THE WEATHER
Partly cloudy with highest temperatures 70 to 75. Cooler tonight.
Tides: High 10:10 a.m., 10:43 p.m.; low 4:11 a.m., 4:44 p.m.
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Miss Georgia Wins Miss America 1953 Crown

Supersonic Jet Explodes, Kills 27 In Britain

FARNBOROUGH, England, Sept. 6 (AP)—Britain's spectacular new jet fighter, the De Havilland 110, blew up in a faster-than-sound flight over an airdrome swarming with 130,000 spectators today and killed 27 persons.

John Derry, 30, Britain's ace test pilot, and his observer, Tony Richards, died in the flaming wreckage of the twin-tailed all-weather craft and 25 spectators were killed by falling debris.

Among the thousands who watched horrified was Derry's young wife, who had been waiting nervously at the pilots' tent of the Farnborough Air Show.

CAUSE UNKNOWN

The cause of the blow-up was a mystery that British air experts intend to solve if possible.

A suggestion that the plane may have hit a flock of birds was dismissed quickly in a joint statement by the Royal Aircraft Establishment and the Society of British Aircraft Constructors. They said there was no such evidence.

The statement also discounted any idea that the plane collapsed as the result of conflict with sound waves.

"There is no apparent reason for believing that the accident was associated with the supersonic flight which preceded it," the statement said. "The distinctive sonic boom now associated with exceeding the speed of sound is known to be in no way harmful to the aircraft or its crew."

It said the plane had made more than 100 flights at supersonic speed and had flown more than 150 hours since it was launched a year ago.

Just four years ago today, Derry made history by becoming the first British pilot to exceed the speed of sound—around 12 miles a minute—and live to tell about it.

BLAST AT END OF DIVE

The grey, two-engined jet blew up just as Derry levelled it off from a screaming, eight-mile dive. Observers heard a couple of "booms" as the heavy plane, cracking through turbulence in the sound barrier, flashed by at 700 miles an hour.

The two glowing jet engines, each weighing more than a ton, and hunks of exploded wreckage thudded into a hillside thick with people. Bits of the plane sprayed

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Dreisbach Suspect Due Here Today

Phila. Man Arrested In Allentown After Statements in Bar

A Philadelphia man arrested in Allentown, Pa., as a suspect in the Mary Louise Dreisbach murder investigation, will be brought back here this morning for questioning by local and State Police.

The man is Howard G. Carter, 39-year-old magazine salesman, who gave his address as 5530 Walnut St., Philadelphia. Carter was arrested in a bar Friday by Capt. Albert Maizel of the Allentown police, and Cpl. Leonard Dicton of the Pennsylvania State Police.

He was pointed out by a woman he had met at the bar and who had accompanied him on an all-day round of drinking establishments. The woman told police Carter had said he "used to go around" with the Dreisbach girl and "had done her up."

Carter will be returned to the resort today by resort Police Sgt. Albert Wilson and State Police Sgt. Jesse Souder.

Police said there is nothing definite yet to link Carter with the slaying except his alleged statements. According to police, Carter has a criminal record which will be checked tomorrow.

Under questioning by police, he denied having made the remarks to the woman or knowing anything about the Dreisbach case, but police were not satisfied with his story and Sgt. Jesse Souder of the State Police and Sgt. Albert Wilson of the local police were dispatched from here to question him further.

KUNKLE WOMAN CALLED

Mrs. Mary Ann Delong Kunkle, 21, of Allentown, companion of the slain girl and one of the last to see her alive, confronted Carter in headquarters in Allentown.

Mrs. Kunkle said she couldn't identify him positively, but Carter "looked something like" the man Miss Dreisbach left the beach with early Friday morning, July 25, the last she was seen alive.

The body of the 24-year-old Hokendauqua, Pa., stenographer, her face brutally battered, was found in a field alongside the Atlantic City racetrack the next afternoon.

The woman informant said that when she told Carter she was going to call police he threatened her and slapped her, breaking her false teeth.

Under questioning by police, Carter denied having made the statements attributed to him by the woman and said he didn't know Miss Dreisbach and knew nothing about her slaying.

