

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 stamps.

Young John Roosevelt announced that he was about to open a ladies' dress shoppe in Los Angeles. A new bug juice, called Thiaop, 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 their 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 misconfidence 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, 1944.

Strike Gets Worse

The strike was taken for 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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Brazil Woman Meets Death in Front of Home

Wet Streets Blamed For Local Mishaps

Auto accidents last night took the lives of four persons on Hoosier highways, the state police reported.

Mrs. Minnie Reeves was killed instantly in U. S. 40, one mile east of Brazil, when she attempted to cross the highway in front of her home.

She was struck by a car driven by Donald R. Crabb, 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 Woman Killed

John Gilbert Sternke, 22, Noblesville, was killed yesterday when his automobile collided with a truck near Noblesville.

In Indianapolis and environs, two were injured on rain-misted streets, one seriously.

Seriously hurt was Paul Shaked, 21, of Cecil St., who was taken to General Hospital. Jay Richardson, 21, of R. R. 10, was flung from the car but received only slight injuries.

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

Odie Sutton, 57, of 420 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.

Three persons were treated at General Hospital after a two-car crash at Louisiana St. and Virginia Ave. Injured were George Kemp, 19, of 1446 Olive Ave., driver of one car; Gerald Cochran, 30, of 1430 Prospect St., a passenger, and Charles Hughes, 22, of 422 S. Alabama St., driver of the other car.

A 73-year-old man, Mier E. Grover, 1714 Spain Ave., was treated at General Hospital for injuries suffered in a two-car crash at Fletcher Ave. and Pine St.

He walked down the ramp, Mr. Lutz ran forward and took the attractive 23-year-old widow into his arms. He kissed her, then squeezed her tightly to his heart.

With Mr. Lutz interpreting from her German, Mrs. Strauss told reporters she "felt sorry for Charles Schumacher, the 40-year-old railroad man from Strong City, Kas., who she jilted after he paid her flight here to marry him."

Met in Germany

Both Mr. Lutz and Mr. Schumacher met Mrs. Strauss when they were serving with the Army in Germany. Mr. Schumacher was stationed at her home town, Bad Tolz, Bavaria, before Mr. Lutz. He wood and won the widow and then was transferred back to the States.

Mr. Lutz then came into her life.

He helped her write love letters to Mr. Schumacher for a while.

Then they fell in love. Soon after that Mr. Lutz was returned to the States.

Meanwhile, Mr. Schumacher was making plans to bring his supposed fiancee to this country. He obtained permission for her to enter and send her the money to pay for the mother and daughter's trip here.

Cancels Western Trip

Mrs. Strauss arrived in New York yesterday, her mind made up that she was going to marry Mr. Lutz.

Two plane reservations awaited her one to Kansas City and one to Chicago.

They were arranged by the two suitors. She canceled the one to Kansas City.

Mr. Lutz said he was going to let Mrs. Strauss set the date for their marriage.

As of last Sept. 15, the department

said, average retail prices for the things bought by "moderate-income families" were 12.3 per cent

of the \$700 his rival paid for Mrs. Strauss' passage.

As could be expected, Mr. Schumacher was not happy in his defeat.

"I certainly don't wish them any luck," he told a Kansas City reporter.

But some of the President's friends have said pretty frankly that Ike looks like a candidate to them.

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Some of Mr. Truman's political

associates told the United Press they were glad the President announced his selection of Gen. Bradley to be Chief of Staff. They think it will clear the air.

Looks Like Candidate

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Gen. Ike has had a number of

chances to get out of politics but

he hasn't quite been able to say

the words which would remove

him absolutely from political con-

sideration.

Must Support Family Despite His 'Lame Back'

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 22 (UP)—When Stanley Nevers of New Britain, Conn., told Judge James C. Murphy he could not contribute to the support of his wife and two children because of a "lame back," the jurist asked him how he had injured himself.

"Changing a diaper on the baby

is your honor," Nevers replied.

He was ordered to pay \$20 a week

support and lawyers fees.

Manual Poetry Teacher To Address Writers

Miss Jessie Moore, poetry in-

structor at Manual Training High

School, will address a meeting of the Indiana Group for Federation of Chaparral Writers at 3 p. m.

tomorrow.

The group will meet in the home of Mrs. Martha Bishop, 2201 N. New Jersey St.

Others on the program are Mrs.

John Smelser, editor of Verse Mag-

azine, and Mrs. Frances Albee, vi-

cinist, accompanied by Mrs. Naomi

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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 Lolas. 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 crashed in June, 1944, at Jinchang, 155 miles north of Kanding in Sikang 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. Lolas conducted them to the nearest U. S. Army outpost within two months.

Natives Wore U. S. Uniforms

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

Capt. McAllister and Sgt. Fox were sent into Loland after the Air Forces 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 chaffing their tiny Piper Cub across the Aleutian