



DEAF DOG HEARS AGAIN—Bill, a dog found wandering the streets of Pittsburgh, Pa., seems overjoyed at the sound of his own barking. L. M. Meyers, president of a hearing aid firm, gave a unit to Bill when he learned that the animal's deafness prevented getting him a home. Meyers is also deaf.

Secret Report From FBI On Lynching Case

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI)—A long-secret FBI report on the lynching of Negro Mack Charles Parker last April contains statements from three men that they were involved in certain events connected with his abduction from jail, United Press International learned today.

The three were among 23 white men listed in the report as "known and suspected participants in the abduction" of Parker from the Poplarville, Miss., jail. The FBI report was read today by a UPI reporter. It was completed after a month-long FBI investigation last summer.

None of the statements contained admissions that the authors had themselves gone to the jail to get Parker, a truck driver who was being held on a charge of having raped a white woman.

One of the three men was quoted as saying that, because of fear, he gave jail keys to four

men who came to his home the night of April 24, a few hours before the lynching. The report said he told FBI agents he knew the men "wouldn't hesitate" to do him or his family bodily harm if they did not get the keys.

He told the FBI that if he repeated his statement in court he "would have to leave the Poplarville area permanently in order to avoid possible violence to himself or his family."

A federal grand jury at Biloxi, Miss., currently is investigating the lynching. A federal judge advised the jury this week it could indict on civil rights or conspiracy charges only if a law officer was involved in the lynching.

The judge also said that the only other possible federal charge would be under the Lindbergh kidnap law, which could be used if Parker was killed after being taken across state lines.

Another statement in the FBI report was from a farmer who said Parker was driven across the Pearl River into Louisiana before being shot and dumped into the river 20 miles west of Poplarville.

He said he attended a meeting where the lynching plans were made on the night of April 24. He said he stood outside the jail as Parker was abducted, and followed in another car when Parker was taken to the river.

Steel Dispute Has Ended In Photo Finish

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—The 1959 steel-labor dispute, which included a record-smashing 116-day strike, ended in a photo finish.

Both the steel companies' stockholders and the 500,000 United Steelworkers members could claim victory—or prove losers. It will take months to develop the picture.

No major steel company reduced dividends to its shareholders. Pittsburgh area steel workers generally agreed that the strike wage loss—roughly \$2,000 per man—was worth the joust. Most ended up with an annual income as good or better than their take home pay in recession-ridden 1958.

"I lost more time in 1958 than I ever spent on strike this year," said Ernest Lewis, a crane operator in the open hearth department at Jones & Laughlin Steel's Pittsburgh works.

Lewis, a veteran of 18 years in the steel mills, went on: "I got nothing but unemployment compensation and SUB (Supplemental Unemployment Benefits) for sitting out the recession in 1958."

"This year I went on strike—and as soon as they get this settlement signed I'll get at least 16 cents an hour more. And there's more in the package—7 cents next December first and 7 more in October next year."

"But most people don't figure that if the company got control of our working conditions like they wanted 20,000 workers—maybe me—would have lost their jobs," Lewis said.

"What did the strike cost me? Could be it saved my job. At least I'm not worrying about getting zero next week."

Steel industry management had demanded the right to improve "efficiency" by regulating the size of work crews and other working conditions.

Mrs. Goldine Redding Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Goldine Redding, 70, of Geneva, a retired school teacher, died at 1:25 p. m. Thursday at the Adams County Memorial hospital. She had been bedfast since Oct. 15. She was a member of the Geneva Methodist church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Glen Neuschwander of Berne, and three grandchildren. Services will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday in the Geneva Methodist church, with burial in West Lawn cemetery. Friends may call at the Yager funeral home in Berne after 7 p. m. today.

Mass Feeding Class In Decatur Monday

Anyone interested in attending a one-session class on mass feeding is invited to attend such a meeting at 1 p. m. Monday in the basement of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church of Decatur, Miss. Lois Folk, county home demonstration agent, said today.

The class is sponsored by the county Red Cross in conjunction with the civil defense program. Miss Folk is a certified teacher. Those interested may register at the time of the class.

The class will be excellent training for anyone who has to plan to feed large numbers of people. Home demonstration club members, blood canteen workers, and others are already enrolled in the course. Practical aspects of feeding crowds will be discussed and explained.

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CUBAN CUT—Premier Fidel Castro's campaign to reduce Cuba's dependence on the United States is making headway, as sketch above shows. Cuba is still this country's largest Latin-American customer for farm products, but in the third quarter of 1959 exports to Cuba ran 39 per cent below the like period in 1958.

Appliances Turn To Space-Saving

CHICAGO (UPI)—Appliances at the International Home Furnishings Market have climbed on the space-saving bandwagon.

