

Aged Hazelton Man Is Burned To Death

PRINCETON, Ind. (UPI)—Robert Beard, 81, burned to death in his home at Hazelton Tuesday.

Beard was found slumped in a chair in his burned-out one-room dwelling. Cause of the blaze was not immediately determined, but it may have started from a faulty heating stove, authorities said.



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Russian Visitors Find America Is Stimulating

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Twelve miniature models of the Philadelphia Liberty Bell, symbol of American freedom, are bound for a permanent home in the Soviet Union.

They will probably end up on the desks and coffee tables of some of Russia's highest officials—as a reminder of a day well spent with Americans in the City of Brotherly Love.

The little bells, all inscribed with the Soviet officials' names and the date of their visit, were presented to the Russian guests at a dinner in their honor given by the city Tuesday night.

Find America Stimulating
The Russians saw most of the city in one day. They visit Charleston, W.Va., today. They have been exposed to a great deal during the five days since they arrived in the United States for a 24-day visit. It is, perhaps, not too early to look for their first reactions to this country.

Their faces and their comments show that they find America stimulating. In relaxed moments, the less inhibited of them come right

out and say what they like as well as what they don't like.

What they like is the abundance of high quality consumer goods and services available everywhere here. What they disapproved of is the high price tags attached to these goods and services like housing, higher education and medicine in the United States.

"Let's Not Interfere"
The Russians have been saying to each other privately that America, wonderfully rich country that it is, would be even more wonderful if it were Communist. The longer the Soviet official stays here the more convinced he becomes that the Communist system would make a paradise out of what is already almost a capitalist seventh heaven.

Of course the Russians don't say so to their American hosts except in jest. It would be diplomatically improper and politically unwise for a group of Soviet government officials to go around advocating Communism in America.

Dmitri Polyansky, head of the Soviet group, is very careful to keep ideological disputes out of his formal speeches and banquet toasts.

"You have your capitalist system and we have our socialist one, and let's not interfere with each other," is one of Polyansky's favorite themes.

Dr. Finch Scheduled For Testimony Today

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Dr. R. Bernard Finch, a man who had a black-haired sun-tanned wife, a red-haired mistress and a \$750,000 fortune, tells today how he shot his wife to death.

The 42-year-old surgeon was scheduled to describe in court for the first time the events of July 18. He will testify following the opening statement of his defense lawyer, Grant Cooper.

The state rested its case Tuesday on a definite upswing for the defense.

The Odds Change
Five weeks ago most people wouldn't have bet an avocado on the chances for Finch and his mistress. Today, the odds have swung far more in their favor.

Miss Tregoff, a 23-year-old woman with a big smile on her face after Tuesday's developments was in a better spot than the doctor who discarded his wife in her favor. Finch admittedly fired the shot in the back that brought the death of Mrs. Barbara Jean Finch 33.

The seven-woman, five-man jury heard the statements Carole made shortly after the shooting. She gave them a picture of her as a third woman who drove to the West Covina, Calif., Finch home solely to reason with an unreasonable wife.

Her statements left Finch still in trouble.

Says Finch "Dazed"
Carole said she had become

Ruled out of evidence was her subsequent admission that she carried a "murder kit" up the driveway to the Finch home. Ignored was the testimony of convict John Patrick Cody that the doctor and Carole hired him for \$1,400 to kill Mrs. Finch.

But Carole did offer an explanation for Finch. She said they had gone to the home unarmed. Mrs. Finch drew a gun and pointed it at Carole, she said. Finch "jumped" forward to disarm his wife. Carole fled and saw no more though she heard Finch saying "please" and the sound of two gunshots.

panicky. She hid in the bushes nearby for six hours until she finally slipped away and fled back to Las Vegas where she found Finch with no memory whatsoever of shooting his wife.

"He was dazed," she said. Whether the jury believes that story depends largely on the one that Finch tells. But there was no question Carole and Finch have moved a number of steps away from California's gas chamber.

