

Fires Cause Death, High Property Loss

By United Press International

Four fires killed one person, injured three and caused heavy property damage during Indiana's coldest weather of the season Tuesday and early today.

Charles Ray, 61, Charlestown, suffocated when fire believed caused by a space heater destroyed his trailer home Tuesday night.

Shirley Hayes, 17, Oxford, suffered a back injury today when she jumped from the second floor of her burning home. Her mother escaped safely from the flames which destroyed the house.

At Jeffersonville, fire which began in upstairs offices of Goodwill Industries spread to the ground floor Berlin Department Store today. One fireman was overcome by smoke.

A warehouse building at Terre Haute, occupied by an agent for Mayflower Transit Lines and the Morgan Wholesale Feed Co., was damaged by fire Tuesday. One fireman was treated for smoke inhalation in the \$50,000 blaze.



TERRORIST GUNS—U. S. Ambassador C. Allen Stewart studies a Belgian-made submachine gun, part of a large cache found in northwest Venezuela. The Caracas government charges the arms came from Cuba.

United States Lone Comparison To Reds

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Under the leadership of Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Union has had but one standard of comparison, the United States.

For the people of the 15 Soviet republics, living on broken promises, it has been a tragedy. For Khrushchev, first secretary of the Communist party since 1953 and premier since 1958, it has been an example of personal indestructibility.

On July 30, 1961, the Soviet Communist party announced its third program, a milestone in the history of communism.

The first program had been drawn up in 1903 and called for "the overthrow of the Czarist autocracy" and the "establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat."

"Socialist Society"

The second program, drawn up by Lenin in 1919, had for its goal the "building of a Socialist society."

The third, drawn up under Khrushchev, declared:

"In the current decade (1961-1970) the Soviet Union will surpass the strongest and richest capitalist country, the United States, in production per head of population; the people's standard of living and their cultural and technical standards will improve substantially... hard physical work will disappear..."

This week before 6,000 members of the Soviet leadership in the Kremlin Hall of Congresses, Khrushchev gave his accounting of failure.

Typically, his accounting contained no note of personal failure nor of the fact that as he personally guided the destiny of Soviet agriculture he has seen first mechanization as the cure-all for the ills of Soviet production, then the opening of the virgin lands and now, finally, the massive use of fertilizer.

To bring this about he announced a crash program to more than triple the output of the Soviet chemical industry in the next seven years.

Two hundred new chemical plants are to be built and 500 existing ones rebuilt.

But, again typical of the twists and turns of various Soviet five, seven and 20-year programs, the announcement took no notice of past failure.

"Unprecedented" Plan

The Khrushchev announcement called the new plan "unprecedented" and, among other things, called for the production by 1970 of 3.5 to 4 million tons of plastics and synthetic resins, a jump of six to seven times over the present level.

Ignored was the fact that the pie-in-the-sky program of 1961 called for more than 5 million tons of plastics and synthetic resins by 1970.

Khrushchev made special note of the claim that since the death of Josef Stalin 10 years ago, Soviet production of meat and milk has more than doubled and the production of eggs tripled. But he omitted to note that most of this gain came from the small private plots allotted to Soviet peasants for their own use.

He also failed to note that while production was increasing, so was the Soviet population at the rate of 3.5 million per year.

With Soviet space accomplishments in mind, there is no disposition to discount Soviet technical ability. Rather, U.S. experts are inclined to attribute Soviet failures to too much haste and too little planning.

But it is easy to see why Khrushchev, beset by problems on every side, has need for haste.

SINATRA

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home in Palm Springs, Calif., to Reno when he learned his son was kidnapped. He maintained a vigil in his hotel room throughout the ordeal, leaving only to carry out the kidnappers' instructions here.

Following the kidnapping, police immediately threw up roadblocks on the east-west and north-south highways leading from the resort area, but were unable to pick up any trace of the kidnappers. Despite heavy snow, the abductors were able to make their journey to Los Angeles undetected.

Sinatra received offers of support and assistance from Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger and Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown of California.

Two companions of young Sinatra were given lie detector tests immediately after the kidnapping and were cleared by police and the FBI. One was musician John Foss, who was in the motel room with Frank Jr. when two gunmen forced their way in posing as "room service." The other was Tino Barzic, his manager, who was in an adjoining room but did not see the actual kidnapping.

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To Judge Stratton Lights Dec. 19

Judging of the Stratton association lighting contest will take place between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, the committee announced today.

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New York Stock Exchange Prices MIDDAY PRICES

A. T. & T., 140; Central Soya, 27 1/2; Du Pont, 240; Ford, 50; General Electric, 83 1/2; General Motors, 78 1/2; Gulf Oil, 47 1/2; Standard Oil Ind., 60 1/2; Standard Oil N. J., 72 1/2; U. S. Steel, 52 1/2.

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The American Legion has voted purchase of a \$5 health bond, officials of the Christmas seal campaign in Adams county announced today.

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The crisis—the worst since France vetoed Britain's application for Common Market membership 11 months ago—was based on a deadlock in efforts to set unified farm prices and subsidies for the six market nations.

A meeting of Common Market agricultural ministers went into its third day with no sign of a break in the impasse between France and Germany, the body's two most powerful members.

