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U.N. Mediator Killed In Jerusalem

Report Says Bernadotte Shot By Jews

Amman, Trans-Jordan, Sept. 17—(AP)—The United Nations staff here announced today Count Folke Bernadotte and a French Colonel were shot and killed on the Jewish side of Jerusalem today.

Count Bernadotte, the United Nations mediator for Palestine, and the Frenchman "were killed in the Jewish sector this afternoon by men in Jewish army uniforms," said a telephoned message from Commander Seymour at the American school in Jerusalem.

Bernadotte twice succeeded in bringing about a truce in the war for Palestine between Jews and Arabs. The truces have been fitful, punctuated by shelling and fighting. Both sides appeared to expect the present truce, now two months old, to run out at almost any moment.

Bernadotte was head of the Swedish Red Cross and the husband of the former Estelle Manville of New York. He was 53. The killing was reported to have occurred at 5 p. m. Jerusalem time.

Bernadotte had been shuttling for months between the Arab and Israeli Capitals in his efforts to bring peace and enforce the truces. He was scheduled to report to the United Nations in Paris next week.

The telephoned message identified the Frenchman as Colonel Serot of the United Nations staff. Count Bernadotte visited Damascus, capital of Syria, yesterday.

While in that city he told newspapermen that both Arabs and Jews in Jerusalem were "trigger happy."

He explained that frequent shooting broke out in the city without either side knowing what it was shooting at.

"It's like this," he said. "They shoot into the dark at night. They snipe by daylight. Excuse me, but it is a most idiotic thing."

Weather May Get Warmer Over Weekend

By The Associated Press A bit chilly this morning, wasn't it? Carolina's temperature got down to 53 at Raleigh and 58 at Columbia.

It should be slightly warmer overnight, but still very comfortable for sleeping, the weatherman said. Fair weather was predicted today and tomorrow.

This afternoon's temperatures should average in the lower eighties, about the same as yesterday's, since the forecast is not much change in temperatures today and tonight.

Here are yesterday afternoon's highs and this morning's lows in representative Carolina cities:

Raleigh 81-53, Greensboro 81-55, Charlotte 82-57, Spartanburg 81-59, Charleston 84-62, Cherry Point 78-64, Rocky Mount 79-52, Greenville, S. C., 81-60, Asheville 82-50, Hickory 83-56, Winston-Salem 81-58, Florence 85-66, and Elizabeth City 79-55.

Weather North Carolina — Fair and little change in temperature this afternoon and tonight; slightly warmer Saturday.

Seek Owner Of A Pistol-Toting Dog Springfield, Mass., Sept. 17—(AP)—The owner of a pistol-toting dog was sought today by police.

Truman Leaves On Western Trip Predicting A Democratic Triumph

Soviet Teacher To Be Quizzed By House Group

Washington, Sept. 17—(AP)—The House Un-American Activities Committee said today Mrs. Oksana Stepanovna Kasenkina will be questioned at a public hearing in New York next Wednesday.

Mrs. Kasenkina is the former Russian school teacher who jumped from a window to escape from the Soviet consulate in New York last month. Her testimony is wanted in connection with the committee's investigation of Soviet espionage in this country.

Chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ) said a subcommittee would question Mrs. Kasenkina at Roosevelt Hospital, where she is recovering from injuries suffered in her leap. Members of the subcommittee have not yet been named.

Thomas said doctors will permit three newspapermen to attend the hearing.

"She has some material we believe will be of interest to the committee in its espionage investigation," Thomas said.

Chief Warns Youngsters On Bike-Riding

Chief of Police T. J. Davis today issued a warning to youthful traffic offenders, reminding them that the place for bicycling is in the street and not on the sidewalks of the business district of town.

The chief said he has noticed a number of infractions of the law on the part of a number of young boys who insist in whizzing at high speeds down the crowded sidewalks endangering pedestrians. He said other officers have reported the same thing.

"We are not trying to threaten anybody," Chief Davis said, "but it must be realized by these boys and by their parents that their riding bicycles on sidewalks is a real hazard to safety in the town. We are fortunate in being able to report that there have been no accidents yet, but it is entirely possible that someone may be badly injured simply because of the carelessness of boys who ride bicycles in places where they have no business."

Polio Toll Increase By One Death

Raleigh, Sept. 17—(AP)—One new death and 11 new cases were added to the state's polio toll today.

The new death, the State Board of Health said, was reported by Martin county and brought the epidemic death total to 110. The number of cases for the year mounted to 2,070. Guilford county reported five cases, Madison two and four counties reported one case each. They were Cleveland, New Hanover, Pender and Person.

Not Her Husband, But A Burglar

Baltimore, Sept. 17—(AP)—Mrs. Rita N. Franke, 24, ran screaming up the street yesterday, holding to the coattails of a burglar who had looted her house of \$12.

By the time the police came on the scene, the robber had broken away and escaped. They asked passers-by why they had not come to Mrs. Franke's assistance. "We thought it was just a husband-wife spat," they said.

