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Freedom of Press Faces Great Danger

PHOENIX (AP) — A leading Arizona and Indiana publisher said today freedom of the press is in greater danger now than in colonial times.

Eugene Pulliam, in remarks prepared for delivery before a noon luncheon of the Arizona Newspapers Association, declared:

"Freedom of the press and freedom of speech in the United States are in greater danger today than they were in the days of Peter Zenger. For today the power of government over the lives and fortunes of the people is greater than at any time in our history."

Zenger Award

At the luncheon Pulliam was given the University of Arizona's John Peter Zenger Award for "distinguished service in freedom of the press and the people's right to know."

Zenger was jailed in 1734 for his printed attacks on colonial government. His acquittal on sedition charges established freedom of the press to criticize government. A panel of U. S. editors and publishers chose Pulliam for the award.

"Freedom of expression is the fundamental right of all liberty," Pulliam told fellow newsmen.

He said that freedom of the press means the freedom of the public to be informed.

"Washington bureaucrats care not for law or constitutional rights," he said. "They strive only to make the federal government all-powerful and all-inclusive over the lives and businesses of American citizens."

Warning

He warned that federal regulation of the press would leave officials free to intimidate the press with decrees and orders which would be enforced with the effect of law.

"This has happened in other countries," he said, "and we blindly deceive ourselves if we think it cannot happen here."

Discussing the constitutional provisions for freedom of the press and a fair trial, Pulliam

said one is useless without the other.

If they clash, he said, then freedom of the press should take precedence because without it guarantees of a fair trial "would become a mockery of justice."

He concluded: "We have in America hundreds of judges in the high courts and in the lower courts, and many of them in this state too, thank God, who realize that freedom of expression is the fundamental right of all liberty."

Pulliam, 76, is publisher of the Arizona Republic and Phoenix Gazette, The Indianapolis Star and News, The Muncie, Ind., Star and Press, and the Vincennes, Ind., Sun-Commercial.

He is a director of the Associated Press and was a founder of Sigma Delta Chi, the national professional journalism society. Pulliam was the son of a minister and his first newspaper work was as a carrier boy.

Upper States Want Water Guaranty

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Upper Colorado River states have asked for assurance that their share of the Colorado River will be available when they need it.

The request was made Friday at a meeting of representatives of the seven states in the Colorado River Basin. The meeting was attended by attorneys and engineers.

Further discussions were postponed until a meeting of engineers and attorneys of the upper basin Jan. 18-19 in Denver, and a similar meeting of both upper and lower basin groups Jan. 26 in Los Angeles.

Ival Goslin, executive director of the upper basin group, said the upper basin states voiced no objection to temporary use of some of their share of Colorado River water for the Central Arizona Project. But he said they want assurance the upper states will get their share when it is needed.

Jay R. Bingham, Colorado River commissioner for Utah, said the state is working on pending legislation that must be discussed with other upper basin states.

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quiet of the outdoors — if they can find it.

Even as he talked, the wail of police and ambulance sirens and the roar of traffic in downtown Phoenix grew so loud that an aide had to get up and close the windows, so that we could hear.

And in their haste to open new frontiers and conquer new horizons, Americans have not always used their surroundings wisely. We have polluted streams, littered beaches, denuded grasslands, cut down whole forests. Even the air we breathe, Udall said, is polluted in almost every major city.

Involuntarily, I looked out the window at the setting sun. It was almost obliterated by the dark and ugly cloud we call smog.

And so, said the Secretary, Americans would be wise to act now — while the opportunities are still available — to set aside certain areas as National Parks, where rare scenic and animal and plant values can be preserved for later generations to enjoy.

More about the proposed Sonoran Desert National Park, tomorrow.

Phoenix Girl Dies in Crash

PHOENIX (AP) — A Phoenix girl was killed and her passenger critically injured early Saturday when their small car slammed into a signal pole and caught fire.

Killed was Laura Pamela Adams, 19, the driver. Her companion, Myra Klingensmith, 23, was hospitalized with critical injuries.

Police said the car was passing through an intersection on the city's busiest street, North Central Avenue, when it swerved onto an island and smashed into the signal pole.



AWAITING DECISION — As the Silver Spur Rodeo Queen contestants participated in their poise and personality and horsemanship competition Saturday, Miss Kathy Cansler awaits decision of the judges. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Cansler of Box 115 Gadsden, she is being sponsored by the Yuma County Law Enforcement Association. She is 17, attends Kofa High School and is a member of the King's Players and Yuma County 4-H Horse Club. The Rodeo Queen will be announced this Saturday during a Jaycee western dance. (Sun Staff Photo)

Why All the Fuss? Ask Mountain Climbers

MT. SHASTA, Calif. (AP) — Three mountain climbers emerged unfrozen and hearty from a blizzard which stranded them for nine days on one of the nation's highest peaks and asked, "Why all the fuss?"

"They loved it. They thought it was great," Siskiyou County Sheriff Al Cottar said Friday after the climbers hiked to safety down a drift-closed highway. Cottar said the climbers built a snow hut, ate hearty meals from ample provisions and never considered themselves in trouble as 70-mile-an-hour winds raked their campsite high on 14,151-foot Mt. Shasta.

