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Plainfield Marshal Is Killed Thwarting Safe-Crackers

Shot in Heart As Pair Flees

By STEWART HAAS
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PLAINFIELD—A 36-year-old town marshal was dead Monday—shot by one of two unidentified burglars who fled in a flurry of bullets following an attempted safe-cracking here.

Dead is William L. Meadows, Plainfield farmer, scoutmaster and marshal.

HE WAS SHOT through the heart by what authorities believed Monday to be a high-powered 30-30-caliber deer rifle. The bullet went completely through his body.

Meadows was found lying on his back about three feet inside the front door of the Hartmann Packing Co., where he had rushed to check a reported break-in.

MEANWHILE, county and state authorities scoured the packing plant on main street here for clues and checked reports of a car seen in the area about the time of the shooting.

Townpeople in this Bremer county community of 445 were stunned by the shooting. They gathered on street corners to discuss it, and some peered through the bullet-riddled glass of the packing plant where police were investigating.

The break-in alarm had been turned in about 2:15 a. m. by Mrs. Ernest Buckman. She and her husband live over a drug store they operate across the street from the packing plant.

The Buckmans had moved here from Waterloo four months ago.

MRS. BUCKMAN had just turned in after reading late, and she was asleep. She was awakened by a loud noise, apparently the blast going off in the safe. The Buckmans thought someone was breaking into their store.

They looked out their windows and saw someone moving around in the packing plant. He ducked down as a truck passed on the street, she said. Mrs. Buckman phoned Meadows and Kenneth Hartmann, who operates the packing plant with his father, Ted, and brother, Robert.

MEADOWS radioed Waverly police from his car on the way to town, and requested help. Two police cars were immediately dispatched to Plainfield.

The thieves had broken the lock on the front door of the packing plant, and were working on a safe in an office adjacent to the main room.

MEADOWS apparently was shot just after entering the building by way of the battered front door. Sheriff Harley Ehlert said Meadows' pistol was still in his holster. His sawed-off shotgun was lying on the floor near his head.

About then, Ted Hartmann had parked his car and was coming up the sidewalk to

ward his packing plant. A bullet whizzed through the front glass of the plant, barely missing Hartmann's head. Someone yelled to Hartmann to "Stay where you are, or you'll be shot, too!"

HARTMANN SAID that he ducked down behind a car. The men shot through a glass doorway off a hallway just north of the office. Hartmann said that one man burst through a screen on the door, and then another. He saw one man duck back of the Roach Farms, Inc., building north of the packing plant. He said that there was some shooting after they were outside.

FROM THEIR shooting inside, bullet holes dotted glass windows the entire width of the building.

One bullet had ricocheted from the street and through the post office window across from the packing plant. The bullet entered just under the "P" in Plainfield painted on the window.

Meanwhile Kenneth Hartmann had parked his car in back of the packing plant. He said that the intense cold had dimmed his car lights.

Suddenly his lights came on and he saw a man run, then duck down behind a gas tank. The man was short and stocky.

THE MAN yelled at Hartmann: "Who are you?" "Kenney," Hartman replied. "You better get around to the front of the building," the man replied.

Neither the Buckmans nor Kenneth Hartmann got a good look at the men. Authorities believe that one man is about 5 foot, 9 inches tall and stocky, and the other is slender. Both were thought to be wearing work clothes.

Meanwhile, Waverly police officer Ernest Brant stopped south of Plainfield and set up a road block. He stopped only one car going south.

THE OTHER officer, Clarence Wickham arrived at the scene and found Meadows' body. He called the sheriff's office for help. Area State Patrolmen were notified.

Kenneth Hartmann told authorities that before he left home he noticed a bubble-shaped Nash driving on Hwy. 138 just east of Plainfield.

Waterloo police Monday said that they were cooperating in the search for such a car, in case it had headed south.

The men bolted in such a hurry that they left their safe-cracking tools behind. Included were two gas masks which apparently were used to protect them from the gas and dust from the blast.

HARTMANN said that the safe contained only records. The cash had been taken to a bank.

The outside door of the safe was unlocked, but the inside cash compartment was locked. Authorities said the burglars had opened the outer door and planted nitroglycerin behind a putty-like substance on the cash compartment. This was set off with a blasting cap.

