

FBI AID ASKED IN DEVOLL CASE

Brunswick Sheriff Reported To Have Asked Agents To Assist

Investigation into the mysterious slaying of army Sgt. David J. Devoll, whose body was found in a parked auto near Charlotte in early May, took a new turn last night with an official request that FBI special agents stationed here take a hand in the case.

The request was made by Sheriff John B. White of Brunswick county, whose action in this respect gave indication that the investigation has produced involvement in the two states of North Carolina and South Carolina.

Assuming this to be the case, it naturally follows that the Brunswick sheriff would need the assistance of an investigating body empowered to move without restraint in interstate activity.

Devoll, a mess sergeant attached to the Army installation at Myrtle Beach, S. C., was slumped in the front seat of his own four-door sedan, parked on the shoulder of U. S. Highway 117 near Charlotte, when found by a farm woman who chanced to be walking by.

The automobile had been observed parked there during the day, but it remained for the woman to peer into the car and make the gruesome discovery.

The young non-com had been shot through the neck, a shotgun charge having taken effect. Death apparently had been instantaneous.

The upper part of his white army mess uniform bore deep blood discolorations, officers found. Blood also appeared on both sides of the sedan at the doors.

Sheriff White, in pursuing a close investigation of the crime, has been assisted by army officers at the Myrtle Beach installation.

The Weather

Table with weather forecasts for various cities including Wilmington, Asheville, Atlanta, etc.

ATLANTIC COAST WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21—(UPI)—Weather Forecast: Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay—Variable winds mostly 5 to 10 MPH Friday.

WAGNER MEASURE

Legal restrictions on their internal organizations and public conduct. Their officers were required to file non-communist affidavits with NLRB if they seek board services.

ITALY

Hungarian, Bulgarian and Romanian governments as enemies of human freedom and served notice that until they changed they never will get into the UN.

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JOHNSON

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a final class in law enforcement tomorrow morning, a trip to points of historic interest in the afternoon, and a fishing party in the ocean.

Johnson, in his address tonight, commended the sheriff's for their activity in public life and termed them leaders of the people.

North Carolina, he said, is the only state in the union operating a nine-month, 12-grade school term solely from state funds and maintaining and constructing all state roads.

"All other states," he said, "give some aid to both, but in no case more than 50 per cent of the cost."

"Other states have fine roads and school systems where there is wealth, but in those sections where very little wealth exists, the people are left largely to their own resources to have such schools and roads as they can provide for themselves."

"We take the position in North Carolina that just because a boy or girl lives in a rural section where there is very little wealth and where people themselves could not have good roads and schools, they should not be penalized."

"Here, the state sees to it they have equal opportunity with those who live in communities where wealth is abundant."

Praise for the financial position of the state also was given by the gubernatorial candidate.

He called attention to the fact that for the first time in 100 years "we have no general fund debt, and it already having been provided for."

Johnson also declared that there is enough money in the highway fund to liquidate the highway debt, but said this would not be done immediately as the money was needed to improve the present highway system and build farm to market roads.

"The principal amount of the highway debt will be paid off or provided for by 1951," he added.

REDS PROTEST

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whatever economic measures they consider necessary in their zones.

The state department said U. S. Ambassador W. Bedell Smith delivered a protest to the Soviet Foreign office on August 14, stating that this government saw "no reason" why Dairen should not be reopened immediately.

The memorandum recalled that this government sent a similar note to Moscow last January without results, and it asked for specific information on what steps Russia was prepared to take to reopen the port.

The department also announced that Russia so far has ignored Secretary of State George C. Marshall's August 12 note asking the Soviets to agree to preliminary consideration of the Japanese peace treaty by 11 allied nations rather than by the Big Four.

INTER-RACIAL

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an organization favoring mingling of Negroes and whites has been asked to get out of a north-eastern North Carolina county.

In Columbia, Tyrrell county, several white students who had been living at the home of a Negro complied with an order of some 300 white residents to clear out.

The Halifax group said it had no connection with the Columbia students.

