



OF FORM AND SPIRIT: St. Joseph Cathedral lies in stark ruin, but its scarred remains still bear mute witness to the greatness of its architecture and purpose (Courant Photo by Harry Bartz).

Ruins Still Smoulder After Cathedral Fire

Gov. Roberts Declared Winner In Rhode Island

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Jan. 1 (AP)—The Rhode Island Supreme Court today declared Democratic Gov. Dennis J. Roberts the victor in the state's spirited and long drawn-out Nov. 6 election.

Roberts was sworn in shortly after his Republican opponent, Christopher Del Sesto, announced he would not appeal the decision.

The simple ceremony took place in the state house executive chamber before a small crowd of 150 persons, including a contingent of state police and national guardsmen. There was no demonstration.

The court's decision came at mid-afternoon—three hours after the time originally set for the inauguration of a new governor. The court threw out civilian absentee and shut-in ballots that had given Del Sesto a 427 vote margin after a month-long count. Roberts led by 207 votes when the machine ballots were counted on election day.

In announcing his decision not to appeal, Del Sesto said: "A divided court has decided the legal technicalities in the controversy over the election of a governor of Rhode Island. Un-



GOV. DENNIS J. ROBERTS

not, and of course could not pass upon the far more important phases of this matter—the ethical and moral principles involved.

"Six thousand American and Rhode Island citizens, in good faith exercised their sacred right to vote in reliance on instructions issued and laws passed by our public officials, who at the 11th hour raised this legal technicality. Were their rights as a free people in this democracy considered?"

"Those who are responsible for this are accountable to the people, and to Higher Authority. State house sources indicated it was only the second time in Rhode Island history that a governor had taken the oath outside the chambers of the House and Senate. Customarily, the inauguration takes place before a joint meeting of the two houses.

Following the brief ceremony, Roberts, beginning his fourth term, administered the oath to other incoming officials.

The swearing in at 5 p.m. ended a battle of ballots and legal maneuvers that began with the tabulation of the first votes. Roberts contended that some civilian absentee and shut-in ballots had been cast before election day, contrary to the constitution. The court upheld his contention.

Contractors To Confer On Rebuilding Will Meet Today At St. Joseph

Refusing to give up, the fire that destroyed St. Joseph Cathedral was still stubbornly hanging on Tuesday night, smouldering away in the debris. At that hour it had kept firemen in attendance more than 40 hours, and they expected to stand by through another night, wetting down the slow-to-die embers.

Contractors will meet at 7 a.m. today at the ruins of St. Joseph Cathedral to determine methods and equipment needed to begin the job of clearing dangerous walls and debris from the structure.

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Romeo Gosselin, general manager of the Roger Sherman Transfer Co., said representatives of his firm and Standard Builders Inc. will map a plan of attack during their conference this morning.

Cranes To Be Used

Gosselin said he believes his company will be able to get much of its heavy cranes and other equipment to the burned out shell sometime today. Close inspection work high on the stone gables already ordered removed may be completed today.

Three high gables in which the cathedral's rose windows were located have been weakened and may fall. They were ordered removed by City Building Supervisor William J. Ennis. Also to be removed are several pinnacles on which stone crosses are located and the burned remains of roof structures.

As the contractors confer, insurance adjusters will go to the site to begin a preliminary survey of insurance losses.

Will Visit Ruins Today

Charles H. Ferguson, manager of the General Adjustment Bureau Inc., said he will visit the cathedral today. His firm is a national organization which services and adjusts claims for major insurance companies.

Ferguson said a complete survey of the insurance losses "might take 30 to 45 days." He indicated, however, that this estimate is subject to revision.

Early estimates of fire insurance indicate the loss is covered by about \$3 million in policies held by several firms. Fire loss has been estimated at about \$5 million.

The Very Rev. Msgr. William G. Collins, V.G., rector of the cathedral, indicated Tuesday night that no substantial contributions had been received Tuesday for rebuilding the gutted structure. However, Msgr. Collins said that hundreds of messages of good will and sympathy were pouring in.

Confirms Report

Meanwhile, Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, retiring Ambassador to Italy confirmed a report that she would make a contribution. Mrs. Luce told The Courant by telephone from New York that she was "shocked" by the disaster.

She said that she had attended services at the cathedral many times. Mrs. Luce declined to reveal the amount of her contribution but a close associate termed the gift "substantial."

Thomas G. Shaffer, head of Thomas G. Shaffer Inc., plumbing contractors, said Tuesday

2 In State Lose Lives

Raise Weekend Toll In Accidents to 5

No traffic fatalities were reported Tuesday but two other violent deaths raised to five the number of lives lost in Connecticut accidents over the long New Year weekend.

Two of the five deaths occurred earlier on the state's highways.

The total equal's last year's toll when five persons died during the two-day New Year's holiday.

A year ago, the New Year's holiday saw one highway death, two fire fatalities, one accidental shooting and a railroad fatality.

Dead Tuesday were:

Mrs. Mildred F. Walter, 52, of West Hempstead, L. I., and Middletown, who was fatally injured in a fall down a stairway at her Middletown apartment, 182 Court St.

Russell Gillette Jr., 20, of West Suffield who died in a fire that swept his parents' home at Lake Congamond.

Earlier in the weekend, an 18-year-old Rye, N.Y., youth died Monday when his auto struck a utility pole in Greenwich.

And on Sunday, another auto-utility pole collision in West Haven resulted in the death of a 47-year-old woman there.

In New London, a woman was found frozen to death on her doorstep where she had apparently fallen and lost consciousness.

Tuesday night, State Police reported traffic on the state's highways was dwindling as the New Year holiday came to a close.

Thousands Attend Masses At State Armory, Theater

Thousands of Roman Catholics — burned out of two churches — attended masses Tuesday at the State Armory and a movie theater.

For millions of Catholics the Feast of the Circumcision — a Holy Day of Obligation.

But to parishioners of St. Joseph's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Church Tuesday was a day of sadness too.

Use Folding Chairs

At the invitation of Gov. Ribicoff, St. Joseph's parishioners trooped by the still smoldering ruins of their cathedral to attend mass at the State Armory on Broad Street.

And at the same time, worshippers of St. Patrick's filed into the Allyn Theater to attend mass.

The armory crowds sat on folding chairs and canvas camp stools arranged by National Guardsmen during the morning. The mass itself was simple. Staff officers pointed out the six masses were much like military field services.

Hartford decorators, Simon and Goltra, furnished a backdrop of blue and gold screens for the altar. Vases of pink and white flowers from the Florists Assn. of Hartford adorned the altar.

The Rev. Charles W. Daly was celebrant of the first mass at 5 a.m. Crowds at the following two masses, at 6 and 7 a.m., were slightly below normal but by 9 a.m. hundreds of shivering church-goers stood lined-up outside the armory doors.

Very Rev. Msgr. William G. Collins, V.G., rector of the Cathedral, said Tuesday night that confessionals will be set up in St. Joseph's School as soon as heat is restored to the building. Future services will also be held in the school, he said.

At the Allyn theater on Asylum St., donated by New England Theaters Inc. of Boston, thousands of St. Patrick's Church members attended mass before an altar set up in front of the white movie screen, White fow-

Record For 2 Holidays Set As Road Toll Mounts

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A late upsurge in New Year traffic deaths broke one record and threatened another Tuesday.

But the loss of lives in accidents fell far short of the all-time high recorded during the Christmas weekend.

