

C. R. FINANCE MAN IS SLAIN

Errol Flynn Dies While On a Visit

Suffers Heart Attack With Friends in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—Errol Flynn, whose real life adventures often outdid his swashbuckling movie roles, died Wednesday night in an apartment where he had dropped in for a drink. He apparently suffered a heart attack. An autopsy was planned.

"He died laughing," said Mrs. George Caldough, Flynn's hostess during a visit here. "He was having a good time and enjoying himself."

The gray, 50-year-old actor was enroute to the airport with Mr. and Mrs. FLYNN Caldough and his 17-year-old protege, Beverly Aadland.

"We just dropped in to see some friends for a cocktail," Mrs. Caldough said.

Felt Pain.

She said he complained of a pain in the back and the man they were visiting, Dr. Grant Gould, took him into another room for relief. He lost consciousness while the doctor was out of the room for a moment, she said.

An inhalator crew worked over Flynn for 37 minutes and then he was taken by ambulance to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Miss Aadland, who rode to the hospital in the ambulance, was placed under sedation.

"Women," said Flynn on his arrival here 6 days ago, "well, that speaks for itself. I like young women because they give you a feeling of youth."

To Sell Yacht.

He came to negotiate for the sale of his \$100,000 yacht Zaca. Caldough reportedly was interested in the luxury vessel.

Flynn's dashing manner both on and off the screen raised the blood pressure of feminine admirers and male rivals. It also brought him headlines—headlines he said he wanted to avoid.

"The search for anonymity has been my true failure," Flynn maintained.

The actor was married 3 times. He was separated from his current wife, Patricia Wymore, who is appearing at a Washington, D.C., nightclub.

She burst into tears when told of Flynn's death and said, "Please, I'm sorry, I can't talk."

Flynn's life had a story-book beginning in the Australian island state of Tasmania and the plot thickened as the years passed.

His latest real-life drama took place in Cuba where he claimed he was wounded while fighting with the Castro forces. His wound was played down by the rebels as was the extent of his activities. Flynn, however, wrote a series of articles about his Cuban adventures.

Spending Sprees.

His spending sprees took him to cafes and nightclubs where the evening often ended with Flynn swinging his fists instead of a sword. He got into a Havana cafe free-for-all in 1937, was slapped by a Canadian millionaire, Duncan McMartin, in a Nassau bar in 1954 and traded blows with such people as

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No Comment By Treasurer On Tax Audit

DES MOINES—State Treasurer M. L. Abrahamson Thursday declined to comment on the report of the operation in his motor fuel tax division until he has had more time to study the audit.

Abrahamson had a detailed comment prepared but then refused to release it after conferring with his attorney.

The report by a 3-member audit commission cited many instances of "inadequate" administration in the department but said it found "no evidence" to support charges that the state was losing "millions of dollars" in tax revenue.

Gov. Herschel Loveless said the report seems to prove "a little on both sides" of the dispute which raged early this year between Abrahamson and former Gas Tax Director George Marchi.

Marchi blamed Abrahamson for the "shoddy administration" while Abrahamson contended it was Marchi's job to streamline the tax collection machinery in the division.

Compliments Auditors.

Loveless said the audit report was a "good job done by competent" men.

Loveless said he would mail copies of the report Thursday to members of 2 legislative committees involved in the investigation of the gas tax division, a special legislative committee formed to supervise the audit and the legislative interim committee which generally speaks for the legislature when it is not in session.

The long-awaited report was delivered to Gov. Loveless late Wednesday by Clifford Ruggier of Mason City and Albert Augustine of Des Moines, members of a 3-man commission set up by the governor to conduct the audit.

The third member, Dean Sidney Winter of the University of Iowa, (Continued: Page 6, Col. 2.)



COAST BLAZE—A fireman calmly tends the pumping equipment on his engine as flames sweep to the edge of a highway in Angeles national forest. The scene is 30 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles.

F. L. Coste Is Stabbed In His Office

A finance company manager was found dead in the interview room of his office shortly before noon Thursday, the victim of a stabbing by an unknown assailant.

