been hit by three hurricanes this year—Connie Aug. 12, Diane Aug. 17, and Ione Sept. 19.

Ione was by far the most costly. Preliminary estimates by state officials placed damage at 160 million dollars, of which about 75 million was in crop losses. Damage estimates for Connie and Diane combined in this state ranged up to 100 million, including about 65 million in crop losses.

Officials of the Farmers Home Administration gave assurances that regulations can be relaxed to permit farmers to carry some part of this year's crop debt over through the coming year on FHA loans.

The chief item of controversy was a delay encountered by state officials in seeking emergency feed supplies for livestock farmers who suffered losses in the hurricane.

AID PROMISED

Peterson assured the group that all federal aid possible under the law could be forthcoming. However, he said, "you just can't put price tags on disasters." He said early estimates often were far beyond actual losses.

Agriculture Commissioner L. V. Ballentine said Washington Agriculture Department officials had told him that emergency feed supplies have been made available in the past only in the case of drought disasters. He said he had waited 10 days before receiving an answer from his initial request for aid.

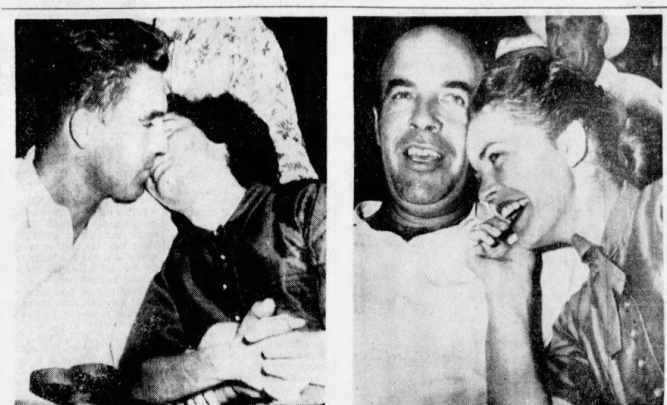
Morse said the Agriculture Department has to "move with the facts behind us." He said information must be obtained in disaster situations because the department must "face Congress and operate within the law."

MAKING SURVEY

After the conference, Peterson left for a flying survey of the hurricane disaster area in eastern North Carolina.

The governor's remarks marked the second outburst in as many days by Tar Heels against delays in getting relief for stricken farmers whose hurricane losses have been estimated at 120 million dollars.

U. S. Sen. W. Kerr Scott last night issued a statement asserting that federal officials are "holding back" in rendering assistance to farmers. He said Farmers Home Administration officials had insisted it would be illegal for them to refinance farmers' existing loans.



The Bryants (left) and the Milams are happy after not guilty verdict (AP)

Face Kidnaping Charge Acquired Half-Brothers Still In Jail

By SAM JOHNSON
SUMNER, Miss.—An all-white jury composed mainly of Delta cotton farmers, acquitted two white storekeepers of the murder of a 14-year-old Chicago Negro boy yesterday, but the half-brothers kept the night in a neighboring county jail.

Roy Bryant, 24, and John Milam, 26, still face charges of kidnaping Emmett Louis Till from the sharecropper shack in Leflore County where he was vacationing with his uncle, Mose Wright.

The two men were tried in Tallahatchie county because a battered bullet pierced body — buried as Till's, but later rejected by the jury — was fished from the muddy Tallahatchie River inside the county line.

IDENTITY DOUBTED

Jury Foreman J. A. Shaw said the identity of the body was the deciding factor in the one hour and seven minute deliberation that resulted in an innocent verdict on the third ballot.

"The verdict is as shameful as it is shocking," said the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People in a statement from its New York headquarters. "The jurors who returned it deserve a moment's reflection on the mental from the Kremlin for merit in service in communism's war against democracy."

Bryant and Milam spent the night in the Leflore County Jail in Greenwood when their attorneys differed with state officers over the amount of bond needed for their release under the kidnap charges.

BACK IN CUSTODY

They were taken back into custody a few minutes after they embraced their wives happily as Shaw intoned. We, the jury, find the defendants not guilty."

Both men accepted the verdict calmly, as did the spectators who lined up in the muddy courtroom. Except for one loud exclamation, there was no demonstration.

The quiet announcement came as an anticlimax to the ringing array of summing up arguments that held jury and audience in rapt attention.

Shaw first simply said, "Not guilty," but Circuit Judge Curtis Swango Jr., who won praise from the NAACP for his handling of the trial, sent him back to try again in proper legal language.

MRS. BRYANT HAPPY

Mrs. Bryant, the pretty mother of two boys who testified a Negro man molested her Aug. 24, said with a relieved smile: "I'm very happy. I feel a lot better than I did yesterday on the witness stand."

