

Eleven Marines Drown In Okinawa Underflow

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Writer Shot After Jungle Hunt Quarrel



ROBERT HARRISON

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic.—Witnesses agreed to say there was a loud quarrel over a story in Confidential magazine just before the publisher, Robert Harrison, 36, was shot.

But police wanted to get Harrison's own story before deciding whether to prosecute Richard Welby, 35, jungle trapper and guide. The New York publisher was in a hospital here suffering from exhaustion, exposure and a slight flesh wound in the left arm.

Welby was under arrest in this city on a holding charge. He acknowledged to reporters at police headquarters yesterday he had shot Harrison Tuesday in woods where the publisher was hunting in the Jarabacoa Mountain district about 70 miles northwest of here. But he said the shooting was an accident.

He said his rifle fell and went off as the two were having a "big argument" over a story in Harrison's magazine. The story told how Welby introduced Peruvian actress Pilar Palacios, then his wife, to Hollywood star John Wayne in Peru in 1952. She later became Mrs. Wayne.

SURF SWIFT AS WEATHER PLAYS ROLE

Training Break In 'Calm' Water; 12 Others Saved

NAHA, Okinawa.—Eleven U. S. Marines drowned off the north shore of Okinawa yesterday while swimming during a break in exercises, the Marine Corps announced.

The men were knocked off their feet by a strong undercurrent which was believed due to typhoon conditions, it was said.

Brig. Gen. Victor H. Krulak, commander of the 3rd Marine Division, said a freak ocean current caused the drownings.

At least 12 other Marines were rescued by other Leathernecks in the area.

An extensive land and sea search was under way for remains of the 11 who drowned. All available planes were searching the sea within five miles of shore and foot patrols combed the shoreline.

The Marine Corps said that the Marines took a break from their field problem on the coast of Okinawa and went for a swim in apparently calm water.

Kidnaped Baby's Body Recovered From Lake



Schoolmates Cluster As Negroes Return

Identity Declared Definite

HAMDEN, Conn.—The body of kidnaped 6-week-old Cynthia Ruotolo was recovered from a lake here today, the medical examiner reported.

Dr. Sterling Taylor came to newsmen held in a roped off area 100 yards from the shore of Lake Whitney and said the identification was definite.

Ruotolo was taken from her carriage in the foyer of a Sears Roebuck store two miles from the lake Saturday. Her mother was shopping inside.

The recovery came only a brief time after a new radio appeal was made for the abduction to return the baby safely. The child's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ruotolo, all but had given up appeals to the kidnaper Tuesday.

The latest appeal came from the New Haven County Bar Assn., asking that the baby be returned to a lawyer.

There was no word from police whether the discovery of the body brought with it any clues as to the kidnaper.

South, West In Lead For Miss America

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—A Southern belle and a California charmer held an early lead today in the Miss America sweetstakes.

Miss Alabama, 19-year-old Ann Stuart Airl of Birmingham, won top honors in the talent division of the annual pageant last night with a rollicking song and dance rendition of a musical comedy number.

Miss California, Joan Colleen Beckett, 18, of Sacramento, was the choice in bathing suit competition. A honey blonde with blue-green eyes, she paraded her 36-24-36 charms down a runway in a white swimsuit with halter straps.

The results of the first night's evening gown competition were not announced, according to custom.

The 50 girls seeking the title of Miss America 1957 have been divided into three sections, each to be judged separately for beauty in a bathing suit, for poise and grace in an evening gown and for talent.

The sections rotate tonight and tomorrow night with the field narrowed to 10 semifinalists by Saturday morning. The girls try to pick up extra points for personality at breakfast meetings with the 11 judges.

The reigning Miss America, Susan Kay Ritchie of Denver, Colo., will crown her successor after the finals Saturday night which will be televised nationally (ABC).

In matching talents last night, some girls danced, played the piano or organ, gave dramatic readings or did pantomime. Most of them sang.

Miss North Carolina, Joan Melton of Albemarle, appeared in talent division, performing on the piano.

Meanwhile, Miss South Carolina honey blonde Marion McKnight of Manning, competed in the bathing suit division.

NO INTENTION

"I never had any intention of hurting Harrison," he declared, "although I was sore because of the story in the magazine."

A. P. Govoni, managing editor of Confidential and Harrison's hunting companion, said last night "Welby was shouting and gesturing abuse because of the story in the magazine."

He said he did not see the shooting because he had just stubbled and fallen on his face. He told reporters he could not say whether the shooting was accidental or deliberate. "Harrison will have to tell you that," he added.

A pretty Alabama woman singer, Gene Courtney, also was on the hunting trip when Welby happened upon the party. Welby and Govoni left her with the wounded Harrison in the jungle.

NOTHING SERIOUS

Both were found yesterday, the day after the shooting, suffering from exhaustion, nervousness and exposure. They were brought to the same hospital in Ciudad Trujillo. Doctors would not let reporters or photographers see them. They said Harrison's arm had merely "a flesh wound—nothing serious."

TROUBLE SOON

"Before they got waist deep, the men were in trouble," an eyewitness was quoted. "They were knocked from their feet by a vicious undercurrent and tumbled seaward on the bottom."

Capt. Jack Westerman, commanding officer of Co. F of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, immediately called off the swimming and ordered a human chain formed to aid the bathers.

"The chain was unable to keep its footing due to the intensity of the current," the Marine said. Lt. Col. James A. Donovan, battalion commander, called helicopters and 2nd Lt. John L. Shanahan, a skin diver, played a large role in the rescue.

Hearing of trouble, Shanahan raced to the beach with a rubber raft and pulled many bathers to safety.

Unable to swim against the heavy currents, the men clung to the raft until arrival of the helicopter, piloted by Lt. James M. Middleton, Balboa, Calif., which dropped a 100-foot rope and towed the raft to shore.

