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NEW YEAR CRASHES INJURE 6 HERE



DRAMA'S END—A former Napa State Hospital patient, Louis J. Silva, left, with back to camera, was shot to death by detective Thomas Houchins, second from left, of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, yesterday in Castro Valley after Silva had terrorized a family of four for two hours. Closing in at right are detective Larry Walt, in striped shirt, and an unidentified deputy.

Geddes Calls State Health Plan Hearing

Establishment of a health and welfare insurance program for state employees will be discussed at a hearing in Sacramento Jan. 16 and 17, Assemblyman Samuel R. Geddes (D) of Napa, announced today.

The hearing will be before the Civil Service and State Personnel Interim Committee, of which Geddes is chairman.

Directors and members of the state departments and representatives of health and insurance companies will be heard, Geddes said, on the growth of health and welfare plans in both industry and government.

"These benefits are provided to many employees in private industry," Geddes said, "and in order for the state to compete on an equitable basis, we might have to establish a well-balanced employee benefit plan."

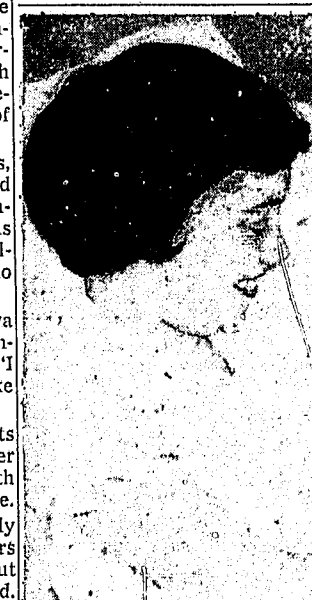
He continued, "In order for the state to continue to attract and retain competent employees, employee benefits might have to be revised by the addition of a health and welfare insurance program, including life insurance, with the state sharing the cost of the program."

On Jan. 16, the committee will consider the health and welfare plans, and on Jan. 17, there will be a joint hearing with the subcommittee on Social Insurance.

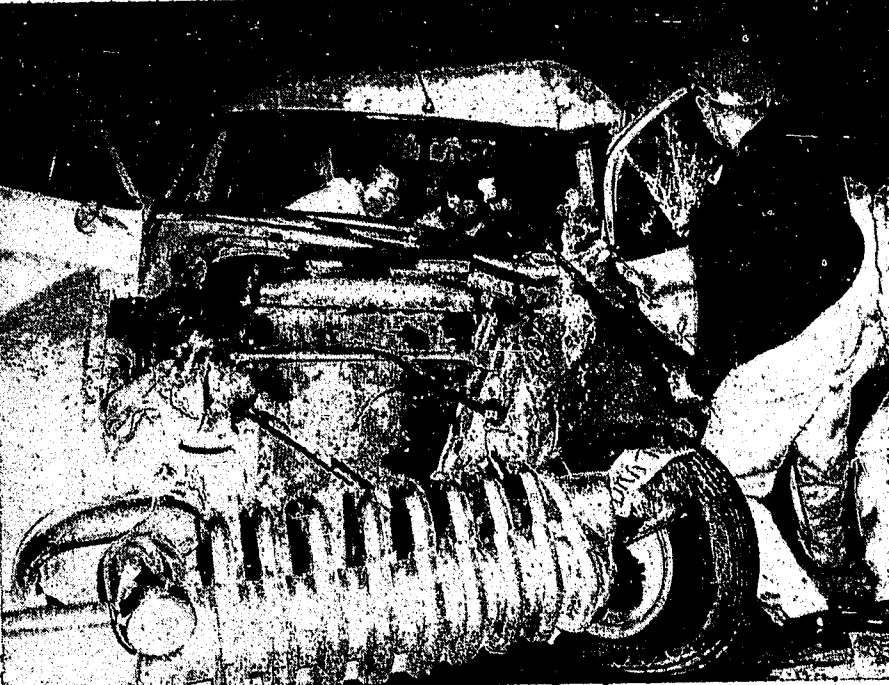
The Assembly Interim Committee on Social Welfare, of which Geddes is a member, will hold a hearing Monday in San Francisco on a bill to have the state exclusively pay for and administer aid to the aged, needy blind, partially self-supporting blind, and needy children programs, instead of having the counties bear a portion of these responsibilities. Carlos Bee of Hayward is chairman of the committee.

METEOR SHOWER

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A Harvard University astronomer said today that fireballs sighted in the Midwest early today were "probably" from a well-known meteor shower predicted for this time of year.



1958's FIRST—Mrs. James Oliver Clark, 393 Foster Rd., holds her son, Michael Timothy, first of five New Year's babies born at Parks Victory Memorial Hospital. Another picture Page 3. (Register Photo)



CRITICALLY INJURED—Passersby and ambulance attendants attempt to extricate Jay Robert Miller of 1625 B St. (behind wheel at center) from the twisted wreckage of his auto. In auto at left is ambulance attendant Theodore Krein. Three others were injured in the crash. (Register Photo)

Driver Pinned Under Wheel Said Critical

Six persons were injured, one critically, in three Napa County traffic accidents over the New Year holiday.

