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## Police In Chicago Continuing Search For Kidnap-Slayer

COMFORTING DAD OF SLAUGHTERED CHILD



James Degnan, grief-stricken father of 6-year-old Suzanne Degnan, (below left) who was kidnaped from the bedroom of her Chicago home, then raped and dismembered and thrown into sewers, is shown being comforted by a neighbor, Mrs. Cecil M. Flynn.

### Two Janitors Held In Big Man-hunt, One Flatly Accused

Chicago, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Police, possessing evidence they said was found in an apartment basement in which the tiny body of Suzanne Degnan was dismembered, pressed today for a showdown in their unintermittent 46-hour hunt for the sadistic killer.

Two janitors, both employed in apartment buildings in the North Side Edgewater Beach district where the Degnan family lived, were seized in connection with questioning and killing of the six-year-old girl.

Police Sgt. Jack Hanrahan, fatally accused one of the janitors, a 65-year-old native of Belgium, of the crime.

"He Did It"  
"He's the man who did it," Hanrahan said after a police squad had seized him yesterday in the basement of a 12-story apartment building at 5901 Winthrop avenue, less than a block from the child's home.

Later, nearly 12 hours after he was taken into custody, Walter Storms, chief of detectives, asserted that no charge had been placed against the janitor.

"I haven't enough to charge him with murder," Storms said. He added, however, that the two janitors were not to be released immediately. Hanrahan said the janitor seized in the Winthrop Avenue apartment basement would be given "lie" detector test today.

Emotionally, but insistently, the 65-year-old janitor had protested his innocence through hours of questioning by police and state attorney's officials.

Early this morning, police went to the vicinity of the crime and seized the second janitor, whom they described as about 35 years old, also a native of Belgium and a close friend of the first man seized.

Lint Futures Show Only Slight Gain  
New York, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 20 to 40 cents a bale higher. Noon prices were 30 to 50 cents a bale higher. March 24.59, May 24.30, July 24.37.

WITNESS TO HITLER WILL IS ARRESTED  
London, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Reuters said today in a dispatch from Bad Godesberg, Germany, that British security officers had arrested General Nikolaus Von Below, "probably the only surviving witness of Adolf Hitler's private will."

Other witnesses to the testament, the text of which was released by Allied authorities last December 30, were Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy and Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels both are believed dead.

## HARMONY RETURNS TO U. S. MEMBERS OF UNO ASSEMBLY

Big Three and Canada Are Agreed on Safe-Guards For Atom Secrets

London, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes said today that the United States, Russia, Britain and Canada were agreed on safe-guards for atomic energy secrets under what ever control plan was devised by the United Nations Organization.

Byrnes issued a statement on the atomic energy controversy within the American delegation shortly after holding a two-hour session with delegates and said that, so far as he knew, his view on the safeguard was entirely acceptable to all of them.

Immediately afterward, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, a critic of Byrnes' atomic energy policy up to this point, issued a statement saying he now was "completely reassured."

Harmony Restored  
Thus harmony was restored to the American delegation on the eve of tomorrow's historic first session of the United Nations Assembly at Central Hall.

The controversy over atomic energy revolved around a proposal by the big three powers and Canada which also had French and Chinese support, that the United Nations should create a commission to work out atomic energy controls.

Vandenberg has assailed what he privately called the vague language of the proposal as endangering American atomic secrets. Byrnes had contended all along that the United States would never have to give out any information it did not want to.

Byrnes began his statement today with a reference to reports in London morning papers that he had conferred with Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin on atomic energy last night.

### USE OF WAREHOUSES IN N. C. INCREASES

Washington, Jan. 9.—Since occupancy in public-merchandise warehouses in North and South Carolina increased 5.6 per cent in November as compared with the same month a year ago, according to statistics released today by J. C. Cright, director of the census, Department of Commerce, Carolina warehousemen estimated their warehouses as 81.4 per cent full in November, 1945, as compared with 75.3 per cent occupancy a year ago.

This 5.6 per cent increase compares with a 3.5 per cent gain—from 87.5 to 91 per cent—for the nation as a whole. Public-merchandise warehouse occupancy in the Carolinas is also up over the previous month, as Carolina warehouses were 79.8 per cent full in October, 1945. National average for October was 80.4 per cent.

These figures indicate a bright and increased business picture for the Carolinas and the entire nation inasmuch as public-merchandise warehouse occupancy statistics provide a barometer of business. In the modern system of distribution, warehouses are an essential, and practically all goods bought or sold pass through them.

### BEAGLE CLUB FIELD TRIALS

New Bern.—The Coastal Plain club will hold its first licensed American Kennel club field trials at the Country Club here January 13-16. It was announced today. Reservations have already been made for 230 beagle hounds, representing ten states.

### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Considerable cloudiness tonight with light rain or drizzle in north and west; not much change in temperature except cooler in extreme west portion and warmer tonight. Thursday, partly cloudy and mild.

## Higher Butter And Meat Prices, U. S. Policy Ram

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Officially advanced proposals for higher butter and meat prices collided today with government efforts to hold the line on food costs.

The butter hike—13 cents a pound by May 1—was reported to have been recommended by Agriculture Secretary Clinton Anderson. Butter has been becoming increasingly hard to find.

Anderson previously spoke out in favor of higher selling prices on beef in an effort to avert next Wednesday's scheduled strike in the meat packing industry.

Behind these pressures on the government's held the line policy is a demand for all kinds of food much stronger than many officials had anticipated. Agriculture Department economists attribute the demand to continuing shortages of such non-food goods as autos, radios and the like.

## Telephone Strike Is Started

HOMESICK GIs PARADE IN MANILA



Here is a small part of the huge crowd of homesick American soldiers as they staged a mass demonstration at the headquarters of Lt. Gen. W. D. Styer, top-ranking commander in the Philippines, in protest against the War Department's slowdown in demobilization. (International Soundphoto)

## Patterson Is Communists, Chiang 'Insulted' By U. S. Troops

Demonstration Of GI's Broken-up By Col. Mahoney

Yokohama, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Col. Charles A. Mahoney disclosed today he had broken up a "hot bed" demonstration of soldiers on the arrival here of Secretary of War Robert Patterson, telling them "you are insulting a man who was a soldier before you were born."

Mahoney, provost marshal of the United States Army Service Command here severely reprimanded United States 8th Army GI's who greeted Patterson's appearance during an inspection tour with cries of "we want to go home."

"I told them to stop or I would take steps to break it up immediately," Mahoney said. "I asked them if they were soldiers or Boy Scouts."

"I'll Take You Home"  
A mimeographed paper "Discharge" circulated among soldiers, quoted Mahoney additionally: "If you want to go home, I'll take you home. I'll see that you get to my Yokohama prison. You are insulting a man who is a better GI than any of you."

"If you want late panties, I'll get them for you, just let me hear you sing 'I want to go home' again and I'll pick out two or three singers and personally take them over to my Yokohama prison."

Mahoney denied telling the men "you're acting like a lot of damn babies" as stated in the paper.

### Two-Headed Male Child Delivered Dead In Virginia

Norton, Va., Jan. 9.—(AP)—A two-headed male infant was delivered in a cesarian operation performed last night at Norton General hospital on a 25-year-old wife of a coal miner. The child was born dead.

### CHERRY TO SPEAK

College Station, Raleigh Jan. 9.—Governor R. Gregg Cherry has accepted an invitation to speak at the annual seed exposition and conference of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association to be held in the Lumberton Armory Wednesday and Thursday, January 30 and 31. It was announced today by Dr. G. K. Middleton, Association director at State College.

### Marshall Hopeful Cease Fire Order Will Be Drafted

Chungking, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Government and Communist representatives failed today to reach a final agreement for a truce in China's civil strife.

They will adjourn late tomorrow after their successful meeting at which General George Marshall, President Harry Truman's special envoy was present.

The failure blasted hopes for a truce being effected before a political unity conference opens tomorrow.

Fourth Meeting  
Tonight's meeting was the fourth in the series between General Chou Chou, the government representative and General Chou En-lai, the Communist member, with Marshall as the third member of the committee. It lasted an hour and 40 minutes.

Chang told reporters that details were not yet settled and that the discussion therefore would continue.

Adding that with the committee's business unfinished, no news could be released.

Marshall Still Hopeful  
Asked if the conference would end with tomorrow's session, Hus Mo, ambassador to Turkey who is assisting Chou in the talks, replied: "That remains to be seen."

Chang looked discouraged and unhappy. Chou eluded reporters who, however managed to see Marshall. Asked if he still was hopeful, the general said "oh yes," and replied "no" when correspondents inquired if enforced differences had arisen.

Marshall indicated there could be no official truce before the Political Consultative Conference opens tomorrow as the committee has not finished its business.

Government May Up Steel Price By \$4 Per Ton  
Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—A steel price increase of about \$4 per ton—a dollar and a half more than the limit previously set by OPA—was reported under consideration by the government today.

Officials said they understood Reconstruction Director John Snyder and Stabilization Director John Collet had decided the higher price should be allowed, despite sharp protests by OPA Chief Chester Bowles.

The steel industry, facing a strike next Monday has been holding out for an increase of \$7 per ton as a condition to resuming collective bargaining on the demand of the CIO-steel workers' union for a \$2 a day wage boost.

The White House declined to comment today on reports of the contemplated \$4 increase.