He admitted, however, having been in Atlantic City early in August and a check by police showed he was registered at a hotel here from Aug. 8 to Aug. 10.

He also admitted having a police record in Detroit and Camden and said he had been in Allentown about three weeks.

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BATTLE OF THE SPEECHES

Crowd Undemonstrative To 'Ike', Adlai Messages

KASSON - DODGE CENTER, Minn., Sept. 6 (AP)—Dwight D. Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson battled today to what looked like a toss-up decision in their first major bids for the nation's farm vote in November.

The two presidential nominees didn't touch off any prairie fires with the farm programs they put before a vast throng of more than 100,000 persons at the National Plowing Contest site in the open fields near here.

And neither of them swept their audience with any electric spark of personality. The crowd stood largely silent through most of their addresses—and pauses for applause mostly were filled with a dead silence.

PROGRAMS SIMILAR

Stevenson may have had a shade the better of it in his quips and jibes at the Republicans. But in the main the audience was quietly attentive and apparently judging one man against the other without a single roaring outburst during the day.

Point for point, the program offered by Eisenhower at noon was roughly the same which the audience heard from Stevenson three hours later—when he spoke from the same platform.

Eisenhower declared that agricultural "autocrats" he coined a word "agricrats" from this — have "been in power too long—far too long" in Washington. And the crowd cheered.