Merchants Warned On Stolen Checks

City police today urged local merchants and store owners to be on the lookout for checks from the Haynes and Haynes Construction Co. of Elkhart. The checks were stolen from the firm and are appearing in the area.

Two different colored checks are being used so all checks from this firm should be reported to the police immediately.

Light Rain, Drizzle Forecast For State

United Press International
A little light rain or drizzle was forecast for central and southern sections of Indiana tonight and Thursday, and more was expected during the weekend.

Temperatures remained around normal but a slight warmup was expected by the weekend.

The mercury dipped to the upper teens in the north this morning, including 17 at Fort Wayne and 19 at South Bend. Indianapolis recorded 24, Evansville 30, Tuesday highs ranged from 28 at Fort Wayne to 40 at Evansville.

Highs today will range from 28 to 40, lows tonight from 22 to 32, and highs Thursday from the upper 20s to near 40.

The five-day outlook called for temperatures averaging 4 to 8 degrees above normal highs of 29 to 46 and normal lows of 13 to 31.

Precipitation is expected to average one-fourth of an inch or less, with occasional rain or drizzle south tonight or Thursday and occasional rain over the state Sunday or Monday.

Legislator Warns Justices Of Peace

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Indiana's justices of the peace were warned today to clean up "their own house" or face legislative action.

The warning was sounded late Tuesday by Sen. Ruel W. Steele (R-Bedford) before the Indiana Legislative Advisory Commission following testimony of unethical and illegal practices.

The commission was told that some counties hire special constables who slap a summons on a defendant even before action is filed against him in JP court.

"The only way to clean up JPs is to cut their jurisdiction," said Steele. "They better clean up their own house, or we're going to have to do something."

Philip G. Van Metre, president of the Indiana Constables Association, suggested legislation allowing elected constables to name special deputies only under certain circumstances.

At present, JPs appoint special constables whenever they wish. This practice, said Van Metre, should be curbed.

Sen. Kennedy Bids Symington To Enter

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. John F. Kennedy attempted today to smoke out Sen. Stuart Symington for a presidential primary contest but reserved a decision on whether to answer Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey's challenge in West Virginia.

Humphrey, already set to collide with Kennedy in the Wisconsin primary, snapped back at the Kennedy camp, meanwhile, for crying "foul" about a strategic coup pulled by Humphrey backers in that state.

Kennedy, who has urged all prospective candidates for the Democratic nomination to get into the state races, entered Maryland's May 17 primary Tuesday. He is unlikely to have serious competition in his bid for the 24 Maryland convention votes.

Going to Indiana
He leaves Thursday on a two-day trip to Indiana and is expected to enter that state's May 3 primary.

Kennedy announced that he would decide this week about the May 10 West Virginia primary, which Humphrey has entered, but he pointed out that it falls on the same date as the Nebraska contest, in which he already has filed.

Kennedy complained again Tuesday about action of the Wisconsin Democratic Committee in changing the national convention delegate election setup. The committee cut the number of delegate votes to be elected from the state at large from 10 to 5, leaving 25 to be chosen from the 10 congressional districts.

Challenges Symington
The Massachusetts senator said the change would permit a situation in which a candidate polled a majority of the Democratic primary vote without winning a majority of the delegates.

And as he did when he entered Nebraska, adjoining Symington's home state of Missouri, Kennedy invited Symington "Tuesday to meet him in Maryland, which was Symington's boyhood home."

Symington has said repeatedly, however, that he has no plans for entering primaries. Humphrey made it clear today that he does not intend to enter the Maryland primary.

Kennedy now is entered in primaries in New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Maryland and Nebraska and has a stand-in, Gov. Michel V. DiSile, running for him in the Ohio primary.

