

## Kokomo Coroner Calls Triple Hotel Slaying Murder and Suicide

**Shooting Follows Family Quarrel; Neighbors Report Hearing 'Nagging'**

KOKOMO, Nov. 21.—An unoffical coroner's verdict of double murder and suicide was returned last night in the deaths of two women and a man found shot in a downtown hotel.

Both women were dead when police arrived at the Union Hotel and the man died a few minutes later.

Police identified the victims as:

Harold Fouse, about 35, part-time cab driver.

Mary Fouse, about 28, his wife.

Mrs. Nellie Jackson, about 55, Mr. Fouse's mother.

Five shots had been fired from a .38 caliber pistol, police said.

Coroner E. H. Showalter said Fouse apparently did the shooting following an argument in the hotel room where he lived with his wife.

### Reports Nagging

They had been residents of the hotel since Nov. 8.

Police were told by an employee of the hotel that Mr. Fouse came downstairs about 11:30 a.m. and met his mother. They both went upstairs and the shots came about five minutes later.

Officers were called by hotel employees, who did not enter the room until authorities arrived.

Mr. Fouse drove a cab "off and on" police said, but had no regular job. He was divorced from his first wife, Anna Beth, in February, 1947.

Mrs. Louise Frye, who occupies a hotel room next to the murder room, testified at the coroner's inquest that Mrs. Fouse "nagged" her husband because of his continual unemployment.

Mrs. Frye said she rushed to the door after hearing the first shot. Through the open door of the Fouse room she saw Mrs. Fouse crying and apparently trying to get out of the hall.

Sent to State Farm

Mr. Fouse ran across the room and slammed the door shut, Mrs. Frye testified.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Gibson, also residents of the hotel, substantiated Mrs. Fouse's testimony as to the "nagging."

Police said Mr. Fouse had twice been summoned to court for non-support of his former wife and their two children who were in her custody.

He had served 90 days on the State Farm for petit larceny, police records showed.

The investigation was placed in charge of Capt. Francis Fisher, detective head and assistant chief of police, and Coroner Showalter.

### Gunman Holds Up News Substation Chief, Nets \$520

A gunman robbed an Indianapolis News substation manager of \$520 in cash and \$80 in personal checks last night as he closed the station for the weekend.

The robber fled the scene in his victim's 1948 automobile.

Herman Harrell, 30, of 546 S. Webster Ave., who operates the station at 513 E. 29th St., said the holdup man stepped from behind a tree with a gun in his hand and said, "Let's go," as Mr. Harrell went to his car.

FORCING Mr. Harrell into the front seat, the gunman climbed into the rear and took the cash box containing the day's collections.

A short distance from the station, Mr. Harrell was ordered from the car and the gunman used it for his getaway.

Police believed the holdup man to be the same who robbed a Times substation manager last Saturday night.

### Assessors to Meet At IU This Week

BLOOMINGTON, Nov. 20.—More than 200 tax assessing officials from 25 southern and southwestern Indiana counties will meet at Indiana University Tuesday and Wednesday for a study school.

The meeting is sponsored by the Indiana State Board of Tax Commissioners and the IU Business School.

It is one of three planned in the state. J. G. Newsome, administrator of reassessments of the State Board of Tax Commissioners, is in charge.

## U. S. Gifts to Cockney Baby Seat Her on Throne of Toys

**Gets 20-Year Supply of Candy Along With a Crib Worth \$1000**

LONDON, Nov. 20 (UP)—Elizabeth Philip is only a bus conductor's daughter, but she will sleep in a \$1000 crib and sit on a throne of toys.

The American people have showered her with gifts that would become a princess all because she was born last Sunday in an East End maternity hospital just four minutes before Princess Elizabeth gave birth to a boy at Buckingham Palace to a boy who may become king.

Her father and mother can scarcely believe their luck.

"We don't live in a house," Cockney Maud Philip said. "We live in a hut. What are we going to do with all of these things?"

She was crying from joy as Elizabeth Antosh, 24, American Overseas Airlines stewardess, told her of the gifts that Americans had showered on the Philip household.

A bedroom with a \$1000 crib, two \$500 chests of drawers, numerous lamps and curtains, 100 toys, a 20-year supply of candy—these were en route from Americans who read that Elizabeth Philip was destined to live in a drab three-room hut and play on the docks.

The Philip hut is in one of the poorest and worst-blitzed sections of London. Maud and her 22-week bus conductor-husband

What did the father have to say?

"When is Princess Elizabeth going to have her next baby?" Henry Philip asked with a grin.

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## Suspect in Boy's Death Sought Here

### Local Police Aid St. Louis Officials

Indianapolis police today had made a city-wide search for a suspect wanted by St. Louis law enforcement officers in connection with the murder of a 3-year-old boy in a hotel room.

