



Lewis in a 'calm' mood. Buck guarding his 'baby'.

Not On His Piano

Buck Rules Out Buck And Wing

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Jerry Lee Lewis, a rock 'n' roller of some note, played a date in Virginia last night.

While he danced and jumped and played and wiggled north of the border—they were also going 'round 'n' round in Charlotte.

THE PERFORMERS here, Coliseum-Auditorium, Manager Paul Buck and City Councilman-promoter Jim Whittington. "We've got to have a piano for the show Wednesday night."

Said Buck: "I see that Lewis is on the program. No piano."

Whittington, however, finally won—but he had to make some promises.

Last August Lewis was here for another rock 'n' roll show and, during his act, he leaped upon the Coliseum-Auditorium Authority's piano and did a jig.

BUCK, SEEING THIS, rushed to the stage in a rage. "Get that man off my piano!" he yelled.

Inspection later revealed no real damage, but, "It is just the chance you take, the idea of it all," says Buck.

"I just don't want that guy jumpin' up on my piano."

Whittington finally persuaded Buck that Lewis would handle the piano with loving care tonight. He said he'd talk to Lewis and, just in case Lewis might cross him, would inspect his shoes to make certain they have soft soles.

"He'd better," says Buck.

"I promise," says Whittington.

"Pianos aren't made to dance on," adds Buck.

Carolinas Farms Hit As Tornadoes Strike

(From AP Reports)

Dreaded tornadoes did some heavy property damage in the Carolinas yesterday but took no lives.

Cumberland and Columbus counties in North Carolina and Horry County in South Carolina were hit by the twisters. Luckily the tornadoes hit only farming areas and no communities as they swept across the lower part of North Carolina and upper South Carolina.

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Ike Asks Good Faith Sign At Geneva Talks

West Asks Showdown On Berlin

GENEVA (AP)—Western foreign ministers reportedly decided today to call for an early showdown with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in secret talks over the Berlin crisis.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and ministers of Britain, France and West Germany agreed in a midday strategy meeting, officials said, that Gromyko should be told the time has come for the Soviet Union—which touched off the crisis last November—to put up new, construction proposals for a solution.

Gromyko's reaction to this challenge, it was hoped, should shortly disclose whether the Geneva meeting has any chance of success in easing the East-West dispute on Berlin and clearing the way for a summit conference.

MUCH TALK

The Western ministers met for an hour at U.S. headquarters. They wound up their strategy session a little more than two hours before another round of secret talks with Gromyko at Herter's villa.

An American spokesman said the "situation with regard to Berlin was not appreciably advanced" by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko's statement to the Big Four conference Tuesday.

But British and French diplomats said Gromyko's speech was being studied with extreme care because it contained intimations the Kremlin may be interested in finding a way out of the Berlin deadlock.

British and French sources thought the next 48 hours of the conference—now in its fourth week—could prove to be the most critical of the parley with a Berlin deal and a summit meeting depending on the outcome.

British and French experts cited four points in Gromyko's speech as possibly significant.

1. The Soviet Union, Gromyko asserted, is not asking the United States, Britain and France to grant diplomatic recognition to East Germany's Communist government, something the Western Allies adamantly refuse to do.

2. The Soviet Union does not question the Western powers' legal right to have troops in West Berlin although it considers the occupation of the city is outdated.

Gromyko insisted some new arrangement must be made for West Berlin.

3. Although he again called for demilitarization of West Berlin under international guarantees, Gromyko said his government would agree to troop reductions in Berlin providing their number is limited and Soviet troops also are admitted.

4. Gromyko urged the Western powers to join the U.S.S.R. in trying to "bring our positions closer together."

The 63-year-old governor, they said, is cooperative enough, "is very clear in his thinking and speaking, and is not violent at all."

All they're trying to do now, they said, is to promote his physical health—shattered by Long's sleepless nights and driving determination.

Long looked down last week after a killing pace trying to be governor for a fourth time.

The governor was flown here from Louisiana last Saturday and his wife yesterday asked the court for his protective custody in the clinic for his own protection.

Mrs. Long's application to Probate Judge Hugh Gibson claimed her husband was sick mentally and physically. The judge signed the order.