Ministers Will Plan Teacher Training School At Meeting At First Presbyterian Tonight

The Rev. J. M. Walker, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, announced today that an important meeting of all ministers, Sunday school superintendents and department superintendents will be held this evening at 8:00 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church to make plans for a teacher-training school.

The school is planned for November 29—December 1, and has been planned by the Roanoke Rapids-Weldon Ministerial Association as an interdenominational project.

It is considered, Rev. Walker said today, that such a school will provide valuable training for those who already teach in Sunday schools, will help enlist prospective teachers and will provide a deeper sense of comradeship in the work of the Sunday schools.

Death Truck Driver Free Under Bond

Conway, September 17—Chief of Police W. B. Cole said here this morning that Willie Odell Garris, Aynden Negro, has been released under a \$500 bond pending a coroner's inquest which has been set for Monday night in the death of Sheila Nicholson, three, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Nicholson of Roanoke Rapids, near here yesterday.

Chief Cole said he learned the child had been crushed between the tail gate of the truck operated by Garris and a barn at the home of Lloyd Askew, her uncle. The truck is owned by T. J. Cannon of Ayden, a corn buyer, and Garris had driven it to the Askew home to pick up a load of corn.

The child was visiting with her mother at the home of Mrs. Nicholson's mother, Mrs. Charles Askew, at the time of the fatal accident. Sheila died in an ambulance before she could reach the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at four o'clock from the Milwaukee Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. J. E. Garlington, officiating.

Burial will be in a family plot at the Askew home near Conway.

Lions Club Festival Opens Monday Night With A Gala Street Dance

Sometimes the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club gives the impression that it can do just about anything.

Monday night, for instance, the club is transforming Hamilton Street in front of Roanoke Rapids High School into a ball room, when the club opens its big annual Lions Club Festival with a street dance which is free to all comers.

Yes, Monday has been set aside for the opening of the week-long festival and the plans announced today by the local Lions is for the street dance to be even bigger than the one last year which attracted more than 3,000 people.

The "dance floor" Monday night will be the front of the High School at Hamilton and Eighth streets. Lion June Collier, who is heading the committee which is planning the dance said the location has been picked because of its general convenience and because of its nearness to the high school athletic field, Festival headquarters. The high school field will

Promises Hard Fight; Jones Supports GOP

Washington, Sept. 17—(AP)—President Truman left today on a 16-day western campaign tour with this pledge: "I'm going to fight hard and I'm going to give them hell."

"It's a victorious trip," the President also told his running mate, Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, who was at Union Station to see him embark on the second swing of what may be the most strenuous campaign ever waged by a White House occupant.

The President will deliver more than 100 addresses in at least 18 of the 21 states his special 17-car train will touch on a 9,500-mile vote seeking tour to the Pacific coast and return. He is due to return to Washington Oct. 2.

As Mr. Truman left on his cross-country swing, The Huston (Tex.) Chronicle, published by Jesse H. Jones, a cabinet member in the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration, announced its support of the GOP ticket of Dewey and Warren.

The Chronicle in an editorial said it believes in a two-party system. It called on Democrats of the South to abandon the feeling "that we are Democrats and can vote no other ticket." It said "this will not be a case of leaving out party, xxx rather our party has left us."

Citing qualifications of Governors Dewey and Warren in administering affairs in New York and California, respectively, the Chronicle said Mr. Truman "has not shown the leadership necessary for the successful management of our National and International affairs."

Jones was ousted as secretary of commerce by President Roosevelt in 1945 to make way for a cabinet post for Henry A. Wallace, who had failed to win renomination for vice-president.

Mr. Truman will make the first major speech of the extensive vote tour at Dexter, Iowa, tomorrow.

Hyderabad Yields In War To India

New Delhi, Sept. 17—(AP)—The Hyderabad government radio broadcast today that the princely state has yielded in its 100-hour war with the Dominion of India.

The Moslem Nizam, ruler of the state, ordered a cease fire effective at 5 p. m. (6:30 a. m., EST) and accepted the resignation of his government. He informed India he will form a new government tomorrow.

Mir Laik Ali, the Nizam's premier, announced this in the Hyderabad broadcast.

Britain Strengthens Her Home Defense London, Sept. 17—(AP)—Britain took steps today to strengthen her home defenses in the grave international crisis.

Two Drivers Die In Fiery Crash Of Trucks



Two drivers perished in the wreckage of these two trucks which collided head-on and burst into flames near Mocksville, N. C. Wayne Fowler, 33, of Jamestown, N. C., driver of the truck at top, was killed instantly. His body was burned before help arrived. The unidentified driver of the other truck, which carried a Texas license plate, was burned to death in the cabin of the vehicle. (AP Photos)

Roanoke Rapids Schoolboy Patrol Formed With 26 Boys Ask Drivers To Cooperate

President Truman May Speak In Raleigh In Mid-October

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 17—(AP)—President Truman, "if at all possible," will come to Raleigh in mid-October for the unveiling of a statue of three North Carolinians who became presidents.

U. S. Senator-Nominee J. Melville Broughton declared after talking with the president in Washington yesterday that he was "confident" Mr. Truman would arrange the engagement "if at all possible."