By 10 p.m. EST fatalities numbered 330 in traffic, 66 in fires and 93 in accidents of other types for an over-all total of 545.

Top 1,000 mark

The current traffic death figure plus the 700 traffic deaths during the Christmas weekend sent the total for the two holidays beyond the 1,000 mark for the first time in the history of the United States.

The previous record Christmas-New Year combination was 973, set during the three-day celebration periods at the end of 1955 and the start of 1956.

The traffic death record for the New Year season is 407, established during the four-day switch-over from 1952 and 1953. That mark probably will topple unless there is a fag-end change in trend.

A check Tuesday afternoon showed motor vehicle fatalities for the New Year observance were running about 60 per cent of the Christmas period deaths.

Both periods were 102 hours—from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Tuesday.

The National Safety Council figured that the New Year traffic toll would not go as high as its advance prediction of 490.

Here are some statistics for use in appraising the New Year holiday.

Call Warning Of Burning Clears Plainville Church

PLAINVILLE, Jan. 1 (Special)—A mysterious telephone warning that "Our Lady of Mercy Church will burn down within minutes" led to the evacuation of some 200 worshippers awaiting opening of the 7 a.m. New Year's mass at that church today.

As the parishioners filed out of the church to permit inspection of the interior of the church, they were mindful of the recent fires of suspicious origin that swept two Catholic churches in Hartford.

A police check revealed nothing suspicious, however, and the mass started almost on schedule.

Priest Informed

The Rev. Gerald I. Corrigan, pastor, was about ready to officiate at the mass when Sgt. Pliny Hodlin and Policemen Eustace Mike and Joseph Jakubik arrived and informed the priest of the call.

Police Chief Louis Datoli also went to the church and reported the evacuation was handled in

'Start Year Off Right' Hardy Maine Skin Divers Take Icy Dip In Ocean

CAPE ELIZABETH, Maine, Jan. 1 (AP)—Six hardy skin divers, two of them women, went for a half-hour swim in the Atlantic Ocean today in the coldest weather of the season.

"I just wanted to start the year off right," explained Joseph H. Gallant, vice president of the Maine Marine Alpine Club. The afternoon temperature at Kettle Cove was 8 degrees above zero, (having climbed from about 10 below) but the water was much warmer—33 degrees. A cold wind was chopping the water.

"It takes a little nerve to get started," Gallant said, "but after you're in about 15 minutes you get used to it. Of course, your face gets numb."

With Gallant were club president Richard D. Craven and his wife, Lois; Miss Marjorie M. Turner, Charles R. Huntton, and Robert A. Libby, the club founder.

The intrepid divers wore several suits of long underwear and two pairs of socks beneath their air-tight rubber diving suits, and face masks with air tubes.

The group swam, dove and did some formation searching of the bottom in 15 feet of water. When they came out, they were almost instantly covered with ice.

The session was partly to test techniques for use in the event they are called upon for an underwater search for civil defense police and rescue work. They have worked for sheriff's departments in search for bodies and have helped untangle fishermen's nets.

Gallant said they hope to do some diving almost every weekend.

Respirator Stolen From Polio Victim

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 1 (AP)—A car thief took most of the fun out of Mrs. Ouida Allen's New Year's Eve party.

Mrs. Allen, 28, a polio victim, has been confined to an iron lung for almost three years.

Yesterday her husband brought home a portable respirator so that Mrs. Allen might better enjoy a New Year's gathering of friends.

But the thief stole the Allen car with the portable lung, leaving another car with Louisiana plates in its place. Police said the other car was stolen also.

Ike Opens Door To More Refugees

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—President Eisenhower opened the door to more Hungarian refugees today. He acted shortly after Vice President Nixon urged that "substantially more" be given haven in the United States.

Eisenhower ordered admission of an indefinite number of refugees over and above the established quota of 21,500.

The President said he had directed Atty. Gen. Brownell to "continue to parole Hungarian refugees into the United States until such time as Congress acts" to fix a definite program.

Eisenhower thus accepted the recommendation of Nixon that "the United States and other free nations must take substantially more refugees than they have agreed to take up to this time."

The chief executive also went along with Nixon's suggestion that the exact number be left open, on grounds it would be unwise to tie to a fixed figure or percentage.

Eisenhower announced his action after discussing the situation with congressional leaders of both parties, who had gathered at the White House for a conference on the administration's foreign policy proposals to the new Congress, which convenes Thursday.

Presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty told newsmen the legislative leaders raised no objection to the plan for continuing the flow of refugees to this country pending congressional action.

Nixon had met with Eisenhower earlier in the day to present his formal report on a personal pre-Christmas study of the refugee situation in Austria.

Some congressional leaders said the United States had agreed earlier to accept 15,000 are being admitted as "parolees" without permanent residence status.

The White House announced some time ago that the work of processing this number had been completed and that the full quota would arrive in this country by mid-January.

Eisenhower said in a statement that his action to parole still more refugees into the United States is, in his opinion, "clearly in the national interest."

"It will prevent a stoppage of the flow of these refugees," he said, "and will permit the United States to continue, along with the other free nations of the world, to do its full share in providing a haven for these victims of oppression."

Eisenhower did not specify what congressional action he had in mind to help meet the situation. Presumably he referred to previously announced administration plans to ask Congress to give permanent asylum to the parolees being admitted on an emergency basis.

He also may have been thinking of another Nixon recommendation—that Congress provide flexible authority to admit additional Hungarians "and other refugees from Communist persecution" through the use of nonquota visas with an annual ceiling.

President Asks Support In Mideast At Parley With 29 Congress Leaders

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—President Eisenhower urged Congress today to join with him in "servicing notice to the world" that the United States "would resist any Communist aggression" in the strategic Middle East.

Eisenhower made this personal plea to 29 Democratic and Republican congressional leaders during a four-hour White House conference on foreign policy problems.

Early Message Likely

The White House said in an announcement afterward that an early presidential message to Congress would detail a request for new legislation aimed at checking any Communist designs on Middle Eastern nations.

Some congressmen said they understood Eisenhower would go personally before Congress within the next five or six days to urge approval of an emergency resolution. The White House, however, said this had not yet been decided.

Conferees said no final decision appeared to have been reached by Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles on the exact form of the measure they will propose to Congress.

In essence, however, they said the President and Dulles were proposing that Congress act to give the President authority to use American military forces, if necessary, in support of any country which might be invaded by the Communists.

Under this proposed resolution, the United States would act only at the invitation of a country under attack.

Program Includes Aid

A White House statement said merely that Eisenhower had asked Congress to support a resolution designed to deter any Communist armed aggression in the Middle East area.

It said he also requested the lawmakers to "authorize an enlarged program of economic aid"

Canadians Offer To Adopt 'Refugee From Nowhere'

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 1 (AP)—Efforts are being made here to get permission for the "refugee from nowhere" to land in Canada and become a Canadian.

The "refugee from nowhere" is 23-year-old Christian George Hanna, who claims he was born at sea, but has no known nationality.

Hanna is ill in his stowaway's cabin aboard the Norwegian freighter Gudveig. The ship has been his home since he stowed away at Beirut, Lebanon, 15 months ago.

Not Allowed To Land

No country will allow him to land. In some he has been held in jail while the ship was in port.

Hanna's plight became known through newspaper stories published here last Friday. Since then six Vancouver families have offered to adopt him. And two members of a British Columbia Indian tribe visited him and offered to take him into their tribe.