Elsewhere in Northern and Central California at least six persons had died on the highways since the new year opened. The toll included two soldiers who perished in a head-on collision on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

Holiday Deaths at a Glance
Traffic 167
Fires 14
Miscellaneous 20

Total 191

A national roundup of New Year's deaths will be found on Page 10.

Reported in "fair" condition at Parks Victory Hospital today was Jay Robert Miller, 42, of 1625 B St.

He suffered multiple fractures, cuts and abrasions when his 1950 Buick plowed into the rear of a two-axle truck on Napa-Vallejo Hwy. just north of Jamieson Canyon Rd. early Wednesday morning.

Witnesses said it took ambulance attendants and passersby more than 10 minutes to extricate him from the twisted wreckage.

Also injured in the grinding crash were Raymond Clyde Johnson, 24, of 2175 Ethel Porter Dr., Charles Helm, 20, and Paul Smith, 18, both of San Francisco. They were treated at Parks Victory and released.

The California Highway Patrol said the truck driver, Jack Rubin, 35-year-old San Franciscan, had stopped to push a stalled auto driven by Rudy J. Bonilla, 19-year-old checker from San Francisco.

Bonilla's two passengers, Helm and Smith, had gotten out of the car to insure that the bumpers met properly when Miller's southbound auto crashed into the rear of the truck, CHP said.

No citations were issued pending further investigation. The victims were taken to the hospital by Piner Ambulance. The crash occurred at 2:50 a. m.

Less than two hours earlier Charles Dean Gibson, 21, hospital aide from Argwin, suffered minor injuries when he lost control of his auto on Sanitarium Rd. just north of Deer Park Rd. and crashed into a tree.

CHP said he was cited for excessive speed, then taken to his home by a passing motorist.

At 5:20 p. m. Tuesday Marie Virginia Easley of 1132 Trower Ave. suffered minor injuries in a two-vehicle collision at First and Brown Sts.

Police Sgt. Elmer Stahl said she was a passenger in an auto driven by Frederick Hayden Easley, 47, a laundryman from 1132 Trower Ave. His auto collided with a three-quarter-ton truck driven by Hiram A. Wright, 45, farmhand from 3390 Mt. Veeder Rd. Wright was cited for failure to yield right-of-way.

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Situation for responsible housekeeper. Five days a week in established Napa family. Close to town, but transportation required. Request references. Satisfactory salary. Please contact Box No. 6016, c/o Napa Register.

CLIFF RIORDAN FOUND DEAD; CLOTHING STORE OPERATOR

Clifford Riordan, 56, Napa businessman and prominent leader in Catholic Church activities, was found dead in his home at 803 Patchett St. Tuesday afternoon.

The body was discovered by his brother, former Napa Police Chief Eugene Riordan, after Mr. Riordan failed to arrive at his store, Riordan's Clothing, on Coombs St. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

High Mass will be offered at 10 a. m. tomorrow at St. John's Catholic Church, with the cortege leaving the Claffey and Rota Funeral Home at 9:45 a. m.

Venezuela Says Revolt Crushed

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Government forces mopped up additional pockets of rebel opposition on the outskirts of Caracas today and President Marcos Perez Jimenez declared the insurrection was crushed.

Government troops took a rebel radio station at Los Teques, about 23 miles from the capital, and used it to announce that the rebel garrison there had surrendered.

Perez Jimenez said in a three-minute radio and television announcement this afternoon that the death toll and property damage had been kept to a minimum.

The army chief repeated the claim by President Perez Jimenez in a broadcast last night that the rest of the country—the world's No. 2 oil producer—was completely calm.

Fernandez said that the rebel leaders fled by air. He reported that Aurelio Ferrero Tamay, commander of the Maracay garrison and governor of the State of Aragua, had been restored to his post along with his chief aide. Maracay is the capital of Aragua State.

Ferrero Tamay and other officials had been seized by rebel troops at 5 a. m. yesterday, Fernandez said.

At 4 a. m., this morning, Fernandez continued, 25 air force planes from bases at Palonegro and Boca del Rio in Maracay were at the main Caracas airport in the service of the government.

In Caracas itself, streetlights were turned on, ending the brownout imposed by the government as a defense against rebel planes.

Ex-Imola Patient Shot To Death

CASTRO VALLEY (AP) — A 40-year-old Napa State Hospital parolee was shot and killed yesterday by sheriff's deputies after he burned down his neighbor's home, destroyed four autos and two outbuildings by fire and attempted to burn another neighbor's home.

The firebrand, Louis J. Silva, released from the state hospital July 3 after a year's treatment as a mental patient, was riddled with bullets when he leaped out of a foxhole he had prepared in anticipation of his one-man neighborhood spite war.

Authorities said the rampage began at 5 a. m. when Silva began firing at the home of Thess A. Peters, 39.