Victim was Frederick Leonard Coste, 47, manager of the Family Finance Corp., 312½ Second ave. SE.

He was found lying on his back in a pool of blood by 2 customers, Thomas McMurrin, Linn Junction rd. NE, and Donald McSpadden, 309 H ave. NW.

Told Patrolman.

The 2 had gone to the office to conduct business. Upon finding Coste they left the office immediately, found Patrolman Donald Hollister at the DeVar restaurant below and reported their finding to him.

Hollister called police headquarters and Detectives George Matias and Roy Walker and Identification Officer T. C. McDermott began an immediate investigation. Other detectives and patrolmen soon joined the case.

Dr. Percy Harris, deputy Linn county coroner, said Coste had a bruised left eye and 6 stab wounds in the chest, 3 of which were penetrating.

Dr. Harris said he believed the murder weapon was a heavy instrument because 3 of the wounds penetrated the rib cage. One of the thrusts penetrated the heart, he believed.

Dr. Harris estimated that death occurred about 2 hours before the body was discovered.

No Weapon Found.

The murder weapon was not found, according to Police Chief Carl Badger.

Although the crime was thoroughly staffed by detectives and identification men, Chief Badger said no tangible clues had been found shortly before 2 p.m.

It was not known whether any money had been taken from the finance company office, since Coste was the only employe at the time of his murder.

An official of the firm's headquarters in Davenport had been contacted, according to Chief Badger, to check the company's books to determine whether any money is missing.

An office girl had formerly been employed by Coste, Chief Badger said, but she had resigned some time ago to accept other employment.

Coste was married and has a daughter, Diane, 7. His wife and his mother, Mrs. Louise Coste, also survive.

The Family Finance Corp. is the same firm that was victimized by a daring daylight holdup man about two years ago. He managed to make his escape at that time, but was later captured.

Visits Canada.

NEW YORK (AP)—Mexican President Lopez Mateos flew Thursday to Ottawa for a brief visit.

'Steel Pact By Sunday': Taylor Plea

Panel Head Says Both Factions Have Room To Compromise.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The head of President Eisenhower's steel-strike inquiry panel Thursday urged the industry and union to resume direct negotiations and seek an agreement before Sunday.

Both seemed to accept the suggestion by Chairman George Taylor at the windup of the panel's hearings. But no immediate negotiating arrangements were made.

The nation wants a settlement soon, Taylor lectured both sides.

He said that, if they can't agree by negotiation, they should consider submitting their differences to a decision by outside neutrals.

Their Preference.

First R. Conrad Cooper, U. S. Steel Corp. executive, and then David McDonald, union president, replied that they preferred negotiation to arbitration.

"I am in the mood to bargain collectively to try to reach an agreement," McDonald said.

Cooper noted that he and McDonald are staying in the same hotel, one floor apart. He offered to walk down a flight to McDonald's quarters, rather than have the union chief walk up, if McDonald would feel better about it.

Taylor said 2 main roadblocks thwart settlement.

Questions Ltd.

He said they are the work rule changes demanded by the industry—designed to promote operating economy—and wage and benefit increases for the strikers.

He said he sympathized with the company position that neither the industry nor the country wanted a settlement that would touch off a new round of inflation.

But he said he questioned that the industry limit of a 2% raise was a "magic figure" or a necessarily correct measurement of what could be given that would be non-inflationary.

Taylor suggested that, while management must always seek operating economies, these cannot be accomplished without impact in human terms that must somehow be softened.

Inflation Spur.

Both sides, he said, had room to compromise.

He remarked that a continuing strike would promote some inflation through its impact on the federal budget, through lower tax yields, and in other ways.

The panel is to make a report to Mr. Eisenhower Monday. Once it reports, the way will be clear for the government to turn to the courts and ask for an order that the strikers go back to work for 80 days.

Mr. Eisenhower Wednesday granted the board an extra 3 days.

Brechler Asks To Be Excused From Hearing

IOWA CITY (AP)—Athletic Director Paul Brechler today asked to be excused from tonight's hearing before the board in control of athletics at Iowa and Football Coach Forest Evashevski.

Evashevski is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. with the board.

