

Woman Is Killed In Two-Auto Collision

LEBANON, Ind. (UPI) — Mrs. Lula Barth, 70, Aitkin, Minn., was killed in a two-car collision at the

intersection of U. S. 421 and Ind. 32 near here Wednesday. State Police said a station wagon driven by her husband, Luther, 74, collided with an auto driven by Kenneth Merrill, 40, Lebanon.

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Dozens Of Reasons For Juvenile Crime

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NEW YORK (UPI) — When teen violence shocks a community, alarmed citizens blame everyone from magistrates to working mothers.

Statistically, more mothers are holding outside jobs these days than ever before. Statistically also the rate of crime is at an all-time high.

But does this mean that because mom's away, the child will play his way into delinquency?

One government expert believes not.

Mrs. Alice Leopold, head of the women's bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, says that there are 11 million married women holding outside jobs. Most of them also have children. Close to three million have youngsters under 6 years of age. Nearly five million have school age children only, from 6 to 17 years.

"Sometimes I think we are preoccupied with the sensational," Mrs. Leopold said. "Ninety-seven per cent of our youth is non-crimal."

"But to analyze the causes for the other 3 per cent. Well, most authorities agree there are dozens of them — income, housing, locale, new nationalities moving into a neighborhood . . .

"The fact that the mother is working is way down the line. I have talked with many thoughtful people on this—with psychologists, welfare, and social workers, clergy. None blames her."

Mrs. Leopold said that often the working mother is a better mother, because she is an organizer, a planner. She may be more careful of her children than the non-working.

"My own opinion is that the prime reason for delinquency lies in parental immaturity," she said. "Now how you get parents to grow up, I don't know.

Atlas Firing Is Termed As Satisfactory

(UPI) — War-ready Atlas intercontinental ballistic missiles are in the hands of combat-trained Air Force misseleers today as a powerful deterrent to war.

Top Air Force officers admitted, however, the full capability of the 6,300-mile missiles was some time away.

"It is operational," declared Gen. Thomas S. Power, commander of the Strategic Air Command. "This is a tremendous milestone." He made the statement after the first operational launch of an Atlas Wednesday. The launch was "more than satisfactory."

But he told newsmen: "Like any other new weapon it will take time to develop its full potential. Now we have the tidyup operations to make it as potent as possible."

Power said further shots would be held at this central California coastal base at the rate of one every two or three months. He said the Air Force hopes to train crews so they can fire an Atlas in a matter of minutes should an emergency arise.

The nation's first operational SAC squadron pushed the button on the missile. With its three giant rockets bellowing as they created a thrust equal to seven and a half million horsepower, the box-car sized weapon rose slowly from the launch pad on a 4,400 mile flight to near Wake Island.

The squadron that fired operational Atlas No. 1 has three launchers at this base and five missiles. Later squadrons will have nine launchers and 10 birds.

Asked when the first full-strength squadron would be ready, Power said he did not know. But he said new crews would graduate from this base about every two to three months from now on.

Fire Peril To Noted Deadwood Is Ended

DEADWOOD, S.D. (UPI) — Refugees from a raging forest fire that threatened to wipe out this historic Wild West town began returning to Deadwood Wednesday night, the peril over.

A band of 3,000 men, mostly volunteers, brought the fire under control late Wednesday and authorities said it was safe for the 4,000 evacuees to return.

Officials said, however, it would take 10 days to two weeks to extinguish the flames that already had wiped out some 5,000 acres of timber in the Black Hills.

The fire reached the outskirts of Deadwood and destroyed several houses and businesses before strong winds helped firefighters deadwood and Lead, 3 miles to the push back the flames.

No one was killed but damage was expected to exceed one million dollars. The Berry Post Co. suffered the largest single loss, more than \$70,000 in equipment, inventory and a treating plant.

The band of firefighters was thinned down to less than 1,000 during the night. The fire was centered in an area between south.

State forester Walt Fillmore said shifting winds saved Deadwood, the town where Wild Bill Hickok died from destruction.

"The shifting breezes had the effect of containing the fire by blowing it back and forth into itself. We were lucky it didn't burn 10,000 acres," he said.

In Paris, Laos' Foreign Minister Khamphan Panya said his government has "unimpeachable proof" of Vietnamese intervention in Laos.

"The situation in Laos is very serious...and we believe it concerns not only Laos but all Asia," Panya said. "We will ask our friends to help us and appeal to the peace-loving peoples to coordinate their efforts to avoid disaster."

Laos Loyalist Troops Retake Much Of Area

NEW YORK (UPI) — A new bargaining approach in the 58-day-old steel strike began today with 13 negotiating committees working simultaneously.

The top-level four-man teams of labor and management, headed by David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers of America, and R. Conrad Cooper, executive vice president of the U.S. Steel Corp., resumed their joint sessions in the presence of four government mediators.

The task of the subcommittees had to do only with local work practices in the plants of the 12 strike-bound major steel companies. The subcommittees were attempting to iron out individual company problems involving job preferences, seniority, pension plans, and similar matters.

They were not discussing wages.

Chief Federal Mediator Joseph F. Finnegan had nothing to say as he went into the session. Neither had McDonald. Cooper's only comment was, "We are anxious to see what develops."

The new negotiating teams were expected to make little progress as long as the union and the companies refuse to budge from their entrenched positions at the national negotiating level. Even President Eisenhower's plea on Tuesday for an end to "half-hearted bargaining" failed to change the static strike picture.

The chief executive officers of the big 12 steel firms sent a telegram to Eisenhower Wednesday night in which they blamed the union's refusal to accept two industry principles for the deadlock in negotiations. They said the principles were industry's battle to stop inflation and to operate on a more

efficient basis.

"While paying lip service to the desirability of retarding inflation, they (the union) have repeatedly demonstrated a firm belief that inflation is a healthy ingredient of our economy," the message said.

The steel executives turned down a request by Steelworkers' President David J. McDonald for face-to-face negotiations with the chief executives of the steel companies. They emphasized, however, that the four-man negotiating team headed by R. Conrad Cooper has "full authority" to negotiate a settlement within the companies' principles.

The strike of 500,000 steel workers began 58 days ago. According to Labor Department figures issued in Washington, the strike has resulted in the lay-off of another 150,000 workers in steel-related industries, 50,000 more than reported a month ago.

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