"Vancouver residents have sent Hanna many gifts, including candy, clothes, a Bible, a crucifix and a radio.

But Hanna has no immigration papers. He can only set foot on Canadian soil if federal authorities issue a special permit. So a woman lawyer—she wishes to remain unidentified—will confer with immigration officials and is prepared to appeal directly to Jack W. Pickersgill, immigration minister at Ottawa.

Philip Bird, superintendent of immigration here, says Pickersgill could issue a permit allowing Hanna to land. Bird said that is apparently the only way for Hanna to get off the Gudveig legally.

The freighter sails tomorrow for New Westminster, B.C., and then will call at a Vancouver island port to load cargo before heading for England.

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DESOLATE WRECKAGE OF CATHEDRAL: Blackened beams and empty windows present this stark appearance in St. Joseph Cathedral Tuesday morning. Many of the timbers seen ready to topple, making it too dan-

gerous to enter main body of church. This picture was made from the entrance on the west side of the church, looking toward the huge, round stained glass window on the east side (Courant Photo by Harry Batz).

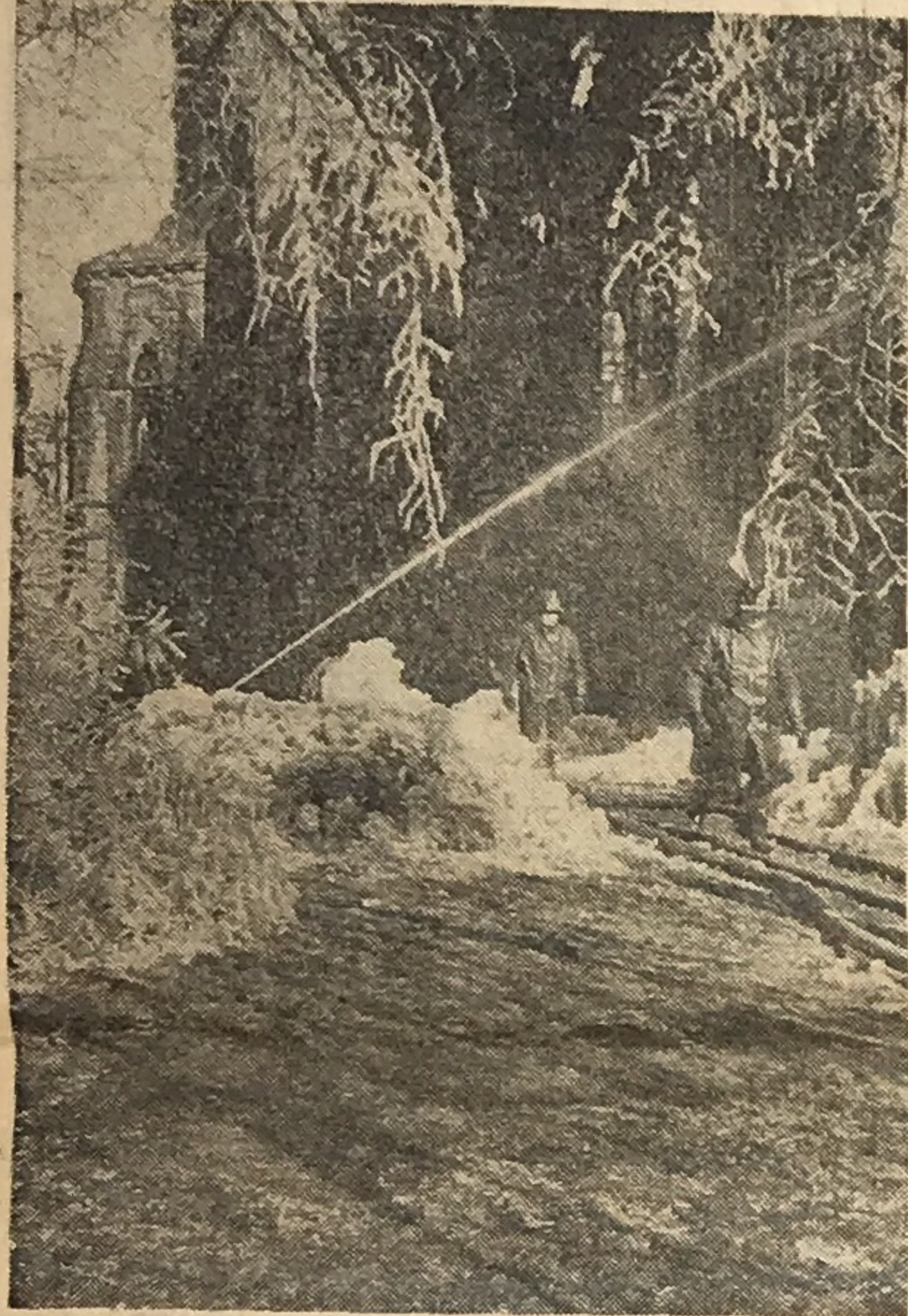


ETCHED BY FIRE AND FREEZING: Icy brownstone provides a backdrop for fireman Nicholas Tosca, of Truck Company 1, as he pours water through a broken stained glass window into the basement of St. Joseph Cathedral Tuesday morning (Courant Photo by Harry Batz).



ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL HOLLOW SHELL: This aerial view of the charred church looks toward Farmington Ave. Firemen were still playing water on the smoul-

dering ruins. 1. St. Joseph Convent. 2. Area where disastrous fire started. 3. St. Joseph School. 4. Priests' residence (Courant Photo by Robert B. Ficks).



BATTLEGROUND IN WHITE: Two firemen, among those still working at St. Joseph Cathedral Tuesday morning, walk through a wonderland of ice left by the tons of water poured on the Cathedral blaze Monday (Courant Photo by Harry Batz).



STILL DRENCH RUINS: Hoses, lines continued to pour water into the smoldering Cathedral Tuesday. These two firemen are in a side entrance looking across the front of the church where rubble is piled around the scarred pillars (Courant Photo by Harry Batz).

Youth Dies In Suffield Home Fire

SUFFIELD, Jan. 1 (Special)—Russell Gillette Jr., 20, suffocated early today when fire swept his parents' home at Miller's Beach, Lake Cogamond, West Suffield.

Firemen battling the blaze, confined to a new kitchen wing of the house, did not find the youth immediately. His body was discovered later in a downstairs bedroom beside his bed. Firemen said his hand was cut and an inner window was broken. They said he apparently smashed the glass in an effort to save himself before being overcome by the thick smoke.

Dr. William H. Upton, deputy medical examiner, said death was caused by smoke inhalation. The youth, an apprentice machinist at Rice and Moser in Windsor, was alone in the house. His parents were visiting in Wallingford. His brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Heinzman, who occupy an upstairs apartment with their 10-year-old son, were also out. A passing motorist discovered the fire at 1:50 a.m. and notified volunteer firemen.

Chief Raymond Potter estimated the loss at "several thousand dollars." The loss was not covered by insurance, Gillette said.

The youth leaves his father, Russell Gillette of West Suffield; his mother, Mrs. Helen (Univick) Andrews of Hartford; and two sisters, Mrs. Barbara Chirizio and Miss Carol Gillette, both of Hartford.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Nicholson Funeral Home, Route 5A, followed by cremation Friday morning. Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

2-Floor Fall Kills Seaman
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—A merchant seaman plunked to his death early today while trying to walk a 9-inch ledge outside the third floor of a downtown hotel.