Brechler said yesterday that he planned to attend the hearing. He is a member and secretary of the board.

"My decision" he said today, "is based on the feeling that if my presence would in any manner inhibit anyone from contributing fully to a fair and complete hearing with Forest Evashevski and a full discussion of any matters presented, then it is best that I exempt myself from the meeting."

"I have given considerable thought to the question, and I most sincerely want and will do my best to help achieve an early resolution of any problems which may exist. I feel that this is the real desire of all who are directly concerned."

"I'm as anxious to hear his complaints as anyone," Brechler said today.

Asked what he would do should Evashevski offer to stay if Brechler quit, the athletic director said:

"I will stay regardless of what Evashevski does. I am working for the university and will continue to do so as long as they are satisfied I am doing my job."

Although the Board of Regents did not mention it in the formal resolution passed at last week's meeting, one board member said the group specified that Brechler not attend the meeting. Dr. George Easton, chairman of the athletic board, said yesterday he knew of no reason why Brechler would not attend.

Council Moves Toward Hearing On Parking Ramp

Legal steps to set up a public hearing on plans for a downtown offstreet parking ramp were authorized Thursday by Cedar Rapids' city council.

Officials voted to have Mayor Jim Meaghan confer with bond attorneys Chapman and Cutler of Chicago on putting in motion a project long under consideration.

No specific sites or cost estimates were listed in Thursday's resolution.

The council has proposed a 400 to 500 car ramp to be financed through a bond issue and parking meter revenue.

No. 1 on its list of possible sites is the business block between First street and the river from Second to Third avenue SE.

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Brush Fire Halted Near Dwellings in L.A. Suburb

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A foothill brush fire burned to within 100 yards of a group of houses near suburban Altadena Thursday but a massed array of pumper trucks succeeded in checking the flames.

Three families were evacuated temporarily, but barring the unexpected, firemen said the threat to Altadena was more potential than immediate.

Meanwhile, the 4,500-acre fire, completely out of control for the second day, burned most furiously along a 4-mile front on its northeast edge. This front is in a wilderness area of Angeles National forest in the San Gabriel mountains, far from any structures.

Flames, burning northwest, jumped Angeles Crest highway at several points and kept going. It was along side this highway, lower in the hills, that the fire started Tuesday—apparently from a carelessly flipped cigaret.

Second Fire.

Wednesday night, to the west on the opposite side of Los Angeles, another brush fire flared briefly. It was near Mount St. Mary's college in the Santa Monica mountains. The college was evacuated as a precautionary measure, but the blaze was contained before doing any damage. It charred 6 acres.

Fifteen hundred men and 18 tanker planes, dropping fire retarding borate solution, fought the Angeles forest blaze. Control still was a question mark.

"It looks like it'll take a

Crash Is Fatal to John Bodenhofer, 90, of Anamosa

ANAMOSA—John T. Bodenhofer, 90, former Jones county supervisor and sheriff, died Wednesday afternoon in Mercy hospital here of injuries suffered in an auto crash Tuesday.

Mr. Bodenhofer farmed near Mechanicsville for 20 years before coming to Anamosa. He served as sheriff from 1921 and as sheriff from 1922 to 1930.

In 1916, he served as first president of the Jones county Farm Bureau. He was a past president of the Eastern Iowa Cooperative Dairy Assn., and a 50-year Mason.

Mr. Bodenhofer was injured Tuesday noon when the car in which he was riding was involved in a collision at Lisbon.

Survivors include 3 daughters, Helen Simpson and Hazel Tonne of Mechanicsville and Hazel Hammon of Lisbon.

Services: Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Methodist church at Anamosa. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery. The body is at Goetsch funeral home.

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Barry Fitzgerald Ill; Brain Tumor?

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)—Barry Fitzgerald, 71, Irish star of stage and screen, was reported seriously ill Thursday in a nursing home.

Friends said doctors were examining him for a possible brain tumor.

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Organizers Face Tax Accusations

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Eight organizers for Teamsters Local 107 were indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury on charges of evading 1955 taxes ranging in amounts from \$248 to \$858.

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