One manufacturer's (Hotpoint) line of refrigerators that occupy only 12 cubic feet of floor space hold as much as some 18 cubic-foot models, thanks to a new 50 per cent thinner insulating material.

A similar high-density insulating material used by another manufacturer (Admiral) reduces the thickness of cabinet walls by 3/4 inch to increase the capacity of the largest freezer by 100 pounds.

One range manufacturer (Crown) has actually made space, at the counter-top level, by putting a chrome cover on a free-standing stove that looks and fits like a built-in. The chrome cover lifts doubles back to form a splasher.

Labor-saving devices in the new appliances include removable doors on ovens by Whirlpool to make cleaning easier. The same manufacturer has added a delayed action dispenser system to washer-dryer combinations. It dispenses bleach, detergent and fabric conditioner, all at proper times. Another manufacturer (Maytag) has gone further and developed a single control all-fabric automatic washer. A single button, pushed just once, controls a complete wash cycle, from starting to the final water extraction phase.

What is described as the first portable dishwasher (by General Electric) and an increasing number of frost-free refrigerators and freezers are some of the other labor-saving appliances.

Cuba Offers Rebate To U.S. Tourists

NEW YORK (UPI)—Cuba today offered to give American tourists one-half of their round-trip fares in order to attract them to the luxurious—and mostly vacant—Havana vacation hotels.

The 50 per cent rebate was pioneered on flights from Florida to Cuba and extended to flights from New York, effective Jan. 9-18. The Cuban Tourism Commission calls it "Operation Friendship."

Nothing Doing

STAMFORD, Conn. (UPI)—Former Congressman Alfred N. Phillips reported that a letter he sent to the Russian Embassy in Washington urging the release of Americans held prisoner in Red China had been returned—unopened.

74 Fire Department Runs During 1959

The Decatur fire department went on 74 runs in 1959 with the major cause being grass fires, according to chief Cedric Fisher's annual report, which was submitted to the city council this week.

Grass and trash fires accounted for 24 calls, while an actual high number was accorded to the miscellaneous category with 25. Under miscellaneous, chief Fisher listed fires caused by water heaters, Christmas trees, motors, chimneys, and others.

Next in line were the car and truck fires, of which nine were recorded. Faulty wiring, overheated stoves, and false alarms, all tied for the next position with five each. There was also one grease fire.

The estimated damages for 1959 were listed at \$89,850 with the \$80,000 Blackstone Cafe, fire topping the list. This fire occurred a little over a year ago, Jan. 4, 1959.

Special calls received were for a drowning victim at the Krick pond, on oxygen run, and twice to wash down the streets.

A total of 22 runs were made to rural fires, but as is the case with such fires, no estimate of damages was given.

Assail Proficiency Tests Under FFA

MIAMI (UPI)—Pilots of National Airlines, hit by two disastrous crashes in less than two months, charged Thursday night that the Federal Aviation Agency's proficiency tests damage commercial aircraft.

National pilots who are members of the Airline Pilots Assn. said flatly they will take no more flight proficiency tests because of "the recent National Airlines accidents." Airline officials called a meeting today with their pilot-members of the ALPA and said the pilots should have discussed their charges with the company.

"The company gives the proficiency tests," Louis Dymond, a National official, said, "not the FAA."

Shortly before the pilots made their announcement in the form of a telegram to FAA Chairman Elwood P. Quesada, grieving relatives and FBI agents identified 27 of the 34 victims of Wednesday's National crash near Bolivia, N.C.

The Bolivia disaster, in which a DC6B New York-to-Miami flight apparently disintegrated in the air, was the second to hit National within eight weeks. On Nov. 16 a Miami-to-New Orleans interchange flight crashed into the Gulf of Mexico under similar circumstances and killed all 42 persons aboard.

The National pilots charged that the FAA's strict proficiency tests are harmful to commercial aircraft "and may eventually lead to failure."

ALPA official R. J. Rohan said the FAA began three months ago a new policy of forcing pilots to put their planes through violent maneuvers in six-month pilot proficiency tests.

He said the maneuvers include stalls, approaches to stalls and similar activities. He said the testing method had continued although ALPA protested when it was first begun.

Driving Hazard

RUTHLAND, Vt. (UPI)—Morris Vieudotsky, 19, of Keene, N.H., ran his car off the road and into a tree after his pet kitten became wedged between the brake pedal and the accelerator.

In Extremis

AUGUSTA, Maine (UPI)—Maine's Inland Fisheries and Game Department recently issued this list of "symptoms" of so-called moose sickness: loss of weight, drowsiness, loss of balance and death.

Longer Runway

MOBASSA, Kenya (UPI)—Work will be completed next June on extending Mobassa Airport's main runway to 6,200 feet. The modernization program is expected to cost 210,000 pounds (\$708,000).

