



# THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

\*\*\*\*\*  
FINAL

Established Dec. 8, 1888.

Largest Evening Newspaper In The Two Carolinas  
Charlotte, North Carolina, Thursday, March 26, 1959

38 Pages — Price Five Cents

## Cruise Ship And Tanker Collide Off New Jersey



### Crewman On Tanker Is Killed

NEW YORK (AP)—The Grace liner Santa Rosa, bringing home 247 passengers from a happy Caribbean cruise, collided early today with the empty oil tanker Valchem off Atlantic City. One tanker crewman was killed and five injured.

No one was injured aboard the cruise ship, which also carried a crew of 265. But a fire broke out in the paint room in the forward part of the vessel. This was kept from spreading but difficulty was encountered in extinguishing it. Although a number of other ships raced to the scene, neither the Santa Rosa nor the Valchem was said to be in any danger of sinking.

At one point it was said the cruise liner's passengers might be transferred to a sister ship, the Santa Clara, to continue their voyage to New York. Grace line officials said later that this would not be done unless for some reason it should become absolutely necessary.

#### EXPECTED IN AFTERNOON

The Santa Rosa was expected to proceed to New York, arriving in the afternoon. The Valchem was reported disabled and awaiting tugs to take it in tow. The tanker is owned by the Valchem Line.

The Coast Guard said the Santa Rosa's bow sliced half through the tanker in the engine room section near the stern when the vessels came together at 11 a.m. about 22 miles east of Atlantic City.

The cause of the crash was not immediately reported. The weather was described as clear with a slight haze at the time.

First word came from the Santa Rosa in a radio message at 2:15 a.m. "Collision with tanker, No distress."

Later reports reiterated that there was no particular emergency, although the Coast Guard said the 10,416-ton Valchem was disabled.

The name of the dead tanker crewman was not learned immediately. He was said to have died of burns. His fellow crewmen were not believed badly hurt.

The 15,000-ton Santa Rosa is a new vessel, placed in service by the Grace Line last June, replacing another of the same name.

The paint room fire aboard it was described as "still smoldering" at 4:15 a.m.

Additional chemical fire extinguishers were being flown to the ship by helicopter.

The sister ship, Santa Clara, reached the side of the Santa Rosa about 11:30 a.m. The Santa Clara also was on its way back from a Caribbean cruise.

The Santa Rosa's last stop before the collision was at Port Everglades, Fla. The ship had departed on its cruise from New York on March 11. Skipper of the vessel is Capt. Frank Skiele of Garden City, N.Y.

For some reason not explained at once, the first radio message from the Santa Rosa stated that the liner had been rammed by the tanker.



Here's crushed bow of Santa Rosa. Arrow shows slack from Valchem perched on the damaged bow.

### Notes Sent To Russia

## Big Three Agree To Meet Nikita

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and French President Charles de Gaulle agreed conditionally today to meet Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev at the summit on the Berlin crisis and other problems.

They differed materially, however, in the emphasis they placed on the conditions.

A U.S. note said this country is prepared for a meeting of heads of state "on the understanding" that a prior meeting of foreign ministers at least narrows differences and prepares "constructive proposals."

The British note to the Kremlin took a considerably more positive approach. It said the British would be glad to go to the summit "as soon as developments in the foreign ministers meeting warrant."

It spoke of a summit meeting this summer, whereas the U.S. note only spoke of such a conference as soon as the foreign ministers' action might "justify" it.

The French language concerning conditions was still stiffer than that of the United States.

President de Gaulle, in his note to Moscow, made his attendance hinge on whether the foreign ministers' meeting "permits the resumption of genuine progress" at the top. And the French spoke only of a summit session "at an appropriate time" instead of mentioning this summer.

The name of the dead tanker crewman was not learned immediately. He was said to have died of burns. His fellow crewmen were not believed badly hurt.

All three of the Western notes reserved the right of all participants to bring up whatever subjects they chose.

That is in contrast to the Soviet idea of confining the talk solely to Berlin and a German peace treaty. In a March 2 note, the Kremlin proposed that foreign ministers' meeting at least be held exclusively to those subjects.

U.S. officials said that in spite of the differences in wording, they considered the Western notes to say substantially the same thing.

The Western powers proposed that the foreign ministers' meeting start in Geneva May 11 to consider questions relating to Germany, including a peace treaty with Germany and the question of Berlin.

From there on, they went into their divergent approaches to the summit session.

Despite the variations of emphasis, the summit conference appeared to bring closer the prospect of a conference of President Eisenhower, Macmillan and de Gaulle with Khrushchev.

The American note was released here, and the British and French communications in Paris before the summit conference, where their Camp David meeting last week.

That plan calls for dealing with the Berlin crisis through diplomatic negotiations aiming toward one or more summit meetings.