When the weather broke, they made their way back to civilization on snowshoes and skis — and seemed in better shape than the rescue party which had been trying several days to find them.

Cottar identified the climbers as Leslie Wilson, 34, and John Crawley, 22, both of Berkeley, Calif., and Frank Duenzer, 20, of San Francisco. He said they

R. H. Robertson Dies at Home

Robert H. Robertson, 77, 2100 2nd Avenue, died at home yesterday. A retired school teacher, he had resided in Yuma 11 years.

Born July 28, 1888, in Comanche, Tex., he is survived by his widow, Ruby, of the home; two sons, John Patrick of Texas, and Hugh Michael of San Diego, Calif.

Robertson was a veteran of World War I, serving in France. He was a life member of VFW Post and the Masonic Lodge in Hooks, Tex.; the Hope Masonic Lodge, Comanche; the Royal Arch Masons and the Knights Templar, Yuma; and the Hella Shrine, Dallas, Texas. For several years he wrote the Senior Citizens column in The Sun.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary today between 1 and 5 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow at 2 p.m. there with the Yuma Commandery No. 10 Masonic Lodge in charge.

Burial is scheduled later in Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego.

Mother of Yuman Dies in Phoenix

Mrs. Mabel L. Frost, 93-year-old mother of Mrs. John A. Benson of Yuma, passed away Saturday morning in Phoenix.

Mrs. Frost was often a visitor to Yuma and was well known here. She was born Dec. 1st, 1872 in Clearfield County, Penna. She had been a school teacher after coming to Douglas in 1902 and taught for nearly 40 years.

Funeral services will be held in St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Phoenix Monday at 2 p.m. Arrangements were made through the A.L. Moore and Sons, Mortuary.

There are three other daughters surviving besides Mrs. Benson. These include Mrs. John R. Newcomer and Mr. A. A. Van Asdale, both of Phoenix and Mrs. E. J. Cummins of Tempe. Also a son, J.R. Frost of Bisbee, 16 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

\$3 Pound Paid for Top Steer

PHOENIX (AP) — A lower price was paid this year for the supreme grand champion steer of the Arizona National Livestock Show, and most other sale prices were also down.

Jack Harris of Five Points, Calif., and Scottsdale paid \$3,240 or \$3 a pound for the prize Hereford owned by Jackie Henson, 21, of Tuscola, Tex.

The supreme grand champion brought \$3,392 at \$3.20 a pound last year.

Nearly 1,000 persons turned out for the fat steer auction, and cowboy actors Rex Allen and Slim Pickens almost begged them to pay more for the 200 pen-fed animals.

Safeway Stores, Inc., bought the supreme reserve grand champion, an Angus shown by Hullinger Acres, Harris, Mo., for \$1,197 or \$1.05 a pound.

The champion Angus of the junior division brought 75 cents a pound or \$791 from O. K. Meat Co. The animal was shown by H. Marion Slek of Blairtown, Iowa.

Kenny Lind of Eaton, Colo., exhibited the 895-pound junior champion shorthorn which went to S&D Cattle Co., Litchfield, for 60 cents.

The judging of 600 quarter horses was held today with the final Rex Allen show in the State Fairground coliseum winding up the 18th annual livestock show tonight.

Congress ...

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billion or \$13 billion in supplemental defense appropriations. Republicans say they will demand an accounting of exactly where this money is to be spent but few cuts are likely.

Foremost

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana has forecast a limited program of new legislation. But there are a number of vexing issues left over from last year.

Other major legislation to be considered:

—Minimum Wage: A House committee bill proposing an increase from \$1.25 to \$1.75 hourly and extending coverage to 7.8 million additional workers is likely to be passed back.

—Unemployment Compensation: There is strong opposition to establishing federal standards and action is doubtful.

—Food for Peace: Expansion of this program is probable.

—Foreign Aid: New requirements for economic self-help and social reforms may be written into the program.

Tax Increase

—Income Tax: An increase in withholding rates above the present flat 14 per cent is possible.

—Highways: Congress will have to decide whether to go on with the interstate program despite mounting Viet Nam costs.

The Senate Commerce Committee has scheduled a detailed inquiry into the massive electric power failure in the Northeast on Nov. 9-10. Chairman Warren G. Magnuson, D-Wash., said the starting point will be the Federal Power Commission's report that there is no guarantee that it will not happen again.

Against Shifting Community Action To Housing Dept.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson reportedly has decided against shifting the community action part of his anti-poverty program to the new Department of Housing and Urban Development.

But he still has not made up his mind when to appoint a secretary to head the new urban agency.

A high administration source reported Thursday that Johnson had rejected a recommendation to shift the community action program made two weeks ago by his special task force which studied the functions and organization of the department which came into being Nov. 8.

The source said Johnson backed the position of Sargent Shriver, director of the anti-poverty program, that this was a bad time to consider such a switch, although it might be feasible later.