### ACQUIRES NEW BOOKS

Greenville, Jan. 9.—The library at the Training School at East Carolina Teachers college, a rapidly growing part of the institution, acquired over a hundred new books during the fall quarter, according to the December list of acquisitions just issued by the college library.

## Installation Employees In Nation Quit

New York, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Telephone installation workers of widely scattered sections of the nation left their jobs this morning in the opening works of what may develop into a country-wide telephone riotous by Friday.

Hundreds of members of the Association of Communications Workers (CIO) who install Western Electric company equipment for the Bell Telephone System quit their jobs in a dispute over wages. The union claims a membership of 3,000 in 42 states.

It was the second strike against Western Electric, 17,000 employees in its manufacturing branch have a quit last Thursday.

Picketing did not start at once, but union leaders said it would begin Friday and once pickets were thrown around exchanges, they had assurances other telephone workers would not cross the lines.

Such action would virtually shut down the American telephone system.

The walkout was scheduled to start at 11 a.m., but some workers jumped the gun and quit several hours earlier.

The first workers to leave were in Ohio, Indiana, and New Jersey.

Workers in Washington, D. C., followed. New York workers quit this afternoon.

For the present the strike will not interfere with telephone service. However, if other workers respect the installation workers picket lines, long distance service and other operations handled manually would stop Friday.

But service will not be affected until breaks occur. There will be no one to repair line breaks, and union spokesmen have estimated that dial service will bog down in a week or ten days after the picket lines are formed.

Master to Accept Executive Position With Plant Council

High Point, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Harry Caldwell of Greensboro resigned today as Master of the North Carolina State Grange, a position he has held for the past eight years.

He requested the State Grange not to consider him for re-election, explaining that he had accepted an appointment as secretary-treasurer of the American Plant Food Council of Washington, which he believes would afford him an "opportunity to serve farmers at the national level."

Speaking at the afternoon session of the 17th annual grange convention which opened here today, he submitted his resignation after he had made a lengthy report of Grange work for 1945.

MARKET LEADERS UPPEDED BY BUYING  
New York, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Spirited, renewed buying in today's stock market lifted leaders fractionally around 20 points.

Higher were Bethlehem, American Telephone, Goodyear, Montgomery Ward, New York Central and DuPont.

## New York Almost Cut Off By Telegraphers' Strike

(By The Associated Press)  
New and impending work stoppages arising from labor disputes over wage threatened today to disrupt much of the nation's communications.

A country-wide tie-up of telephones was considered possible in the wake of a strike by some 6,000 telephone installation workers.

For the second day, New York City remained in virtual telegraphic isolation from the rest of the country as 7,000 Western Union employees stayed away from their jobs.

Picket Lines Planned.  
Ernest Weaver, president of the Independent Association of Communications Equipment Workers, said picket lines, which he said could include independent telephone unions, have promised to respect, would be established later around major telephone exchanges.

This would mean, he said, the sympathy strike of the 263,000 members of the Independent National Federation of Telephone Workers. Some 17,000 members of the Western Electric Employees Association, an affiliate, have been on strike in New York and New Jersey for the last week.

WideSpread Walkouts.  
Walkouts by members were scheduled in the independent unions local in Chicago, San Francisco, St. Louis, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis, Albany, Atlanta, Denver, Newark, Southern California, Washington, D. C., the North Pacific and Philadelphia. New York members, Weaver said, may also strike later today.

The union, which is seeking a \$6 a week wage increase, said it had offered a modification, which was not further identified.

As the strike of Western Union employees continued, CIO officials said there was a possibility that 600,000 members of 300 CIO locals in Great New York may be called upon to support the walkout.

Elsewhere along the labor front, efforts continued by government officials to halt the nationwide strike scheduled next week in steel and meat packing industries, which would add more than a million workers to the ranks of idle because of labor disputes.

In Washington, President Truman said a price increase in steel probably would be granted, but he declined to say whether it would prevent the scheduled walkout next Monday or of 800,000 CIO United Steel Workers.

## Cherry Says State Must Build Roads

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Governor R. Gregg Cherry said today North Carolina must complete its road program so every community and every section of the State is served by automotive transportation and declared "we are presently entering upon the greatest highway construction period in the history of the State."

Speaking before the North Carolina Oil Jobbers Association, which is in session here, Cherry said that according to estimates by Chairman A. H. Graham of the State Highway and Public Works Commission expenditures on the highway program for the next three years will total approximately \$100,000,000.

"It appears," Cherry said, "that all funds necessary to finance this program are either on hand, starting with a reserve of more than \$26,000,000 in the highway fund or in sight through accumulating revenues and federal highway grants. Thus, we hope to be able to complete the entire construction and renovation of our highway system without increasing taxes one penny or borrowing a single dollar."