The body of the boy was found stuffed into a dresser drawer, police said, shortly after a couple registered from Bolivar, Mo., had checked out of the room. The couple moved into the room Wednesday night.

A third suspect had registered as Joseph Nichols, Markham Terrace, apartment 222, Indianapolis. St. Louis police informed local authorities.

He checked into the American hotel Tuesday night and left after 8 p.m. Wednesday. He stayed in the same room in which the child's body was found.

### No Record Found

Police here notified St. Louis authorities they found no Markham Terrace and there was no record of the man they sought in the post office, directories, telephone book, hospitals or with any local police office.

Police Chief Jeremiah O'Connell of the St. Louis Police Department said the child was "apparently murdered."

The boy was dressed in a blue snow suit, the lips and nose were swollen, and there was dried blood at one corner of the mouth.

Officers said an elevator operator, Vincent Badalamenti, told them he had seen the blond-haired boy carried up in his elevator last Wednesday night in the arms of a man.

Police said the boy had been dead from 12 to 24 hours.

### Kokomo Has First Traffic Fatality in 20 Months

KOKOMO, Nov. 20—Edward W. McNeal, 77, died today in St. Joseph Hospital of injuries received Wednesday in a traffic accident.

Death of Mr. McNeal was the first traffic fatality in Kokomo in 20 months.

The last was in April, 1947, when a 6-year-old girl was fatally injured by a truck as she stepped from between parked cars.

Driver of the car which struck Mr. McNeal was Mrs. Joseph Wengle Sr. She told police she did not see the pedestrian as she crossed the street during Wednesday's storm.

### Farida Gets Custody Of 1 Child, Paper Says

CAIRO, Egypt, Nov. 20 (UP)—Farida, the beautiful ex-queen of Egypt, received a new title today and will keep only one of the three daughters she bore King Farouk, the usually well-informed weekly Akhbar Elyoun said.

Farida will be known henceforth as Madame Hafizah Hanum and for the time being will stay at her parents' home here, the paper said. She reportedly will keep Faida, youngest of her daughters.

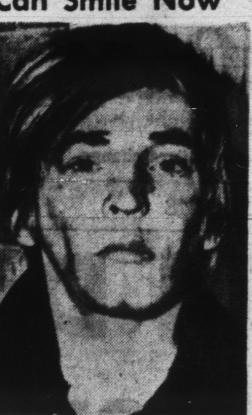
According to Akhbar Elyoun, the other two, Ferial and Fawzia, will remain at the royal palace with Farouk, who divorced his queen Wednesday after 10 years of sonless marriage.

### SUB FOR GEIGER COUNTER

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (UP)—A new radiation detector that is more effective than the Geiger counter, now is being used to measure radioactivity and is expected to facilitate the use of tracer isotopes in medical research, it was announced today.

### STRAUSS SAYS:

## Can Smile Now



A month ago photographers at Toronto, Ontario, asked Gordon Kelley to smile after he was found, half clothed and emaciated, in a dark closet where he said he had been imprisoned for a year. But he didn't know what the word "smile" meant.

Yesterday, after a month of good food and medical attention, Gordon showed the cameramen that he has learned the word. At first thought to be about 14, he later was discovered to be 23. The couple in whose home he was found face possible prosecution.

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### 5 Firms to Fete Fund Solicitors

Volunteer solicitors of the 29th annual Indianapolis and Marion County Community Fund drive will be feted at a special closing campaign dinner at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Columbia Club.

Five city business firms will serve as hosts for the closing banquet and have agreed to underwrite the entire cost in addition to their regular fund contributions.

The firms are Allison Division

of General Motors, P. R. Mallory Co., Kingan & Co., Merchants Association and Diamond Chain Co.

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## Red Army Trapped, Say Chiang Forces

### Communists Pounded Hard in Pincers

(World Report, Page 33)  
NANKING, China, Sunday, Nov. 21 (UP)—Communist Gen. Liu Po-Chen's defeated forces fleeing northward from Suchow have been caught and sandwiched between two Nationalist armies and are suffering heavy casualties, government reports said today.