Hastings denied that the group was ordered to leave Halifax because it was interracial. He said he had learned they had camped earlier at the home of a Negro woman in the county.

UNIFICATION

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thority as boss of all American forces begins the day after he takes the oath of office. He already has been confirmed by the Senate.

In any case, the law provides that the merger must go into effect not later than Sept. 24.

The President said appointments to a dozen or more other top jobs in the new defense set-up are under consideration. He said the appointees for those \$10,000 to \$14,000 a year posts will be announced later.

DEATH NUMBER RISES

CADIZ, Spain, Aug. 21—(AP)—Rescue crews found three more bodies today in the ruins of homes and factories destroyed by Monday night's Cadiz arsenal explosion, bringing to 153 the number of known dead.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

MAH OLE CYAR ALL RIGHT FUH A SUNDAY RIDE, BUT EF'N I'SE IN A HURRY T' AIT BACK, I TEKS DE MULE!



Illustration by the staff of the Star.

WRITTEN

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week from today, as the deadline for completion of committee work.

It was agreed also that Sept. 5 be set as the deadline for the completion of the defense treaty.

At Marshall's request it was agreed that the conference be ended sooner if possible.

This leaves open the date on which President Truman will come here to address the conference in its closing days.

At today's plenary session Eduardo Zuleta Angel of Colombia warned the conference that its defense treaty would be imperfect and incomplete unless it found some way around the UN charter to permit American nations to take "preventive action" against threats of aggression without waiting for security council decision.

Jose Vicente Trujillo of Ecuador urged that the American nations provide machinery by which treaties could be revised, on appeal to an international body if they were outdated.

Zuleta Angel's warning concerned directly the revised American defense treaty draft.

FRANCE INVITES

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agreed to land in France. Meanwhile 36 babies were born on the ships, making the total number of refugees now 4,460. Most of those who landed did so because of illness.

The firmly worded British statement was released simultaneously in London, Marseille, Paris and Jerusalem. It said that if the Jewish agency "really have the interests of these illegal immigrants at heart, they should be prepared to send a representative . . . to Port de Bouc in order to make a last appeal" to the immigrants to land.

N. C. WEED

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week were estimated at about 11 per cent.

Total gross sales so far this season total 5,023,904 pounds at an average of \$46.25. South Carolina reports a gross sale of 2,928,070 pounds for an average of \$46.55; North Carolina, 2,095,834 pounds for an average of \$45.81.

Average prices per hundred pounds on a limited number of grades yesterday:

Leaf—Fair lemon \$50, down \$2; low lemon \$43, down \$4; fair orange \$44, down \$2; common orange \$24.50, down \$1.50; low green \$21.50, down \$3.50.

Smoking leaf—Fair orange \$51, down \$1; low orange \$43, down \$3.

Cutters—Good lemon \$59, down \$1; fair orange \$55, down \$2; low orange \$54, down \$2.

Lugs—Choice lemon \$8, unchanged; low lemon \$35, down \$4; good orange \$50, down \$2; fair orange \$42, unchanged.

Primitives—Fair lemon \$39, down \$2; low orange \$21, down \$4.

Nondescript—Best thin \$13.50, down .50 edmunds.

W. S. Edmonds, Chadbourn tobacco sales supervisor, reported last night that Chadbourn market had the largest sales of the 1947 season with 200,000 pounds bringing an average price of \$45.91. Medium and better grades were from one to four dollars higher than the first of the week.

He predicted heavy sales for next week.

SENATOR BILBO

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tion to the United States Senate, equivalent to election in Mississippi despite the opposition of the late Pat Harrison. From then on, it was clear, then for the man from Poplarville until Jan. 3, 1947, when his past and the Republican majority in the Senate rose up to haunt him.

Bilbo never appeared to be concerned over what his Senate colleagues or newspapers outside of Mississippi thought of him and his doctrine of white supremacy and state's rights. Washington correspondents once voted him the title of "worst man in the Senate."

Bilbo was one of eight children, born in a little farmhouse in Pearl River county Oct. 13, 1877, near the site of the imposing three-story mansion, "the dream house," which he later built. Oddly enough, he once held the dignified post of a Latin and mathematics teacher. But it was not long before he got the urge to enter politics.

