



## DEATH ON WHEELS

# Can Threat Of Carnage Be Lifted?

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(Last of Two Articles)

The name of Piero Taruffi won't strike a familiar note with many Americans. Not even with American auto race fans.

But Piero Taruffi is something of a hero in Italy. He is the youngest generation of a long line of racing Taruffis who have known the thrill of hurling machines down the open roads of the world's renowned Grand Prix courses.

Taruffi has never been a world champion. He's never even been close, actually, because he is a man who is content with sacrificing the chance of international glory for a little more time at home than most drivers get.

There runs — or used to run — only the Grand Prix events in the vicinity of his Italy.

### He's Through

Early in May there was a road race scheduled at Milan, Italy. Piero entered. Piero won — but in the course of his victory dozens of spectators were killed by careening cars.

About two weeks ago a Milan magazine carried a national exclusive which concerned a statement from Taruffi:

"I have sworn to my wife that I will never race again. Roads have become insufficient in the face of mechanical progress. It is impossible to guarantee the safety of the spectators."

Piero's story is ironically parallel to a chain of events now under way in this country.

Over the last few years the horsepower leaps in American automobiles have been fantastic. In the early 1950s, it was impossible to find an American automobile engine of over 200 horsepower.

Now there is no trouble in purchasing cars with engines of nearly 400 horsepower — mighty enough to power airplanes.

### No Jalopies These

This same power has been deployed on the race track. But fans still seem to think that these are the same jalopies which hanged around dirt circles at little more than 40 m.p.h. back in the 1930s.

Whenever possible spectators continue the old habits of crowding against track-side fences and jamming unguarded infield areas along the turns.

And in most cases it's possible because of promoters who don't feel they can afford enough law officers to patrol all areas.

In solving this problem, the best approach for the promoter would be to hire men to act as "track police." Uniformed in conspicuous attire with a badge of any sort, such a force would command sufficient respect to be effective.

### Built-In Dangers

But many promoters are physical. Such as the cases of ex-

posed pit areas and spectator sections facing straightaways — and poorly prepared tracks.

"Every track should have a retaining wall protecting any part of the infield which might contain pit crews, fans or track personnel," suggested one promoter.

"And retaining walls plus special wire fences designed to ward off bounding wheels or flying parts should front every grandstand."

At Darlington Raceway in South Carolina, considered to be one of the safest in the country, President Bob Colvin learned last month that even warning light systems can be at fault.

A pileup on the fourth turn involved 14 cars, including two which completely circled the mile and three-eighths track and still ploughed into the wreckage at high speed.

"Although we felt our system adequate," Colvin noted, "it appears that we will have to develop a more comprehensive system of warning lights. We are glad no spectators were involved, and we wouldn't want to run the risk again."

### What's Needed?

At one of the year's biggest races, scheduled to run last weekend at Memphis, Tenn., time trials were impossible because of weeds which had grown in the track — so thick you could hardly walk through them.

The Memphis track is a mile and one-half dirt oval.

Commented a driver here yesterday: "When we do run there in two weeks, it could be mighty risky. I don't relish the thought of a 110 m.p.h. 120 MPH straightaway never ploughed dirt."

In overall scope, the responsibilities can be traced to three sources:

(1) The spectator himself, who should have enough common sense to abide by track regulations, stay in spectator areas, and never set foot on the track until the race is completely over;

(2) The promoter, whose duty it is to keep the fans in their place and provide a safe track for drivers and spectators;

(3) The sanctioning groups, which must put teeth into the safety regulations by punishment of violators and rigid inspections.

But until steps are taken, death will rule harder than ever on the churning wheels of racing cars.

## WEATHER

Sunny and warm today, fair and mild tonight. Friday, partly cloudy and continued warm.

Low this morning — 63  
Low tomorrow morning — 63  
High today — 96  
High tomorrow — 93  
High yesterday — 96

Sunrise today, 5:02 a.m.; sunset today, 7:39 p.m.

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# Louise Mill Here Closing; Textile Market Is Blamed

## Several Hundred Workers Affected

By J. A. DALY  
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The Louise textile mill at Charlotte, employing several hundred workers, soon will be closed by Ameron Corp. because of adverse textile markets.

That announcement was obtained today from R. M. Cushman of Aberdeen, Ameron's executive vice president for manufacturing.

The Ameron management, with exact figures not immediately available, said employment at this mill probably is between 300 and 400 persons.

Comment regarding this prospect for Louise Mill was available from the management at Charlotte.