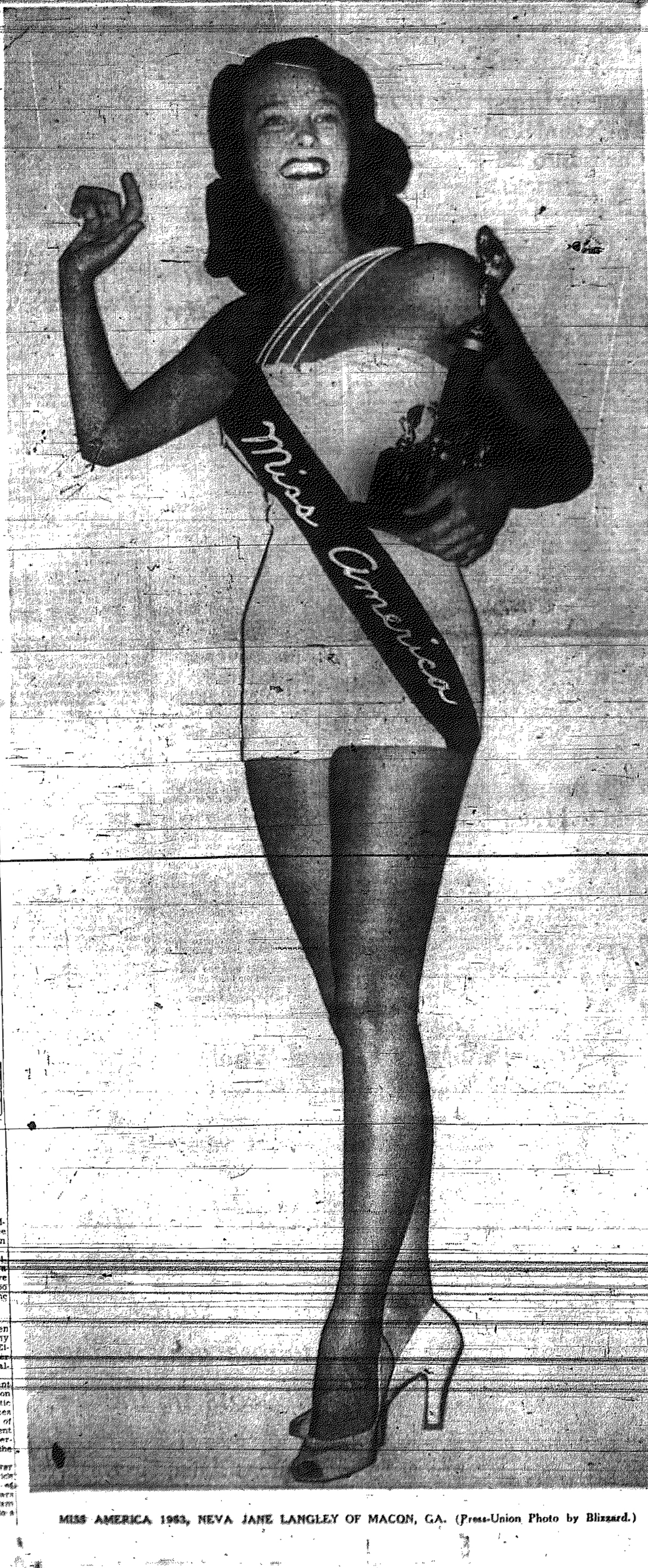
BOTH FOR 90 PCT. PARITY

Stevenson drew applause when he quipped that it seemed "my distinguished opponent, Gen. Eisenhower, decided to plow under the Republican farm platform altogether" in his earlier speech.

In the tremendously important field of price supports, Stevenson stood solidly on the Democratic platform calling for support prices at not less than 90 per cent of parity. But he said the 90 per cent program is not necessarily permanent or the only answer to the farm problem.

On this point Eisenhower pledged himself to continue price supports at the present level of 90 per cent of parity for two years — while working out a program which would bring the farmers to a full 100 per cent of parity.

HERE SHE IS! AMERICA'S NEW QUEEN!



MISS AMERICA 1953, NEVA JANE LANGLEY OF MACON, GA. (Press-Union Photo by Blizzard.)

Neva Langley Succeeds To Colleen's Title

By BERT WILSON
Press Staff Writer

The judges and a near-record audience in Convention Hall last night had Miss Georgia on their minds as 19-year-old Neva Jane Langley returned the title of Miss America to the Southland.

In a thrilling finish to the Miss America Pageant, the talented and lovely student at Wesleyan Conservatory and School of Fine Arts, Macon, Ga., ran true to her early favorite form to win the coveted Miss America, 1953, crown from runnerup, Miss Indiana, Ann Marie Garnier.

Winner of two preliminary titles—talent and bathing suit—Miss Georgia again scored heavily in swimsuit, evening gown and at the piano to hold her initial advantage from the determined challenges of the four other finalists chosen from a semi-finalist field of ten.

DOWN TO FIVE

When the contenders were whittled down to five, they had to answer three questions—unrehearsed and unheard, as each was "locked in a closet"—and the poise and content of the answers apparently weighed heavily with the judges. Miss Indiana (her predecessor was also first runnerup last year) drew the best audience reaction with her answers.

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The attendance was announced as 18,004, which was only 41 short of the all-time record set in 1947.

Tension increased as the field was narrowed down to these five:

Miss Alabama, Gwendolyn Harmon
Miss California, Jeanne Shores
Miss Chicago, Jo Hoppe
Miss Georgia, Neva Jane Langley
Miss Indiana, Ann Marie Garnier

HAS GREEN EYES

Neva, a five-foot, six-and-a-half-inch brunette with green eyes and fair complexion, has 35-23-35 measurements and weighs 126 pounds. She risked selection of President Truman as the nation's outstanding individual, admitting, "probably everyone doesn't go for him."

When her selection was announced, a roar went through the big hall. The five finalists had been presented in reverse order by master of ceremonies Bob Evans, so as soon as the name of Miss Indiana was revealed as first runnerup, the crowd knew Miss Georgia was the new Miss America. The symbolic red velvet robe was draped on her shoulders.

Arthur Broll, Pageant chairman, presented her with the big trophy symbolic of her crown as the runnersup embraced her and each other and many tears flowed. It was a glorious moment for the winner, and a sharp disappointment for the runnersup — particularly Miss Indiana after her strong finish in the question-and-answer phase.

VERY HUMBLE

"I'm very humble," the new Miss America said into the microphone as the hour neared midnight and her year-long reign began. "I want to thank you very much, and hope to be able to keep up the tradition set by Colleen Hutchins."

On a nationwide broadcast from the stage, she said:

"Thanks very much for your support. I appreciate it . . ."