Police said Kenneth Esch, 30, climaxed a New Year's Eve spree by climbing a fire escape and edging along the ledge toward the room of a friend. Esch had gone only five feet when he lost his balance.

Couple, 84, Find Love Exhilarating

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 1 (AP)—"Love is just as exhilarating at 84 as it is in younger days," said Thomas A. Edgerton.

He and Miss Mary Bardwell were married yesterday at the Methodist Home for the Aged. They once were schoolmates but hadn't seen each other in 30 years until Edgerton entered the home last spring.

Edgerton has been married twice previously. In fact, it was Miss Bardwell who introduced him to his first wife, her roommate, when they all were students at Emporia State Teachers College years ago.

Both are 84.

Mental Health Unit Proposes New Center

A separate treatment center for mentally ill criminals that would cost \$6.4 million is proposed by the Hospital Services Committee of the Connecticut Assn. for Mental Health.

Also recommended by the association is a \$700,000 project to complete the Child Study and Treatment Home and 10 cottages for workers at the three state hospitals. It would cost over \$380,000.

These recommendations, approved by the association's directors, will be forwarded to Gov. Ribicoff for his consideration.

Simultaneously, the association announced its endorsement of two capital expenditure requests of the State Mental Health Department. One is a \$3.6 million psychiatric diagnostic and treatment center for early and intensive treatment of short duration for mental patients.

The department also seeks three geriatric hospitals at a cost of \$2 million each. These would house the many aged patients at state hospitals and relieve crowding resulting from the recent surge of elderly patient admissions.

More than 2,500 companies are engaged in door-to-door selling in the United States.

General Practice Field On Decline, Say Doctors

Chances are that your family doctor is not a general practitioner.

Chances are that your doctor does not employ both a nurse and a secretary.

Chances are that there will be fewer and fewer general practitioners in the future.

A survey by two prominent Connecticut professional medical society heads show that the field of general practice is on the decline.

Special Evident

A growing trend toward specialization by doctors in one field of medicine is evident.

Drs. Richard B. Eigosin, Hamden, president of the state chapter of the American Academy of General Practice and Creighton Barker, New Haven, executive secretary, Connecticut State Medical Society, conducted the survey.

Questionnaires sent to 263 physicians in general practice with 191 reporting, show that 41.4 per cent try to limit practice to one field while 32.5 per cent say their practice is general but with emphasis on one special field.

Here are some more supporting statistics: During the decade between 1946-1955 only 466 physicians out of 1,475 indicated on their State Health Department license applications that they intended to conduct a general practice.

Hospital resident training staff doctors indicated that 170 of them intended to have a general practice, while 859 will specialize.

Special fields included: Pediatrics (110 residents); obstetrics-gynecology, 97; anesthesiology, 49; orthopedic surgery, 31; pathology, 42; radiology, 54; ophthalmology, 28; preventive medicine, 25; industrial medicine, 19 urology, 19; physical medicine, six; dermatology - syphilology, 13; neurology surgery, nine; otolaryngology, 23; proctology, one and thoracic surgery, three.

60 Per Cent Specialists

Eighteen per cent of the surveyed doctors said they had been in practice less than 10 years while 61 per cent said they have practiced from 10 to 25 years.

At least 32 per cent of the physicians said they do not hire an office nurse or secretary, and

38.3 per cent employ nurses, who double in some cases as secretaries. Secretaries are hired by 39.3 per cent.

A total of 45 per cent are in the local emergency medical call plan sponsored by medical societies for community residents and 50 per cent report that they are available by office appointment only.

Doctors prefer Mondays and Fridays for evening office hours.

Both of these days have a 60 per cent rating as favorite evening office hour days. Wednesday ranks third, Thursday fourth and Saturday is the least preferred. More than 76 per cent of these doctors have other physicians "cover" their calls when they themselves are not available.

2 Hartford Girls Held In Stabbing At New Britain

NEW BRITAIN, Jan. 1 (Special)—A stabbing affray involving two 17-year-old Hartford girls brought both of them into police court Tuesday morning.

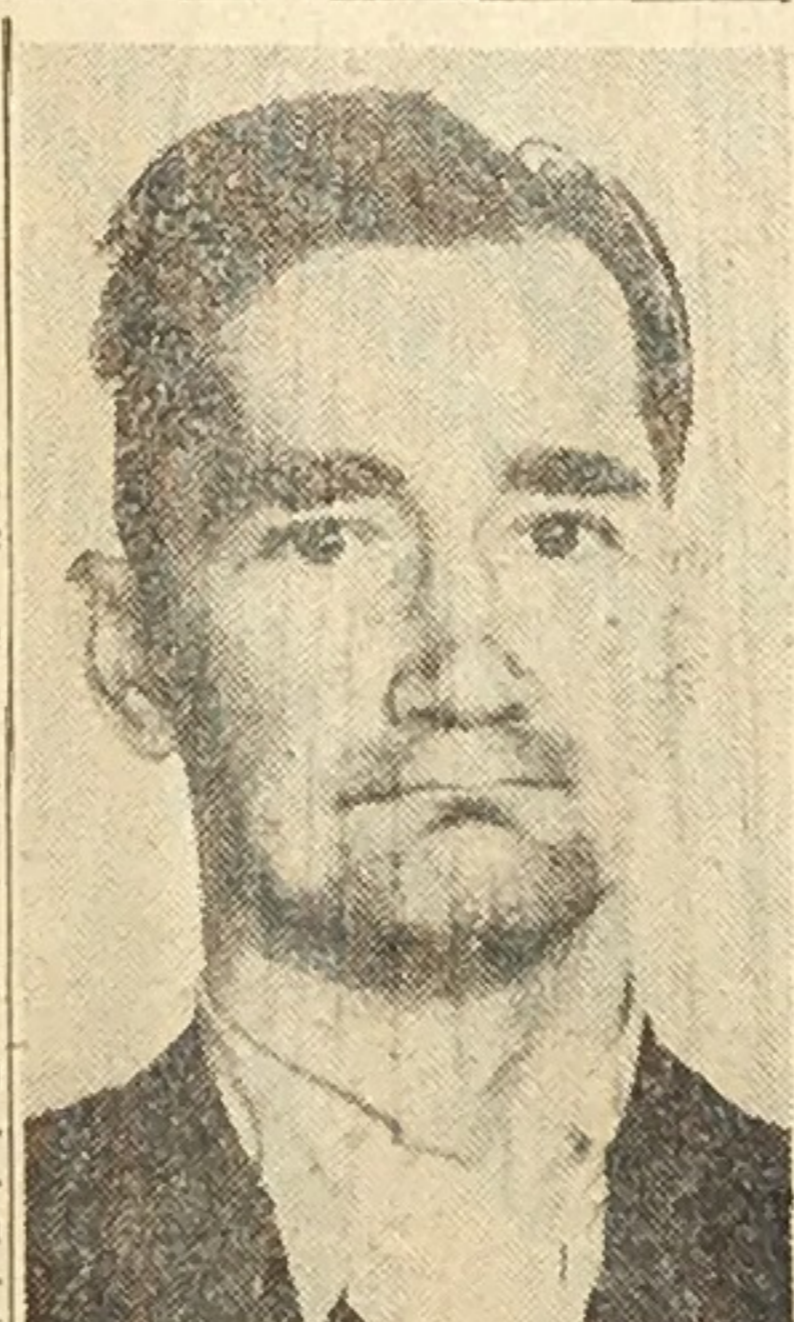
Police reported that Mattie Stidum of 90 Hampton St. inflicted a superficial breast wound on Fannie Milner of 98 Kensington St., both of Hartford, in front of the Russian American Citizens Club, 376 Elm St., late Monday night.

