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Lawmen Ask Liquor Dept. Status Quo

Sheriff Burr Tells Legislators Police Officers Don't Like Bills

By AL BRADSHAW JR.
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PHOENIX — Sheriff Waldon V. Burr was at the State Capitol yesterday telling Pima County legislators that some law enforcement officers are dissatisfied with a few bills that have been introduced.

Burr attended a meeting here with a dozen other county sheriffs and more than 40 chiefs of police where proposed legislation was discussed, then he headed for the capitol to hunt Pima's representatives.

Among the proposals made by the lawmen was to leave the State Department of Liquor and Narcotics Control alone.

Rep. Scott Alexander, R-Pima, is the prime sponsor of a bill introduced yesterday that would create an Arizona Bureau of Investigation. It was signed by 22 other representatives.

The measure proposes that the state attorney general's office take over control of the enforcement agency.

Narcotics laws, according to the bill, would be enforced by the attorney general's staff, a field operations division would be established, and a crime laboratory would be provided to assist law officers throughout the state.

JOHN T. CONNOR

Commerce Secretary Resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson accepted Wednesday the resignation of Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor and named Asst. Secretary Alexander B. Trowbridge as acting secretary.

The White House indicated Johnson does not plan to nominate a full successor to Connor, at least in the foreseeable future, pending congressional action on his proposal to merge the Commerce and Labor departments into a single department of business and labor.

In his letter of resignation, which the White House said was dated earlie, this week, Connor said he had decided "with considerable reluctance" to return to private business after two years as a Cabinet member.

Connor said nothing specific about his future plans. Before joining the government he had been president of Merck & Co., a drug-manufacturing firm.

In a "Dear Jack" letter of reply, Johnson said, "It is never easy to part with a member of our official family or adequately to convey how much we will miss him."

Burr said most counties "do not have the money to work narcotics," especially those on the international border.

The sheriff talked to as many Pima legislators as were available, then he and Capt. Richard Williams discussed proposed laws with House Speaker Stan Turley, R-Maricopa.

He said yesterday's meeting was a joint effort of all the law agencies, and added that most Arizona lawmen have been wanting such a meeting since proposed bills began pouring into the House and Senate "hoppers" last week.

"The law agencies are keeping a close watch on the legislature," Burr added.

He recalled that the Arizona Sheriffs and County Attorneys Assn. two months ago passed a resolution that the State Liquor Dept. be allowed to continue operating as it is.

If the counties had to take on any responsibilities now handled by the State Dept., Burr said, they would have to add 10 to 15 men to their staffs.

Among proposed legislation that was favored at Wednesday's meeting was:

—Placing marijuana and LSD in the dangerous drugs classification.

—Placing indecent exposure in the habitual criminal class.

Burr said that some bills introduced "could be very detrimental to law enforcement, and some will be a big help."

Cold Wave Engulfs Midwest

Temperatures Drop To 52 Below Zero

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The most intense and widespread cold wave of the winter swelled over a vast area from the Rockies to New England Wednesday.

The artic blast caused some power failures and school closings and stalled cars.

The mercury plunged to an unofficial —32 degrees in Philipps, Wis., and to an unofficial —41 i nnorthwestern Iowa. Hibbing, Minn., had an official low of —47. Neillsville, Wis.,—46; and Bismarck, N.D., —40.

Readings dipped below zero in 18 states and were still subzero at midday in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Northern Iowa, northwestern Illinois and eastern North Dakota.

Cold records for the date were set in several Midwestern cities. No early general relief was in sight.

The cold and deep snow posed a threat to the deer herd in Michigan's central Upper Peninsula. Joe Vogt, district game biologist for the Michigan Conservation Department, called the outlook "kind of frightening." He said conditions were the worst since the winter of 1961-62 when an estimated total of 35,000 Upper Peninsula deer died of starvation.

In the Chicago area, where the temperature dropped to —18, two power failures that affected heating systems in thousands of homes were blamed on the cold weather.

Natural gas consumption set records in Chicago and Milwaukee because of the demand for additional heating.

Auto clubs in Chicago and Detroit reported a flood of emergency calls from motorists whos cars wouldn't start. One Chicago club said calls were coming in at a rate five times greater than for a normal winter day.

Toll-road police in the Chicago area said many cars had stalled when their gas lines froze.

In Tennessee, all public and parochial elementary and high schools were closed in Shelby County because of 14-degree cold and icy road conditions.

In Des Moines, Iowa, Municipal Judge Harry B. Grund ordered Charles D. Robb, 19, released because it was too cold in the jail bullpen where he was to be held two more days for driving while his license was suspended. Des Moines had a —13 reading.

Chicago police said incidence of crime was far below normal during the night, apparently because would-be lawbreakers preferred to remain in the warmth of their dwellings.