Then she was handed the sceptre by Miss America 1952, who then placed the jeweled crown on her dark brown curly hair. As the organ and orchestra played martial strains, Neva strode down the runway for the first time as Miss America 1953 as hundreds of photo flashbulbs blinked and newsreel cameramen trained their lenses on her. Police threw a cordon around her, and she returned to her predecessor's side, sat on her throne

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43 Injured As Big Bus Rams Truck

All Aboard Coach Hurt in Turnpike Crash, 3 Critically

BORDENTOWN, Sept. 6 (AP)—State Police tonight sought the cause of a New Jersey Turnpike crash in which a Washington-bound night express bus collided with the rear of an onion truck, injuring 43 persons.

All 41 persons aboard the Pennsylvania Greyhound bus were hurt. Twenty-two of them were hospitalized, and three were in critical condition. The truck driver and his wife were treated for minor injuries, and later released.

The southbound bus plunged from the superhighway after today's early morning collision and rolled down a 10-foot embankment to a field. The bus front was twisted almost back to the third row of seats. The truck, loaded with sacked onions, overturned.

MANY WERE ASLEEP

Sgt. C. W. Hanna, of the State Police Turnpike detail said troopers were getting statements from all of the injured who would be questioned. However, he said many of those interviewed told police they were asleep at the time and were unable to give any information on the crash.

The bus driver, Joseph W. Fox, of Philadelphia, was among those critically hurt and could not be questioned, Hanna said.

William P. James Jr., 41, of Congers, N. Y., listed as driver of the truck, said he was driving at a slow pace along the turnpike with his wife, May, when the accident occurred. He said he saw headlights in his rear-vision mirror, and shortly afterward felt the bus hit the truck.

In a statement given to State Trooper Daniel J. Murphy, State Police quoted James as saying that a few minutes before the crash he had parked the truck on the shoulder of the southbound lane.

STOPPED TO CHECK TRUCK

James told Murphy he had paused to checked the condition of the truck load, tire pressure and taillights. James said there were six red lights burning on the rear of the truck when he checked it.

High Tide, 40-Mi. Wind Forecast In This Area

Northeast storm warnings are displayed today from Block Island south to this city and are attributed to the Atlantic hurricane. The hurricane, however, is expected to pass some 500 miles east of the Jersey coast.

Only effect this area will notice, the local Weather Bureau said last night, will be north to northeast winds increasing to 30 or 40 miles an hour and tides running moderately high.

'HALL' SCENE RESPLENDENT

Brilliant Gowns Reflect Height Of Fashion Here

By CHRISTINA B. GROSS
Press Staff Writer

Music, lights and gaiety reigned last night in Convention Hall as every seat was filled for the selection and coronation of new Miss America.

Not only was there beauty on stage, but there was also beauty offstage.

It was truly a fashion review of glamorous and fabulous after-dark costumes as the audience gathered for the spectacular show.

Shantung dressed up with jewel trim, vied for first place with diaphanous and filmy marquisettes and organzas.

Miss Mary Leeds was regal in a silvery gray shantung evening frock whose square neckline was outlined with deep rectangular collar edged with king sized pearl beads.

Blue shantung in cerulean blue was the choice of Mrs. Farnk Kearns.

BETTY GRIGGS PERT

Miss Betty Griggs of Brigantine also chose shantung in Watteau blue with deep neckline and cuffs on the three-quarter sleeves highlighted with candy-striped accents.

A delicate evening frock of pale rose looked most becoming worn by Mrs. Chaim Sandler. Tiered puckering gave the skirt a graceful fullness and the fitted bodice was enhanced with a softly draped neckline.

Mrs. George T. Wootton was waiting in her box for City Commissioner and Mrs. Thomas Wootton. She was enchanting in a dainty striped gray and white afternoon frock. The horizontal stripes gave an illusion of additional fullness and the high neckline was accentuated with a bow of the same fabric.

Mrs. William Stewart, applauding heartily for her favorite, was attired in a stunning frock of shimmering gray fashioned with swirling skirt and capped sleeves with a demure neckline. Seated next to her was Mrs. Robert Kennedy looking very smart in semi-formal black frock.

MRS. BUZBY RADIANT

Mrs. J. Howard Buzby with her guest, Mrs. Horace T. Greenwood, of Moorestown, was hurrying to join her guests in her box. She wore a beautiful gold imprinted black frock and the skirt flared into a fabulous fullness from the fitted bodice.

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