

TWO NOW HELD IN FLORIST'S SLAYING



Charles DeGraffenreid

MID-AIR RESCUE SAVES HOOISER

Chute Collapses; Another Paratrooper Grasps Silk, Hangs On.

A fantastic mid-air rescue saved the life of Pfc. Floyd Oliver, Wadron, during a recent parachute practice jump somewhere in New Guinea.

His chute collapsed and as he started falling through space a tentmate, whom he passed, grabbed the silk of the doomed man's chute and wrapped it around his own arms and legs, holding on until both landed. The tentmate, Pfc. William Lively, Dallas, Tex., was uninjured and Pvt. Oliver received only a back injury.

The feat was witnessed by hundreds, including Brig. Gen. Albert Pearson, assistant divisional commander.

"I don't know how I did it," Pvt. Lively said. "I just saw him going by and when I got hold of the silk I wrapped it around my arms and legs. I didn't know who it was until we were almost on the ground. I wasn't thinking of anything except holding on."

It was the fourth jump for each man and was made from about 700 feet. The rescue was made at about 300 feet.

Pvt. Oliver is now in the hospital but grinning, and introduces Pvt. Lively to his friends as "The guy who saved my life because I sure thought I was a goner."

SHOWDOWN NEAR IN M. E. S. A. STRIKE

CLEVELAND, Sept. 4 (U. P.)—A strike at the Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co., which threatens to spread into a general walkout of 64,000 war workers in three cities, headed for a showdown today as the company prepared to resume operations on the night shift.

Mayor Frank J. Lausche issued a strong appeal to the 6000 local strikers last night after he had failed to bring together the management and the Merchants Educational Society of America in a last-ditch effort to end the five-day walkout.

The strike, which started last Wednesday in protest against the dismissal of a worker who had broken a 75-cent lock, has completely halted production of bearings for B-29 Superfortresses. Two army trucks penetrated the picket lines Friday to haul away the last bearings finished at the plant.

The M. E. S. A.'s 190-man executive board gathered here for an emergency session Wednesday to consider calling a general strike of union members in Cleveland, Detroit and Toledo, O., to support local strikers, who already have ignored two back-to-work orders of the regional W.L.B.

2 YOUTHS HELD IN ROOMING THEFTS

Three 17-year-old youths, who evidently realized that the best way to get into a house is to rent one of its rooms were held today by detectives in connection with an alleged "inside job" rooming house racket.

In statements obtained by Detective Sgts. William O'Rourke and Lee Oliver, the boys confessed to having rented rooms on the North side with the idea of looting the homes after sizing them up from the interior. They admitted taking "several hundred dollars" in this manner, the detectives said.

Also arrested in connection with the "roomer racket" were Albert Wells, 31, 2125 N. Illinois st., on a charge of receiving stolen goods, and John Cassidy, 22, 2226 Central ave., on a vagrancy charge. Police said the teen-age suspects accused Wells of accepting "hot" loot including alarm clocks, electric fans, table radios, jewelry and luggage. They also implicated Cassidy, the detectives added.

ASKS MAJORITY FACT VOTE

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (U. P.)—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, today advocated an amendment to the constitution to permit ratification of treaties by a majority vote of both houses of congress instead of by a two-thirds vote of the senate as at present.

BOY DRINKS WHISKY, DIES

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4 (U. P.)—While his mother and a party of friends were in a downtown cafe, 6-year-old Rudolpho Pierro consumed most of a fifth of a gallon bottle of whisky and died a short time later of alcohol poisoning, police reported today.

PLAN N. Y.-EUROPE AIR LINE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (U. P.)—The Moore-McCormack Steamship lines today asked the civil aeronautics board for permission to establish international airplane service between New York and Europe, cities in South America and Europe.

Mrs. Wiedenhoff's Identification of Suspect 'Positive,' Becker Says.

Charles DeGraffenreid, 33, of 1925 Hovey st., has been "positively identified" by Mrs. Carrie Wiedenhoff as one of the midnight assassins who killed her husband, florist Gus Wiedenhoff, in a robbery attack at their South side home June 30, Police Chief Clifford Becker declared today.

Although the identification was made shortly after DeGraffenreid was arrested July 29, the chief until yesterday insisted that it was "not positive" and unreliable. It was believed that official details of the case were withheld pending the arrest Saturday of Ryan Woodson, 30, 2301 Kenwood ave., charged with being a "material witness."

Both suspects are held on vagrancy charges in default of \$100 bonds.

Rift Spotlighted

A possible solution of the Wiedenhoff murder served today to spotlight the widening rift between Chief Becker and Detective Chief Jesse McMurry. On some phases of the probe, Becker's personal investigations, launched with the assistance of his trusted confidante, Capt. Alfred Schulz, are known to have crossed paths with operations of McMurry's sleuthing staff.

Factors setting Becker and McMurry against each other have had the effect of seriously dividing uniform and detective division jurisdiction.

Failure of each group to keep the other informed at all times on progress of various investigations has led to some duplication of effort.

