

United Mine Workers' Official Killed By Time Bomb

Missile Planted In Boss' Car; 3 Girls Hurt

By United Press
WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 27—A United Mine Workers official was killed last night when a planted time bomb blew his automobile apart shortly after he turned over to authorities a note demanding \$2000 under threat of death.

Charles Mecadon, 43, president of a United Mine Workers local for 10 years and a Republican leader and justice of the peace in nearby Pittston Township, was driving toward his son's home when the terrific blast ripped the car apart.

The entire front of the automobile was blown out, parts flying more than 100 yards away and narrowly missing numerous pedestrians. Three little girls playing on the sidewalk nearby were injured by the concussion.

'Big White Cloud'

The blast took place in the Minersville business section of the city. Although more than a score of pedestrians were on the street, few saw the explosion. Most said only that they felt the concussion, heard the blast and looked to see a "big cloud of white smoke."

Police said the time bomb apparently had been planted in the automobile a few minutes earlier when Mr. Mecadon stopped at a cafe three blocks away to make a telephone call.

Barred authorities said they had no clues of the slayers.

Mr. Mecadon died in Wilkes-Barre hospital seven hours after he was mangled by the explosion. Earlier in the day, he had received a note signed "The Avengers" and postmarked at Pittston. His wife said the note read:

"We want \$2000 within a week or you and your son, Francis, will be killed. We know every move you make. Will let you know later where to put the money."

Police believed the time bomb was planted in Mr. Mecadon's automobile after he had taken the note to state police and then to postal authorities.

After leaving the post office, Mr. Mecadon headed toward the home of his son to baby-sit with his young grandson while the father went out to watch the Louis-Marciano fight on television.

Enroute, he parked his automobile outside the Reading Cafe and went inside to make a telephone call to an unknown party. While he was inside, the bomb apparently was planted in the car.

He had driven only three blocks away from the cafe when the blast occurred.

Hot-Rodders Defamed—And Deodorized

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 27 (UP)—Hot-rod addicts were required to remove the "flame throwers" from the exhaust pipes of their automobiles today as a result of a ban placed on the jet attachments by the Portland City Council.

Following the council action yesterday, City Attorney Alexander Brown said there was a new variation of the craze. The young drivers have devices to pump "skunk oil" and other noxious gases into the hot exhaust system.

However, Mr. Brown assured the council the new ordinance also bans the gas attack.

Collins to Visit Korea

TOKYO, Oct. 27 (UP)—U. S. Army Chief of Staff J. Lawton Collins arrived in Tokyo on an around-the-world tour today and announced that he will visit Korea. He met Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme United Nations commander, during a brief stop on Okinawa on his way to Japan from Formosa.

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SHIPSHAPE—Pi Beta Phi of Butler University add delight to the school's annual Homecoming parade here yesterday.

Churchill Names Anthony Eden Foreign Minister

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for policy with regard to food and agriculture.

The members of the new cabinet went to Buckingham Palace this afternoon where their appointments were approved by the Privy Council. They received their seals of office and kissed the hand of the king in a traditional ceremony.

The full cabinet was expected to be completed next week.

Mr. Churchill was expected to announce a series of bold moves intended to win economic recovery for Britain and peace for the world.

The 76-year-old Conservative leader, assured of a majority of 18 to 31 in the 625-seat Commons elected Thursday, summoned top members of his party to his Hyde Park Gate home.

Conference Bid Expected

A British move for a Truman-Stalin-Churchill conference was believed just around the corner. A Labor Member of Parliament already has introduced a question in Commons asking Mr. Churchill to say flatly when he proposes to hold talks with President Truman and Soviet Premier Josef Stalin.

Mr. Churchill is expected to move back into 10 Downing St., the prime minister's official residence, sometime late next week.

The opposition Labor Party at the same time found itself hopelessly divided in a struggle for power between moderate Socialist Clement R. Attlee, who resigned last night after six years as Prime Minister, and American-baiting Aneurin Bevan.

The Daily Herald, organ of the Labor Party, shattered the election honeymoon of the two factions today.

It charged that Mr. Bevan's resignation from the Labor government to lead the party's rebellious left wing had wrecked Socialist chances for victory.