Boy Killed, Co-Pilot Dies, Pilot Missing

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — A C-119 Flying Boxcar crashed into a lakefront home near here Saturday, killing the co-pilot and a 15-year-old boy on the ground and injuring three other persons.

The Air Force Reserve plane, on a training mission, destroyed the home and set four other houses ablaze as it burst into flames when it crashed.

The pilot of the plane was listed as missing.

The body of the co-pilot, Capt. William J. Garin, 35, West Hartford, Conn., was found suspended by his parachute from a tree in a wooded area near the scene.

Suit Follows Accident

Ernest W. Knox has been named defendant in two civil damage suits as the result of injuries suffered by two persons in an auto accident Dec. 24th, 1965, on 4th Avenue at 18th Street.

Plaintiff in one case is Alvin Wright, driver of a motor vehicle; plaintiff in the second case is Dallas M. Mayhew, a passenger in an automobile. Each plaintiff is being represented by Attorney Ralph F. Brandt. Damages in excess of \$50,000 are sought.

Both complaints allege that Knox drove negligently and carelessly causing a collision and suffrage by the plaintiffs of injury, all of which is unknown at this time.

Each complaint asks for general damages in the sum of \$25,000, plus damages for medical, doctor, and hospital expense, and damages by reason of loss of income.

Magnuson Shocked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, a leading congressional sponsor of a law that requires cigarette packs to carry a health hazard warning, expressed shock Saturday night at a report the Agriculture Department is subsidizing attempts to increase cigarette consumption abroad.

FBI Cracks Credit Card Operation in 9 States

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — The FBI said Saturday it had broken a large "credit card" bookmaking operation with raids in nine cities.

FBI agents made simultaneous raids at five locations in Miami and at others in New York City, Jersey City, Baltimore, Huntington, W. Va., Baton Rouge, La., New Orleans, Cleveland and Clarkdale, Miss.

The Miami operation, the FBI reported, was headed by Gilbert Lee Beckley, whose residence was searched for gambling and bookmaking records.

"Beckley's operation is known to have used telephone credit cards obtained in Tulsa, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Mo., and Clovis, Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Roswell, N.M.," the announcement said.

During a 10-month period in 1965, the FBI said, 6,592 long distance calls were charged to these credit cards.

Raiders also searched the residence of Morton Kane of Miami and Martin Sklaroff, who was identified as an associate of Beckley.

Kenneth Hanna was arrested at a Miami apartment on a warrant charging fraud by wire, interstate transmission of wagering information and interstate transportation in aid of racketeering.

Hanna's arrest, the announcement said, stemmed from use of an electronic device known as a "blue box."

"This sophisticated instrument," the FBI said, "is attached to a telephone or telephone line and permits the holder to utilize the long distance network without being billed for the call."

Over 500 long distance calls were made from Hanna's phone, the FBI said, which were not recorded by the telephone company.

Also arrested was Nat Modell of New York City.

Other searches were reported made on operations of Charles Lakis, Cleveland; Herbert Kaufman, Baltimore; Eugene Nolan, Baton Rouge; Sam Di Piazza, New Orleans; Joe Assad, Clarkdale, and other operations at Huntington and Jersey City.

Raps Stand Of Student Committee

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said today that it does not subscribe to an attack on U.S. policy in Viet Nam made by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

There was little strong reaction from other civil rights leaders to the SNCC statement, which criticized what it called "an aggressive policy" by the United States and said civil rights work should be a valid alternative to the draft.

One NAACP staff member said some SNCC workers are becoming disinterested in civil rights work.

Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, said his organization "disassociated itself" from the official SNCC statement.

Udall Says Indians Victim of History

PHOENIX (AP) — Interior Secretary Stewart Udall says it's not the fault of American Indians they are "more discriminated against than the Negroes." Udall, in an interview, noted the physical isolation of Indians. "They have not integrated, and they do not live in the community," he said. "It's not their fault — history put them there."

Boys Fall Through Ice, Drown

LAKEVIEW, Ariz. (AP) — Two boys plunged through the ice of Rainbow Lake and drowned Saturday before a man hunting ducks with them could come to their aid.

Neighbors rescued Tom Balkcom, 29, a McNary High School teacher, as he clung to ice with his body in the frigid lake. He was hospitalized in shock.

The boys were Stephen Alan Wright, 14, son of State Patrolman and Mrs. Norman Wright of Lakeside, and Ted Crowther, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crowther of McNary.

Balkcom tried in vain to reach the drowning boys with a log. Navajo County investigators said.

A party of 15 searchers hunted an hour before recovering the bodies.

The Wrights moved recently to Lakeside from McNary. Another boy in the hunting party, Ruben Duros, 16, of McNary, was separated briefly and did not fall through the ice.

3 Phoenixians Held On Narcotics Count

NOGALES (AP) — U. S. Customs officials have arrested three Phoenix residents, including a man and wife, on charges of smuggling a half gram of heroin from Mexico.

The three were identified as Jonathan D. Cashion, 22, Michael S. Cobbs, 21, and his wife Joan, 20.

The arrests were made at the border by Customs investigators.

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