French President Charles de Gaulle warned last July that France would "review" its Common Market policies unless the farm question were settled by Dec. 31, but later French statements had been interpreted to mean the deadline was not firm.

French Agriculture Minister Edgar Pisani warned the other delegates Tuesday, however, that the deadline "is not a legend or a fantasy." He then left abruptly for Paris to consult his government, saying only that he might return to Brussels today.

Observers said the implied threat was that France would quit the market or boycott its ministerial meetings—a crippling blow—unless the deadline is met.

Trade experts said that if the Common Market ceased to function Western Europe's economic expansion could grind to a halt. They said this could have a serious effect on Western defense planning.

The Common Market, formed six years ago as a step toward a single European economic community, is composed of France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

France, which has large surpluses of farm products, wants to keep down government price subsidies and sell its cheap agricultural products to Germany and other Common Market nations. It wants the protection of high tariffs on farm products from non-market nations.

Such a program could make France the most powerful nation in Europe, on the basis of agricultural and industrial wealth.

Germany wants high government farm subsidies and low tariffs. The German government is fearful of losing the farm vote if it drastically reduces the current high farm price supports. It favors low tariffs in order to continue buying much of its farm produce from non-market countries like the United States and Denmark, which are good customers for German manufactured goods.

The new ailment was inflammation of a blood vessel in his right leg, the indirect result of the sniper's bullet that passed first through his chest, then hit his wrist and went into his leg.

His doctor called it a "superficial inflammation" and said the governor would be in St. David's Hospital for five or six days. The doctor said Connally's condition was not serious and no surgery would be required.

Connally will carry on routine business while he is in the hospital, a spokesman said. Mrs. Connally, who stayed at the governor's side for the 13 days he was in Parkland Hospital in Dallas after the shooting, stayed home with the couple's three children this time.

G. O. P. To Resume Speaking Frankly

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press International

A decent interval will have passed by the time Congress reconvenes in January and Republicans will be able to resume speaking frankly their opposition to the Kennedy-Johnson program.

The Republicans are handicapped just now by a whimsical fraud variously known as a political truce or a political moratorium. This is a period of grace and seemingly conduct most often in effect after some tragedy of national proportions such as the assassination of a president. In the shocked aftermath of such an event, the loyal opposition usually hastens to announce that for the time being it will forego petty politics and nasty cracks about the late leader. If the opposition is caught with a big political clambake scheduled, it is traditional to postpone or to cancel it—as the Republicans cancelled a midwestern meeting at which was to be launched the campaign to reelect the Kennedys (all three of them) from public life.

An Absolute Phony

Such are the outward manifestations of a political truce in the train of national tragedy. It is of no consequence that such a political truce is an absolute phony. The facts, of course, are that the loyal opposition calls the truce against itself.

This is done, not so much in respect to the late leader as in the certainty that outrageously noisy political activity at a time of national grief would offend a great many citizens and, thereby, cost the political activists a lot of votes next time around. You might say that there is a generous helping of self service in any political truce called against itself by the loyal opposition.

But this does not prevent the loyal opposition from becoming restive as the truce is prolonged and the party in power happily ignores it. Not only does the party in power ignore the truce, but it does so in confidence that no citizens will be offended nor votes lost in the process. This enrages the loyal opposition which can only put or mutter to itself that the time of the loyal opposition will come, one day, and when it does the daubed administration and its politicking president had better not forget to duck.

GOP Holding Off

And so it is that the Republicans just now and with President Johnson. Politics as usual is not for the Republicans during this period of mourning for John F. Kennedy. The citizens would resent it and that is that.

But no such hazard frustrates the political activity of JFK's successor, nor should it. A president who undertook to observe a political truce would be abdicating his responsibilities as chief executive. The presidential job is politics and if there is no politicking the job is not being done.

So it is that President Johnson has been the busiest man in Washington in the past two weeks "politicking" with labor leaders, Negro spokesmen, congressional leaders and such. Some Republicans are becoming unhappy as Johnson's activity is publicized and their own activity is submerged.

They know better, however, than to break the truce. So they await during the decent interval, honing their weapons while for blood-letting when the second session convenes in January.

Crash Program For Russian Industry

MOSCOW (UPI)—Western businessmen—but no Americans—were expected today to bid for the estimated \$14 billion in chemical plant business opened up by the Soviet Union's crash program to build up its chemical industry.

Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, in announcing the \$46 billion seven-year plan before the Communist Party Central Committee meeting Monday, said that much of the equipment might have to be bought in the West.

The meeting of the party leadership continued today in the Kremlin Hall of Congresses, with lower-level officials adding their comments to Khrushchev's plan, which was seen as a certain of approval at the end of the week.

The sessions were barred to Western newsmen, but it was noted in Soviet press coverage that three top Communists—Frol Kozlov, Mikhail Suslov, and Otto V. Kuusinen—have not been mentioned in the proceedings. It was believed that all are ill.

The United States appeared to be out of contention for the chemical equipment sales to Russia because of its commercial credit policy. It does not grant long-term credits in sales to the Soviet Union because Moscow has not paid its multi-billion dollar war debts.

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