The latter was treated at New Britain General Hospital and both were booked at Police Headquarters, Miss Stidum on charges of aggravated assault and breach of peace and the Milner girl on charges of breach of peace and assault.

Arraigned before Judge Max H. Reichler in court today, their cases were continued until Wednesday. Bonds were set at \$300 for Miss Stidum and \$100 in the case of Miss Milner.

According to Detective William Chute, the cutting was the outcome of a scuffle outside the club. The detective said he learned that the Milner girl wanted to take her friend's car and the latter resisted.

The wounded girl claimed she did not see any knife but, she said, she knew that "Mattie cut her."



ARSON SUSPECT: James M. Windridge, 30, of no certain address, is being held by police under \$25,000 bond in connection with the two weekend church fires. Windridge is one of 11 suspects (most of whom were released) picked up by police since Monday's five million dollar fire at St. Joseph's Cathedral and Sunday's conflagration at St. Patrick's Church that caused damage in excess of \$250,000.

The detective said no knife was found at the scene.

The case of Carlo P. Zottalo, of 8 Brook St., charged with breach of peace and assault, after he allegedly struck his wife at the Diamond Bar on Park Street early New Year's Day, was continued until Jan. 31 pending investigation by the probation department.

Zottalo was taken into custody by Police Officers J. Albert and Samuel Goss after his wife complained her husband struck her in the face and tore her dress.

Several motor vehicle cases were continued until Wednesday by Judge Reichler and a lone drunk was given a New Year's present — a suspended judgment.

Philippine Takes U. N. Post

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The Philippines, newly elected to the U. N. Security Council for 1957 under a gentleman's agreement, moves right to the top. Brig. Gen. Carlos Romulo, the Philippines' veteran delegate here and former General Assembly president, took over today as Security Council president for January.

Bulldozer Victims Seeking New Home

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 1 (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis are looking for place to live today. Yesterday while at work a runaway bulldozer crashed through their home and pulverized all objects.

Police said the 20-ton dozer—its gears jammed in reverse—cleared a small gully, climbed a hill, ripped down a fence and uprooted trees before crushing the wall of the duplex frame house.

Police and Lewis estimated the damage at \$18,000.

The destructive romp started about a quarter of a mile from the Lewis house.

A. J. Allgeier, its owner, said the machine was being used in constructing a golf course for a nearby club.

Auto Carrying 'Body' Sought In Middletown Area

MIDDLETOWN, Jan. 1 (Special)—Local and State Police tonight were searching the area for a car reported to be carrying a "body" in its trunk compartment.

The car was last seen headed south on Main Street Extension toward Haddam. State Police at Westbrook Barracks were alerted but no trace of the car was found.

Lt. Alois Petras reported that Frank Pianka of 2 Cottage St. told the police the car was ahead of his at the traffic rotary at South Main Street and Acheson Drive. As it rounded the curve, he said, the trunk suddenly flew open and a "body" could be seen. It appeared to be dressed in khaki like a soldier, Pianka told police.

Pianka, who was accompanied by his wife and another passenger, said he could not tell whether the "person" in the trunk was alive or dead.

He told police he thought a leg moved and it appeared as if a hand reached up as if to close the trunk. Then, he said, the trunk lid dropped down.

Policeman Warren Leary was assigned to the investigation.

New Year Gets Frigid Welcome In Eastern Area

— Cold air from Canada gave the new year a frigid welcome in most of the eastern half of the United States Tuesday.

Over the northern states, from northern Minnesota to Maine, some of the coldest weather of the season pushed the temperature below zero. The mercury fell to about 20 below zero Tuesday morning at some points in these areas.

Temperatures around 20 above or less were the rule over the Middle Mississippi Valley across parts of Pennsylvania and into Southern New England. Mild 70 degree weather was confined to Florida, the Gulf Coast, and Southern Texas.

Snow flurries were reported from the Great Lakes into the Appalachian Mountains. Frequent snow squalls hit near the eastern shores of Lakes Erie and Ontario, producing near blizzard conditions in parts of New York State. Hazardous driving conditions continued in this region.

Dry weather prevailed over the western part of the nation except for light snow in parts of North Dakota and rain along the Northern Pacific Coast.

Cold weather was expected to continue Wednesday through the East and the Middle West, with fair weather expected except for snow flurries near the Great Lakes.

Associates Will Honor Caleb M. Saville Today

Caleb M. Saville, the guiding light behind the Metropolitan District's water supply system for almost half a century, will be honored today on his 45th anniversary by the district.

Several long-time associates of Saville are planning a brief ceremony to honor him for his long years of service. District Manager William A. Wurts will present him a wrist watch.

92 Next May
Saville, who will be 92 years old May 27, was named manager and chief engineer of the Water Bureau in 1912. Under his guidance, the district's two major sources of water supply were constructed—the 32 billion gallon reservoir at Barkhamsted and the 9 billion gallon unit at Nepalug.

A native of Melrose, Mass., Saville was graduated from Harvard University and took a year of postgraduate work at Lawrence Scientific School. For 10 years he was divisional engineer for the Metropolitan Water Board of Boston, Mass.

From 1907 to 1912 he was in charge of the third division construction of the Panama Canal. This directly preceded his being called to head the Water Bureau in Hartford.

In 1948 he retired and was succeeded by District Manager Wurts. Saville was retained by the district as a consultant on water matters.

3-Time Winner

He has been a recipient of many engineering honors in the field of water supply. He is a three-time winner of the Brackett Memorial Medal given by the New England Water Works Association and was named "President's Prize Man" by the Institution of Water Engineers of England.

He is a member of a long list of social, scientific and honorary societies. Among them are the Connecticut Historical Society, the University Club of Hartford and the Harvard Club of Boston.

He is a past president and honorary member of the New

England Water Works Association and a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Disabled Vets Urge Senate To Form Committee

The Disabled American Veterans is urging that the new Congress create a Veterans Affairs Committee in the United States Senate similar to the House Veterans Affairs Committee now functioning in the House of Representatives.

Henry J. Dudoich, commander of DAV's Unknown Soldier Chapter, Monday said, "This would help in the prompt and efficient consideration of veterans legislation in the Senate. It would also be a big boost to the welfare of all of America's wartime disabled."

"The fact is that when a bill dealing with veterans' affairs comes into the Senate, it is now referred to Standing Committees whose knowledge and responsibilities are not in the field of veterans' affairs. Often the proposed bill gets sidetracked or pigeonholed."

"That's exactly what happened to the recent bill calling for increased disability compensation. It was passed unanimously by the House but was pigeonholed by the Senate. It would be a tremendous boost to the welfare of our wartime disabled if such a committee could be put into operation in the Senate."

Fountain Pen Uses Water

MOSCOW, Jan. (UP)—A new kind of fountain pen which uses water instead of regular ink has been manufactured in Khar'kov, it was reported by Moscow News. A special paste inside the pen, enough to last for several years, turns the water into a sort of ink, the News said.