The explosion which aroused the Buckmans blew the outside

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Young Marrieds Accused of Theft

A married couple, the husband 17 and the wife 14, were charged in Waterloo with breaking into a neighbor's house and stealing. Story on page 3.

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BREMER COUNTY Sheriff Harley Ehlert inspects the safe which burglars blew open early Monday at the Hartmann Packing plant in Plainfield. The blast blew off the outside door of the safe, but failed to budge the cash compartment.

ment. The men were set to try again when discovered. Putty-like substance on cash compartment door serves as container for nitroglycerin.

Kennedy to Stress Use Of Diplomatic Channels

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy intends to stress the use of formal diplomatic channels—rather than summit meetings—in tackling major foreign policy problems, the state department disclosed Monday.

The announcement came as Kennedy huddled with his top foreign policy and defense advisers in a master strategy session on how his new administration will push its quest for solution of the myriad of foreign affairs problems.

THE WHITE HOUSE session began at mid-morning with a recess for lunch. Those attending were headed by Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara.

Rusk said through a State Department spokesman: "It is the intention of President Kennedy and myself to use the diplomatic channels as well as formal discussion and consultations with other governments."

STATE DEPARTMENT press officer Lincoln White, who issued the statement, told newsmen that "in general terms" this means a deemphasis on the idea of trying to cure international ills by rushing into meetings of heads of state.

Rusk's statement on free use of diplomatic channels was made in connection with his stamping a strictly secret label on a report from Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson in Moscow on his two-hour talk Saturday with Premier Khrushchev.

IT WAS INDICATED that a similar procedure would be followed on future diplomatic communications.

"The value of the diplomatic channel depends on its privacy," Rusk said.

"We fully recognize the right and the need of the public to be adequately informed on the conduct of foreign affairs."

"THIS" RIGHT, however, cannot extend to the immediate and full disclosure of every exchange between one of our ambassadors and a high official in

the government to which he is accredited.

White said that the summit-level and other special diplomatic parleys provided there is adequate advance preparation.

Soviet Premier Khrushchev has been a strong advocate of summit conferences.

Adlai Arrives
For U.N. Job

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Adlai E. Stevenson came here in a snowstorm Monday as the United States' new chief delegate to the United Nations. He quipped that he liked the job better than the weather.

Stevenson arrived in a black limousine at noon and handed his credentials as U. S. permanent representative to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld. Hatless in a blue overcoat, he posed in falling snow for photographers.

Asked how he liked his new post as head of the U. S. delegation, Stevenson replied: "I'm sure I'm going to like it very much indeed. I think I'm going to like it better than the weather."

Last of Belgium
Strikers on Job

LIEGE, Belgium (AP)—The last strikers against the Belgian government's austerity program went back to work Monday.

Socialist leaders of the walk-out announced they would continue their fight in other ways against the austerity bill, which calls for higher taxes and reduction in some unemployment benefits.

Bombs Exploded In Haiti Capital

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Bombs exploded in several high schools and on capital streets Monday as a student boycott of the state university entered its second week.

The bomb caused scant damage and no casualties.

SHELLEY, A member of Congress for 11 years, has served as president of the San Francisco Central Labor Council and California State Federation of Labor.

It was understood Shelley was definitely in line for the secretary's post while it appeared Robert Kennedy would not be named to the cabinet.

However, sources in Congress said, after Robert Kennedy's appointment was settled, the president-elect and Shelley had an amicable meeting at which they agreed it would be politically unwise to include a second Catholic in the new cabinet.

ON DEC. 15, Kennedy announced the selection of Arthur J. Goldberg, counsel to the United Steelworkers and special counsel to the AFL-CIO, to be his secretary of labor.

The appointment of Robert Kennedy as attorney general was announced the next day.

Goldberg is of Jewish faith as is a second cabinet member, Secretary of Welfare Abraham Ribicoff.

THIS YARDSTICK demonstrates the size of tools which thieves left behind at the scene of a break-in in Plainfield early Monday. Knap-sack at right carried the

tools. Two men tried to crack the safe at the Hartmann Packing Plant, although authorities suspected that a third man might have been driving for the pair.

