

Four Die In State Highway Accidents; Eight Injured Here

Winged Brickbats

By Frederick C. Othman

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—This was the week that flying saucers flew, and brickbats, too. And I don't mean hot words.

Some of the OPA's experts pussy-footed back to town, just in case; the Senate War Investigating Committee considered a case of illicit love, the Capital police department starting arresting Santa Clauses wholesale, and Sen. Glen Taylor of Idaho put up his transcontinental horses for sale.

Young John Roosevelt announced that he was about to open a ladies' dress shop in Los Angeles. A new bug juice, called Thiapos and said to be deadlier than DDT, was developed. John (Moneybags) Taber, the congressman from New York, said he still found too many federal clerks loafing on the job and just wait until his bosses asked him for more money. "Haw," he added.

Calls Off Spud Buying

THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, which bought up 100 million bushels of potatoes during the last two years, called off its spud purchasing scheme because the price of same was high enough now to suit everybody except the ultimate consumer. The House Postoffice Committee was considering a slight inflation in the price of postage stamps.

It was one of those weeks, all right, and now let's consider those brickbats. President Truman got one, but he didn't mention it. All he said was that he'd hired a new Veterans' Administrator and that next Thursday would be Thanksgiving. His brickbat he ignored.

I never would have known about it if William H. Mattox of Sacramento, Cal., president of the Landlords of America, hadn't sent me one, too. To the President, the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Housing Expediter and to me came individually wrapped pieces of brick. Mr. Mattox wrote that the landlords of America were being forced out of business by higher taxes, costlier coal, and continued rent control.

Schuman to Form French Cabinet

Accepts Auriol's Request for Help

PARIS, Nov. 22 (UP)—Robert Schuman, financial expert of the Popular Republican Party, today took on the grim task of forming a government for crisis-stricken France.

With nearly a million French workers idle in a nationwide wave of strikes, Mr. Schuman accepted President Vincent Auriol's urgent request to undertake the organization of a cabinet as soon as possible.

Mr. Schuman still had to have the approval of the National Assembly. But it seemed assured. After consultation with various party leaders, he appeared to have the support of most of the assembly, Communists excepted.

Blum Voted Down

The assembly last night voted nonconfidence in Leon Blum, the Socialist veteran who had undertaken the same assignment. Mr. Schuman was the next nominee.

After Mr. Schuman went to the Elysee Palace and informed Mr. Auriol of his acceptance, he said he planned to form a government comprising nearly all parties except the Communists.

Mr. Schuman has been finance minister almost continuously since June, 1946.

Strike Gets Worse

The strike wave took a turn for the worse. Two main railroad stations in Paris were paralyzed.

Railroads throughout southern France were at a standstill. A stoppage of all ports was scheduled for Monday, France was threatened with total economic paralysis.

Star License Plates To Be Issued Again

There will be "star" license plates for a few select Hoosier motorists again next year, Secretary of State Thomas E. Bath said today.

The Indiana Traffic Safety Commission recently condemned the practice of issuing low-numbered, starred plates because it said the motorists took advantage of them to ignore traffic laws.

Mr. Bath explained that the plates were manufactured a year in advance of their use and said the starred plates were already completed when the commission voiced disapproval.

Mr. Bath said he planned to write each star plate holder that they were "not in a special class and will be liable for legal action in any law or traffic violation as anyone else would be."

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She was struck by a car driven by Donald R. Crabbs, 27, Brazil.

Arthur Ricketts, 39, of Howell, died of a broken neck when his car overturned on Ind. 62 near the Posey-Vanderburg County line.

Raymond B. Hall, 42, of Michigan City, was killed on U. S. 12 west of Tremont in a head-on smash of his car and a truck driven by John Imundo, 45, of Chicago.

Noblesville Youth Killed
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In Indianapolis and environs, eight were injured on rain-misted streets, one seriously.

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Paul Rhode, 20, of R. R. 5, driver of the other car, was not injured in the accident at Ritter Ave. and Raymond St.

Meanwhile, seven other persons, two of them pedestrians, were injured in the city as misting rain made streets slick.

Treated at Hospital
Odette Sutton, 57, of 429 N. Walcott St., was treated at Methodist Hospital after he walked into the side of a car driven by Carl Johnson, 42, of 929 Hawthorne Lane. The accident happened at Highland Ave. and E. Michigan St.

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Others on the program are Mrs. Iola Smelser, editor of Verse Magazine, and Mrs. Frances Albee, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. Naomi Norris Malcolm.

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'KIDNAPED' BABY — Merle McCabe, Bismarck, N. D., holds Emma Lou Hersch, the 15-month-old child reported kidnapped Wednesday. Mr. McCabe, whose automobile is identical to the Hersch machine, inadvertently drove off in the wrong car... only to discover Emma Lou in the back seat a short while later. By the time Mr. McCabe reported to a police station with the child, road blocks had been thrown up and an aerial search started.

Earle Urges A-Bombing To Halt World Arms Race

Favors Using Force on Any Nation Refusing To Allow Inspection of New Weapons

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22 (UP)—George H. Earle, former U. S. diplomat, today urged the atomic bombing of any nation which refuses inspection by the United Nations for "atomic, bacteriological or any other frightful new weapons."