### STATEMENT ISSUED

Mr. Cushman, answering an inquiry from The Charlotte News, authorized a statement which said:

"The following notice has been posted at the Louise Mill in Charlotte:

"Due to adverse market conditions, the company finds it advisable to discontinue operations at the Louise plant and will start immediately and systematically to run out the stock in process."

Mr. Cushman authorized this comment for publication.

"If at a later date market conditions should become favorable, we will reopen the plant,"

### CLOSED BY JULY 3?

Reports obtained from persons who identified themselves as employees of Louise Mill indicated the opinion prevails among these workers that operations will be completely ended by July 3.

Meanwhile, the running out process likely will result in a progressive decrease in employment at this mill, as was indicated by initial comments from management sources.

The understanding among employees, according to informal reports, is that the mill management will be host again this Independence Day holiday at a barbecue dinner for the employees.

## Walter George Seriously Ill

ATLANTA (AP) — The condition of Walter F. George, veteran former Democratic Senator and President Eisenhower's special ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, was officially listed today as one stage short of critical.

A physician at Emory University Hospital said that he had spent a fairly comfortable night, felt somewhat stronger but his condition remained serious.

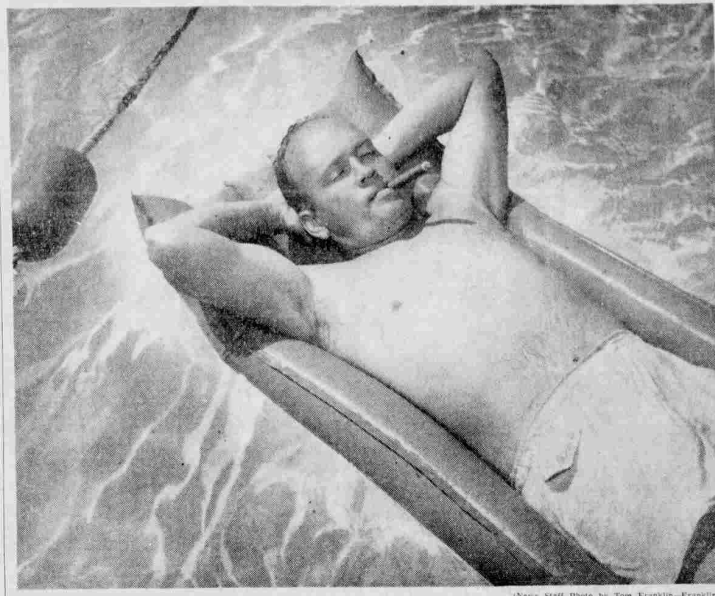
Hospital spokesmen explained that the serious designation came next to last in accepted terminology rating a patient's condition as good, fair, fairly good, serious or critical.

The 78-year-old statesman is suffering from "coronary atherosclerosis, or hardening of the coronary artery which nourishes the heart."

### BOMB RATION

LONDON (AP) — The Daily Telegraph today said Britain now can produce one megaton H-bomb per month. A megaton is equivalent to a million tons of TNT.

In addition, the newspaper said, the British can turn out "at least one, and probably several" ordinary atomic bombs in a week.



Homer Kirkman Makes a Cool Picture As He Floats in His Hartford Ave. Pool

### —IT WAS A SIZZLING 96—

## Hot Spell Cast Over Charlotte Area

A hot spell was on hand for the opening of the city parks today.

Yesterday's 93 degrees was topped by the 96 degrees today and more of the same is expected for tomorrow.

Around the city youthful Charlottees fledged to the parks while some older citizens sizzled in town and at home.

### WATER DOWN

In a long range prediction, the weatherman says the temperature of the city parks today.

the high of 96 isn't unusual for the June and there have been recordings of 100 degrees 15 times since 1921.

With the arrival of hot weather, Charlotteans are breaking out the lawn furniture, wading pools and other heat-beaters.

To date this month this area has a 1.03 inch excess in rain. Normal rainfall for the entire

month is 3.51 and Charlotte now has 2.25 inches recorded.

For the year, the area has an excess of 2.80.

### LOW TEMPERATURE

The low temperature for tonight is expected to be a cool 68 and probably 70 degrees tomorrow night.

The weather picture here will be about the same throughout the state, the weatherman said.

## Woman Caught In Still Raid

HICKORY (AP) — A woman federal agent found dressed in men's Army clothing and working near the site of a liquor still was at liberty today under \$400 bond on a charge of manufacturing whiskey.

Agents of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit who raided the 40-gallon still in eastern Brunswick County Tuesday said Mrs. Edna Triplet Hildebran, 33-year-old brunette, told them she was able to carry on by herself after two male helpers got drunk.