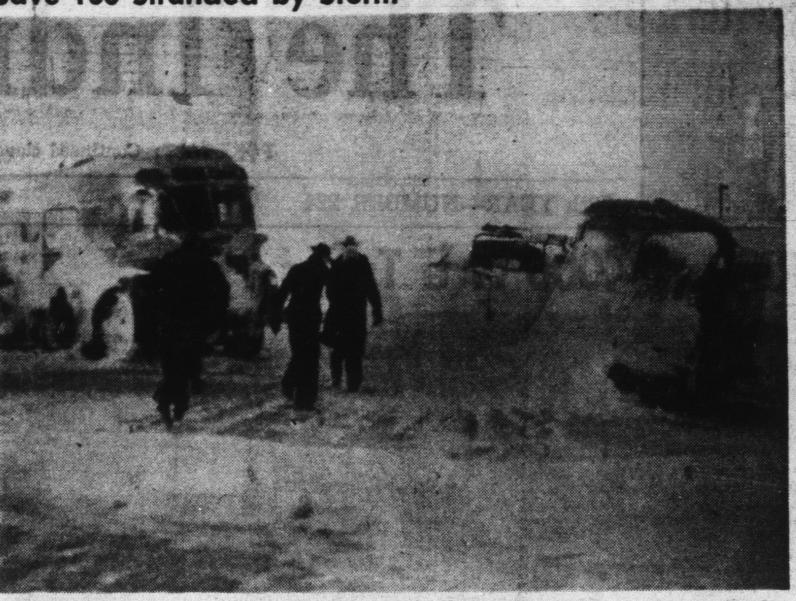
Armed forces of the government were said to be pursuing Liu's remnants across northern Kiangsu province to the southern borders of Shantung, capturing Mengchen and blocking Liu's escape route.

And at the same time, the Nationalists said they were making headway in a drive to clear Communists from the 35-mile railway strip from Suchow south to Fushien, which is still straddled by the Reds. Government forces were reported continuing their advance from Pengpu to Fushien.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (UP)—The State Department said today it has received no word from U. S. officials in Mukden since Thursday when Chinese Communist captors of the Manchurian city shut down radio communications.

Rescuers bucked a 65-mile-an-hour gale today to reach this scene three miles from Dodge City, Kas., where 100 persons in two busses and 35 autos were stranded for 30 hours. The troupe was caused by a collision (center) of one of the busses and a truck. The storm refugees were taken to homes in Dodge City.

## Save 100 Stranded by Storm



## Hormel to Give \$2.4 Million Bonus

AUSTIN, Minn., Nov. 20 (UP)—Smallest check any employee of the Hormel Packing Co. will receive a check for 7,452 times his normal week's pay on the day before Thanksgiving, it was revealed today.

Part of the company's year-end earnings distribution made annually, the \$2,401,585 total is the largest in Hormel's history, officials said. Employees and stockholders share in all income after expenses, on an established sliding scale.

## Doctor Pleads Innocent To Abortion Charges

Dr. Raymond Riffle, 62, of 371½ Massachusetts Ave., yesterday was arraigned in Criminal Court 2 after indictment by the Marion County Grand Jury on two counts, each charging abortion.

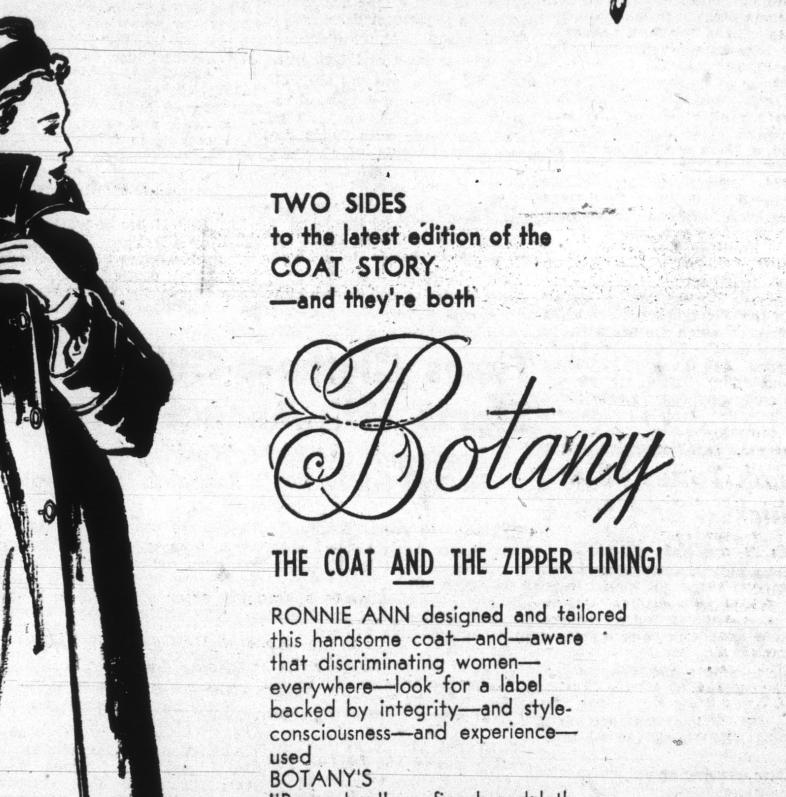
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## Train Kills 3 in Car

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., Nov. 20 (UP)—Three coal miners were killed late today when a train hit their automobile. The dead were John Christian, 59, Albert Daugherty, 68, and John Dyer, 30, all of Pana, Ill.

A motion made by Dr. Riffle's defense attorneys to quash the charges was overruled by Judge Saul I. Rabb. The doctor then pleaded "not guilty." Date of trial has not been set.

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