



A BURIED TREASURE found on the banks of the Platte River in Denver was found by these four boys who later learned that the \$29,000 in the metal box belonged to a local senior citizen. The elderly claimant said the box slipped from his grip a month ago and tumbled into the river.

Ocean's Queen Is Dead

Ship Capsized After Fires

HONG KONG (AP) — The once-proud passenger liner Queen Elizabeth, transformed into an 83,000-ton incinerator by 24 hours of fires and explosions, capsized today in Hong Kong harbor halfway around the world from the Atlantic seafloor she once ruled.

"She rolled over and died," said a Marine Department spokesman at the outlying Tsing Yi island anchorage where the 1,631-foot former pride of the Cunard Line was being converted for use as a combination cruise ship and floating university for Chapman College of Orange, Calif.

The Seawise University as the ship had been renamed was lying on her side, her one remaining funnel just above the water line. The other funnel collapsed earlier in the fire.

Firefighting officials said they believed no one died in the fire. Between 800 and 900 workmen were believed aboard the ship when fire broke out Sunday, but most of them got off by the normal exits. About 200 others jumped into the harbor or clambered down ropes and anchor chains. Nine Chinese workmen were hospitalized for injuries and scores more were given first aid.

The liner was built for \$30 million and launched in 1939.

Cause Unknown
The cause of the fire was not known, but the ship's last British master, Commodore Geoffrey Marr, said at his home in England: "I do not believe this fire could have started accidentally. The flames spread too quickly for that. It must be sabotage. I cannot understand how it could have spread so quickly unless it started in two or three places simultaneously."

One officer of the Hong Kong fire service also commented that the spread of the fire through the ship's 11 decks was "surprisingly, phenomenally fast."

One workman said he thought the blaze started in a kitchen on B deck.

The government named the colony's ship surveyor, M. J. Mathew, to head a preliminary inquiry.

Investigating authorities said they had not ruled out the possibility of arson.

The fire-blackened bulk lay on the bottom in 50 feet of water, gray smoke still pouring up.

Faces...And Places

On Right Track

Though there are no schedules available or fares set for Amtrak's proposed "fun train" to Las Vegas, officials say they are getting many ticket requests for the run. "I've got 50 pieces of paper in my hand, and one of them is a request for 40 tickets. Here's another one for eight. One for 10 — and that's just today," said a Santa Fe Railroad ticket supervisor in Los Angeles. He said the requests poured in after a congressman leaked news of the "fun train" run to the gambling city last week.

Long Hair Ban

Tourists complain bitterly that Singapore authorities are applying the island nation's anti-hippie ban on long hair to them, prompting one foreign embassy to seek an official explanation from the immigration department. One wealthy Australian tourist told newsmen today he had been given two days to get a haircut, but planned instead to leave the island and tell his friends to avoid Singapore.

\$929 Per Pupil

The National Education Association announced today that average per-pupil expenditure in public schools

will reach an all-time high of \$929 in the 1972-73 school year.

Lib Finds Friend

The women's lib movement has found a friend in Kurt Waldheim, the new secretary-general of the United Nations. Waldheim said in an interview on Sunday that he will try to put women in top-level positions of the U.N. Secretariat. "There is not one woman in the top level," Waldheim said. "We need fresh blood."

Blacks For Nixon

A committee of black Republicans has endorsed President Nixon for reelection and announced a drive for greater black participation in the Republican party. Arthur Rhea of Indianapolis, chairman of the minority division of the Indiana Republican State Central Committee, said more black delegate strength will be sought in the state and national GOP conventions.

30% Of U. S. Armed

A Life magazine survey reports that Americans are so afraid of crime that 30 percent keep a gun at home for protection. The responses indicated that 78 percent of the readers sometimes feel unsafe in their own homes, 80 percent in big cities are afraid in

the street at night, 43 percent of families were crime victims last year, 41 percent say police protection is inadequate and 70 percent would pay higher taxes for better protection.

Plenty Of Push

A Nairobi team claimed it broke a world record Sunday by pushing a baby carriage 250.4 miles in 24 hours. The team from the Nairobi Round Table, a civic organization pushing for charity, was given a flying start Saturday when Kenyan track runner Kipchoge Keino set the wheels rolling on the first leg of a journey through the countryside and elephant country.

Moshe To Visit Us

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan will visit the United States in mid-February, Israeli Radio said Sunday. The radio said Dayan's itinerary includes a meeting with Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird and fund-raising appearances in New York and Los Angeles.

Shuttling With Ease

U.S. space expert Wehrner von Braun says that anyone who can fly in an airplane will be able to ride the proposed U.S. space shuttle on orbital flights. The shuttle is designed so "people that fly with it in orbit no longer need complete training as an astronaut," von Braun said in a West German television interview Saturday night.

Parking Lot Feud

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ed to negotiate an agreement since the first lease expired in 1962.

City Council voted unanimous approval of the 90-day termination notice late last year.

But neither council nor Pittas has indicated what the city would do with the land when it is reclaimed.