Bilbo loved public life and was never happier than when embroiled in a fight or a filibuster. He was good at both.

During the 1946 session of Congress he filibustered against the Fair Employment Practices Control bill and then rushed north to tell Mississippi voters he had saved them from being forced to give Negroes equal privileges with whites.

Ironically, Bilbo, whose tirades against Negroes probably won him more enemies than any of his other outspoken views, died with a gesture toward reconciliation with the race he had so often denounced.

In his last published interview, he defended his anti-Negro voting policies as political self-preservation. He gave the interview to a Negro editor, Leon L. Lewis of the "Negro South."

"I am honestly against the social intermingling of Negroes and whites," were Bilbo's last words for publication—uttered last Saturday. "But I hold nothing personal against Negroes as a race. God made them as they are and they should be proud of that God-given heritage as I am proud of mine."

Within hours after he made that softening statement Bilbo was stricken with his mortal attack.

He had virtually dropped from public life after he left Washington last January in the midst of the stormy debate over whether he should be seated in the new Congress. The Republican majority had lined up almost solidly against him because of his white supremacy views and his dealings with war contractors.

The nature of his illness—cancer of the mouth and lower jaw—silenced to a whisper the leather-lunged voice that had carried conviction from the stump in almost every Mississippi election since 1922.

From Washington, Bilbo went straight to New Orleans where Dr. Alton Ochsner, world-known cancer specialist, cut away the diseased tissue and bone. Ochsner planned to restore Bilbo's lower face by plastic surgery but Bilbo never again came out from under the bandages.

His last public appearance—and the only one since his departure from Washington—was last spring in Poplarville when he dedicated the Juniper Grove Baptist church hard by his paternal "dream house" on the Pearl river.

Since that appearance his exact whereabouts had been a mystery until he showed up at Foundation hospital, now operated by Ochsner, about two weeks ago. He was feverish and in pain from neuritis when he arrived and his condition had grown progressively worse.

After the embolism set in Sunday, a minor operation was performed.

COUSINS

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Two other youths, Donald May, 17, of Manchester, and Phillip Knate, 21, of Greenmount, waived extradition, but the three other accused fought removal.

Assistant Attorney General Joseph D. Buscher, appointed by Governor William Preston Lane, Jr., to decide on the extradition order, told Judge Manley he felt the Millers should be freed. The judge agreed, remanding Green to the Pennsylvania authorities.

Then Attorney Murrell stepped into the case. He informed the judge he was going to arrest the Millers.

Judge Manley replied not as long as they were in his court house, and he gave the Millers sanctuary in a jury room adjacent to his rooms. They sat there for more than an hour, while police waited patiently outside the building.

The Millers' attorney, Wiley L. Ritchey, then got from Judge Manley a technical writ of habeas corpus and the 15-minute head start.

SMALL CORN

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belt during the first half of August cut the prospective yield by 223,000,000 bushels, it said.

Officials reported that the short crop "unquestionably" would result in a tight feed situation. This would be reflected in a less than seasonal drop in meat and poultry prices this fall with the prospect of further sharp increases next spring.

Some cuts in retail meat prices this fall still are likely since cattle and hogs starting to market in late September were fattened on last year's corn. But the anticipated drop probably will be tempered by higher feed prices.

On the basis of present estimates, the corn crop would be the smallest since the critical 1936 drought year when only 1,505,000,000 bushels were binned. It would be far below last year's record-breaking 3,287,809,000 bushel yield.

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PROBERS

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a thorough investigation, the committee is prepared to recommend corrective action to the Department of Justice, or call for corrective federal legislation.

PRICE-FIXING

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most every major steel industry in the country, eight of the nation's largest tire companies and two technicolor concerns and the Eastman Kodak Company were indicted on charges of violating anti-trust laws.

HUSBAND

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husband three weeks ago because of his habitual drunkenness. She left Cleveland, Tenn., where they had been living and came to her former home here. Lewis followed her and last night induced her to meet him in his hotel room.

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