YEAR'S FIRST BABY: First baby born in Hartford, three seconds after midnight in 1957, was little Karen Marshock Casner Marshock, smiles with pleasure as she surveys the first child born to her and her husband, who live at 70 Linwood Dr., Hartford Hospital (Courant Photo by Harry Batz).

Salvage Fleet Converges To Tackle Bridge Job

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 1 (AP)—A fleet of U.N. salvage vessels moved southward in the Suez Canal today to tackle one of the biggest jobs in clearing the waterway — removal of the Ferdan Bridge 51 miles south of Port Said.

At the same time the Egyptians acted to put pressure on Israel to speed up withdrawal of its invasion forces from the Sinai Desert and the Gaza Strip. The Cairo government sent a special emissary to the United Nations headquarters in New York to discuss the question.

Separate Issue

The Ferdan Bridge was one of many obstructions sunk in the canal when Israeli, British and French forces invaded Egypt. The salvage fleet was made up of two big German ships, accompanied by tugs and an Italian floating winch. Motor launches preceded the flotilla, searching for any submerged obstructions.

In early negotiations with U.N. officials, the Egyptians said they would not allow work on clearance of the 103-mile canal to be started until Israeli units had been withdrawn back across Israel's armistice borders.

But after talks with U.N. negotiators here and in New York, Egypt agreed to treat the canal operation as a separate issue. Work on clearing the southern end of the canal started Saturday. Two Egyptian launches yesterday began sweeping mines and underwater obstructions from the northern end of the channel.

Reliable informants said Egypt was growing increasingly restive over what it terms the "unjustifiably slow" pull-back of Israeli forces. In an effort to get firmer commitments on a speedier withdrawal, Col. Salah Gohar, head of the Egyptian Department of Palestine Affairs, left for New York today to join Egypt's U.N. delegation there.

Pressing Israel

Gohar is expected to reach New York Thursday and meet with Mahmoud Fawzi, Egypt's foreign minister, and U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld. In addition to discussing the withdrawal timetable, Fawzi and Gohar are expected to ask for clarification of the status of U.N. police patrols once the Israelis reach their border.

U.N. officials here and in New York were reported to be pressing Israel to agree to a specific timetable for pulling out troops, not only from the Sinai Desert but also from the Gaza Strip.

In compliance with U.N. General Assembly resolutions, the Israeli troops that drove almost to the Suez Canal in the October invasion have moved back 53 miles. U.N. troops are advancing across the 130-mile wide peninsula behind the Israelis.

While agreeing to take her forces out of Sinai over a period of weeks, Israel has not agreed to give up the Gaza Strip. This area, historically a part of Palestine, was held by Egypt from the 1949 Palestine armistice until Israel occupied it during the recent invasion.



Flames Fail To Dim Altar Glory



STATUES ESCAPE HOLOCAUST: Two statues on either side of the main altar of the Cathedral look down at the ruins about them left by fire's fury. Flames and tons of falling debris left altar comparatively unscathed. For comparison, at right is the main altar during a recent consecration service. The two statues may be seen in their niches at either side of the altar (Courant Photos by Harry Batz (upper) and Robert B. Ficks.)

Wife Claims Mate Forced Her To Shoot Herself

WAYNESVILLE, N.C., Jan. 1 (AP)—A farmer faces trial here on his wife's charges that he attempted to force her to hang herself and then forced her to shoot herself.

In the case, which came to light today, Mrs. Way Arrington, 34, claims that after she was wounded Oct. 20 at the couple's Haywood County farm near here, she begged her husband to go for help. She said he then asked her to shoot herself in the head.

Wives Hearing

Her 44-year-old husband waived a preliminary hearing Saturday on two charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He is expected to face trial during the term of Superior Court opening Friday. He is free under \$2,500 bond.

Mrs. Arrington testified at the hearing that her husband approached her in the kitchen of their home and said: "You are going to die this morning; we'll finish this thing in the tobacco barn."

She said he forced her to

write a note saying she was an unfit mother and had decided to hang herself. She testified her husband threw a rope over a rafter in the barn and told her he wanted her to take her life.

She quoted him as saying, "I don't want your blood on my hands."

Pleaded With Him

She pleaded with him, she testified, and begged him to allow her to shoot herself instead. She said he then pressed a pistol against her side and forced her to pull the trigger.

After she fell wounded, she testified, her husband refused to help and told her to shoot herself in the head. She testified she finally made her way to a neighbor's home and was taken to a hospital.

Mrs. Arrington first told officers she was wounded while hunting, but she later changed her story, saying she had invented the first version out of fear of her husband.

She said previously he beat her and accused her of being unfaithful.

Red Cross Group Scores Moral Win In Budapest

BUDAPEST, Jan. 1 (AP)—Two kinds of trucks with foreign license plates can be seen in Budapest—Russian army trucks packed with soldiers and white-painted lorries of the international Red Cross.

The international Red Cross committee achieved a great moral victory when it was permitted to function in a Communist country. The committee was never recognized by the Eastern bloc but it was the first time that it could break through the rigid resistance of Communist nations.

This international body brings in the aid from abroad, approves distribution schemes and supervises distribution. Distribution itself, however, is carried out by the Hungarian Red Cross.

Five Professors

The new Hungarian Red Cross claims to have purged itself from "Stalinist" elements. It is headed now by a board of five internationally renowned university professors: Tibor Nonay, Ferenc Czysda-Pommersheim, Boldizsar Horvath, Ferenc Foeldy and Dezso Klimko.

Evidently none of these is or has ever been a Communist. Czysda-Pommersheim is a brilliant surgeon and a deeply religious Catholic.

The Kadar-government recognized the five professors as autonomous directors of the Hungarian Red Cross. Moreover, it appointed Dr. Gyozey Killner, also a physician and a man chosen by the board of professors, as government-commissioner of the institution.

This correspondent talked the other day with Dr. Gyula Peer, deputy-commissioner of the Hungarian Red Cross. The quiet physician, speaking in low tones, did not conceal the difficulties of the task: how to satisfy tens of thousands of war-afflicted Hungarians, supply hospitals with medicine, food and coal, fend off exaggerated demands, etc.

There are, roughly, three kinds of aid Hungarians get now. The majority of aid from the West comes through the international Red Cross, though there are some special contributions, like the one sent by Western trade unions, that come in directly.

Aid from Eastern countries, on the other hand, comes mainly through government channels and is sold to the population in government shops. But special contributions of eastern Red Cross societies also go to the Budapest storehouses of the international Red Cross and are distributed by the Hungarian Red Cross. All Red Cross aid—whether from the West or from the East—is of course, gratis.

The aid goes partly to hospitals, partly to the population itself. Distribution of aid for hospitals and university clinics is naturally a far easier task. These institutions get medicine, food, coal and textiles, like blankets. Important items are coal and medicine. Distribution of aid among the population was an appalling mess before Christmas. The task of

planning was immense, the personnel of the Hungarian Red Cross hopelessly impotent and inefficient. Now, it appears, things are more or less under control.

Uniform Packages

Large-scale distribution of "uniform packages" has started. These contain 1 kilo each of cereals, tinned meat, lard, sugar, milk-powder and soap. The Hungarian Red Cross plans to distribute about 10,000 each day.

Red Cross committees in all Budapest districts draft the lists of people who need the aid.

There is no screening of those who queue up for a daily warm meal. "We believe that everyone may come who is hungry," a spokesman of the Hungarian Red Cross said.

