

Ex-Big Leaguer Kills Self in Police Station

Jake Powell's Suicide During Quiz Probed

Seized With Blond On Check Charges

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (UPI)—An investigation into the death of Alvin (Jake) Powell, former major-league outfielder who shot and killed himself at police headquarters, was ordered today by Clarence Lutz, acting superintendent of police.

Powell, 39, in the outfield for the Indianapolis Indians in the American Association in 1942. In the middle of the season he was traded to St. Paul of the same league in a player deal involving Outfielder Gil English and Catcher Norm Schleuter. Later in the season he was drafted by the Washington Senators and then traded to the New York Yankees. He later played for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Powell took his own life last night while being questioned about bad check charges.

Questioned with Powell was Josephine Amber, 35, an attractive Deland, Fla., blonde, who told police that she and the former baseball player were to have been married until she changed her mind. During the questioning Powell asked permission to speak to Miss Amber privately.

Pulls Gun From Pocket

Powell and Miss Amber walked into an adjoining room as detectives watched from the doorway. Suddenly Powell shouted:

"To hell with it, I'm going to end it all."

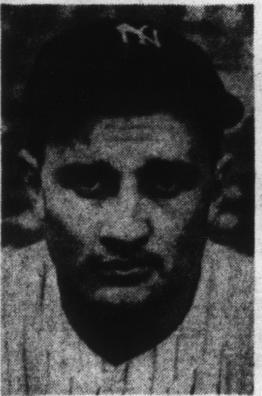
Before anyone could intervene he pulled a 25-caliber revolver from his pocket and shot himself once in the chest and again in the right temple.

Detectives said that Powell was arrested on the complaint of a local hotel, which questioned a \$25 check he had submitted.

In Deland, Fla., police said a warrant had been issued there against Powell, charging that he had cashed at least two bad checks.

In Dayton, O., where Powell often worked as a plant guard, police said he had been in "trouble" numerous times on charges of passing bad checks, but that each time friends made good the checks.

For several seasons Powell was the "Peck's bad boy" of the American League where he was involved in several brushes with other players on the field.



Try to Check Canyon Blaze In California

Roaring Brush Fires Destroy Buildings

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5 (UPI)—Seventeen hundred men today battled roaring brush fires that have destroyed 44 homes and forced 2200 residents to flee from two canyons in southern California.

The flames, whipped by winds which had abated somewhat during the night, destroyed 40 homes in the exclusive Topanga Canyon district just northeast of Los Angeles.

Crews of 1200 county and city firemen and volunteers sought to control the flames before fresh winds were expected to reach a peak late today. Four thousand acres of watershed were burned.

Cabins Burned

At Greenleaf Canyon Ranch, the buildings and eight donkeys used for donkey baseball exhibitions were destroyed. Three cabins at Mineral Springs Hotel resort were burned.

The tinder-dry, brush-choked Santa Ana Canyon area 40 miles southeast of Los Angeles was afire over a rectangular area 15 miles long and five miles wide. Three hundred Marines from the El Toro Marine Base were believed safe from the fire, and 200 others fought the blaze.

Winds up to 60 miles an hour whipped a blaze through 10,000 acres in the Santa Ana Canyon area, 40 miles southeast of Los Angeles on the Orange-Riverside County line.

Use Disaster Units

Five cabins were reported destroyed there. The flames threatened the thickly-settled areas of Silverado Canyon and Lemon Heights.

More than 1200 Los Angeles city and county firemen, sheriff's deputies, foresters, sailors, prisoners and volunteers fought to bring the Topanga fire under control.

The Red Cross set up mobile disaster units to care for hundreds of families who piled into cars and drove out of the area ahead of the flames. Horses and other livestock fled in panic.

Two firemen were reported injured seriously. Dozens of other persons received minor burns and cuts, sheriff's deputies said.

State Totals

By United Press

The complete unofficial vote cast for major party candidates on the Indiana state ticket:

Governor—Creighton (R), 738,607; Schricker (D), 878,155.

Lieutenant Governor—Alexander (R), 760,625; Watkins (D), 823,950.

Secretary of State—Ferrini (R), 759,902; Fleming (D), 533,288.

Auditor—Ogles (R), 763,285; Propst (D), 827,744.