Retorted Mr. Bevan: "I am particularly pleased with the successes of the Socialist candidates in those divisions in which I spoke during the election campaign."

Three more election districts which voted Thursday were expected to announce their returns today and a fourth will report Monday. That will leave only the nominally Labor seat of Barnsley vacant, and the voting there has been postponed until Nov. 8 because of the death of one of the candidates.

The standing after 620 districts had reported was: Conservatives 319, Labor 294, Liberals 5, and Irish Nationalists 2. That gave the Conservatives a majority of 18.

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Dock Workers Reject Truman Work Appeal

By United Press

NEW YORK, Oct. 27—Striking AFL longshoremen defied an appeal by President Truman to return to work today and threatened mass picket lines to halt the loading of 16 military transports by stevedores hired by the Army on a temporary civil service basis.

The President appealed to the insurgent strikers last night to "return to work at once."

"This work stoppage has a direct and immediate effect on our defense effort," the President said. "In the national interest, the work at once."

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Family Birthday Week Takes Sad Turn Here

Further tragedy marred the "birthday week" at the Theodore Wells home, 405 N. State St.

Little Jimmy Wells died this morning at Methodist Hospital.

The 8-year-old became ill early Tuesday morning, and was rushed to the hospital after police gave emergency treatment. He apparently suffered from croup. Doctors performed an emergency operation, and removed phlegm blocking Jimmy's throat and inserted a tube.

Death was due to pneumonia, doctors said.

Jimmy became ill following a birthday party celebrating his sister Shirley's 18th anniversary. Another sister, Marilyn, will be 10 tomorrow. Mr. Wells also celebrated his birthday this week.

Avid Sports Fan

Jimmy, a third-grade pupil in School 15, was an avid sport fan. He was born in Indianapolis.

Surviving besides his parents and two sisters are another sister, Carol Ann; two brothers, Lt. Theodore Jr., and Pvt. John Nor-

man, both members of the Army Air Force; several aunts and uncles and a niece and nephew. Services are being arranged by Harry W. Moore Peace Chapel.

Capehart Backs Clark

Sen. Homer Capehart last night threw his support behind the mayoralty candidacy of Judge Alex M. Clark in an appearance on a television show on WFBM-TV.

14 Die in Bus Crash

MANIZALES, Colombia, Oct. 27 (UP)—A crowded bus plunged down a mountain chasm, killing 14 passengers and injuring 20 others yesterday.

Pacifist Says He'll Broaden Fight for Job

By JOHN V. WILSON

Pacifist Principal William Lewis announced today he will broaden his fight to regain his Morgan County job.

The Jehovah's Witness convert said he would appeal his dismissal by Acting Gregg Twp. Trustee Luther Pruitt to Morgan Supt. of Schools James H. Bourn.

Mr. Lewis' latest move followed a first-round victory in his court fight here to halt "mob rule" in his Hall, Ind., school district.

The 38-year-old teacher completed his testimony in Superior Court 3 yesterday and the case was continued to 9:30 a. m. Monday. Judge Norman E. Brennan said he would clear his Tuesday docket for the case if it is prolonged.

Mr. Lewis' first victory came yesterday when Judge Brennan overruled a move by Deputy Attorney General Thomas Webber to throw the case out of court.

Interest in the case drew 150 spectators, including several school teachers attending their state convention here and a group of Mr. Lewis' former pupils.

Because of the overflow crowd, County Commissioner William Allison brought in 100 folding chairs and spectators were permitted to sit in the courtroom balcony.

From the witness stand, Mr. Lewis outlined parents' attempts to force him to resign and inability of law-enforcement officials to disperse, threatening crowds.

Sought 'Protection'

He told of repeated calls to state police and Gov. Schrieker's office to obtain protection from road blockades set up to keep him from entering the school during early September.

Gov. Schrieker, he said, "didn't give me any answer" to his requests. And he quoted Maj. Robert O'Neal, state police executive officer, as asking him "to give up" his fight.

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Legislature Finally Buried

The special session of the Indiana Legislature—dead since its birth 33 days before—was buried yesterday at 3:30 p. m.

