

19 Injured in Bus Crash Here

4 Policemen Hurt in Mishap Downtown

Emergency Car Damaged in Wreck

Two policemen remained hospitalized today after the spectacular collision of Indianapolis Police Emergency Car 5 with a crowded E. Michigan St. bus at Alabama and Washington Sts. during rush hour yesterday. The police car was racing to an accident at Alabama and Market Sts.

Seventeen other persons were treated for injuries and returned home.

Still hospitalized are Patrolman Herschel Robinson, 29, of 694 E. 13th St., driver of the emergency wagon and Patrolman Clinton Rosebrock, 36, of 724 E. 52d St. They are in fair condition in General Hospital.

The emergency car swung out of the police station driveway north on Alabama St., en route to the accident.

Bus Driver Arrested
At Washington St., the east-bound bus was crossing Alabama St. with the green light. The bus driver, Maurice E. Bennett, 1928 N. Oxford Ave., said he did not hear the siren nor see the large white emergency car until just before the collision. He swerved to the left but crashed into the side of the car.

Bennett was arrested on charges of failure to give an emergency car right of way and driving an overloaded public vehicle.

The emergency car was en route to an accident one block away in which one woman was injured. She was Miss Lillian Eggers, 29, of 1531 Blaine Ave., in fair condition in General Hospital. She was injured when a car driven by John Collier, 327 Easton St., in which she was riding, collided with one driven by Edward D. Kester, 410 N. Oxford St.

Collier was driving west on Market St. and collided with the east bound Kester car as Mr. Collier made a south turn onto Alabama St.

Traffic Snarled
Together, the two accidents snarled downtown traffic for more than an hour. Buses and cars were lined up for blocks in each direction on Washington St.

One bus passenger, Mrs. Eugenia Anoskey, 2631 E. Michigan St., who was sitting by an open window, on the bus, said today that the police emergency was not using its siren.

However, Sgt. Otto Burke, in charge of the vehicle said five red lights were on and the siren in full blast as the car swung onto Alabama St. Police Chief Edward Rouls who was in his office at the time said he heard the siren as the car pulled out.

Chief Rouls said the almost new \$13,500 emergency car was badly damaged. The rear of the cab was pushed in. He said patrol cars will be used for emergency runs until it is determined whether the emergency vehicle can be repaired. There is no collision insurance on the police vehicles.

Bus Also Damaged
The bus also was badly damaged with the front windshield and entrance door buckled.

Bennett, driver of the bus, was treated at Methodist Hospital for injuries and returned home. Two other policemen, George Rusler, 1865 E. Riverside Dr., and Sgt. Otto Burk, 55, of 2559 E. Riverside Dr., and Frank H. Fisse, 1421 N. Park Ave., Indianapolis Star reporter, who was riding on the emergency car, also were treated for minor injuries.

Thirteen bus passengers who were treated for injuries included: Edward Uter, 65, 840 N. Sherman Dr.; Bernard Gilson, 45, 116 N. Noble St.; Elmer Van Horn, 58, 3319 E. New York St.; W. P. Miller, 78, of 413 Highland Ave.; Margie Garvey, 25, 320 N. Parker Ave.; William Starkey, 436 N. Forest St.; Harold Forey, 3222 1/2



FIRST ACCIDENT VICTIM—The police emergency car was en route to this accident at Alabama and Market Sts. in which Miss Lillian Eggers, 1531 Blaine Ave., was injured yesterday when it collided with an overcrowded Indianapolis Railways bus just one block away, at Alabama and Washington Sts.



SMASHED VEHICLES—Both the recently purchased police emergency car and E. Michigan St. bus were badly damaged in the police car-bus smashup, the two vehicles blocked Washington St. and snarled downtown traffic for an hour after the crash.

U. S. Traitor to Die For GI Cruelty

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 6 (UP)—Tomoya (The Meatball) Kawakita, California-born Nisei accused of brutally mistreating American prisoners of war while serving the enemy as interpreter in a Japanese prison camp, was under death sentence today for treason.

Federal Judge William C. Mathes yesterday sentenced the 26-year-old defendant to die in California's lethal gas chamber at San Quentin. Date of execution was not set, pending outcome of an appeal filed immediately by defense attorney Morris Levine.

No American traitor has ever been executed by order of a civil court, legal attaches here said. Penalty for treason ranges from five years' imprisonment to death.

E. Michigan St.; Bertha Webb, 54, 615 N. Jefferson St.; Roy and Betty Rusick, 2830 Robinson St.; Mrs. Lee Johnson, 1520 Sturms Ave.; Mrs. C. E. Cox, 38, of 1410 Sturms Ave., and Mildred Schuter, 546 Oakland Ave.