"The purpose of the foreign ministers' meeting," the U.S. note said, "should be to reach positive agreements over as wide a field as possible, and in any case to narrow the differences between the respective points of view and to prepare constructive proposals for consideration by a conference of heads of government later in the summer."

"On this understanding and as soon as developments in the foreign ministers' meeting justify the summit conference, the United States government would be ready to participate in such a conference."

"The date, place and agenda for such a conference would be proposed by the meeting of foreign ministers."

**3-POINT PROPOSAL**

That three-point proposal was the heart of the Eisenhower-Macmillan formula which in substance was approved later by de Gaulle and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

The U.S. communication mentioned this summer as the time for a summit meeting. De Gaulle spoke only of an appropriate time.

### Mistress Grieves Over Stricken Pet

Maureen Marshall, 10, rests a comforting cheek on her injured pet, Sugarfoot, after the dog was struck by a car near her Brooklyn home. The photographer who made the picture took the animal to a veterinarian, and Sugarfoot is given a chance for survival.

### Henderson Incident

## Union Official Suffers Head Cut

HENDERSON (AP)—A union official helping to negotiate a cotton mill strike was cut on the forehead last night when a rock flung from a passing auto broke the window glass of his car.

Boyd E. Payton, Carolina director of the Textile Workers Union of America, said he was driving on Highway U. S. 1 near Henderson when the auto drove alongside his car. Without warning, he continued, "this rock came flying through the window. I almost lost control of my car, but managed to sidestep it."

Payton was returning from his home in Charlotte, where his wife is in the hospital recovering from a heart attack.

The new eruption of violence in the long bitter strike against cotton mills here included three dynamite blasts in the night. One of them shattered glass into the bedroom of an official of the struck Harrier-Henderson Cotton Mills.

It was the second time Payton has been injured in violence connected with the strike. About a month ago, he reported to police he was beaten up when he opened his motel room door and was met by an unidentified assailant. He spent a couple of days in the hospital recovering from that attack.

The explosions last night ran to the mill.

The TVA charged that the mill refused to bargain in good faith to end the strike.

No announcement of results of the hearing and investigation is expected within two weeks when the NLRB will decide whether to dismiss or prosecute the charge.

An arbitration clause in the proposed new contract has been the big stumbling block in the four-month strike. The mills refused on a limited basis Feb. 18.

In Washington Wednesday, AFL-CIO President George Meany charged that the company provoked the violence-marred strike in an effort to destroy the union locals at Henderson. He said the company was insisting on a no-strike clause and elimination of arbitration, which he said could "completely wreck the union."

Copier denied Meany's charges. Hodges said he had "sat for hours listening to both sides together and the alleged facts of Mr. Meany's do not agree with what I understand the facts to be."

The North Carolina State Supreme Court yesterday upheld Cole's conviction in connection with the melee that broke up the Klan rally. His 18-month prison sentence was sustained.

Cole, of Marion, S. C., said, "I have felt all along I am a victim of public opinion."

The self-styled minister severed his KKK connections recently to join another segregationist organization. In South Carolina, he is facing trial on a charge of posing as a private detective.

In writing the court's opinion, Associate Justice F. B. Denny said, "There can be no justification for the defendants and their associates to go to the rally armed."

However, such conduct within itself would be calculated to cause a breach of the peace in any community, particularly in a county where the defendant Cole had been preaching racial discussion and hatred and conducting cross burnings for the purpose of frightening certain Indian families in the community."

### Defense Claims New Evidence

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Defense counsel in the Elizabeth Duncan murder case today claimed existence of "startling new evidence" which he said would help win a new trial for his convicted client.

A jury at Ventura, Calif., convicted Mrs. Duncan, 54, of hiring the death of her 30-year-old daughter-in-law, Olga Duncan.

Mrs. Duncan's attorney, S. Ward Sullivan of Los Angeles, said the new evidence was a tape-recorded interview with Augustine Baldonado, one of two laborers who confessed the actual slaying of Olga. He said the tape contains a statement by Baldonado that a woman other than Mrs. Duncan begged him to kill the victim.

The attorney said the tape was made by George Moran, a Phoenix, Ariz., newscaster, and that it will be delivered to him sometime today. He promised transcripts for the press.

He identified the woman mentioned by Baldonado only as one who testified at the trial and who figured prominently in the investigation.

The tape was made Tuesday, Sullivan said. "I am told Baldonado flatly named the woman who begged him to kill Mrs. Olga Duncan and that the woman was not Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan."

In their confessions and at Mrs. Duncan's trial, Baldonado and his associate, Luis Mora, both swore they strangled the pretty Canadian nurse last November at the urging of Mrs. Duncan and that she promised them \$8,000 for the job.

The tornadoes which hit Texas also struck in nearby Oklahoma. One twister swept the area of Alva, in northern Oklahoma, damaging some homes. No injuries were reported. Heavier damage from the violent winds in Texas was in Denton, a community of about 1,000 in the central section. One woman was injured. Tornado-force winds also lashed areas southwest and south of Denton.

