



WHITE'S SENTENCE SUSPENDED



Storm Hits Fiji

SUVVA, Fiji — Ships ran for shelter today as the first hurricane to hit Fiji since 1953 destroyed houses, blew down power lines and disrupted telephone service.

Water Shortage

HAVANA — About 54 American families on United Fruit Co. plantations in eastern Cuba were down to a one-day water supply today because of rebel interference with their pipeline.

Extension Pushed

PANAMA — A bill to extend Panama's territorial waters to 12 miles offshore has been introduced in the National Assembly with wide support.

Rocket To Fall?

FARNBOROUGH, England — A British scientist said today the rocket carrier of Russia's Sputnik III may come down tomorrow or Thursday, seven months after the satellite was launched.

Reds Supply Iraq

LONDON — Russia has started supplying jet fighters, tanks and other arms to Iraq, privately informed diplomats said today.

6 Die In Crash

DOTHAN, Ala. — Six persons were killed and four injured in a high speed head-on collision near here early today.

Work Ordered

ROME — Striking Italian maritime unions ordered their members back to work today while negotiations continued on demands for higher pay and better working conditions.

Commie Demands

TOKYO — Communist North Korea and North Viet Nam demanded today that the United States pull its troops out of South Korea, Japan, and the Formosa Strait and "stop interference in South Viet Nam."

Store Destroyed

BRISTOL, Va. — A spectacular fire today wiped out a big furniture store in downtown Bristol with an estimated loss of \$500,000. No one was reported injured.

Evening Prayer

Dear Father, when we see the success of others, remove from us all traces of envy and jealousy. May we be willing to decrease in order that Thy name may be praised and Thy will be done. In the spirit of Christ we pray . . . Amen.

Art Bigger Than Derby In Louisville

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'Why?' Asks Shocked City As Toll In Fire Hits 90



Officials Examine Charred Section Of Second Floor Where Roof Collapsed, Trapping Many

West Ponders Courts Provide Strike Breather

LONDON (AP) — Some Allied diplomats today were reported in favor of challenging Nikita Khrushchev to a plebiscite in which West Berliners could accept or reject his proposal to make their city a demilitarized free city.

Qualified informants said under the proposal being suggested, if the 2,200,000 West Berliners rejected free-city status, Khrushchev would be obliged to dump his scheme and continue to abide by the existing four-power occupation agreements.

If the West Berliners accepted the Soviet Premier's proposals, then the Americans, British and French would be bound to withdraw their 10,000 troops from their sectors of the city.

The informants stressed that this was only one of several ideas being pondered. The Allied diplomats who favor some such proposal to Moscow said they are convinced:

1. That the Russians would not risk putting their proposals to the test of public opinion.
2. That in any vote the West Berliners would resoundingly reject the Soviet proposals.

There was no indication whether the idea of challenging the Russians thus has yet been considered by Allied governments at top level.

It is known, however, that the Soviet move has started some fundamental rethinking among the Allies about their position not only in Berlin but in all Germany. There is a recognition in several Allied capitals that, 15 years after the war, the time has come to examine new approaches and even take risks for the sake of another high-level East-West attempt at a German peace settlement.

LA Seeks Funds For Convention

LOS ANGELES — A citizens' group launches its final drive today to get cash pledges it hopes will win Los Angeles the 1960 Democratic National Convention.

The party has asked a \$350,000 guarantee to hold the convention here. The citizens' group counted pledges yesterday totaling \$152,000.

Over 85 Taken To Hospitals

CHICAGO — Grim investigators today shook off the shock of Chicago's worst school fire and strove to find the answer to this question: "How did it happen and why?"

The fire that flashed through Our Lady of the Angels School yesterday cost 90 lives — 87 children and three nuns.

More than 85 youngsters remained in hospitals.

It was Chicago's most disastrous blaze since the Iroquois Theater holocaust in 1903 and the third worst school fire in the nation in 100 years.

The flames shot up in the two-story brick building like fire from a blow torch. Heat and smoke trapped the victims on the upper floor of the north wing of the U-shaped structure.

Twenty-four bodies were found in one room. Most of them were jammed near windows. Firemen, sickened by the spectacle, said a few of the children were still at their desks, apparently nailed down by fear and panic.