Posters Praise President Liu

Peking Radio Admits Mao's Foes Entrenched

Rep. Powell Loses Fight In U.S. Supreme Court

Legislator Sought Right To Visit Home

By BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. lost another battle Wednesday, this time in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Faced with the prospect of immediate arrest and imprisonment if he sets foot in New York City, the Harlem Democrat had asked Justice John M. Harlan for the right to visit his home city without winding up in jail.

This Harlan refused to do, without explanation or comment.

The arrest order, one of the many troubles that have beset Powell, was issued Nov. 28 by Justice Arthur Markewich of the New York State Supreme Court.

It stemmed from Powell's conviction on criminal contempt of court charges and is enforceable on any day of the week including Sunday.

So far as is known, Powell hasn't been in New York City since, nor has he stood in his pulpit at the Abyssinian Baptist church in Harlem, of which he is the minister.

Ten days ago, on the same day that House Democrats stripped Powell of his chairmanship of the Education and Labor Committee, the congressman's attorney filed a motion with Harlan asking that the arrest order be blocked while Powell appeals it in the courts.

Harlan turned thumbs down. **And the justice, whose area of judicial responsibility includes New York, also refused to block enforcement of a $164,000 damage award to Esther James, a Harlem woman Powell had been found guilty of defaming.**

Powell's attorney, Henry R. Williams of New York City, claimed the arrest order was "repugnant to the Constitution of the United States." If carried out, Williams said, Powell would be prevented from attending House sessions although voters in his district have re-elected him.

The prospect of a Sunday arrest was especially challenged by Powell's attorney.

"No civil arrests are allowed to be made on Sundays" in New York State, he said.

"The sanctions imposed against Powell have never been imposed by any of the courts of New York against any member of a legislative body," Williams said.

Speaker of the House John W. McCormack, D-Mass., said Wednesday he hopes to announce Thursday the names of the committee members. He denied having any difficulty in finding Democrats willing to serve.

If arrested in New York City, Powell could be jailed for 14 months. A 30-day sentence was given to the criminal contempt conviction, but once in jail Powell would have to serve an additional maximum term of a year and 30 days on three civil contempt convictions.

REP. POWELL

Viet Cong Shelter Destroyed

Fire Raid Destroys Jungles In D Zone

SAIGON (AP)—U.S. bomber pilots flew through intense anti-aircraft fire yesterday to attack railroad yards northwest of Hanoi, the U.S. Command said today.

In South Vietnam, a B52 fire raid lofted pillars of smoke from D Zone jungles that have sheltered Viet Cong for 20 years. The aim was to destroy trees, brush and vines and open up the Communist stamping ground to visual observation and attack.

Four flights of Air Force F105 Thunderchiefs hit the Phu Doc railroad marshalling yard 41 miles northwest of Hanoi.

U.S. headquarters said pilots encountered heavy antiaircraft fire during the strikes by a dozen or more Thunderchiefs.

There was no report immediately of any U.S. planes lost in these strikes or elsewhere in North Vietnam on Wednesday. Communist broadcasts claimed two American planes were shot down in the Wednesday raids.

In the strikes against the Phu Duc yards, pilots reported their 750-pound bombs impacted in the center of the yards and on antiaircraft defense positions. The fliers said smoke and fires were seen the entire length of the yard.

Four more flights of Thunderchiefs attacked the Thach Son railroad marshalling yard 41 miles northwest of Hanoi and pilots encountered heavy ground fire in these raids also. Pilots reported destroying the center and several other sections of the yards.

Air Force pilots also claimed destruction of two railroad bridges, one of them 20 miles northeast of Hanoi and the other 40 miles northeast of the capital.

The renewed raids followed the strikes Tuesday against the Thai Nguyen rail yards 40 miles north of Hanoi after which U.S. pilots claimed they left the sprawling complex heavily damaged.

In South Vietnam, neither the U.S. nor South Vietnamese military commands reported any significant ground action.

Guards Attack Police, Schools

By KAY TATEISHI

TOKYO (AP) — Red China's radio acknowledged yesterday that Mao Tse-tung's rivals were firmly entrenched in Peking, where one report said wall posters appeared praising Mao's arch foe, President Liu Shao-chi.

Radio Peking spoke of dissidents loyal to Liu still holding bastions of counterrevolutionary revisionism" in the Red capital, and reported similar conditions in the big port of Shanghai. Only Tuesday, the Mao faction was claiming a big victory in Shanghai.

On the basis of this and other reports, it appeared that the Mao and Liu factions were deadlocked in their struggle for power.

Japanese press reports said youthful Red Guards were swarming into Peking's police headquarters, hospitals and schools claiming the places were still occupied by "bourgeois reactionaries."