Before the trial, officers said the 21-year-old woman was the object of Till's wolf whistle. But on the stand, as a defense witness, she mentioned no names in relating the episode at the store. Her husband's attorneys used this lack of identification to demand of the state, "Where's the motive?"

Part of her testimony was withheld from the jury and she was never cross-examined.

Two officers corroborated Wright's testimony that Bryant and Milam abducted Till from the sharecropper shack near the little town of Money where Bryant runs a general store. The officers said the man admitted it in pretrial questioning.

The storekeepers did not testify in their defense, but before the trial they claimed to have released Till unharmed because Mrs. Bryant said he was not the Negro who grabbed her around the waist and made an indecent proposal.

The state built its case around eye witnesses, like the 64-year-old Wright, to the prelaw abduction and around the testimony of a 17-year-old Negro boy who said he heard "liars and hollering" coming from a barn owned by Milam's brother in Safflower County.

PUNISHMENT FITTED CRIME, BUT MOTHER WAS UPSET

CHICAGO (AP)—The trouble started when Ronald Damratowski, 8, was caught chewing gum in his classroom in the Northwest Side Grammar School.

The officials, as has been the custom, voted on Ronald's punishment. His teacher, identified by school authorities only as Mrs. Mulder, a 20-year veteran, agreed.

So she stuck the wad of gum in Ronald's hair.

Later, another unidentified teacher took a pair of scissors and cut the gum from his hair. This left Ronald with a bald spot.

When Ronnie went home, his mother, Mrs. Helen Damratowski, was so upset that she had to be treated by a physician in the school infirmary.

She complained to Douglas Bramer, a district school superintendent, who told her he would investigate.

Mrs. Damratowski said her son is worried if his hair will grow back in time for his first communion next month.

Meanwhile, Ronald is pursuing his third-grade studies in another classroom.

Bat-Carrying Ball Fan Strikes Out In Court

NEW YORK.—Wanted: Someone to feel sorry for the baseball bat-wielding lady from Larchmont, N. Y.

In the first place, 47-year-old Myrtle Hammond, who is a Cleveland Indians baseball fan and has been carrying a bat around for 16 years to "her" New York Yankees. She doesn't say what she has against the Yankees.

Last year the "bats" worked and the Indians won the American League flag. Last night the hefty wooden charm failed as the Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 3-2 and sewed up the league championship.

And yesterday she was the "catcher" in felony court, charged with using her bat to swing at a policeman.

On Thursday Miss Hammond, a domestic, was involved in a minor auto accident in Manhattan. Her car had tangled with a car driven by Andrew Moriarty, 45, of Bayshore, N. Y.

Moriarty said he was exchanging licenses with Miss Hammond when she produced a bat and took a swing at him and caught him on the outside corner—no, we mean the left shoulder.

After he was hit with the bat, Moriarty said, the lady shattered the glass with her second swing.

Along came patrolman John Aligowski and he said, Miss Hammond swung but he ducked.

Authorities then came up with statistics that Miss Hammond has been charged five times in two years with other batting escapades—including who swings Stamford and Greenwich, Conn. On each occasion, they said, the bat was taken away from her, and then she would go out and buy a new one.

Defense counsel Benjamin Schrier asked magistrate James F. Lo Pico to at least parole Miss Hammond until after the World Series is over.

But "umpire" Lo Pico couldn't be swayed from his decision. To hold Miss Hammond in \$500 bail for a special session trial on charges of third-degree assault and violation of the Sullivan anti-weapons law.

Leo Durocher Resigns As Manager Of Giants

NEW YORK.—Leo Durocher quit as manager of the New York Giants today and Bill Rigney immediately was named his successor of the 1954 world champion.

Horace Stoneham said that Durocher told him this morning he did not intend to return to the Polo Grounds next year and that a telephone call to Rigney, now boss of the Minneapolis farm in the American Assn., resulted in the former infielder's coming here next season.

Rigney was with the Giants for eight years and has been managing the Millers for two seasons. The team now is tied with Rochester of the International League at one game each in the Little World Series.

Coach Fred Fitzsimmons and Herman Franke also offered their resignations to Stoneham because, they said, "We think it only fair that Rigney pick his own."

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Durocher's contract expires tomorrow with the close of the 1955 season. The team will finish in third place.

Stoneham said he accepted the resignation with deep regret. He called Durocher, one of baseball's most controversial figures, a "good manager."

Durocher was reported to be swept over the Cleveland Indians in four games that would retire from baseball. Although he did not reveal his future plans immediately he has often expressed interest in movie and television work. He is married to Laraine Day, a movie and TV actress.