



RESULT OF THE DELUGE—Traffic crawls along Route 1 just south of Muirkirk, Md., as swollen Indian Creek crossed the highway, rising at some

points to as much as 4 feet. The small white sign at the extreme right of the picture says "Speed Checked by Radar."—Star Photo by Paul Schmick.

Mystery Girl 'Cop Hater' Flees by Hospital Window

The mystery girl Prince Georges County police have been trying to identify for a week slipped away from Prince Georges General Hospital in Cheverly last night.

The girl, who is about 20 years old and an apparent amnesia victim, had been committed to the hospital for observation.

Yesterday evening some time, according to Sheriff J. Lee Ball, she put on her street clothing under her hospital gown while in bed.

Shortly after 8:30 p.m., the sheriff said, "she went across the hall to the restroom, took off the hospital gown, climbed to a high window in the first-floor restroom, pushed out a screen and fled."

While the girl had not been under guard, Mr. Ball noted, provision had been made for duty nurses to keep an eye on her. She had tried twice before to escape from police since she was arrested in Hyattsville on October 6 on a vagrancy charge.

Since then she has told police only that her name is Terry Palmer and she lives somewhere in Maryland. She also has stated frequently that she "hates cops."

The girl was described as wearing blue dungarees, a yellow and brown plaid shirt, loafer shoes and being 5 feet 7 inches tall, with dark blond hair and weighing 120.

"She seemed to be getting along very well in the hospital," Sheriff Ball explained. "She was ground-

eating her meals heartily and beginning seriously to try to help us establish her identity."

Seven doctors have been consulted in the case and concluded that the girl was an apparent amnesia victim.

"But I'm beginning to wonder if it wasn't all a big act," Sheriff Ball said today.

Wednesday a Washington woman, Mrs. Jessie Marie Carson, said she thought Terry Palmer was a foster child she had taken in in 1937 and who had run away in 1945. A definite connection has not been established, however.

The mystery girl was scheduled to come before Hyattsville Police Court Judge Grover Lee Small yesterday, but he continued her case until Monday to give police and doctors more time to investigate her background.

Stuart Joins Foes Of Special Session

RICHMOND, Oct. 14 (AP).—State Senator Harry C. Stuart of Elk Garden has joined the growing number of State legislators opposing a special General Assembly session to consider Virginia's school segregation problem.

The Russell County legislator, a 15-year veteran of the State Senate, says:

"The time is too short to accomplish that which is desired by an extra session of the General Assembly on the segregation question."

Gov. Stanley, who has indicated he might call a special session in mid-November, has said he won't make a final decision until he has received a report by his Commission on Public Education.

Four Boats Evacuate 100 In Prince Georges Flood

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naces had been ruined by the flooding from Hurricane Diane. Ditches Still Lacking

The back yards of four houses on Edmonston road in Edmonston were flooded as they were after Hurricane Connie and Diane. On September 2, residents of the area met with Norman M. Pritchett, chief engineer of the State Roads Commission, to complain about the flood problem which they say was caused by the relocation of Edmonston road near their homes.

Mr. Pritchett told that meeting the commission would dig two 1,500-foot ditches, one along the relocated Edmonston road and another at right angles to it along Crittenden street to carry away storm waters. That work has not yet started.

Mount Vernon (Va.) firemen also evacuated several persons from their homes in that area. Traffic was blocked for a while on the Mount Vernon Memorial highway, they said would help carry the water away.

Firemen here and in nearby areas received many calls from residents whose basements were flooded as sewers failed to carry away the runoff.

Nichols Avenue Stores Hit

District firemen got 60 calls from persons having storm-connected difficulty, and said they were able to handle 15 of them. The others, they said, were not connected with Fire Department work, and concerned such things as blocked sewers and leaking roofs.

Some firemen spent a busy night on Nichols avenue S.E., when water poured into stores at 2737, 2739, 2741, 2743 and 2745 Nichols avenue. The firemen spread tarpaulins, moved stock and pumped water.

Police said Anacostia drive between the Field House and the Sousa bridge was closed to traffic this morning because of high water. At one point during the night, Anacostia drive in Fair-lawn Park was blocked off, as were roads in Rock Creek Park, but these were opened at 7 a.m.

Only northbound trucks and buses were able to use Route 1 in the Beltsville area this morning because of rising waters from Indian Creek. State police said the water was up to the bumpers on the traffic able to get through.

Detours Kept Open

Powder Mill road, which intersects with Route 1 at Beltsville curve, and Montgomery road, which takes traffic into Laurel, were being used as a detour around the flooded area. All southbound traffic and north-

St. Louis Bus Strikers Face Stiff Penalties

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 14 (AP).—Striking AFL streetcar and bus operators, with one court suit filed against their union and the threat of other legal action facing them, decide again today whether to continue their three-day-old walkout.

They voted Wednesday to defy Gov. Phil M. Donnelly by shutting down recommendations of their union officers for a return to work.

Yesterday Missouri's Attorney General John M. Dalton filed a Circuit Court suit for \$30,000 against the union—\$10,000 for each day of the walkout so far. That action came under the State's King-Thompson law which bans strikes against a public utility. The governor seized the St. Louis Public Service Co. Tuesday, eight hours after the strike was called, as provided by the law.

Further Action Possible

Mr. Dalton said last night that there may be more legal action if the operators don't start moving the transit vehicles. Still possible under the law are \$1,000 fines against each of the officers of Local 788, Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, and a court injunction against the strike.

Also possible under the law is the loss of seniority by the strikers, but Mr. Dalton said yesterday that decision would be left to the company.

The court action yesterday was the first use of the law's penalty section since it was adopted by the State in 1947.

Mediator Is Hopeful

Daniel G. Rogers, State Mediation Board chairman and designated by Gov. Donnelly to run the utility, said last night he felt certain union officers will

Pennsylvania Gets Tax-on-Tax Plan

HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 14 (AP).—A measure introduced in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives last night by the two top Democrats of the Lower Chamber would set up a State tax based on a percentage of a person's Federal income tax.

The bill introduced by Speaker H. G. Andrews and Floor Leader J. B. Readinger of the Democratic-controlled body sets the tax-on-tax rate at 7 per cent. The measure had neither the backing nor opposition of Democratic Gov. George M. Leader.

There was no indication of when the matter would be taken up by the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. Readinger and Mr. Andrews view the tax-on-tax as a possible or partial solution to the 10-month fiscal deadlock. Mr. Readinger is confident it would pass the House and there is evidence to indicate some members of the Senate Republican majority would go along with the plan.

However, a questionmark of constitutionality hangs over the measure. A similar proposal was declared a violation of the State constitution uniformly clause two years ago by the State Attorney General.

be successful in getting the operators back to work.

He promised a non-stop negotiating session between top officials of the company and the union until a new contract is achieved, if the drivers end their walkout.

The strike, which forced some 200,000 streetcar and bus riders to find other transportation, has hit hard at retail business in the downtown area. But it caused gasoline sales to jump substantially as motorists who usually save their cars for night and Sunday driving used them to get to work.

The operators went on strike after an arbitration panel recommended a 12-cent hourly wage boost to be paid in three installments. The union had asked 26 cents in a one-year contract. Top pay for the operators now is \$1.87.

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