Agents said that Mrs. Hildebran is the mother of several children and that her husband is unable to work because of heart trouble.

### ARRAIGNED YESTERDAY

When arraigned yesterday before U. S. Commissioner Clarence Clapp at Newton, Mrs. Hildebran, who is deeply suburned, said only:

"I think it would be best if I waived the examination." She posted bond for her appearance at the September term of Federal District Court in Statesville.

Agents said that when they arrived Mrs. Hildebran was bringing in fruit jars along a path leading to the still, which occupied a secluded swampy area beside a small branch. Nearby were two 200-gallon fermenter boxes. The agents destroyed three gallons of non-tax paid whiskey, 80 gallons of mash and two cases of fruit jars.

### NEAR STILL

Mrs. Hildebran, who lives about a mile from the still site, made no effort to escape, the agents asserted.

Arrested along with her and charged also with manufacturing were Thomas Norman, 36, of Rt. 1, Comely Springs, and Lee Roy Brittain, 41, of Rt. 3, Hickory. Their bonds were set at \$500.

## Lawyer Says Army Work Injured Men

BRIDGEPORT Conn. (AP) — A lawyer claimed today that at least a dozen soldiers who worked on a top-secret wartime experiment are either sterile or have fathered defective children as a result.

One of them is sterile, Lyddy says. Wives of the other soldiers had six miscarriages, three deformed children and two up parently normal children.

He said the 100 or so members of the tank ordinance company which worked on the project were warned that exposure to rays from the equipment could make them sterile. He said he only had information on about 30 of the soldiers, but about half of those reported some trouble.

He said "the instances of sterility, malformations and deformed children were just tremendous."

The New York Daily News, which first reported the story in a copyrighted dispatch from Washington, said Army Secretary Wilber Brucker has been asked to make a full investigation.

The News said the experiment consisted of mounting brilliant arc lights on tanks to blind gunners. The operation was carried out in the 4th Armored Division, which was fighting along the Rhine.

### LIMITED SUCCESS

About 450 of the tanks were sent into action, the News said, but they had only limited success in combat and the idea was dropped.

The News added that the lights were fighting along the Rhine. The agents destroyed three gallons of non-tax paid whiskey, 80 gallons of mash and two cases of fruit jars.



HAROLD J. SAUNDERS Affected By Rays?

received they will naturally be investigated by the Army.

Lyddy gave these facts about the four men he represents:

John J. Zawatz, 42, Fairfield, a postal worker, who says he was found out from a doctor in 1950 he is sterile. He said he twice applied to the Veterans Administration for compensation, and was turned down. He and his wife adopted a son two years ago.

Lyddy said the men of the 9th

## TV In School Nearer Reality

By DICK YOUNG  
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Definite action to use television in the teaching process in Charlotte city schools was taken by the City School Board today.

The board:

1. Approved the summertime employment of Gilbert Ballance, Central High radio production instructor, to assist in coordinating studies of a possible educational TV experiment with financial help of the Ford Foundation.

2. Ordered revision in architectural plans of a proposed elementary school to provide large television classrooms.

### MAY USE UNC

3. Heard reports of the possibility of using television facilities of the University of North Carolina in teaching at least four hours daily in Charlotte schools commencing next September.

The Board also reaffirmed its interest in educational television by adoption of a resolution offered by Commissioner Al Bechtold in favor of the proposed television program.

After July 1 half of Mr. Ballance's salary in this work will be paid. Dr. Garinger said, by the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Advancement of Education.

Dr. Garinger was one of four Charlotte educators attending a two-day meeting at Chapel Hill this week with Dr. Alexander J. Stoddard, local school official, discussed with Dr. Stoddard the possibility of extending the University's TV facilities so that schools in Tar Heel cities might have the advantage of education, all television.

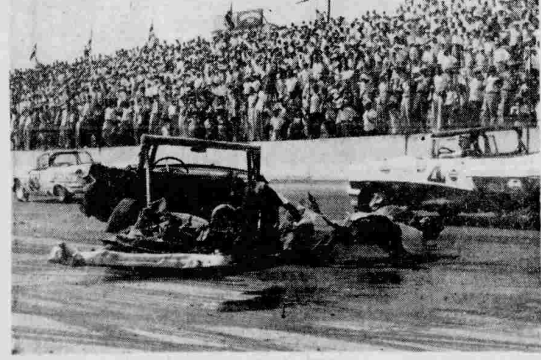
Dr. Garinger told the board today that another meeting is scheduled.

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The power of speed is witnessed as a 1956 Mercury is cut in half.