The correspondent of the Japanese Broadcasting Corp. said wall posters appeared in Peking during the day defending Liu and denouncing Mao's purge leaders as "opportunists." In the latter criticism were purge chief Chen Po-ta and Mao's wife, Chiang Ching, who is Chen's deputy.

Without going into details of the posters, the correspondent said they were put up by dissident Red Guards from four high schools. Their strength was unknown. But if they actually were Red Guards, they were bucking the wave of the militant movement, which pushes Mao's purge.

Radio Moscow predicted the masses eventually will win over "Mao and his group," which is violently anti-Soviet. In a Japanese language broadcast, Moscow said: "Farmer and workers are opposing Maoist policy which is striking a direct blow to their vital interests."

Saying clashes between Red Guards and worker-farmers were increasing, the broadcast said: "The Communist and Labor parties the world over firmly believe that the Chinese people will eventually find a way out of the present difficult situation."

Asahi's Peking correspondent said wall papers reported that the pro-Mao revolutionary group had seized control of Hsieh Fu Hospital.

Australian Hecklers Greet Ky

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Premier Nguyen Cao Ky said Wednesday if the Communists won South Vietnam "we will be slaves of Red China — that would be our fate."

Urbane in the face of scene manifest hostility, the chief of Saigon's government presented his grim view of what defeat would mean at the outset of a nine-day tour to express to Australia and New Zealand his appreciation for their help as military allies.

Among some thousands who turned out for the motorcade procession on the arrival of Ky and his beautiful wife, Tuyet Mai, were about 700 hecklers. Bearded youths and miniskirted girls of the sweatshirt and sandal set joined members of the opposition Labor party and various workers in the demonstration.

"One-two-three, go home Ky!" the girls chanted.

"Two, four, six, eight, why won't Ky negotiate?"

By Saigon standards it was mild and orderly, but the demonstrators waved Viet Cong flags and placards denouncing the premier as a Fascist, a killer and a "baby burner."

Australian police kept them in check and the premier's car moved with such speed that the couple were barely aware of the ruckus.

Both were welcomed warmly by Prime Minister Harold Holt, whose Liberal-Country coalition swamped the Labor party last Nov. 26 in an election keyed to the war issue. Holt's government has 4,500 troops in Vietnam. Campaigning with them are 180 New Zealand artillerymen.

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Air Force Completes 'Satellite Necklace'

By JIM STROTHMAN

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP)—Flying with acrobatic precision, a single Air Force rocket yesterday flawlessly orbited eight military communications satellites to complete the Defense Department's space network linking Washington, Vietnam and other points.

"We've checked all of the satellites out and got good signals from all of them," reported Col. Marion Gibson, program director for the Air Force. "They're good, healthy satellites."

The launch vehicle performed like a winner," observed Air Force Col. Otto Ledford, launch director. "It was right on the money."

The triple-barreled Titan 3 guard to avoid repeating a failure that had occurred on an identical mission last August, blasted off at 9:19 a.m. to begin a complex flight requiring two orbit changes over a six-hour period.

The eight satellites, packed like peas in a pod on the tip of the Titan 3's acrobatic last stage, were kicked free by spring devices about 3:30 p.m. They began slowly drifting in random orbits 21,000 miles high to join seven other satellites launched last June for a communications necklace around the earths equator.

The rocket—mightiest booster in the Defense Department's arsenal—first settled into a circular orbit 103 miles high. Its last stage, with the payload still intact, re-ignited as planned 66 minutes later, to switch into a cigar-shaped path ranging from 120 to 21,000 miles above the globe. It was in position for the third-engine start needed to achieve the final orbit.

The satellites were to join seven similar spacecraft launched last June. Each weighs 100 pounds and cost more than $1 million dollars.

With a total of 15 operating satellites circling the globe, the Defense Department's ability to speed military messages to "where the action is" will increase considerably, said Col. Mitchel Goldenthal, commander of the Army's Satellite Communications Agency.

Two ground terminals are already in Vietnam, at Nha Trang and Ba Gons, and six other stations also are operating around the world. The network will be in full operation by summer, officials said.

A previous attempt to launch similar satellites failed last August when a Titan 3's nose cone collapsed, causing the booster to jerk out of control and explode shortly after liftoff. A stronger metal nose cone was built for Wednesday's launch.

Governor Says Ku Klux Klan Is Obnoxious

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RICHMOND, Va. — The Grand Dragon of the Virginia Ku Klux Klan complained officially yesterday to Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. about alleged "harassment" of Klan members by Virginia police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

During what was said to be the first formal, publicly announced conference in recent years between Klan leaders and any southern governor, Godwin reportedly told Marshall B. Kornegay, Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America, Inc. Realm of Virginia, that his organization was "obnoxious" in Virginians and would remain under extraordinary police vigilance.