At present, Long has nearly a year to go in his current four-year term. His friend and colleague, Lieke, Gov. Leher Frazier,



House In Which Sheriff Beber Was Fatally Shot

Family Argument Brings Death To N. C. Sheriff

(Special to The News)

TAYLORSVILLE — A usually quiet 48-year-old truck driver is being held on an open charge here today in connection with the slaying of Sheriff Thomas E. Beber, 53, yesterday.

The shooting which numbed this isolated community to the core, apparently stemmed from a family feud, which had raged several months without attracting much attention, even from close neighbors.

R. Z. Matheson, who lived next door to the accused slayer, said he hadn't been aware of unusual trouble between Willard Ellis and his father and stepmother. "They were good neighbors," Matheson told The News.

Yesterday Jones Ellis, Willard's father, came to Matheson's home and told his neighbor he was having trouble with his son. Ellis used Matheson's phone to call the sheriff, starting a chain of events which ended in Sheriff Beber's death and Willard Ellis' arrest.

The sheriff and his deputy were starting upstairs to talk to Willard Ellis when the sheriff was hit in the back by a .22 caliber bullet.

Jones Ellis had complained that his son was throwing rocks at the house. He asked the sheriff to "talk to Willard and try to straighten him out."

After the shooting, Willard Ellis refused at first to come out of the house. Police prepared to battle their way in, if necessary.

But after a short time Ellis came out in response to Matheson's calls. He put up no resistance as officers whisked him first to the local jail, then to jail out of the reach of possible mob violence.

No violence developed. "People seemed dumfounded when they heard," said coroner L. M. Warren, who is acting sheriff.

POPULAR SHERIFF

Beber was an extremely popular sheriff. The father of five children, he was a successful farmer and one-time sawmill operator. He was elected to his third term last fall by the largest majority any candidate has ever received in Alexander County.

The accused killer was described as a "quiet, but a little odd" individual. Apparently any tendencies toward violence were known only to his family. In the family fuss he reportedly had thrown dishes and rocks at his father.

He had worked for some time as an independent trucker, primarily hauling produce. But he had been unemployed for the past few months after his truck was repossessed.

Deputy Sheriff Joe James was with Beber. He said they did not see the gunman before the shot was fired. The officers had left their weapons in their car.

"I helped him the sheriff back to the stairs and into the hall," James said. R. Z. Matheson came into the hall and took hold of him.

NEITHER ARMED

"Neither of us was armed," James continued. "I was carrying a pistol. When I got back, Mr. Matheson had the sheriff lying in the back yard."

Mr. Matheson kept calling to Willard to come out and give himself up. Finally, he shouted that he was coming out, and he walked out the back door. He had his hands over his head.

The sheriff died before reaching a hospital.

It was the second instance in modern times when a law enforcement officer was shot here. Police Chief Dexter Milans was slain 15 years ago by a 15-year-old New York man in the lobby of a hotel here.

Sees No Summit Progress

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said today there has been no detectable progress at the Geneva talks that would justify a summit conference.

Eisenhower called at a news conference for Russia to show some willingness to reach at least preliminary agreement at the foreign ministers sessions.

The president suggested that the Soviet Union ought to make, for example, a clear commitment that Western rights in Berlin will not be impeded pending reunification of Germany.

Eisenhower said there also are other good faith approaches which the Soviet Union could take.

He added that some recent statements by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev have not been calculated to ease East-West tensions.

It was Eisenhower's first news conference in three weeks. He confirmed that he discussed that matter—as well as need to raise the national debt ceiling—with congressional leaders earlier this week.

STRAUSS—It would indeed be tragic, the president said, if an issue of anti-Semitism should be seriously raised in the Senate right after he had confirmed Lewis L. Strauss as secretary of commerce. Strauss is a Jew.

Eisenhower had been asked for comment on what a reporter referred to as a statement made by Republicans that the anti-Semitism issue already has been injected into the controversy.

Eisenhower replied he wasn't aware that such an issue had been brought up. Then remarked it would be tragic if such a question should be seriously raised.

Making it clear that he continues to stand pat in support of Strauss, Eisenhower said he has no doubt the Strauss would work effectively with Congress if confirmed by the Senate.

STEEL—Eisenhower labeled as completely untrue an assertion by John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, that the President has sided with management and against the workers in the steel wage talks.

Eisenhower said he has never interfered in such labor-management negotiations, although he has urged repeatedly that both sides in the steel dispute guard against any new inflationary spiral.