The Red Cross distributes the "uniform parcels" first of all among three categories of the population: (1) families of those who were killed during the fighting, (2) wounded and their families, (3) those whose apartments were destroyed or severely damaged. The number of family members decides the quantity; families with 1-3 members get one, those with more than six members get three parcels at one time.

Apart from that, 123,000 mothers and expectant women get milk powder in Budapest.

Hungarian Red Cross officials are more concerned about the near future than about the present. The real lack of medicine, coal and food is expected to hit Budapest in February and March, they say.

Khrushchev's Quip Hints At New Tough Policy

MOSCOW, Jan. 1 (AP)—Asian diplomats reported today Soviet Communist chief Nikita Khrushchev told them "we are all Stalinists" when it comes to fighting imperialists.

They said Khrushchev announced the stand at the government's New Year party in the Kremlin last night.

It was interpreted both as a step in a new tough Soviet policy against the West and a move to bolster Khrushchev's party position despite his denunciation of Stalin last February.

The reported Khrushchev declaration thus seemed to indicate the Kremlin leaders were ready to restore the dead Stalin to some of his former glory and to stiffen policy on the explosive situation in Russia's satellites as a result of the Hungarian revolt.

The Central Committee of the Soviet Communist party met recently amid speculation it would discuss a policy toward the satellites. No immediate announcement of any decision came from that meeting.

Khrushchev and Premier Bulganin went to Belgrade in 1955

to patch up peace with Yugoslav President Tito, a policy which led to some liberalizing tendencies toward the satellites. Khrushchev also is reported to have led in the exposing of the evils of Stalinization. His exact remarks on Stalin last February have never been published in the Soviet Union, however.

Blasts Tito Anew

The declaration came amidst other indications that the men in the Kremlin have resolved their viewpoints and decided on a partial return to a Stalinist get-tough policy toward the West.

Two important Communist journals, Kommunist and New Times, came out today with blasts against "Titoism," a slogan around which disillusioned Communists from abroad have been rallying against the supremacy of the Kremlin in world Communist affairs.

"Stalin was a great fighter against imperialism," Khrushchev was quoted as saying last night. "He was a great Marxist. When it comes to fighting imperialists we are all Stalinists."

This apparent switch in the official Kremlin line on Stalin was foreshadowed last week when the Soviet press splashed a Red Chinese editorial from "People's Daily" in Peking which said in effect that Stalin had made mistakes but his good deeds far outweighed them.

The official line before that had been that Stalin had his good points but his mistakes far outweighed them.

Western diplomats who did not attend last night's New Year party in the Kremlin said the new line on Stalin could well indicate adoption of some of his methods in future relations with the satellites and the West.

100 Firemen Overcome In San Francisco Fire

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1 (AP)—One hundred firemen were overcome by smoke while fighting a Market Street \$100,000 fire witnessed by hundreds of New Year's Eve revelers last night and early today. Fifty policemen held back the spectators.

Seven firemen still were in hospitals early today.

Ambulances from Harbor, Central and Mission emergency hospitals were hard pressed to bring in the stricken.

The fire apparently started in a three-story building housing the Land Bros. Surplus Camping and Sporting Goods Store at 587 Market Street.

The first alarm rang in at 7:14 p.m. and the fourth at 9:08 p.m. but firemen did not leave the scene until 3 a.m. today.

Dense, highly toxic smoke came from burning composition flooring, celluloid table tennis flooring, celluloid table tennis goods.

A total of 268 firemen fought the fire with 67 pieces of equipment, including 10 pumps.

Storm Again Delays Rescue of 2 Climbers

CHAMONIX, France, Jan. 1 (AP)—A violent snowstorm today again delayed efforts to move two mountain climbers marooned on Mt. Blanc the past 10 days. Six rescuers now are stranded with them.

It was feared the two men, Jean Vincendon of France and Francois Henry of Belgium, would have to spend another night on the narrow ledge 1 1/2 miles up the mountain. Temperatures there last night plunged to 4 degrees below zero. Both men are suffering from frostbite and fatigue.

Four would-be rescuers were stranded when a helicopter crashed while trying to land yesterday. The other two parachuted from a second helicopter which was unable to land.

Michigan Governor Seated for 5th Term

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 1 (AP)—Democrat G. Mennen Williams, took the Michigan governor's oath for the fifth time today, and predicted higher taxes for the state.

Without discussing any specific sources of additional revenue, he told an inauguration audience the cost of government will unquestionably go up, particularly in the field of education.

Needs in education, mental health, public health and for a better lot for the aging will bring about the increased governmental spending, he said.

The 45-year-old heir to a telecommunications fortune doffed his hat in sunny 14 degree weather to the sworn in at ceremonies on the east steps of the state capitol.

Pope Pius Extends Greetings to Rome

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 1 (AP)—Pope Pius XII today expressed the best New Year wishes to the city of Rome, saying that the Pontiff, who is bishop of the city, extended his greetings to a special audience for city officials.

Later the pope continued his series of private audiences for members of the diplomatic corps accredited to the Vatican.

Florida Governor Halts Tallahassee Bus Service

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 1 (AP)—Gov. Leroy Collins today ordered a temporary suspension of Tallahassee bus service in an effort to prevent further acts of violence during the tense bus seating dispute.

Collins took the action under emergency powers granted him by the special session of the Florida Legislature last summer.

The Legislature authorized the governor to take control of public facilities to prevent riots and disorders.

Windows Smashed

The action came several hours after rocks were hurled through the windows of the Negro leader of Tallahassee's bus integration movement and shotgun blasts were fired into a Negro grocery store.

The governor's proclamation said that continued operation of the system under existing conditions "may well endanger life, limb and property of the citizens residing therein, and will cause it to cease further breaches of the peace and will endanger the peace and good order of society."

In a statement accompanying

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the proclamation Collins said: "In this emotionally charged atmosphere and in face of threats and overt acts of violence, there is only one logical and effective answer for the present and that is the suspension of bus operations."

"I am convinced the suspension of operations until such time as the emergency passes is in the public interest. I confidently believe that, without the opportunity for continuing agitation by those who actually seem to want to provoke incidents, a sound and wise and harmonious solution can be worked out within a relatively short time."

The governor's proclamation was filed with the secretary of state's office and became effective immediately.

It was the first time the governor had invoked the emergency powers granted him by the Legislature.

Two shotgun blasts also were fired through the front glass window of Speed Bros. grocery store in the Negro section but Police Chief Frank Sioutamire said it was uncertain whether the shooting was connected with the bus situation.

Wife Bids Airman Goodbye Then Collapses And Dies

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 1 (AP)—The 20-year-old wife of an Air Force sergeant collapsed and died at a railroad depot last night just seconds after her husband boarded a train on his way overseas.

Mrs. Barbara Akers had kissed her husband goodbye, stood for a moment, then turned and fell as the train started moving.

Unaware, Sgt. James Akers settled down in the coach of the train while station employees rushed to the side of his wife. The conductor was notified and he told the sergeant a half hour after the train left.

Sergeant Returns

Akers was taken off the train at St. Maries, Idaho, about 50 miles away, and returned here, Deputy Coroner William Jones

said the young woman apparently died of a heart attack but that an autopsy will be performed.

