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FIREFIGHTERS pumping water from a nearby lake try to reach flames bursting from the top of the 150-foot steeple of the First Congregational Church in Newport, Vt. The main part of the church was destroyed. (AP Wirephoto).

Jury Out 72 Minutes

Plane Dynamiter Will Die In Colorado Gas Chamber

Texas Factions Seek Control Of Democrats

Johnson And Shivers Backers In Meetings

By RAYMOND HOLBROOK

DALLAS (AP)—Texas Democrats, meeting in more than 5,000 precinct conventions, today choose between Sen. Lyndon Johnson and Gov. Allan Shivers in a bitter "loyalist vs. conservative" battle for control of the state's delegation to the national convention.

The fight, more than a personal struggle for power between the state's two top political figures, is a continuation of the 1952 split in the ranks of Texas Democrats when Shivers bolted the party to support Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican nominee, for president.

At stake in today's precinct conventions are Texas' 56 votes in the national convention at Chicago and control of state Democratic machinery for at least the next two years.

NO APPOLOGIES

Shivers, a strong exponent of state's rights, has said he has no apologies for supporting President Eisenhower in 1952 and that he will not support the Democratic ticket this year unless the presidential nominee is acceptable to him. He has called for a delegation "that represents Texas thinking rather than Washington thinking."

Johnson, the Senate majority leader who backed the 1952 Democratic presidential nominee, Adlai Stevenson, has called for a "unified delegation representing all Texas Democrats, not just one faction." He wants a delegation that is pledged to support the Democratic nominees "and willing to come back home and work for their election in November."

COMMITTEE SUPPORT

Shivers has the support of the State Democratic Executive Committee which joined in the 1952 bolt to swing Texas into the Republican column. His backing has been drawn largely from conservative, anti-New Deal Democrats.

Johnson has the support of veteran Rep. Sam Rayburn, speaker of the House, who was first to urge that Johnson be named both delegation leader and the state's "favorite son" nominee for the Democratic presidential nominee.

Other Johnson backers include Byron Skelton, head of the Texas Democratic Advisory Committee, an organization of "loyalist Democrats" set up after the regular party machinery swung to Eisenhower in 1952.

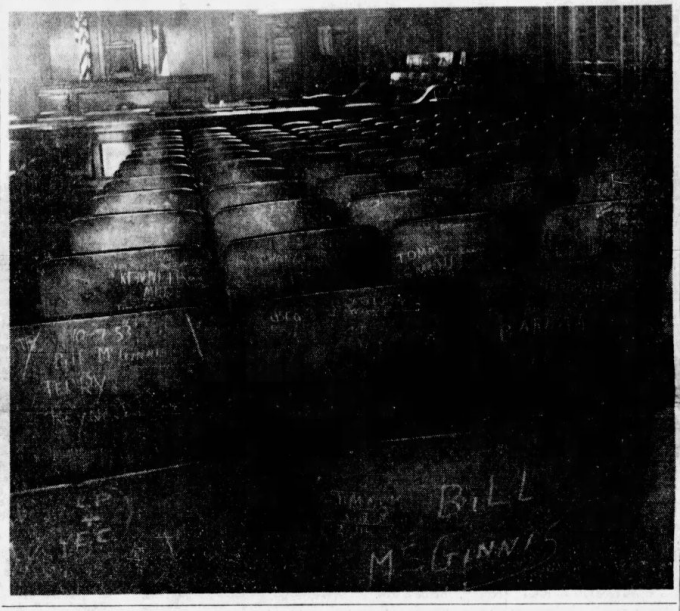
Many Vandals Visit Court — Voluntarily

Vandalism — the act of destroying or defacing public property — has been a big problem in Charlotte these past several months. Schools, park centers, other such buildings, have been favorite targets of people who wilfully damaged desks, walls, doors, chairs, books.

Police have had a tough time tracking down some of the guilty parties and bringing them face-to-face with the judge. Relatively few vandals have been hailed into court.

Speaking of court, Boyd Davis of the City Treasurer's office at City Hall suggested that it might be a good idea to look at an example of vandalism in Superior Criminal Courtroom itself on the second floor of the County Courthouse. A photographer went to the back of the courtroom and got this shot of the seats, with names, words and initials carved on the backs of nearly all of them.