Feeney Urges Vigilance in Fire Control

Stresses Need For Inspections

Every home and business establishment in the nation is a potential tinder box unless periodic inspections are made, and corrective measures taken.

This is the unanimous opinion of the country's leading authorities on fire prevention. This is Fire Prevention Week.

Aroused by the tragic death by fire Monday night of an elderly north side man, Mayor Al Feeney, today urged Indianapolis citizens to full co-operation with fire department officials in their campaign to prevent loss of life and property by fire.

"The horrible death of an elderly man trapped in a burning home," Mayor Feeney said, "emphasizes in a tragic manner the necessity for constant emphasis of fire prevention."

Pays High Dividends

"One little change in wiring, more cautious handling of inflammables and prompt removal of refuse, which means better housekeeping in homes, stores and factories, will pay splendid dividends by preventing fires."

"It's a job which requires constant vigilance on the part of every man, woman and child in Indianapolis," he stressed.

Meanwhile, Fire Chief Roscoe A. McKinney, announced the Fire Department's co-operative program with various civic groups for year-round fire prevention study.

Replacement Cost High

Discussing replacement costs, Chief McKinney stated that even in small fires where firemen are able to confine the flames to one room the cost to property owners is two or three times the amount of money which would have been required to refurbish the burned-out areas six years ago.

"By using simple precautionary methods," Chief McKinney said, "many fires could be eliminated."

William H. Meckling, chairman of the Indianapolis Safety Council Fire Prevention Week Committee, organizer of a fire prevention program among school children, said one of the most serious phases of the local fire problem is the dwelling fire.

A Family Business

"Fire prevention stimulated by the school child is a family business," Mr. Meckling declared.

The best estimate is that the total annual loss of life from fire throughout the nation is about 10,000, and of this number, Mr. Meckling pointed out, 7,000 are women and children, the majority of whom die in their homes as the result of avoidable fires.

The most common cause of dwelling fires, fire authorities declare, are careless smoking, defective chimneys and flues, careless use of matches by adults and children, needless accumulation of rubbish, defective electrical equipment, and use of combustible dry cleaning fluids inside the home.

7 Feared Dead As Tug Capsizes

BALTIMORE, Oct. 6 (UP)—At least seven and possibly eight men were missing and feared dead today after the sinking of the tugboat Arundel in Chesapeake Bay during a storm.

Five men were rescued when the tug capsized yesterday. But they were unable to say how many others had been aboard the vessel, since it was carrying several passengers in addition to its regular crew.

The Coast Guard was searching beaches in the area on the theory that some of the missing might have been washed ashore in life preservers.

Ohio Man Confesses To Murder of Girl, 15

SPRINGFIELD, O., Oct. 6 (UP)—A 26-year-old Columbus man signed a confession today to the murder of Mary Ann Page, 15, whose ravished body was found two days ago in a country schoolyard, sheriff's officers disclosed.

No charge was immediately filed against the man, identified as Dwight D. Tudor.

Sheriff's officials said Tudor admitted the Sunday night slaying and said he "was afraid" because he thought the girl was going to kill him.

Believes Only 'an Act of God' Can Prevent War

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 6 (UP)—Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel prize winning physicist who helped develop the Atom bomb, believes "only an act of God" can prevent another war.

Dr. Urey told doctors attending a Wisconsin medical society dinner last night that it is "almost useless to talk about the constructive use of atomic energy."

"It appears to be true that we are drifting closer and closer to war," he said. "Only an act of God can stop us."

12,000 Army Civilians In Reich Face Pay Cut

FRANKFURT, Oct. 6 (UP)—Some 12,000 American civilians working for the United States Army in Germany today faced an annual pay cut of about \$10 million by Jan. 1, 1949.

The slash was decreed in an executive order from President Truman eliminating the present 25 per cent overseas differential.

Personnel officers estimated the average worker would lose \$1000 annually.

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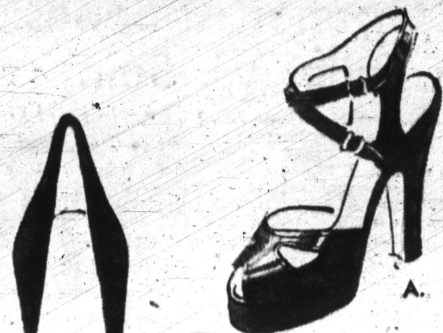
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