JUMP FROM WINDOWS

Others leaped from windows. The little survivors suffered from burns, bones broken in falls and the shock of the horror they beheld.

Fire Commissioner Robert J. Quinn considered the possibility of arson. That possibility was raised by the swift spread of the blaze.

"It was the worst thing I have ever seen or ever will see," he said.

Quinn also said the black smoke indicated an oil-type fire.

The fire originated in the northeast corner of the school on the northwest side. Investigators pinpointed the place of origin below the street level.

A 30-gallon can was found in a stairwell in that section of the fire sprang up in waste paper in the basement near that corner of the building.

Daniel O'Shea, 12, a pupil who carried the waste paper to the basement a few minutes before the fire started, was questioned by police seeking to determine the cause of the disaster.

BASKET OF PAPER

The boy said he left his basket of paper with a seventh grade room with a seventh grade paper about 10 minutes before the fire began. He added that he dumped the paper in a container to be burned later by the janitor.

Sgt. Drew Brown, head of the police arson squad, said the waste paper was dumped in the boiler room about 15 feet from the stairwell where the fire was believed to have started.

But, if the fire started in the boiler room, it would have had to travel a long way to the classroom.

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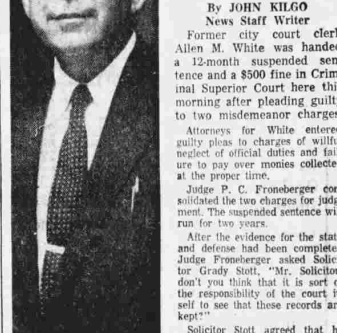
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\$500 Fine Levied On 2 Counts



ALLEN WHITE
News Staff Writer
Former city court clerk
Allen M. White was handed a 12-month suspended sentence and a \$500 fine in Criminal Superior Court here this morning after pleading guilty to two misdemeanor charges.

Attorneys for White entered guilty pleas to charges of willful neglect of official duties and failure to pay over monies collected at the proper time.

Judge P. C. Fronberger considered the two charges for judgment. The suspended sentence will run for two years.

After the evidence for the state defense had been completed, Judge Fronberger asked Solicitor Grady Stott, "Mr. Solicitor, don't you think that it is sort of your responsibility of the court itself to see that these records are kept?"

Solicitor Stott agreed that he did.

Solicitor Stott accepted the guilty pleas and put four witnesses on the stand to testify in the state's behalf.

Character witnesses for White were called.

GUILTY PLEA

White pleaded guilty to these things:

1. He failed to keep a faithful record of bond forfeitures in the city court.
2. He failed to keep a docket book that showed when written notices were issued to bondsmen for the payment of a term of forfeited bonds.
3. He failed to issue capias, or writs of arrest, to bondsmen about forfeited bonds.

White also pleaded guilty to taking \$200 from the appearance bond fund on Aug. 2, 1958, and not returning it until April, 1958.

Former assistant city court clerk Charles Adams testified that White informed professional bondsmen "orally" about overdue bonds, but he never knew him to issue written notices to the bondsmen.

He also said no one ever told White that written notices were supposed to be served on the bondsmen.

Sgt. Adams said he thought it was all right to inform the bondsmen orally about bonds, but he added White handled most of the bonds cases.

Auditor Charles W. O'Daniel testified that White admitted taking the \$200 out of the appearance bond register.

MONEY RETURNED

White later returned the money, O'Daniel said. The auditor also said White told him that the bondsmen were "good."

State Bureau of Investigation Agent J. W. Jessup testified that White told him he took the \$200 "to pay a fine for a friend."

White used the \$200 on Aug. 2, 1958, and returned it on April 24, 1958.

Two other defendants, indicted on charges growing out of the city court investigation, were also scheduled to appear this afternoon.

They are bondsmen C. B. Bridges and Leo Reynolds. Both men are charged with obstructing justice and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

TALK TO MASSER
CAIRO — Two former prime ministers of Lebanon who led the revolt in their country last summer arrived in Cairo today for talks with leaders of the United Arab Republic.