Vandalism, indeed.



Attorneys For Graham Plan Appeal

DENVER (AP) — Death in Colorado's gas chamber was decreed last night for John Gilbert Graham, 24, who confessed—then denied — dynamiting an airliner that hurled his mother and 43 others to death.

Seven men and five women jurors deliberated 72 minutes before returning a conviction of first degree murder in the death of Graham's well-to-do mother, Mrs. Daisie E. King, 53.

In his instructions to the jurors, Dist. Judge Joseph M. McDonald had advised they must determine whether Graham's confession was voluntary before it could be considered as direct evidence justifying infliction of the death penalty.

During the trial, FBI agents presented oral and written confessions by Graham. Graham took the stand in absence of the jury to deny their truth. He said he gave them under threats of the FBI. He contended they threatened to arrest his wife for lying and that he gave the statements to protect her. Graham did not testify before the jury.

Graham, father of two, bit his lower lip but otherwise showed no emotion as Judge McDonald read the death verdict. He told reporters: "I'm innocent."

APPEAL PLANNED

"Of course, we'll appeal," said Charles S. Vigil, one of Graham's three court - appointed lawyers. Judge McDonald granted the defense 10 days to file a new trial motion. Graham will not be formally sentenced until that motion is heard.

Graham took out two air trip insurance policies on his mother's life naming him the beneficiary. Each would have paid him $37,500.

He confessed to the FBI last Nov. 13 that he slipped a 25-stick dynamite time bomb in Mrs. King's suitcase before she left Denver last Nov. 1 on a United Air Lines plane for a trip to Anchorage, Alaska. An issue at the trial was whether the confession was obtained voluntarily.

43 OTHERS DIE

Forty-three other women, men and children from 14 states died with Mrs. King when the airliner exploded near Longmont, Colo., 11 minutes after the takeoff.

Graham's wife, Gloria, 22, broke down and sobbed hysterically for several minutes after the verdict was returned.

"I can never get used to a jury coming in with the death verdict," said Dist. Atty. Bert M. Keating, who called 75 witnesses and presented 130 exhibits in the state's case.

In Slaying At School

Murder, Assault Charged To Boy

SEAT PLEASANT, Md. (AP) — A 15-year-old junior high school boy who police said went gunning for his school principal faced a murder charge today in the fatal shooting of a teacher.

Police said Billy Ray Prevatte also wounded two other male teachers yesterday when he went through the Maryland Park Junior High School firing a rifle. One of the teachers is in critical condition.

BILLY PREVATTE

The boy had been expelled two months ago from a school in Raleigh, N. C., after threatening a teacher there.

The shootings came after a teacher had sent the boy to talk with the principal because he had not handed in a written assignment. The teacher who initiated the reprimand escaped unharmed, as did the principal, John Hrezo.

The school is located on the outskirts of Washington.

State Atty. Blair H. Smith late yesterday ordered Prevatte charged with murder, two counts of assault with intent to kill and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon. Prevatte was jailed in Upper Marlboro, Md., to await a preliminary hearing next Friday.

THREE SHOT

Fatally shot was Frazer Cameron,52, widower from Westfield, N. J. Athletic Coach Francis D. Wagner, 25, was wounded in the chest and his condition was listed as critical. Robert Hicks, 31, was wounded in the hand while trying to disarm the boy.

When questioned by police, Prevatte said he didn't know why he shot Cameron.

"He treated me fine in school," the boy was quoted as saying.

In Raleigh the news was broken to the boy's mother, Mrs. Clarence H. Prevatte, by an Associated Press photographer. Weeping uncontrollably, she repeated again and again, "I just feel sorry for those poor people."

The father explained that Billy Ray had been sent to live with his older brother at Seat Pleasant after his school troubles here. Prevatte said he would wait to hear from officers or his son before deciding whether to go to Seat Pleasant.

Neill Rosser, Hugh Morson Junior High School principal, described a series of troubles with Billy Ray which ended with the expulsion of the boy when he threatened to kill a teacher who had caught him smoking.