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Senate Approves Pesch

By STAFF WRITER

DES MOINES—The Senate met in executive session Monday noon and quickly confirmed the appointment of Carl Pesch, 31, as State Safety Commissioner.

This is the only appointment Gov. Norman Erbe has sent up for confirmation since he took office, but he said Monday that he hoped to send four more to the Senate this week.

Pesch will succeed Donald Statton, Boone attorney, who was appointed to the office by former Gov. Herschel Loveless.

Statton, a Democrat, submitted his resignation to be effective Jan. 20 and presumably Pesch will succeed him to the \$10,000 a year position on that date.

A Republican, Pesch has served as an assistant attorney general under Gov. Norman Erbe.

7 Killed, 23 Are Hurt In Fire on the Saratoga

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—A serious fire which was fought for two hours before being controlled.

IT CAUSED very heavy and dense smoke resulting in the asphyxiation of 4 officers and 3 enlisted men, a total of 7 fatalities, and other injuries of a less serious nature.

"After controlling the fire the Saratoga went under her own power to her previously scheduled anchorage at Athens, arriving just a little late."

"The names of the casualties have not been released pending notification to next of kin."

"A board of senior officers has been ordered to conduct an appropriate investigation."

IT WAS THE second fire aboard a Forrestal class carrier in just over a month; the other one being aboard the Constellation, under construction at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The fire Dec. 19 cost 50 lives. A Navy spokesman at Naples attributed the Saratoga fire to a broken oil pipeline and said the flames were brought under control after a two-hour fight.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court Monday upheld censorship of motion pictures before their public showing.

Justice Clark delivered the court's 5-4 decision.

The tribunal acted on an appeal by Times Film Corp., distributors of a movie called "Don Juan." The film refused to submit the picture to Chicago's censors and the city then refused a permit for its exhibition.

In Monday's high court decision, Chief Justice Warren and Justice Douglas wrote dissenting opinions. Also dissenting were Justices Black and Brennan.

Hemingway Out
Of Hospital

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP)—Novelist Ernest Hemingway left Rochester Sunday after two months treatment at the Mayo Clinic.

A clinic spokesman said Hemingway had decided against holding a news conference and added that the famed author gave no destination.

Hemingway authorized the clinic a week ago to say he was in Rochester for treatment for high blood pressure. Hemingway entered St. Mary's hospital here Nov. 30.

To Explain Firm's Future

SHELDON (AP)—Elliott Roosevelt is scheduled to talk late Monday with employees of Northern Biochemical Corp., a financially-troubled firm whose ousted president has been charged with abetting a \$2 million bank embezzlement admitted by the company's biggest stockholder.

The company closed its plant here Sunday for the first time since last April. The plant had been operating on a six-hour four-shift basis, seven days a week.

NO REASON for the shutdown was given. Operations began again at midnight with the full shift returning to duty.

Associates here said Roosevelt, the firm's economic adviser, is slated to arrive in a company plane for a board meeting.

Roosevelt, son of the late president, will address a meeting of the firm's employees.

Company officials said the meeting will be open to the public. Many townspeople are expected to be on hand to learn the future of Sheldon's biggest industry, which mixes and sells animal feeds.

MORE THAN a third of the firm's stock was owned by Mrs. Burnice Iverson Geiger, who has admitted the embezzlement that closed the Sheldon National Bank.

There were reports that Mrs. Geiger contributed much more to the rapidly-expanding company than the \$135,000 she paid for 130,000 shares of stock.

She is in jail at Sioux City along with Harold Eugene Kistner, Jr., 35, former president of Northern Biochemical who Sunday was charged with abetting the embezzlement.

KISTNER is being held in lieu of \$25,000 bond. Mrs. Geiger, 58, assistant cashier and board member of the bank and daughter of its president, is being held on \$10,000 bond.

She was visited Sunday by her husband, Wallace, a Sheldon merchant. It was his first visit since she was jailed last Monday.

He spent about half an hour with her and announced two Sioux City attorneys, Warren G. Dunkle and Franklin E. Gill, See SHELDON

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Mrs. Geiger Kistner