In a letter to Secretary of State George Marshall, Mr. Earle charged that because of the atomic bomb, and the Russian veto, the United Nations and the Marshall Plan were impotent and helpless.

Mr. Earle, former minister to Bulgaria and Austria, asked Secretary Marshall where the Marshall Plan and the United States would be if Russia announced it had perfected the atomic bomb and intended to occupy all of Europe.

"Time Against Us"
Because of these conditions, Mr. Earle said, "time is running fast against us" and called on Mr. Marshall to take the following action:

"Have America propose to the United Nations that any nation refusing inspection by the United Nations for atomic, bacteriological or any other frightful new weapons, be bombed atomically until it submits."

"This motion will be passed, then vetoed by Russia. The United States will then withdraw, forming a new United Nations without Russia. The motion to bomb, unless inspection is accepted, will then be passed and then all nations will permit inspection or be bombed."

Mr. Earle, former governor of Pennsylvania, has attacked Russia and its policies for some time. Last March, he advocated bombing Russia "before she bombs us."

In his letter today, Mr. Earle described the United Nations as "impotent and helpless because of the Russian veto."

"Because of the atomic bomb," he said, "I fear your (Marshall) plan will prove just as impotent, just as useless as the United Nations."

"General, where is your Marshall Plan and where is our country, if Russia issues the following statement today, tomorrow or in six months:

"To the government and people of the United States, Russia has perfected the atomic bomb and has it in full production. We feel it our duty to rescue the great masses of Europe, oppressed for generations and centuries by their bourgeois overlords."

"Our armies will now occupy immediately all countries of Europe in order to free their suffering peoples."

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(Mr. Earle said an American general had recently said Russia could occupy all Europe in 48 hours with planes and parachutes.)

"Russia wants peace with America."

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Yanks Not Held as Slaves By Tribesmen, Army Says

Long Investigation in Chinese Hinterlands Fails to Substantiate Reports

By ROBERT CLURMAN, United Press Staff Correspondent
NANKING, Nov. 22—The U. S. Army announced today that a year's investigation had proved there was nothing to stories that wild Lolo tribesmen of western China were holding crashed American airmen as slaves.

Americans had been reported at least three times to be slaving for the Lolos. Maj. Gen. John Lucas, chief of the U. S. Army advisory group in China, said today that there was no basis for such reports and that a search for the "slaves" was being abandoned.

The search was carried on for a year. Sometimes it penetrated into regions where white men had never set foot before.

Capt. Edward E. McAllister of Allegheny Junction, Va., and Sgt. John C. Fox of Tacoma, Wash., were disguised as traders. They looked for Americans for 201 days in the heart of Lolo territory. They found none.

Exploded Report
What finally enabled the Army to prove the stories false, Gen. Lucas said, was an aluminum bar and a small heap of rubber that Capt. McAllister and Sgt. Fox found.

It was sent to Washington and exhaustive tests showed that it was from the auxiliary gas tank of a Superfortress that crash-landed in June, 1944, at Jichang, 155 miles north of Kiating in Siliang province.

Before the Superfortress crashed, its gasoline tanks and the personal baggage of the crew were jettisoned. And it was known that the entire crew of 12 was saved. Lolos conducted them to the nearest U. S. Army outpost within two months.

Natives Wore U. S. Uniforms
Some Lolos had been seen wearing U. S. Army clothing. This was believed to be principally responsible for reports that they held Americans in slavery. The clothing apparently was that jettisoned from the B-29 in 1944, Gen. Lucas said.

Capt. McAllister and Sgt. Fox were sent into Lololand after the Air Force had surveyed the territory thoroughly.

Catholic missionaries, Chinese scouts and native chieftains helped the Army search through mountains 18,000 to 20,000 feet high.

Grasshopper Cruisers Cross Aleutian Chain

EDMONTON, Alberta, Nov. 22 (UP)—Clifford Evans and George Truman had the toughest part of their round-the-world flight behind them today after chugging their tiny Piper Cub across the Aleutian chain and down the Alcan Highway under adverse weather conditions.

Hundreds of residents, RCAF fliers and civic leaders gave the fliers the biggest welcome ever received by a visitor to this Alberta town yesterday when they arrived from Ft. St. John.

They plan to "ake off Monday for Lethbridge, Alberta, 800 miles south of here. From there they plan a non-stop flight to Los Angeles en route to their starting point at Teterboro, N. J.

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PRAGUE, Nov. 22 (UP)—Eight persons were killed and 18 injured when a Romanian airlines plane in flight from Bucharest to Prague crashed yesterday at Jicin. It was trying to make an emergency landing in a fog.

2 Arrested Here For Theft by FBI

FBI agents announced today they arrested two Indianapolis men for theft of goods from an interstate shipment.

H. G. Foster, special agent in charge of the Indianapolis FBI office, said the two, Cecil D. Long and Roy Hawkins, were charged with stealing two RCA Victor radios en route to Kansas City from the loading dock of the Knaus Truck Lines.

Long and Hawkins were working as dock hand for the trucking company at the time of the theft. They will be tried in Federal Court.

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