Conviction Ends Secret Trial

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Mrs. Charlotte Black, 63, who requested and got a secret trial despite objections of four newspapers, was found guilty last night of murdering her one-armed husband.

A jury found the housewife guilty of second degree murder and recommended leniency. That verdict carries penalties ranging from five years to life.

Judge Donald Geary continued to keep out reporters after the 3rd District Court of Appeal ordered him to open the courtroom doors or explain his reasons for refusing next Thursday.

The appellate court acted on a motion filed by the San Francisco Examiner, San Francisco Chronicle, Sacramento Bee and Santa Rosa Press-Democrat.

Mrs. Black is to be tried by the same jury, starting Monday, on a plea of insanity. In California, an accused person can plead innocent and innocent by reason of insanity and get two trials.

Judge Geary said he complied with the request for a closed trial because of the sexual nature of some evidence. He said he wanted to make certain testimony could be presented frankly without fear of embarrassment.

The insanity trial, too, will be secret, he said. The judge noted that if he opened the courtroom, the legal question of whether newspapers can be barred would become moot. That is, the problem would have been settled without judicial ruling.

Only after the verdict was reached were reporters allowed in the courtroom to hear the judge announce the outcome.

Mrs. Black was found guilty of shooting her husband, Martin, also 63, last February.

Evening Prayer

O God, our Father, we Thy sons, are humbly grateful that we are permitted to live at a time when Thy light may do the greatest service to all Thy people. Teach us to know the vastness of responsibility, the depth of our privilege, the infinitude of our reward. Because of Jesus Christ we ask it. Amen.

Our Weather

Fair and not quite so warm today. Fair and cool tonight. Sunday partly cloudy with little change in temperatures.

Low this morning	64
Low tomorrow morning	55
High yesterday	83
High today	78
High tomorrow	80

Sunrise 5:25 a.m.; sunset 7:11 p.m.

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Hammarskjold Headed West

ROME (AP) —U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold leaves today for his New York U.N. headquarters to make a detailed personal report on his month-long mission to the troubled Middle East.

Hammarskjold spent part of his final hours here finishing up the report he will deliver to the U.N. Security Council which sent him on the mission to seek ways to ease Arab-Israeli tensions. Hammarskjold is due to arrive in New York Sunday.

In 25 days of personal diplomacy, Hammarskjold won cease-fire pledges from Israel and four Arab neighbors — Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. The exact extent to which these pledges commit each state will not be known until the Security Council convenes — probably within a week.

A brief spat between the Arab allies yesterday revealed they do not see eye to eye on how far the agreements bind them.

Death March Sergeant Defendant

McKeon Trial Starts May 14

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy today ordered S. Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon's court - martial for the disciplinary march drownings of six recruits to start May 14 at Parris Island, S.C., the Washington Evening Star reported.

The Marines have charged in a report to Congress that McKeon, a drill instructor at the Parris Island Marine Base, led the recruits to their deaths April 8 while under the influence of vodka.

The Star said Secretary of the Navy Thomas, in setting the date for the court-martial and selecting 10 officers to the board, specified the charges against McKeon. They include manslaughter.

The specifications forwarded to the sergeant were described as slightly different from those recommended by an inquiry board which looked into the incident shortly after it occurred last month. The board's findings were the equivalent in military law to a grand jury indictment.

In addition to manslaughter, the other charges include:

1. Violation of a general order prohibiting drinking alcoholic beverages in a barracks building.

2. Oppression of recruits by leading them into Ribbon Creek.

3. Drinking intoxicating liquor while on duty and in the presence of a recruit.

If convicted, the 31-year-old sergeant could receive a maximum sentence of 10 years.

Secretary Thomas did not make public the names of the 10 officers who will serve on the court-martial. They were withheld so no one may talk with them in advance, thus assuring a fair trial.

McKeon is entitled to ask that a third of the members of the board be enlisted men. If he so requests, these will be added.

Capt. Irving N. Klein, the 3rd Naval District legal officer in New York, will be the law officer of the court. This is a position which corresponds to a judge in civil court.