Mercer, however, is in default of a 1962 agreement under which it was to construct an administration building as a part of the city's Fitch Way 3 urban renewal program.

Setback
Any plans the county had for a new building were seriously set back with Mercer's purchase in 1969 of the old CF&I office building at 612-640 South Broad for its administration center.

Woman Dies As Car Hurls Into River

BRISTOL — An unidentified woman died this morning when the car in which she was riding plunged into the Delaware River at the foot of Mulberry Street here.

Mrs. Joyce Ann Margerum, 21, of 33 Thomas Place, Orangeville Park Apartments, Levittown, was pronounced dead at the scene at 8:40 a.m. by Dr. Charles H. Henderson, Bucks County deputy coroner.

Mrs. Margerum was clad in a nightgown and slippers.

The body was taken to Lower Bucks Hospital by the Bucks County Rescue Squad where identification was made by the woman's husband, Michael, 22.

Bristol Borough Police Chief Vincent Faragalli said Margerum told police that when she awoke this morning at 7:30 a.m., his wife was gone.

The car went into the river shortly before 7:30 a.m., jumping a small concrete abutment of about 6 to 8 inches above five feet from the river's edge at the end of Mulberry Street and dropping into about 20 feet of water.

Announces In Philadelphia

Hubert's Priority: Peace

By The Associated Press

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey formally announced his third bid for the presidency today, calling for "reconciliation, rebuilding and rebirth."

In a speech prepared for Philadelphia's Poor Richard Club, a spot favored by wealthy Democrats, the 61-year-old junior senator from Minnesota said his first priority would be to end the war in Indochina.

The former Vice President, who lost the Democratic presidential nomination to John F. Kennedy in 1960 and the White House race to Rich-

ard Nixon in 1968, plans to enter the April 25 Pennsylvania presidential primary.

Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York and former Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota already have entered the contest for the state's 132 delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

"Do It Now"

"Our urgent immediate need," Humphrey said, "is to end the war — and to do it now. . . . It is taking Mr. Nixon longer to withdraw our troops than it took us to defeat Hitler. Had I been elected in 1968, we would now be out

of the war. I repeat that pledge."

Continuing his attack on the Nixon administration, Humphrey said:

"Even three years of sustained indifference and error on the part of an administration with limited vision and understanding cannot fundamentally damage the underlying health and vitality of this nation."

Rebuilding Goal

"America is not sick. What we lack is leadership and vision. . . . America needs renewed faith in itself."

"A nation that could build arsenals of awesome weapons in the pursuit of military objectives," Humphrey said,

"can build the schools and the hospitals and the nurseries and the libraries necessary to enrich our lives."

"A nation that developed a Marshall Plan to rebuild Europe can develop another to rebuild our neighborhoods and crime-ridden cities."

"A country that could reconcile its differences with war-time enemies and long-time rivals can summon the decency and justice necessary to reconcile the differences

among our people."

"Our task is reconciliation, rebuilding and rebirth."

Humphrey said he chose Philadelphia as the site to sign the declaration of his candidacy "because it was here that our republic was born."

And aide said Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington also would file for the Pennsylvania primary. The deadline for entry is today.

Humphrey was scheduled to fly to Tallahassee, Fla., later in the day to campaign for votes in that state's March 14 primary.

Three other Democratic candidates were in Florida over the weekend.

New York Mayor John Lindsay spoke Sunday to several groups in Tampa before flying to Miami Beach to address the Zionist Organization of America.

During an appearance in a black section of Tampa, Lindsay called for a "coalition of left-out people."

Tax Study

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of New York's rate of 2 to 15 percent are among the major items suggested by members of the committee.

The Star-Ledger quoted committee sources as saying the income tax would raise between \$500 to \$600 million and the state property tax would be pegged at \$1 per \$100 assessed valuation.

"The combined revenues tax would be used for a state takeover of school costs," the paper quoted the source as saying.

Sears said he would devote every effort to getting the message of the Tax Study Committee across to the public.

"I expect to do a lot of speech-making and help in whatever way I can," he added.

Sears said he was not aware of how the governor plans to balance the 1972 state budget which will be submitted to the legislature next month. He said the Tax Study Committee concentrated on longer range questions. He said the committee would have at least three more meetings.

"We haven't decided on just how the recommendations will be released to the public," he said. "Obviously you have trouble keeping a thing like this secret."

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Leaders Attempt Anew To Unravel Speaker Knot

By JOHN P. McLAUGHLIN

Staff Writer

New Jersey Assembly leaders of both parties were meeting today for what is likely to be another futile attempt to work out an agreement for the election of a speaker and the organization of the house.

The 1972 session of the Legislature opens tomorrow but the assembly appears to be hopelessly tangled in a dispute among majority Democrats over who the speaker will be.

The stumbling block is the seven-member Hudson County Democratic delegation, which has refused to support the party's choice for speaker, S. Howard Woodson of Trenton.

41 Votes Needed

Forty Democrats, 39 Republicans and one independent, Anthony Imperiale of Newark, were elected in November. It takes a majority of 41 votes to elect a speaker and organize the Assembly, but Imperiale has indicated he would vote for Woodson.