McMurry is the right-hand man at police headquarters of Safety Board President Will H. Remy, with whom Becker has been feuding for the past four months. If McMurry should ever be deposed, as rumored, his logical successor would be Capt. Schulz.

Revolver Is Clue

Most strategic clue leading to the arrest of DeGraffenreid and Woodson appeared to be a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver found near the scene of the crime. The weapon was stolen four months before the murder from the home of Mrs. Rosella Dowd, 1209 N. Capitol ave., who voiced to police her suspicions as to who might have taken it.

On the night of the murder, DeGraffenreid, according to police, limped into a Northwestern ave. tavern, whispering to a friend that he had "just killed a man." DeGraffenreid is alleged to have informed him that he had leaped from a second-story window. Police previously had established the fact that the bludgeon-slayers had jumped out of a window at the house.

Has Long Jail Record

The possessor of a long prison record, DeGraffenreid was employed by Roger Carey, 2702 Boulevard pl., a house cleaning contractor, who police said withheld DeGraffenreid's name from an employee list because he feared "it might hurt his business." Chief Becker said DeGraffenreid had performed clean-up duties in the Wiedenhoff home, 2260 S. Meridian st., before the murder.

Mr. Wiedenhoff was fatally slugged with what police believe to have been a tire iron after two men assaulted his wife as she opened the door. His billfold was taken, but large amounts of money cached elsewhere in the house were untouched.

FIGHT AXIS, RUSS WARN BULGARIA

LONDON, Sept. 4 (U. P.)—A Moscow political commentator said today that if Bulgaria broke completely with the Nazis and joined the allied fight against them, it would have a chance to regain its independence.

"Fate leads those who go willingly and drags by the collar those who resist," the commentator of the Community party organ Pravda said in a tacit warning to Bulgaria to throw in her lot with the United Nations.

An Ankara dispatch said the new Bulgarian government headed by Konstantine Kuraviev was expected to ask the assistance of Russian troops to disarm the Germans still on Bulgarian soil.

The British radio reported from Cairo that a Bulgarian armistice delegation there had wired the new government in Sfia, and a reply was expected at any time.

FEIK JOINS INDIANA U. EXTENSION DIVISION

Prof. R. E. Cavanaugh, director of the Indiana university extension division, has announced the appointment of Roy W. Feik, former superintendent of East Chicago, Ind., schools, as assistant professor and administrative assistant of the division.

Mr. Feik has been manager of the Calumet district of the Purdue extension division for the last year. He was associated with East Chicago schools since 1916 and was superintendent there since 1934.

Before his work in East Chicago, Mr. Feik was superintendent of schools in La Moille, Ill., for three years.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Indiana 4-H Fair, fairgrounds. American Cryptogram association, convention. International Photography salon, Herron art museum.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Rings Bros. Barnum and Bailey circus, Victory Field. Clarendon, International Photography salon, Herron art museum.

Hoosier Heroes: Brezusek, Anderson and Graff Killed; O'Brien, Burton Missing; 3 Hurt



S. Sgt. James O'Brien . . . missing over Japan.

Lt. James Burton . . . missing over Germany.

Pvt. Orville Johnson . . . killed in France.

Sgt. Michael Brezusek, son of Mrs. Anna Brezusek, 956 Arnold ave., was killed in action Aug. 11 in France, his mother was notified yesterday.

The sergeant was 25 and had been overseas since November.

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A former employee in the circulation department of the Indianapolis News, Pvt. Shapiro is 32. He has been overseas since April.

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INDIANA R. R. BUS STOPPAGE ENDS

Dispute on Safety of Coaches Ties Up Service Over Week-End.

Drivers on the Indiana Railroad bus lines were making their regular runs today following settlement of a dispute that resulted in 24-hour service stoppage from 3 p. m. Saturday until 3 p. m. yesterday, the peak of the holiday travel rush.

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Military Passenger, Only

Other drivers then put into effect a policy of admitting as passengers only military personnel. At 3 p. m. all service was ordered stopped, leaving thousands of persons planning holiday trips stranded along the routes of the lines to Terre Haute, Anderson, Ft. Wayne, Munster and Ft. Harrison.

Company officials said there was no lockout against drivers, and union officials denied there was a strike.

Federal Labor Conciliator Arthur C. Ingles and James D. Collins, of the Indiana public service commission, presided over a conference yesterday at which a compromise was reached.

Bus Inspection Set

The agreement provided for inspection of the five busses as to their road-worthiness as to whether drivers should be paid for home on land, water or in a swamp.

Other weapons unveiled for the first time at the ordnance testing center here included two new tank busters, the fastest hardest-hitting weapons of their type in the world; the "Locust," a new airborne tank made by Marmon-Herrington Co. of Indianapolis, and a light tank with fire power formerly found only in medium tanks.

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Studebaker's Water-Going 'Weasel'



Travels on Land, Water or In Swamp With Equal Ease

(For details of the "Locust," See Page 16)

ABERDEEN, Md., Sept. 4 (U. P.)—Gen. Mud surrendered unconditionally to American ingenuity yesterday when the army rolled out the "Water Weasel" and proved it had a brand new light cargo and personnel carrier which is equally at home on land, water or in a swamp.

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