Meanwhile, it was revealed that Truman's vice-presidential running mate and a member of his cabinet will definitely make talks in North Carolina before the November elections.

Capus Waynick, chairman of the state democratic party's executive committee, announced here yesterday that Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky will speak the night of Sept. 27 at Asheville.

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Officer Nelson Supervises The Work Of Patrol

The Roanoke Rapids Schoolboy Patrol, a volunteer organization of high school boys who believe primarily in traffic safety, went into action here this afternoon for their second year.

Under the supervision of police officer L. H. Nelson, the 26 boys comprising the Patrol went on duty at ten different posts this afternoon in an effort to make intersections safer places for schoolboys and schoolgirls.

The members of the Patrol are chosen on the basis of their grades, conduct and interest in their work, and they have been trained in the fundamentals of traffic safety by their mentor, officer Nelson. He said the boys will be stationed at intersections in and around school areas at all times when traffic to and from school is heavy, and he urged the full cooperation of local motorists with the boys.

Offenders of traffic laws who endanger the lives of children by their disregard for traffic signals or signals by the boys of the patrol may find themselves in court, Nelson warned since the boys are instructed to copy license numbers of deliberate offenders.

The boys will meet once a month for drill and instruction by their leader and they will be checked at their posts at all times by members of the Roanoke Rapids Police Force.

Nelson said he hopes to be able to secure white Sam Browne belts for all patrol members soon, as well as distinctive white raincoats for bad weather duty.

Like Nelson, the boys do their patrol work on their own time without any compensation other than knowing that they are doing a good job in promoting safety on the streets and, perhaps, saving lives.

Later on in the school year, the outstanding Patrolman in each group will be appointed group captain, with the responsibility for the group on his own shoulders. At present the School Boy Patrol is limited to boys in grades 9-12, however if the traffic situation gets worse and more are needed some volunteers may be taken from the eighth grade.

The Patrol was started last year by Nelson, a former member of the State Highway Patrol, and Cpl. L. B. Lane of the Highway Patrol. Nelson said Lane will be unable to work with him this year because his office has been shifted to the highway patrol barracks at Halifax, however he said the entire force of officers in the area is backing the schoolboy group to the hilt.

Boys are stationed in groups of two or three at busy intersections, and where no traffic lights are already installed they are given traffic hand signals. Boys operate the signals and escort children across the streets. The Roanoke Rapids theatres are cooperating by giving a pass to one movie each.

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Hundreds Of Japanese Lost In Floods

Tokyo, Sept. 17—(AP)—Between 800 and 2,000 Japanese were killed, injured or missing in flooded Ichinoseki City 60 miles north of Sendai, Japanese and occupation authorities said today.

A Kyodo News Agency report from a technician in Iwate prefecture placed the number of dead at 2,000.

Allied headquarters, however, said reports from army units at Sendai listed 800 dead or missing.

Kyodo said two feet of rain deluged the city in a typhoon last night. Some 500 homes in Ichinoseki were washed away and 1,600 were flooded, the news agency reported.

The swollen Iwai River burst through its dikes near Ichinoseki and poured through the city of 35,000 population.

Reports were that the rain in the northern Honshu city had stopped but that some fires had broken out later.

Equal Potato Acreages Sought By State Men

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 17—(AP)—An equitable distribution of national potato acreage allotments for next year is being sought by Virginia and North Carolina growers.

A delegation of Tidewater growers and dealers joined North Carolina in sending a delegation to Washington yesterday.

Rep. Porter H. Hardy, Jr., of Churchland, was joined by Rep. Herbert Bonner of Washington, N. C., and Senator-nominee J. Melville Broughton, of North Carolina, in pleading the growers' case.

Last night Hardy said that a considerable reduction in national acreage was in prospect.

One proposal, he said, would increase certain areas while decreasing the quotas of Tidewater Virginia and Eastern Carolina. Such a move is opposed by the delegation.

A hearing on the argument of the growers was held before Frank Wolly, deputy administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration, and A. E. Mercker, chief of the potato branch of the administration, both in the Department of Agriculture.

Freezing Weather Hits In Chicago

Chicago, Sept. 17—(AP)—Freezing weather hit parts of the northeastern section of the country today but there were lots of heat from the Rockies to the Appalachians.

The mercury dipped under the 32 mark over the New England early today. There was a promise of warmer air for the area over the weekend.

The late summer hot spell continued over most of the midwest. Cooler weather, however, was forecast for some sections tomorrow.

Winston, Burlington Western Electric Workers May Strike

Winston-Salem, Sept. 17—(AP)—A strike vote was pending today as agreement was sought between the communications workers of America (Ind.) and the Western Electric Company's Winston-Salem and Burlington plants.

The union decided yesterday to ask its membership to authorize a strike at the two plants as government conciliators worked toward an agreement covering the firm's approximately 2,100 workers in this state.

Clifford H. Love, union president, said last night the company had turned down the CWA's latest wage increase proposal of 10 to 12 cents an hour. The company had no comment on the negotiation deadlock.