Mesa Murder Suspect Enters Insanity Plea

PHOENIX, (AP) — Robert Benjamin Smith, 18, of Mesa, Ariz., charged with the murder of four women and a young girl Nov. 12 in a Mesa beauty college, pleaded innocent Wednesday by reason of insanity.

Judge Jack D. Hays set trial for April 10. Smith appeared at the hearing with his attorney.

In the November murders, seven women and children were forced to lie face-down on a beauty shop floor like spokes in a wheel.

Smith, taken laughing from the beauty salon, told Police Sgt. Ray Gomez he got the idea from killings in Chicago and Austin, Tex.

Killed in the shooting were a young mother and her 2½-month-old daughter, and three other young women. Another child and woman were wounded.

"I wanted to get known, get myself a name," Gomez quoted Smith as saying after his arrest.

Smith has been held without bail. His preliminary hearing was conducted behind closed doors. The transcript has been kept secret at the request of the defense counsel.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Smith, the youth's parents, shortly after the shooting issued a statement expressing grief over "the terrible tragedy wrought upon mankind by their disturbed boy."

Smith's attorney, Rod Wood, said about the parents, "They are interested in conferring with authorities in the near future in an effort to help parents the world over to detect such latent mental illness in a child and thus, if possible, to prevent any more of these insane homicides from occurring."

ROBERT SMITH

Central Figure In Famous Murder Case

'Red Velvet Swing Girl' Dies At 82

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, famed "Girl in the Red Velvet Swing" whose millionaire husband killed a high-society architect in a fabled 1906 love rivalry, is dead at the age of 82.

She succumbed Tuesday after a year of gradual decline from the infirmities of old age.

Mrs. Thaw, then a beauty of the day, was the central figure in the Harry K. Thaw-Stanford White murder case — a turn of the century sensation in New York.

She married Thaw, a wealthy heir, after a romance with White, designer of many of the most important structures of the period. The climax came when Thaw shot White dead at the opening performance of a rooftop nightclub on the White-designed original Madison Square Garden — in the presence of Evelyn and hundreds of society figures.

Mrs. Thaw was the star witness at her husband's two trials.

Thaw's attorney said later, "Without Evelyn Nesbit Thaw as the witness she was, all the millions Thaw's mother had couldn't have save him from electrocution."

She was born Evelyn Florence Nesbit in Tarentum, Pa. At 15 she went to New York and became an artists' model and later a dancer — a Floradora girl — in New York.

Both White and Thaw fell in love with her. When White courted her, she often would swing in a red velvet swing in his studio.

As a woman of 70, she once told a reporter: "Don't forget, I was only 15, and I enjoyed swinging."

White, she said, was the only man she had ever loved — "the most wonderful man I ever knew."

Thaw, she said, "was a mighty peculiar person, and he deteriorated. It would have been better if he had never been born. Too much money spoiled him young."

She married Thaw, heir to a $40-million fortune, in a secret ceremony in a Pittsburgh minister's home in April 1905.

On the night of June 25, 1906 she and Thaw and two friends were watching "Mamselle Champagne" at the Madison Square Garden roof. White was sitting alone nearby.

As Thaw and his companions were leaving, Thaw stopped at White's table, drew a pistol and shot him three times in the head.

EVELYN THAW

Thaw explained incoherently afterward that he shot White because Mrs. Thaw had confessed she was intimate with White before she married Thaw.

"Under the circumstances," Thaw said 20 years later, "I'd kill him tomorrow."

Mrs. Thaw testified at her husband's two trials. The first ended in a hung jury. He was acquitted on grounds of insanity in the second trial.

A long legal hassle failed to keep Thaw from commitment to a mental institution. In 1915, he was declared legally sane, but was recommitted to a private sanitarium for seven years after he was accused of horsewhipping a schoolboy.

The Thaws were divorced in 1916. He died in 1947 in Miami, Fla., at 76, bequeathing her $10,000.

Mrs. Thaw became a cabaret and vaudeville dancer and singer after the trial. A German newspaper reported in 1912 that she had given birth to a son in 1909 in Hamburg, Germany.

She named the child Russell Thaw and said Harry K. Thaw was the father. Thaw denied he was the father, but contributed to the child's support.

She married her dancing partner, Virgil Montani, after the divorce. But she divorced Montani — known professionally as Jack Clifford, in 1931, saying he deserted her in 1918.

She twice attempted suicide — once in 1921 when a New York tea room venture failed and in 1926 in Chicago after a New Year's Eve party.

In 1955, 20th Century-Fox made a film of her life, "The Girl on the Red Velvet Swing," starring Joan Collins.

Money from the film helped raise her from a slump during which her career faded and she became a burlesque dancer.

She is survived by her son.

Requiem Mass will be at 9 a.m. Thursday at St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic church in nearby Brentwood. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Los Angeles.

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