LABOR—Eisenhower said he certainly hopes that Congress won't adjourn without passing labor legislation. He made that statement when a reporter remarked that both Lewis and Teamsters' President James R. Hoffa have come out against enactment of any new legislation.

MISSILES—As to squabbling over missiles, Eisenhower said Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy is now conducting an exhaustive study which should be ready in about 10 days. The main dispute is between the Air Force's championing of its Bomarc missile and the Army's plugging for its Nike-Hercules product.

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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER answers a reporter's question at today's news conference.

Lighter Side

Cold Frogs Quit Work For People

(From AP Reports)

A big question for many St. Louis couples is going unanswered because of cold weather in Minnesota.

St. Louis Maternity Hospital reported shipments of Minnesota frogs it uses in tests to determine pregnancy have stopped.

"Due to cold we are having," the frog farm advised, "We are completely out of frogs."

"Oh, well, time will tell."

Oh, Doctor

A patient, forgotten in an examination room, needed help from the Greeley, Colo., police to get out of a doctor's office after closing time.

The doctor and his nurse each thought the other had dismissed the patient, who called police from inside the locked office.

Fairmount summoned the nurse who opened the door.

Crawly Feeling

Hundreds of persons near Knappton, Japan, have been awakened during the night lately with a creepy feeling.

The cause: an invasion of thousands of slugs into bedrooms. The slugs are about 3 inches long and greenish yellow with brown or white spots. An official of the National Health Preservation Research Institute said that the slugs are not harmful to people.

4 Break Out Of Iowa Pen

FORT MADISON, Iowa (AP)—Four long-term prisoners held a guard and a cellblock captain at knifepoint and escaped their way out of Iowa State Penitentiary early today.

The four, one serving a life term, saw a policeman sawed two bars from a window located in an outside cell of the prison after having saved their way from their individual cells.

The breakout came in cell house 19, which houses about 400 prisoners. The four who escaped had to drop less than 10 feet to the ground after cutting the opening in the window.

Warden John Bennett identified the four as Lloyd Woodson, 38, Quincy, Ill.; Albert M. Boerger, 26, Kansas City, Mo.; Elton Girdler, 27, Peoria, Ill.; and Robert James, 24, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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GEN. COLLINS

NOTE—Fresh from victories at Guadalcanal and elsewhere in the Pacific, Maj. Gen. "Lightning" Joe Collins led his 7th Corps in the capture of Normandy's Utah Beach, freed Cherbourg, broke the German crust at St. Lo, and was the first to capture a major German city, Aachen. In this second article of a series, the former U.S. Army chief of staff presents his 15-day memories.

By GEN. J. LAWTON COLLINS
Written for The Associated Press

The darkness was almost pitch black off the coast of France when the anchor chain of our command

—THE SIXTH OF JUNE, 1944— Bad Weather Was Blessing In Disguise

ship, the Bayfield, rattled out on D-Day 15 years ago.

Except for the fact that we were 12 miles off shore, its sudden clearing might have alerted the German defenders whose radar had failed to pick up the approach of the vast armada of ships and planes which was poised to attack the east coast of the Cherbourg peninsula.

As Rear Adm. Don P. Moon, the naval commander of Task Force Uab, and I looked out from the bridge of the Bayfield, nothing could be seen of the hundreds of transports, LSTs, and smaller landing craft, and accompanying naval escorts which were now

all around us. They had been under way from the eastern ports of England for almost 24 hours, plunging slowly but steadily through six-foot waves under lowering clouds driven by winds up to 20 knots. So bad was the weather that the responsible German Adm. Franke had no patrol boats in the English Channel.

PROTECTIVE SCREEN

This weather, which proved a protective screen for the invasion, could have been disastrous if it had worsened. It had already postponed the invasion a day and had threatened the final departure of the expedition. In fact,

as I wrote to my wife en route to France on the early evening of June 5, 1944:

"First of all, it is a relief to be off at last. After months of rehearsal and feverish preparation, we began leading a few days ago, only to be threatened with a long delay when the weather suddenly turned against us. In fact some of our landing craft had to be turned back after being under way several hours.

Gens. Bradley and Keane, Adams, Kirk, Moon and Wilse, several Britishers and I were now too optimistic as we assumed that last night (at British naval headquarters in Plymouth) for the

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