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Kingdom Hall
Corner Monroe and Ninth
Sunday, 2:30 p.m.: "How Important Is Life To You?" Public Bible lecture by C. D. Steele, local Watchtower representative and presiding minister.

Sunday, 8:45 p.m.: Watchtower Bible study and discussion on the subject, "Expert Instruction in the Art of Witness-Making." One of the scripture texts for consideration will be Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations." (NW Trans.)

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: Theocratic Ministry School followed by Kingdom Ministry Service Meeting.
Friday, 8 p.m.: Bible study using the study aid, "Your Will Be Done on Earth."

The schedule of meetings is arranged to conform to the program of Mr. L. D. Bradley, Circuit Supervisor, who will visit the congregation Jan. 12-17, 1960.

Butler Charges Deal By Nixon, Steel Industry

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A series of political brush fires touched off by the steel settlement blazed today hot as any blast furnace.

It all boils down to who did what, who promised what to whom and who's backing whom.

The furor started when the eight-month steel dispute was settled Monday, with part of the credit going to Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell. Nixon's presidential stock soared.

But Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler charged Thursday Nixon won a secret agreement from the steel companies to hold off any price hikes until after the 1960 election.

"Sky's The Limit"

If Republican Nixon is elected president, Butler said, "the sky's the limit" on any price increases. He predicted that Nixon would not win the presidency.

Steelworkers President David J. McDonald is the man who really jumped out of the frying pan of the labor dispute into the fire of politics.

Columnist Drew Pearson said Thursday that McDonald had told friends he would forsake his normal Democratic allegiance and aid Nixon's presidential campaign because of the "very generous" steel settlement.

McDonald promptly denied that he's committed to support Nixon or anybody else.

Accepts Invitation
Pennsylvania Gov. David L. Lawrence then gave the union chief a chance to prove he's still a good Democrat. Lawrence invited McDonald to be a Pennsylvania delegate-at-large at the Democratic convention in July.

"I will accept with pleasure, of course," McDonald replied.

McDonald started his day in the hot political waters by saying in a TV interview that Nixon should not get all the praise for the steel settlement.

He said just as much credit should go to the financier father of Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.).

Democratic presidential aspirant, for persuading his banker friends to support a steel settlement.

McDonald said that either Kennedy or Nixon would make a good president.

Smaller Pig Crop Estimated In 1960

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department estimated today that the 1960 spring pig crop will be 11 per cent smaller than in 1959.

The spring pigs will go to market next fall. The forecast indicated that hog prices during the election season next year may be substantially above the level of \$12.20 per hundredweight reported in mid-November of this year.

This prospect was good news for Republicans who have been fearing a possible farm revolt against GOP candidates in midwestern states, where hog-corn farming is a major factor in both economics and politics.

Some farm experts had believed that record feed grain production this year would lead to another increase in pig production next spring.

Vincennes Woman Is Killed By Bus

VINCENNES, Ind. (UPI)—Mrs. Dorothy McNeil, 75, Vincennes, was injured fatally Thursday when she was struck and run over by an Indianapolis and Vincennes coach lines bus as she stepped from a curb on a city street. Mrs. McNeil died in Good Samaritan hospital here about three hours after the accident.

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two or three years.

High school guests at last night's meeting were Edward Wiseman, representing Decatur Catholic high school, and Jay DeVoss from Decatur high school.

President H. P. Schmitt, Jr., announced that the area speech contest will be held January 21, with the Decatur club as host.

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Advanced Rockets Planned By U.S.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Defense officials said today that it would be another year before the nation has large numbers of Atlas missiles, disclosed by President Eisenhower to be fantastically accurate.

Russia's declaration Thursday that it would begin a series of missile firings into the South Pacific Jan. 15, meanwhile, suggested that the Soviet Union—like America—is working on more advanced rockets that will make present types obsolete within a few years.

Only three launching pads have been declared ready to fire the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile. Eisenhower told Congress Thursday the Atlas has hit within two miles of its target in the last 14 test firings over distances of more than 5,000.

The number of Atlas launchers may be increased to nine later. It is doubted whether there will be any other new pads this year.

Officials said that by the end of 1960, construction will have started or completed on a total of 13 Atlas bases with a total of more than 100 launching stands.

When these bases are armed, the Air Force on short notice could launch toward Russia more than 100 Atlas missiles.

Each base is to have some missiles ready for firing on 15-minute notice.

Little Jamming Of Eisenhower Message

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Voice of America says President Eisenhower's State of the Union Message got through to Russian listeners in their native language without appreciable jamming.

Voice officials said Thursday there was apparently no "intentional" jamming of the Russian language translation, although there was some "spillover" interference from Soviet radio frequencies.

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