

Buddhist Convert Burns Herself To Death In "Philly"

Wanted Immortality, Believed To Be First Case Involving Negro

PHILADELPHIA (ANP)—In what is believed to be the first case of its kind among American Negroes, a 48-year-old former night club dancer, described as a fanatical convert to Buddhism, burned herself to death in her home here last week, with the belief that she was achieving "immortality through death by fire".

East and West Coasts and in Canada, before retiring from the stage in 1956. Funeral services for her were held at the Garriest Funeral Home. Mrs. Gardner went the way of the recent self-sacrificing Viet Nam monks by dousing her clothing with a volatile liquid and then setting herself afire in the bathroom of her home. When her sleeping husband, Kelly Gardner, 74, was roused by neighbors who were alarmed by smoke coming from the house, Mrs. Gardner had already all but turned herself into human barbecue. All firemen answering the husband's alarm could do was put out the blaze, and salvage the charred remains of her body.

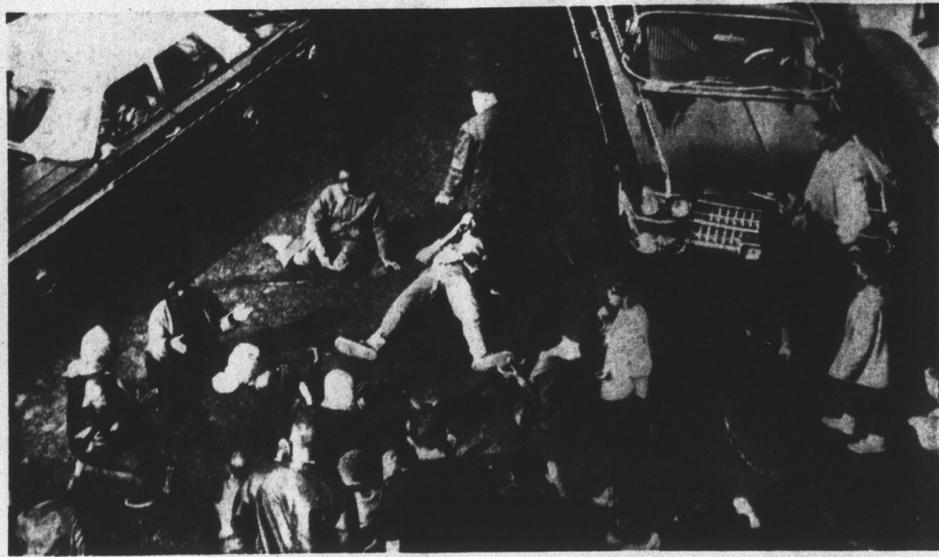
The Gardners had gone to bed reading Buddhist literature. Kelly said his wife has been reading such literature for the past 10 years and had become convinced about reincarnation, or a return to some form of human life after death.

In emulating the Buddhist Viet Nam monks, however, Mrs. Gardner might have misinterpreted an aspect of the religion. The Buddhist monks of Viet Nam sacrificed their lives in protest of what they said were their persecution by the ruling Diem Government.

Buddhism, which emphasized personal salvation from suffering, is an ancient religion that preceded Christianity. It was founded by Siddhartha Gautama Buddha (568-488 B. C.) sometime around 537 B. C.

Mrs. Gardner left a note reading: "Immortality through death by fire. . . ."

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DEMONSTRATORS BLOCK CHESTER STREET—Police detective, center, threatens a stretched-out civil rights picket with arrest, as other demonstrators sit down blocking traffic in the street during a turbulent day of demonstrations. Over 100 were arrested and several, including a news photographer, were injured at Chester, Pa. last week. (UPI PHOTO).

Man Tries To Burn Wife, Lover In Bed; Gets 2 Yrs.

MAN TRIES TO BURN WIFE AND LOVER IN BED DRAWS TWO YEAR SENTENCE JACKSON, Miss.—(ANP)—A father of eight children drew a two-year sentence in Circuit Court here last week after he admitted setting fire to the bedroom in a house where he found his wife "shacking up" with another man.

on Hendrick he tried to burn his wife to death "on account of my little children". He charged his wife had abandoned the children, all under nine years old.

The judge told Wimon he sympathized with him but couldn't condone his taking "the law into your own hands." He sentenced Wimon the minimum term under the law. However, the couple escaped and firemen put out the fire.

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- 1 package (3 ounce) lemon-flavored gelatin
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 2/3 cup (small can) undiluted CARNATION EVAPORATED MILK
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Drain pineapple, save syrup. Heat syrup and water to boiling. Pour over gelatin. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Chill until consistency of unbeaten egg white. Stir pineapple, mayonnaise, orange slices and celery into gelatin. Chill Carnation in refrigerator tray until soft ice crystals form around edges of tray (10-15 minutes). Whip until stiff (about 1 minute). Add lemon juice and whip very stiff (1 minute longer). Fold whipped Carnation into gelatin mixture. Spoon into 8 to 10 individual molds. Chill until firm, about 2 hours. Unmold on lettuce leaves and garnish with orange slices and coconut.

2 Black Muslims Lay Claim To Territory-Public Park

FORT WORTH, Texas (ANP)—Black Muslim Messenger Elijah Muhammad has taught his followers that the "so-called American Negroes" should get a separate section of the United States as payment for the time their ancestors spent in slavery.

Two of his local followers took the Messenger literally last week and staked out their claim — a public park.

John Scott, alias John Muhammad, and Maurice Shah cleared three trees out of the park, plowed, thought they were fellow workers until they saw the pair stake out signs with Black Muslim emblems. A city judge reserved weekend space for the wo men in a local jail.

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Final Rites Held For A. Stanback

HILLSBORO (ANP)—There were few dried eyes in the audience, as students thronged Central High school here last week and sat with bowed heads as funeral services were being conducted for their beloved principal, Albert Leon Stanback, Sr.

Stanback, who came to Central as an athletic coach and mathematics instructor in 1958 and rose within six years to become its principal, died in Duke Hospital after a brief illness. Many of Stanback's "boys", past and present, were on hand to bid him farewell at the rites in the school's auditorium.

Under Stanback's supervision, Central grew from a tiny school with 75 students to one with an enrollment of 1,200 and a staff of 44 teachers. He was well liked throughout the community.

Stanback, a white-thatched, friendly man, was born in Chester, S. C., March 5, 1911, but lived here for the past 26 years. He received the B. S. degree from A & T college, Greensboro, N. C., and the M. S. from North Carolina college in Durham.

He is survived by his widow, Catherine; a son, Leon, Jr.; one daughter, Pamela Lucille; his mother, Mrs. Etta L. Stanback of Chester, S. C.; two sisters and three brothers.

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