Mrs. Akers, her 6-month-old daughter, Debra Jean, and two friends, Mrs. R. D. Foxworth and Mrs. B. T. Durham, went to the union depot last night with the sergeant who was leaving for Greenland.

The friends stayed in the waiting room while Mrs. Akers walked out to the platform with her husband.

Charles E. Buel, gateman at the station, said he saw Mrs. Akers turn and fall as the train pulled out. Friends took the baby home.

Mrs. Akers was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Sanborn of Dillon, Mont. Sgt. Akers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Akers of Fayetteville, W. Va.

Rose Parade Honors Won By 'Arabian Nights' Float

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 1 (AP)—The Southern California desert city of Indio, with a float inspired by the Arabian Nights and fashioned from 20,000 orchids, won top honors today in the 68th annual Tournament of Roses parade.

And it won despite the antics of two hungry, obstinate camels. Curbside and bleacher crowds cheered the majestic spectacle of 63 floats interspersed with bands and horsemen.

Airline president Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, aerial hero of two world wars, was grand marshal.

2-Hour Procession

A nationwide television audience saw the six-mile, two-hour procession of floats made of millions of blossoms of many kinds. Under a general theme of "Famous Firsts in Flowers," they depicted everything from the first day of spring and the first president to the first flight across the Atlantic and the first satellite. They cost \$5,000 to \$25,000 apiece.

Indio, whose population is about 3,000, called its sweepstakes prize-winning float "First Date Festival." Accompanying it were two camels named Heba and Sheba who, before the parade started, kept sidling over to it to feast upon its rose petals.

Not only did they nibble it out of the parade, but they humpbacked benches had to be propped periodically to keep them marching.

The float's display included real dates suspended from an orchid tree to publicize Indio's famous date crop. Queen Jeanene Cook of the 1956 Indio Date Festival portrayed Queen Scheherazade. Luke Christiansen was the caliph, attended by two princesses and two slave girls.

Weather Mild

The spectacle unfolded in mild weather under overcast skies. Many spectators had camped overnight in sleeping bags or chairs to

hold curbside positions. An amateur radio operator, Rick Whiting, 18, Los Angeles, set up his portable station, K6YF, on Colorado Boulevard near Orange Grove Avenue and communicated all night with other "hams."

Two Youths Shot

Before the parade began shots rang out at one point along the route. Police said two youths from nearby Burbank, brothers William and James McClelland, 18 and 16, got in an argument with three unidentified youngsters. The group retired to an alley to settle the dispute and William was shot in the hip, James in the chest. James is in serious condition. The boys' assailants fled.

Occidental Life Insurance Co. of California won the tournament's grand prize for the most beautiful commercial entry. The "First Ladies" Tournament First Ladies, carried three 20-foot roses built of red and pink carnations.

California State Polytechnic College at San Dimas won the theme prize with a float whose name asked the old question, "Which was first, the chicken or the egg?" It included a huge mother hen pushing an egg in a buggy, a mother hen and a chick, and a smiling rooster with top hat and cane.

Bandleader Lawrence Welk, his vocalist Alice Lon and the singing four Lennon sisters rode the Florists Telegraph Delivery Service float, "First in Music," which won the President's Trophy for the most effective use of roses. There were twin harp roses, white stock and yellow rose petals, and black and white piano keys of groton leaves.

Switzerland, which will have a polo conference this year, won the International Trophy in cooperation with the March of Dimes. A big floral clock was accompanied by the suggestion "Time to join the March of Dimes."

Two Youths Arrested In Slaying

DALLAS, Jan. 1 (AP)—Police held two teenage youths under arrest today as they pushed an investigation into the rape and slaying of Jeannette Mangum, 12. No charges were filed pending completion of tests on a gun police believe was used in the shooting.

Homicide Capt. Will Fritz said Simon Rodriguez, 15, told him he shot the girl but denied raping her. Medical tests confirmed that she had been raped.

Ernest Lopez, 19, also under arrest, made a written statement but denied shooting or raping the girl, Fritz said.

The body of the girl was found on Goat Hill by police last night, her clothes partially ripped off. She had been beaten about the head and face and shot in the back of the head.

Her 11-month-old brother, Dick, was found asleep in a field nearby.

Jeannette and the baby left their home about 4 p.m. for a neighborhood grocery store, her father M. D. Mangum, said.

In his signed statement, which was shown to reporters, Lopez said Jeannette was invited into the youths' car, that she entered voluntarily and the three with the baby drove to Goat Hill.

Left Car

"I drove up on the hill and got out of the car," the statement said. "I stayed gone about 15 or 20 minutes. When I got back, the girl was lying in the back seat with blood on her."

The statement then said the two youths took the girl out of the car, placed the baby beside her and drove away.

Police said they obtained a .32 ivory handled automatic through Mary Rodriguez, 17, sister of Simon. They said an ejected cartridge from a .32 automatic pistol was found at the slaying scene.

Police arrested the two youths after a neighbor saw them washing blood from their car. Pena, police said, also told them that one of the youths had told him he shot a girl on Goat Hill.

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British See Class Bias In Snub For 'Sir Soccer'

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP)—The system of awarding peerages and other honors to outstanding Britons came under heavy fire today because of the failure to grant a knighthood to Stanley Matthews, considered soccer's greatest star.

Charges of "class prejudice" and "snobbery" filled the New Year's air.

Matthews, still a star at 41 after a quarter of a century in Britain's most popular sport, was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in Queen Elizabeth's New Year's honors list.

Old Charges

The Queen acted, it was said, if any—of the peerage to be honored. They are picked by governmental departments, high ranking civil servants and the like.

It had been generally accepted that Matthews—a household name in many parts of the world—would get a knighthood.

Failure to give him one stirred old charges that professional athletes—and particularly professional footballers—get short shrift from the social arbiters of the country. Matthews is the first professional soccer player to appear on an honors list.

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One-Chamber Assembly Reopens In Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 1 (AP)—Nebraska's unicameral one-chamber Legislature, a rugged individualist among nation's law-making bodies, began its second 20 years of life today, still hale and hearty.

Acting Lt. Gov. Dwight Burney rapped the 43-member Assembly to order at noon and the unique governmental machine was off on another biennial run.

Whereas other states have two legislative bodies—a Senate and a House of Representatives—Nebraska has only one.

Streamlined System

A vote of the people in 1934 created the streamlined system and the first unicameral session was held in 1937.

The legislators, called "Senators," are elected for two-year terms on a nonpolitical ballot. There's no division of Republicans and Democrats.

The constitution sets a \$75,000 biennial limit on senatorial pay. A 43-year split thus gives each senator \$572.00 a year.

Periodically, someone comes up with a plan to overhaul the unicameral. Most frequently suggested are an increase in the number of legislators, higher salaries and restoration of party labels to purposes.

the lawmakers, Republicans and Democratic leaders have even joined hands in some of the moves, but the system has defied alteration.

Although Nebraska's Legislature is unique in form, the problems it faces are common. A poll of senators showed budget-taxation matters the chief concern this year.

The current session is expected to run until sometime in June and some 500 bills can be expected to be introduced.

Grenade Shatters Manhattan Windows

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (AP)—An Army training grenade exploded early today in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. The blast shattered several window panes. No one was hurt.

Police found another unexploded grenade in the same vicinity on Audubon Avenue between 182nd and 183rd streets. The grenades were apparently tossed there.

Police took the unexploded grenade away for later detonation. They described the grenades as the type used in the Armed Services for training purposes.