Treasurer—Brown (R), 764,659; Wilcox (D), 2828,516.

Attorney General—Foust (R), 764,750; McManamon (D), 825,516.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Watt (R), 762,961; Walker (D), 826,898.

Supreme and Appellate Court Reporter—Norris (R), 764,665; Kelley (D), 825,855.

Supreme Court Judge, Fourth District—O'Malley (R), 765,482; Jasper (D), 827,550.

Appellate Court Judge, Second District—Hamilton (R), 767,683; Martin (D), 827,550.

Appellate Court Judge, Fourth District—Lennington (R), 766,291; Wiltz (D), 825,114.

5 Die in Fan House Fire at Mine

KITTMILLER, Md., Nov. 5 (UPI)—Five miners, three of them brothers, were asphyxiated yesterday when fire broke out in the fan house of the George Nethken mine near here.

The victims were identified as Clarence, Herman and Martin Keller, of Kitzmiller; Robert Jackson, also of Kitzmiller, and Charles Kifer, of Mt. Storm, W. Va.

Truman Appeals for Aid Of Voters on Great Issues

(Continued From Page One) dent could make little progress toward the cars waiting to carry him on the victory ride to the White House.

Fourteen minutes after arrival, the long stream of hand-shakers was shut off. Mr. Truman shouted to the crowd:

"I think we ought to quit the hand-shaking and go on with the parade."

He clasped his hands over his head in the traditional manner of the prize ring and grinning broadly said:

"I'm shaking hands with all of you now."

He will start a two-weeks vacation at Key West, Fla., Sunday. But before going he will have to give some thought to his "state of the union" message to be delivered to Congress some time after it convenes Jan. 3.

He'll also have to work on budget recommendations—expected to reach the unprecedented peace-time total of \$44 billion. And he will have to study the proposed North Atlantic defense pact of the United States, Canada and Western European nations.

Great crowds began gathering along historic Pennsylvania Ave. in the gray morning, hours before the President's triumphant ride from union station to the White House.

Mr. Truman and Mr. Barkley sat on the top of an open car as the parade began. Chairman J. Howard McGrath of the Democratic National Committee sat next to them.

Sitting on jump seats in the

same car were Mrs. Truman and daughter, Margaret.

At one point, the crowd along Pennsylvania Ave. broke away hurriedly as an old woman in a wheelchair was pushed to the curb for a look at the President.

The crowds were pressed six and seven deep from the street curb to the iron fence surrounding the White House grounds.

Across the street from the executive mansion the crowds milled over the grass of Lafayette Park to hear the President speak from the White House steps.

Some 800,000 persons were believed to have turned out along the line of march to watch the President's return.

As his car proceeded at a walking pace to the White House, it passed under a "victory arch" of six 100-foot fire ladders. On the arch was a bunting reading "Welcome Home, Mr. President."

The President waved his hat and his glasses glinted in the sunlight as he turned to the crowds from side to side to the crowds.

Also in the car with the President was Mrs. Truman's mother, Mrs. Madge Gates Wallace. She was an unexpected guest.

In front of the Washington Post on Pennsylvania Ave. a newspaper which had picked Gov. Dewey over the President, Mr. Truman got a chuckle from a big sign which fluttered from the building:

"Welcome Home From the Crow Eaters."

Back of the President's car were automobiles carrying members of his cabinet, including Secretary of Defense James Forrestal who may not be around next year.

4 Perish in Ohio Farmhouse Fire

STUBENBURG, O., Nov. 5 (UPI)—Four persons were burned to death and a fifth seriously injured early today when fire destroyed a century-old farm home at nearby Knoxville.

Killed in the fire were Bate Cooper, 84, his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Evelyn Cooper, 40, and Mrs. Cooper's two children, Barbara, 2, and Terry, 9.

Grant Cooper, husband of Mrs. Cooper and father of the two children, was in East Liverpool Hospital with serious burns on the face, neck and hands.

Knights of Columbus Mark Gibault Month

Indianapolis Council, Knights of Columbus, is observing Gibault Month during November.

Monday's meeting will be dedicated to movies and explanations of Gibault School activities in rehabilitating delinquent boys.