Peters moved his wife, Lillian, and their two children to a safe position and got his shotgun moved out of range to the back of the house.

Silva then smashed the glass out of Peters' three cars and pickup truck, sloshed gasoline on the vehicles and a nearby ole and carport and touched them afire.

As the fire spread to Peters' \$25,000 main home, he hustled his family to a neighbor's for safety.

Silva had disappeared by the time nine deputies arrived on the scene, but they found him at another residence in the neighborhood trying to set it afire with gasoline and homemade firebombs fashioned of bundles of matches held by rubber bands.

When Silva saw the deputies, he ran to his own cottage and defied their demands to surrender. They fired two tear gas bombs into the building and Silva dashed out and leaped into his fox hole.

As officers closed in, Silva charged Deputy Thomas Houchins with a knife, shouting, "I won't be taken alive. I'll take one of you with me."

Houchins fired three shots from his revolver and another deputy blasted Silva twice with a shotgun at point-blank range.

Officers said Silva apparently had gone berserk because Peters had earlier complained about Silva carrying a rifle in his yard.

GANGSTER SEIZED

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Immigration Service today announced the arrest for deportation of Louis Liberman of Los Angeles. It described him as an associate of labor racketeer Johnny Dio of New York.

Two Jump Gun

5 NEW YEAR'S BABIES BORN AT HOSPITAL

Not just one but five New Year's babies — all of them boys — were born at Parks Victory Memorial Hospital, and another two jumped the gun to give their parents additional \$600 income tax exemptions.

First baby of the new year is Michael Timothy Clark, born at 12:08 a. m. to Mr. and Mrs. James Oliver Clark, 393 Foster Rd. The father is a teller with the Bank of America.

The other four Jan. 1 arrivals are: Dana John Burt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas Burt, 1346 Oak St.

Gary Allen Honodel, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson Honodel, 2075 Shurtleff Ave.

Jeffrey Clint Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeLand Garth Ray, (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

Buses Halt When Fund Drive Fails

Napa was without public transportation today, a subscription campaign to support the Napa Valley Bus Corporation a failure.

Howard Smith, owner of the firm, was unavailable for comment today but he was understood to be planning to wait until tomorrow in the hope of receiving assistance. Otherwise, the fleet of buses will be offered for sale.

Smith needed \$363 by today to meet an insurance payment. Unless this was made, the Public Utilities Commission would not let him operate.

The Chamber of Commerce launched a drive to raise \$800 for the bus lines last week, but only \$101 has been subscribed. Smith needs the other funds to pay a garage bill, taken over by the Internal Revenue Service under lien on the garage.

Ike Confers On Bulganin Reply

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower interrupted a vacation at his Gettysburg farm today and returned here for conferences on the budget and a decision on how to answer Russia's bid for top level East-West peace talks.

He spent the past week at the farm, resting and working on budget problems and his State of the Union message to Congress. He will go back to the farm tomorrow for the weekend.

During his 24 hours in the capital, Eisenhower will confer with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on a reply to the peace conference proposal made by Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin just before the President went to Paris for the recent North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit meeting.

Eisenhower also will preside tomorrow at a Cabinet meeting and attend an organizational meeting of the newly-created Civil Rights Commission.

FAKE DIPLOMAS HIT

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A State Legislature subcommittee today recommended that sale of all fake college diplomas be made a felony.

Planners Meet

REZONING FOR 2 PROPERTIES SOUGHT HERE

Plans for the development of two commercial properties will be discussed by the Napa County Planning Commission, meeting at 8 p. m. Monday in the Supervisors' Room of the Courthouse.

Dr. Robert Handel is seeking rezoning from R-1 (residential) to C-1-A (neighborhood commercial and agricultural) of property on Trancas St. for the construction of a dog and cat hospital. The site is on the Von Uhlig ranch opposite the start of Big Ranch Rd.

Rezoning from R-1 (residential) to R-4 (general apartment) is sought by Assemblyman Samuel R. Geddes for property on Wilkens Ave. Geddes, a contractor, plans to erect a motel. Other matters on the agenda: Committee report of the record of survey map of Walter Polley for property north of Old Silverado Tr. near Calistoga.

Chief Wolfe protest of the decision of the Planning Commission over a record of survey on land in Gordon Valley. The protest involves the location of a road.

Records of survey of John Dellagana, La Grande Ave.; Frank Creasey, Zinfandel Ln.; Ralph Bickford, Lone Oak Ave.; Wesley B. Plunkett, Spanish Flat Loop Rd.; Harry N. Bell, Olive Hill Nn.; M. W. Mullins, Biava Ln.

Nehru Calls For Summit Session

NEW DELHI (AP) — Prime Minister Nehru said tonight he favors a summit conference.

He told foreign newsmen while stopping here on a round-the-world tour that he believes the only way to settle problems is for all parties to get together and talk it over. Asked if he favored a summit conference, Nehru replied: "I do."

In reply to questions, Nehru said he dislikes communism because "it is too close to violence."

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