The Hudson group is insisting on a leadership position for last year's minority leader, David J. Friedland. Friedland would be satisfied with majority leader but John Horn of Camden has already received 31 votes for that position.

Switch Doubled

Joseph Gannon, executive director of the Democratic State Committee, said today that the Democrats plan to go ahead tomorrow and put up Woodson's name for a vote.

"At this point, I would have to say that I don't think we will be able to organize. I have no reason to think that the Hudson delegation will change its position," Gannon said.

But for the first time, he held out the possibility that the Democrats, Hudson excluded, may try to work out a compromise arrangement with the Republicans.

"If we don't get organized within a reasonable period of time — say two weeks at the outside — the necessary steps will have to be taken. The Democratic party does not want to be in the position as the organization responsible for bringing the state government to a standstill," Gannon said.

The Republicans have elected Thomas Kean of Essex County and Richard DeKort of Bergen as their leaders.

They, along with Democrats Woodson, Horn, Friedland and Ronald Owens and George Richardson of Essex, attended today's meeting.

The Democrats have elected Owens as their new assistant majority leader. Richardson is last year's minority leader.

Put Up To Democrats

Kean and DeKort have taken the position that organization is the Democrats' problem. They are reportedly banking on a long tieup that will permit the Republicans to either organize the assembly or at least guarantee the GOP half the committee chairmanships and patronage.

Today's meeting is the first contact between leaders of both parties. Woodson has indicated a willingness to cooperate with the GOP if necessary.

The Democrats failed, after a long and bitter meeting Friday night, to work out an agreement. Middlesex County Democrats said afterward that they have no confidence in Friedland and would under no circumstances vote for him in any leadership capacity.

Schluter Named Chairman Of Governments Committee

By DAVE BLADICK

Staff Writer

State Senator-elect William E. Schluter, R-Suburban Mercer, today was named chairman of the Senate's County and Municipal Government Committee, but it wasn't the appointment he was hoping for.

Schluter replaces Sen. Matthew J. Rinaldo, R-Union, named last week by Senate President Raymond H. Bateman to head the Law, Public

Safety and Defense Committee.

Bateman today also announced the appointment of another freshman senator to a key committee post.

Senator-elect James S. Caffero, R-Cape May-Cumberland, will serve as chairman of the powerful Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee.

In this post Caffero will automatically head the Joint Legislative Appropriations

Committee which annually reviews the Governor's budget.

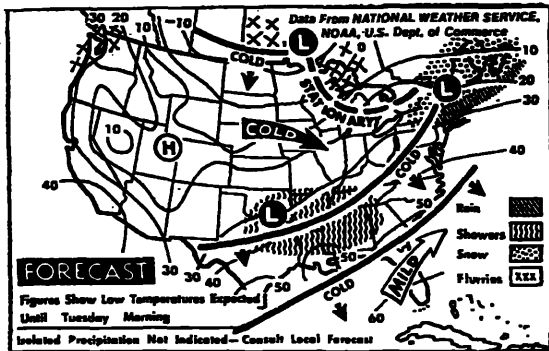
Unprecedented

The appointment of Caffero is unprecedented in that he is the first chairman never to have previously served on the finance committee. As an assemblyman he was a member of the Municipal Government and Judiciary Committees.

Schluter, who was a member of the Appropriations Committee in the Assembly, had previously indicated he was interested in the key Senate post. However, Schluter said today that Caffero is a good legislator and his selection was based on sound reasoning.

Schluter said he will continue as a member of the Appropriations Committee while serving in the Senate.

In three other assignments Bateman named Sen. Michael A. Juliano, R-Essex, as chairman of the Labor Industry and Professions Committee; Sen. James H. Wallwork (R-Essex) chairman of the Agriculture and Environment Committee and Sen. Frank C. Italiano, R-Camden, chairman of the State Government and Federal and Interstate Relations Committee.



Showers are forecast today for the Gulf states. Snowflurries are expected in the Pacific Northwest and the Great Lakes region. Snow is forecast for the St. Lawrence Valley and northern New England. Rain is forecast for Southern New England and eastern New York state. Cold weather is forecast for most of the country.

More Mild Weather Is In Our Future

Unseasonably mild weather is expected to be with us at least through Friday.

George Whiteley Jr. of the Trenton office of the National Weather Service predicted a few periods of rain or drizzle today and tonight.

He said temperatures today and tomorrow, when skies are expected to turn partly cloudy, will be in the 50s.

Tonight's low was expected to dip only to the low 40s.

Whiteley said an extensive flow of mild air for this time of year should make for continued mild temperatures Wednesday through Friday.

Balmy Seaboard

There's a chance for more

rain Thursday and Friday.

Rainfall over the weekend totaled .34 inches.

Meanwhile, tornadoes touched down in southern Mississippi, causing heavy property damage and at least one injury in Simpson County and Quitman.

In Meridian, Miss., a cloud-burst dumped more than three inches of rain in a six-hour period.

In the northern Rockies and adjacent high plains, snow piled up during the early morning hours.

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