Hail, rain and snow pelted Amarillo in North Texas. Two inches of snow covered the ground in

More Weather Data on Page 2-A

### Travel Halted

## Snow, Tornadoes Rake Middle U. S.

A pre-Easter snow storm whipped across the eastern Rockies into the Midwest today after kicking up a rash of violent weather in sections of the plains and Mississippi Valley.

The storm which hammered the eastern slopes of the Rockies left drifts waist-high in parts of Colorado, Wyoming and western Nebraska. Snow depths were more than a foot in many places. Debris was scattered through a foot of fresh snow. It was not springtime in the Rockies.

The early spring storm, abating in the Rockies, didn't lose much of its fury as it swept eastward.

Heavy snow warnings were posted for Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota. Lighter amounts were in prospect in northern sections of Wisconsin and Michigan and parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Texas staggered from an outburst of wild weather. Tornadoes, snow, hail, rain and strong winds lashed the Lone Star State yesterday. Freezing weather followed the snow in the Panhandle region. The tornadoes caused some property damage and injured one person.

In the western sections of the snow belt, many roads were impassable. One death was attributed to the storm in Colorado. Hundreds of autos were abandoned as motorists found shelter in motels. Bus travel was halted at Denver and Cheyenne, Wyo.

Schools closed in many areas of both Colorado and Wyoming. At Gallatin, Neb., students from rural areas spent the night in the city's school when buses were halted by the huge drifts. Further south, in Kimball County, schools remained closed.

The tornadoes which hit Texas also struck in nearby Oklahoma. One twister swept the area of Alva, in northern Oklahoma, damaging some homes. No injuries were reported. Heavier damage from the violent winds in Texas was in Denton, a community of about 1,000 in the central section. One woman was injured. Tornado-force winds also lashed areas southwest and south of Denton.

Hail, rain and snow pelted Amarillo in North Texas. Two inches of snow covered the ground in

More Weather Data on Page 2-A

They did, and everything is in order again.

**Easy Sales**

Demand for London is back home with orders for two super beds for the Shieks of Bahrain and Qatar on the Persian Gulf.

With each being allowed four wives a big hit is the logical thing to buy. Biss said. The beds are jumbo size and have built-in TV, radio, and intercom system, an electric razor, an automatic coffee maker, as well as a milk cooler.

### Pope's Call Gets Varied Comment

Story on Page 1B

Business — 5A, 5B  
Classified — 5B, 5C  
Comics — 12A  
Crossword Puzzle — 12A  
Editorial — 12A  
Everyday Counselor — 12A  
Lenten Guidepost — 13C  
Obituaries — 13C  
Radio — 14A  
Serial — 14A  
Social Security Guide — 15A  
Sports — 24B  
Theater — 10-11A  
The Operation — 9C  
Women — 12-13A  
Worry Clinic — 10C

## Miner Survives 10 Blasts Inside Death Valley Tunnel

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A gold miner lay helpless in Death Valley tunnel, hearing the deafening roar of 10 sticks of dynamite blast a song of destruction.

Frank Rasmussen, 35, could only wait. His right leg was shattered from a premature blast and gushing blood. Even his helmet was gone.

As he waited for the remaining charges to blast him into eternity, he gasped a prayer and buried his head under his arms.

Then he heard his alarmed partner, Harry Boyer, starting into the shaft. Boyer was trying to see what was wrong.

"Don't come in here!" Rasmussen shouted. "Use no beds of mine!"

He could see the first one of the 40-inch fuses to 10 sticks of dynamite, sparking across the end of the tunnel wall. Ordinarily he'd have had two or three minutes, after lighting the first

one, to get out. But something went wrong this time. A faulty fuse.

Wham! With each blast two sticks of dynamite went off. Rocks and dirt fell. The noise was deafening; the concussion, terrific.

Rasmussen counted the explosions. One, two, three—spaced several seconds apart.

TEN EXPLOSIONS

They were all there. Ten in all, counting the first one that had slammed him against the opposite wall 10 feet away. As the last echo died away, Boyer charged into the shaft. He knew what to expect. But he was mistaken.

All he could see of his comrade was a shoulder sticking out of the debris. Boyer grabbed and pulled Rasmussen's head free.

"What should I do?" Boyer asked.

"Get me out of here," answered the man who should have been dead.

Boyer tied a rope tightly around Rasmussen's leg, to stop the pouring blood. Then the husky Boyer tucked the injured man up a ladder and drove him to the nearby village of Skidoo.

Last night Rasmussen, from his hospital bed here, told the story. In traction with a leg broken in two places, he was waiting for X-rays to show how badly his back was injured.

How did he feel last Sunday when he knew the blasts were about to start?

"I figured I was a goner."

Rasmussen was conscious all the way. Each succeeding shot did nothing to make him feel better.

"It felt like it lifted you right off the ground each time," he said.