Rep. Glenn Slenker, Republican majority leader of the House of Representatives, delivered the funeral benediction.

"Of the dead, speak nothing if not good" was the theme of his little discourse. He told the militant Democratic minority that he "enjoyed working with them."

The GOP majority he patte on the back for their staunch support.

Accomplish Little

The final day of the special session was practically as non-productive as the earlier gatherings. The Senate did take time to pass a House-approved bill for correcting a defect in the 1951 teachers retirement bill.

Gov. Schrieker, meanwhile, was expected to veto the one GOP "home-rule" welfare bill. The Republicans gave up the idea of remaining in session since they lacked the necessary 26 votes to pass the bill over a veto.

The bill has no particular immediate significance. It contains an "escalator" welfare appropriation bill and an 80-20 state-county financing formula in case federal welfare funds might once again be withdrawn from Indiana.

All Red Cross Officers Here Are Re-elected

All officers of the Red Cross have been re-elected by the board of directors.

Heading the group are Marlan J. Hadley, chairman, and James F. Carroll, honorary chairman.

Re-elected also were William H. Book, vice chairman; Mrs. Ralph E. Hueber, secretary; Miss Agnes Cruse, secretary to the board, and William P. Flynn, treasurer.

Elected to the executive committee were Mr. Hadley, Mr. Book, Mr. Flynn, Mrs. Hueber, Bowman Elder, Rabbi M. M. Feuerlicht, Frank Hoke, Wallace O. Lee, Mrs. Perry W. Lesh, W. I. Longworth, Charles J. Lynn, E. H. Kemper McComb, James A. Stuart, Mrs. Wolf Sussman and Charles R. Weiss.

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UN Offers Reds Island Deal

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PANMUNJOM, Korea, Oct. 27—The United Nations offered to withdraw from certain islands off the Communist-held Korean coast in an effort to gain the Reds' acceptance of a proposed truce line close to the present battlefield.

United Nations negotiators also offered to make "minor refinements" in their proposed cease-fire line, but refused to bargain over a major withdrawal.

The Communists held out for a truce line further south in accord with their proposal Friday. But Communist newsmen who normally reflect the official Red position predicted a heavy period of horse-trading.

TOKYO, Oct. 27 (UP)—United Nations planes damaged at least eight Communist jet fighters today in a series of Korean air battles which raged as far south as Chinnampo, only 50 miles from the 38th Parallel.

The Reds threw 105 Russian-built MIG-15 jets against 128 United Nations jets and B-29 bombers in a vain attempt to break up Allied raids on the Communists' already badly damaged railway links between North Korea and Manchuria.

One B-29 was damaged, but landed safely at an Allied base in Korea.

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Polio Hits Peak In Lake County

Lake County's all-time polio record was shattered by six new cases and another death this week in a new flare-up of the disease there.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in Gary today announced the death total at 16, six above the previous 1949 Lake County record high of 10.

The chapter there also said that 135 cases had been reported to them this year. Of these, 58 have been light cases. One hundred and twenty-three victims have been hospitalized.

8 Other Deaths

State Board of Health figures show only eight other deaths in the 91 other counties in the state. Only one death was listed for Indianapolis.

Polio cases broke out in July in Hammond, moved south through East Chicago, Gary and are predominantly in the Hobart area now.

Peak of the polio season there was in September. Number of cases tapered off until this week when the new flare-up broke out, hospitalizing four adults and two children, and killing 16-year-old Margaret Williams.

Job's Daughters Official Honored

A morning reception and luncheon today honored Mrs. Edythe C. Moffitt of 1210 W. 35th St. Held at 620 N. East St., hosts were Grand and Bethel Guardian Councils and Bethel Daughters of Indiana.

On the committee are Miss Phyllis Shackelford, Miss Suzanne Newby, Miss Janet Grey, Miss Marilyn Norman, Miss Barbara Sommerstrom, Mrs. Dorothy Newby and Frank Serber.

Killed by Tractor

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Oct. 27 (UP)—George Ralph Paddock, 15, Ladoga, was killed yesterday when his tractor overturned as he made a sharp turn in a field on his father's farm.

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