Since Thomas did not specify that the court-martial be closed, under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, it automatically will be open to the public unless McKeon asks for closed proceedings. His reasons for such a request would have to be presented to the court for a decision by that body.

Thomas also offered to furnish an officer to act as legal counsel for McKeon. It has been indicated he also will employ civilian attorneys, which he is entitled to do.

Defense counsel may request postponement of the start of the court-martial. Should that occur, under Thomas' order, it would start as soon after May 14 "as possible."

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Climax To Lengthy Argument

Methodists Okay Women As Ministers

By GEORGE W. CORNELL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Methodist Church today had a new kind of regular minister's —women.

They're now eligible to join the ranks of the official clergy of America's largest Protestant denomination.

The church's law-making General Conference gave its sanction yesterday after hours of turbulent see-saw debate.

It was the climax of years of contention within the church over the fitness of women to serve full-fledge pastoral posts.

After the decision, Dr. Georgia Harkness, a Berkeley, Calif., theological professor who had been in the forefront of the struggle for equal clerical status for women, rose and walked to a microphone.

She said some people had been wondering why she took no part in the final verbal battle.

TIME FOR SILENCE

"The Bible says," she added, "that there is a time to speak and a time to be silent. This was the time for me to be silent."

She smiled broadly, and sat down.

But few others had been silent in the whirl of proposals and counter-proposals that surged about the subject of women and their qualifications as ministers.

It was a move by the Rev. Dr. Zach T. Johnson, president of Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., that finally was approved — putting women on par with men in filling the church's 40,000 pulpits.

There had been more than 2,000 varying propositions on the subject filed before the two-week church legislative meeting began.

After culling through these, a committee headed by the Rev. James A. Chubb, of Grand Island, Neb. recommended extension of full clerical rights only to "unmarried women and widows."

MARRIED, TOO

But the measure that went through included married women, too.

The Rev. J. Dewey Muir, of Jacksonville, Ill., led the opposition to any relaxation in the church's restrictions on women ministers.

They make excellent preachers, he agreed, but many churches just don't want them anyway; to put them on the regular roster of ministers would create a serious "problem of administration."

CHANGE SEEN

"It would open the way to the appointment of women ministers to any church in Methodism," he said, whether they're wanted or not.

Unlike most protestant churches — which "call" the pastors they want — Methodist pastors are assigned by bishops from among regular ministers in each regional conference. All on this list of regular "traveling ministers" are assured pulpits.

Library Bans Magazines

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Three magazines—Time, Life and Look —were banned today from the school libraries of adjoining Bossier Parish (county) because the school board said it objected to the publications' treatment of segregation.

A resolution, announced yesterday, said the ban was effective at once. The resolution said the magazines had waged a "systematic campaign to prejudice the American people against the South by presenting in their columns biased and distorted views on the institution of segregaton of races in our schools."

Segregation in public schools was endorsed by a board resolution adopted last month.

In New York, spokesmen for the three publications were not immediately available for comment.

Select FOREMOST Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.

Wanted: 1,100 Jobs So Men Can Go Free

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP) —Wanted: jobs for 1,100 men—so they can get out of prison.

The men have paid their prescribed debt to society in New York State institutions. They have been approved for parole.

But they are free men in name only, because the law says they must find a job before they can be released on parole. So they linger on in their cells, hoping that tomorrow might be the lucky day.

For some, the tomorrows have stretched on into weeks, and months. Some have waited as long as six months, and beyond—a few up to a year.

The long wait makes them restless, tense and sometimes surly. They want out. They could be out, if they only had a job.

That's the picture painted by Charles S. Antolina, deputy state commissioner of correction. The problem is not new.

What is new is that the correction department, parole division and other state agencies are about to launch a determined effort to wipe it out, or diminish it drastically.

Antolina said a program would be announced soon to cope with the question.

About 2,000 men are paroled annually from state correctional institutions. Besides meeting all other qualifications, they must be assured of grainful employment before they are returned to society.

The theory behind this requirement is apparent. Convicts are given a new suit of clothes and a $20 bill when they are turned loose. They also take with them what few dollars they might have saved from "salary" earned in prison employment.

If they do not have jobs and cannot find work, they soon become desperate for money. Some would revert to crime to make their way.