Founded in 1921, the school has been financed by the Indiana jurisdiction and is located near Terra Haute.

Tiny New Light Bulb To Aid Fight on Cancer

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (UPI)—An ultraviolet lamp the size of a kernel of corn was announced today by the Hanovia Chemical and Manufacturing Co. for diagnosing suspected stomach cancers.

The tiny light is inserted into the stomach with a gastroscope,

and enables a surgeon to determine whether a cancer is present.

The company said it will eliminate many exploratory operations.

Card Party Monday

Moose Auxiliary 334, American Legion, will hold a public card party at 8:30 p. m. Monday in the South Side Community Center, 1233 Shelby St. Mrs. Rovine Slier is in charge of arrangements.



Police Round Up 1400 in Korea

SEOUL, Korea, Nov. 5 (UPI)—Police have arrested 1400 persons suspected of subversive activities in a large-scale roundup in the Seoul area in the past 24 hours, it was announced today.

Home Affairs Minister T. Y. Yun declared that the arrests were designed to forestall Communist uprisings next week coinciding with the 31st anniversary of the Russian revolution.

Mr. Yun said that among the persons jailed were "several Communists plotters and known leftists."

Curfew Called

U. S. Army headquarters called a curfew for American troops and civilians tomorrow night as a pre-charge.

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caution against new disturbances in the troubled south Korean republic.

Among the persons arrested were members of Kim Koo's Independence Party, the People's Party and the South Korea Labor Party.

Manual High to Give Free Sales Courses

New classes in salesmanship for employees of small businesses will start Monday in Manual High School.

Designed to give pre-Christmas pointers in selling techniques, the classes will be held daily from 2:15 through 4:15 until Nov. 12.

The training program will be directed by Miss Helen Haynes and Mrs. Nina Perry of the Wm. H. Block Co., and Richard E. Emery, distributive education consultant with the public schools.

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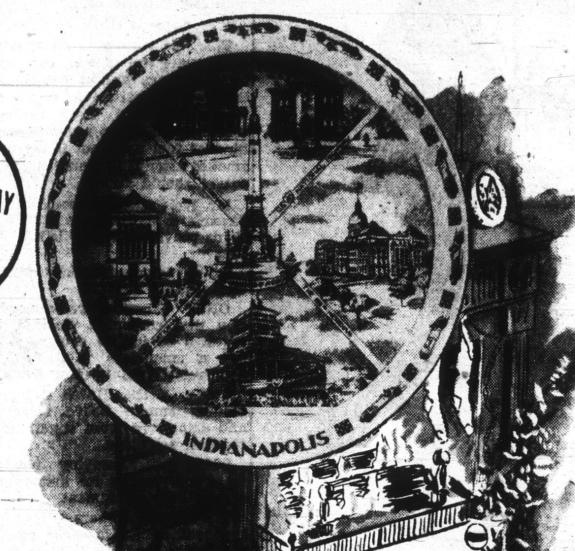
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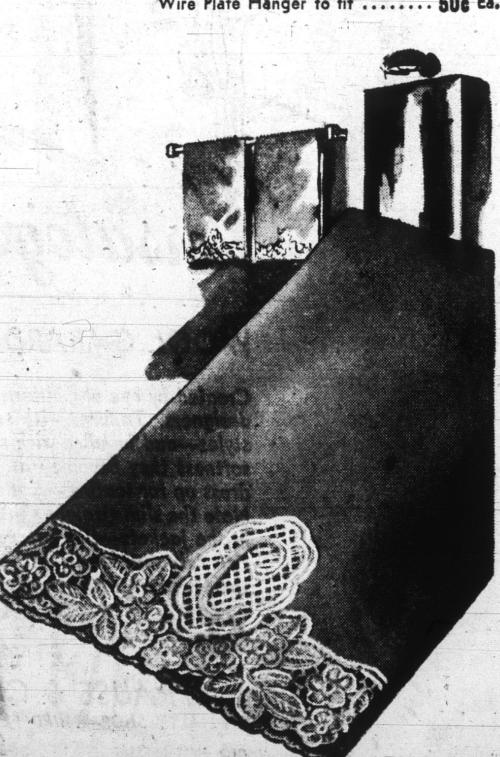
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