After all visible Marines were rescued a roll call indicated 11 Marines missing. Persons familiar with ocean currents during a typhoon attributed the unusual underflow to Typhoon Emma, now 500 miles south of here.

NAMES CALLED

As the Negro youths left their homes about a mile from this mining and farming town's only high school, crowds began to gather along the way engaging in name-calling as the youths walked down the street.

By the time they had reached the school's vicinity, the crowd had reached nearly 500, many yelling and not letting niggers in their school."

When several of the crowd tried to grab the youths, National Guardsmen stepped in. Fists began to fly but the troops pushed their way through and after driving the crowd back across the street, remained with fixed bayonets on their rifles.

Many white children remained outside the school.

Mr. Gen. J. B. Williams, commanding officer of about 210 members of the 240th Tank Battalion which was ordered to this

—What's Inside—

No Ulcers Grow In One Charlotte Enterprise

SEEMS THERE is a Charlotte business firm with no stock, no dividends, no bonds and no worries. It makes interesting reading today in Charles Kuralt's PEOPLE on Page 2B.

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formation for budget purposes in written form.

Commissioner McNinch, a member of the commission tax committee, made his statement in defense of the county tax supervisor's office, which was blasted yesterday at the council meeting by Councilman Herbert B. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter charged a faulty estimate had "cheated the people of Charlotte out of an even larger tax cut this year."

Answering this charge, Commissioner McNinch said:

"In the first place, these values, turned over to the city at budget-making time, were purely estimates. They were not final figures and the Council was perfectly aware of this."

"I can in no way see where this could be classified as an error since there were over 600 corporations that had not completed their listings at that time and had to be handled as last listings were filed in a final valuation figure."

Evening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the wonderful privilege of working with Thee and the joy that comes when we use the talents that we have. Help many or few. May Thy will be done through us today. In Christ's name. Amen.

Our Weather

Considerable cloudiness, warm and humid with scattered showers or thundershowers today and tonight. Friday rather cloudy and turning cooler with scattered thundershowers.

Low this morning 70
Le: tomorrow morning 68
High today 89
High yesterday 89
High tomorrow 85
Sunrise today 5:59 a.m.; sunset today 6:43 p.m.

WANTED IN WRITING
"And if I had had such conversation I would not reflect that information in our budget because I don't operate that way. I only accept tax in-

Bayonets Open School Path

small community along with four tanks, said.

Gen. Williams said last night after the troops' arrival that the Guardsmen would remain as long as necessary and were "well-prepared for any eventuality."

Later, a sixth unidentified man was arrested when he assaulted

State Police Det. Leroy Poole. Tanks moved up into the street directly in front of the school building.

As the children alighted from the buses, the crowd began to chant "don't go into that nigger-loving school." The crowd kept up the chant as the assembly bell sounded inside the school.

A few minutes later, some children began to leave the school. Many girls were crying. As they reached the outside, the crowd cheered.

One mother ran to a window and shouted for her children to leave. Some children inside the school yelled in reply:

"We're not coming out. The law is the law."

Other parents entered the school and returned to the outside with their children.

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Firm To Make Saws

\$2 Million Plant Set For Gastonia

GASTONIA.—A new industry here that will provide employment for 500 to 600 workers in the manufacture of gasoline chain saws was announced today by Homelite, a division of Textron Inc., of Port Chester, N. Y., and Byram, Conn.

Announcement of the new industry, which will entail the investment of approximately \$2,000,000 and provide an annual payroll of about \$1,200,000, was made jointly by Allen Smith, chairman of the Gastonia Industrial Diversification Commission, and Mrs. Margaret E. Huggard, personal representative of Richard C. McDonald, Homelite's vice president in charge of manufacturing.

Mrs. Huggard said Gastonia was selected as the site for Homelite's new plant after a national search for an adequate site after the company found itself unable to expand present operations in the Port Chester - Byram area. The local plant is slated to be in full operation by the Fall of 1957.

STRIKE FOR MUSIC

ISLE OF ISCHIA, Italy.—Fifty prisoners went into the third day of a hunger strike today demanding among other things more music on the prison radio system.

About 100 of the 406 held in the penitentiary on the nearby island of Procida started the strike Tuesday, but half began eating today.

Planes Probe Squall Areas

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Hurricane hunter planes probed into squally "areas of squall" in the Atlantic Ocean today but the weather bureau said it was "unlikely" that either would develop into a major tropical storm.

One of the areas where the barometer was slightly below normal and there was a tendency toward a "slight circular movement" reached from the western Caribbean to the Bahamas Islands. The other was some 650 miles northwest of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

An Air Force hurricane hunter flew into the zone northwest of Puerto Rico and reported showery weather, light and variable winds and barometric pressure a little below normal. A Navy plane took off from Jacksonville to help keep watch on the same area.

Similar conditions existed near the Bahamas. A second Navy plane was scheduled to take off this afternoon to look at a second advisory.

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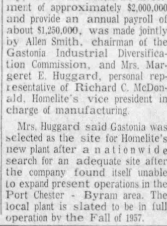
McNinch Says City Wanted Tax Cushion

"I think they should have a pat on the back rather than a slap in the face."

He added that it is his personal opinion "that they can set up their own tax listing office when the Legislature meets in January if they are not perfectly happy with the arrangement."

When city councilmen began work on their new budget, the tax supervisor's office, which was still processing returns made and attempting to complete many of them, gave the valuation a city valuation estimated figure of 401 million dollars. The figure later was boosted two million dollars after conferences with tax men.

MR. BAXTER



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Prize for worker in the tax supervisor's office was given by Mr. McNinch.

MR. YANCEY



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Have reduced the 1956 rate by at least another 3.5 cents if you CUSHION on page 4-A