He who does good for good's sake seeks neither praise nor reward, but he is sure of both in the end. A lot of people have ability but relatively few have stability. It is better to work with the con-

State GOP To Back Halleck In 2nd Spot

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Governor Handley indicated today that the Indiana Republican State Committee will adopt a resolution supporting Rep. Charles Halleck for vice-president.

Handley told a news conference he was "100 per cent" behind Halleck and said the veteran Hoosier congressman would have the active backing of his administration in Halleck's bid for the No. 2 on the GOP national ticket.

"I am hopeful the state committee will support Charlie, just as it adopted a resolution supporting Vice President Richard Nixon for president," Handley said.

Though Handley said he could not speak for the committee, there was little doubt it would do his bidding.

Handley conceded that he and Halleck have had their differences over the years.

"Deserves A Shot"
"We may not always have agreed on every issue in the past," Handley said. "But Charlie has done a wonderful job as a lawmaker and as minority leader in the House. He certainly deserves a shot at the vice presidency and we're going to give it to him."

Handley, who was in Washington Tuesday to confer with Nixon, said the vice president gave him permission to enter Nixon's name in the May 3 presidential preference primary.

Asked if Nixon gave his backing to Halleck, Handley said:

"He told us it was too early for him to act. But he said he thought highly of Halleck and said he was doing a fine job."

Handley said any speculation that the Indiana presidential primary would be a popularity contest between Nixon and the Democratic entry was "absurd."

"The Democrats will have 15 men running for governor and 30 for president," he said. "They obviously will get out the vote."

"We have our men in Nixon and Lt. Gov. Crawford Parker, I predict that each will win his convention."

Parker is seeking the GOP gubernatorial nomination. Handley indicated that Hoosier Republicans would not sit back and let the Democrats make a good showing in the primary.

Will Actively Campaign
"We are going to put on an active campaign for Nixon," he said. I expect to be chairman of the delegation that will carry his banner to the national convention.

I personally will be active in his behalf.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Nixon will carry the state in November. We are starting our campaign right now and will take it all the way. We have the man and we know we can win."

Handley said he talked with Halleck and Indiana's two other Republican congressmen, E. Ross Adair and William G. Bray, while in Washington.



PUBLICITY HOG—Getting the VIP (Very Important Pig) treatment, a purebred Iowa hog waddles from a plane ramp toward a crowd of Japanese photographers in Tokyo. The toward a crowd of 35 airlifted by the U.S. Air Force to help replace livestock lost during last year's disastrous typhoons. The pigs are being sent to Yamaguchi Prefecture, linked with Iowa in a Japan-U.S. "sister state" goodwill program.

Mrs. Clyde Cavitt Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Clyde Cavitt, of Council Bluffs, Ia., died Monday afternoon at the Mercy hospital in that city after a lingering illness. She was the mother of Mrs. Robert P. Briede, of Battle Creek, Mich., formerly of Decatur. Mr. and Mrs. Cavitt had visited in Decatur a number of times at the Paul Briede home.

Funeral services will be held at St. Francis Xavier church in Iowa Thursday morning, with burial at Battle Creek Saturday.

Trade in a good town — Decatur.

Excellent Ratings By Monmouth Pupils

Pupils of Monmouth high school achieving excellent ratings in the district music contest, held in Fort Wayne Saturday, have been announced. Kenneth Fuhrmann, vocal solo, and Sharon Sue Harkless, piano solos, achieved ratings of excellent. The girls' sextet was also given an excellent rating. Members of the sextet are Ruth Ann Beery, Helen Reppert, Winnie Rafert, Janet Shaffer, Lila and Linda Krutzmann. Ruth Ann Beery, piano solo, achieved a third place rating.

Mrs. Robert Beery, Mrs. Milton Krutzmann, and Darrell Gerig, Monmouth music director, chaperoned the group. Jeanie Cook and Mrs. Wilfred Rafert accompanied the numbers. Monmouth pupils winning superior ratings were listed in Monday's edition of the Daily Democrat.

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