School Blaze Third Worst

CHICAGO — The fire that struck Our Lady of Angels School yesterday was the third worst school fire in the nation in the last 100 years and the worst in the city in 55 years.

The greatest school disaster occurred March 18, 1937, when 294 died in a school explosion and fire in New London, Tex.

The other major school fire claimed 176 lives in the Collins Wood School in Cleveland on March 4, 1946.

The worst fire in Chicago took 375 lives on Dec. 30, 1903, when the Iroquois Theater burned. More than 1,900 were injured in the conflagration.

Twelve years ago, 61 persons perished in a fire in the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago. Nearly 200 others were injured in that blaze June 5, 1946. 30 were seriously injured.

There have been 26 fires in this country in which as many as 50 persons died. Two were school fires.

One of the worst fires with such a loss of life has occurred in the last 20 years, none of them in schools.

Worst of these recent fires was the Coconut Grove night club blaze in Boston on Nov. 28, 1942, in which 498 died.

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Wildcat Milk Strike Ends At Detroit

DETROIT — A wildcat strike of milk truck drivers in Metropolitan Detroit ended today, 24 hours after it started. The drivers left their trucks in protest of curtailment milk prices and retail stores.

Supermarket prices have been 2 to 7½ cents a quart below those of home-delivered milk, on which drivers got a commission.

Both sides agreed the situation had resulted in a decline in home deliveries and cancellation of some milk routes.

The work stoppage ended when rebel drivers agreed to creation of a study committee to be made up of 10 members from driver unions and 10 from milk dealers.

The stoppage by some 3,000 milk route drivers was unauthorized and the strikers ignored union appeals to return to work under a no-strike clause in their contracts.

Deliveries were cut to a mere trickle yesterday in the Detroit Metropolitan area of some 3½ million persons.

Home-delivered milk costs 24½ cents a quart. Many stores have been selling at 17 to 20 cents a quart.

One of Detroit's larger processors which declined to be quoted by name said its drivers averaged approximately \$16 weekly on a flat wage of \$30 a week plus commissions. It added, however, it knew of other companies with smaller routes and less frequent deliveries where drivers pay as low as \$20 a week.

The listed price to supermarkets and other retail outlets normally is 3 cents less than home-delivered prices, but one processor spokesman explained "There is volume here and it's a dog-eat-dog business with side deals like a bigger discount for bigger purchases and such."

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Our Weather

Cloudy and not quite so cool with a chance of rain this afternoon. Cloudy and rather cold tonight. Wednesday cloudy and cool with occasional rain.

Low this morning 38
Low tomorrow morning 35
High today 57
High yesterday 46
High tomorrow 63
Sunrise today 7:13 a.m.; sunset today 5:11 p.m.

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PARENTS SHOT DOWN AT HOME— Girl Held In Double Slaying

MAUSTON, Wis. — A finance company president and his wife were shot to death in their home last night. Dist. Atty. William Brady said today that their 17-year-old daughter, apprehended in the family car a few hours later, admitted killing her parents.

The bodies of Thomas Dakin, 46, and his 43-year-old wife Betty were found where they were cut down by blasts of pistol fire. They were the parents of two girls, the other 11.

Brady said that Jane Dakin would be taken before Juneau County Juvenile Judge William R. Curran later today on a delinquency petition. He declined to reveal any details of her statement.

Under Wisconsin law, the names of juvenile offenders may not be published. But the district attorney said he might ask that the juvenile court waive jurisdiction and permit her to face prosecution on a murder charge.

GIRL QUESTIONED
The girl was taken into custody last night while driving toward Wisconsin Dells. She was returned to Mauston and questioned early today by Dist. Atty. Brady and Coroner Clarence Sorenson.

Sorenson said Dakin was shot twice near the heart after he

returned home from a Klwanis club meeting. His body, still clad in a storm coat, was near that of his wife who lay at the bottom of a stairway in the living room. She had been shot four times in the head and chest. Sorenson said she had been the first to die.

Both were killed by bullets from a .22 caliber automatic pistol.

A daughter, Mary, 11, was with friends at a movie, "Bambi" when the bodies of her parents were found.

Dakin was president of the Monroe Finance Co. here and formerly operated a Gamble department store which he sold recently.