

2 Starving Children Die; Parents Held in Neglect

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 14 (AP).—Two small starving brothers, who each dreamed of someday growing up to be heavyweight champion of the world, died yesterday after days of begging scraps of food from door to door and eating out of neighborhood trash cans.

Six-year-old William Baughman, Jr., died with a plea for food on his lips. "Please, may I have a ham sandwich?" he murmured to hospital attendants.

Seven-year-old Lawrence, who died 12 hours later, never regained consciousness after police removed him, frail and convulsed from the shabby, one-room apartment where the Baughmans lived with their seven children.

The five girls, ranging in age from one to nine, were placed in foster homes.

Police jailed William Baughman, a 29-year-old unemployed longshoreman, and his 38-year-old wife, booking them with criminal neglect pending formal charges.

Laboratory tests and toxicological examinations were scheduled after Dolores, the oldest girl, told police the brothers had been eating out of a mustard jar found under the wooden tenement. Doctors believed it was contaminated.

Police went to the squalid room yesterday, when neighbors complained the children were out begging at all hours of the day and night and had been drinking wine from the discarded bottles. One woman said she couldn't sleep because of the cries of the hungry children.

"They ate in the garbage cans . . . up and down the street," said Mrs. Evelyn Scallan, a next door neighbor.

Offers to bury the two children poured in after Baughman said he would have to await assistance from his father in Acadia, Tex., because a burial insurance policy had lapsed two months ago.

"I'm a sick man," he said. "I have a nerve sickness. I've been nervous since I was born."

He said he left his last job two weeks ago to seek admission to a Veterans' Administration hospital.

Since then, the family lived on \$7 worth of food chips provided by nuns at a nearby convent.

The Baughmans' apartment is less than a block off Canal street, New Orleans' main business thoroughfare.

Baughman, a gaunt, thin man who looks older than his 29 years, said his sons wanted to grow up to be fighters, "like Rocky Marciano."

His wife, a frail woman in a soiled pink dress, tearfully in-

sisted she had done her best for the children.

The family had applied for assistance from the Louisiana Welfare Department, which administers a \$110 million-a-year welfare program, one of the largest and most liberal in the Nation.

Miss Lillie H. Nairne, head of the New Orleans office, said the mother gave no indication that her husband was too ill to work or that their situation was an emergency.

Miss Nairne said a follow-up letter was mailed when Baughman failed to show up for a Monday interview. Police found the letter in the mailbox.

Unions Step Up Organizing

By the Associated Press

Labor unions seem to be stepping up their organizing activities even ahead of the prospective AFL-CIO merger due in December.

One of the stated aims of merging the AFL and CIO into a single 15-million-member federation is to concentrate organizing resources to make them more effective.

But with the merger slated to be ratified at a series of New York conventions in early December, there are already signs of quickened organizing activity.

Philip Ray Rodgers, acting chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, said in a recent speech that the number of NLRB election cases brought to the board to determine bargaining status has picked up appreciably in 1955. It had been declining for some time, he said.

He said increased organizing activity has appeared in the retail trades, the oil, chemical and atomic energy industries; the auto service and machine service industries; the clerical workers and the "so-called white collar groups."

AFL and CIO leaders have said they intend to start a big organizing campaign just as soon as their merger is completed. The merger agreement provides that the director of organization for the combined AFL-CIO will be named from the ranks of the CIO.

Apparently what is being planned is no general scatter-shot organizing but well-planned drives on one or two selected industries at a time, a technique used by the CIO in its earlier member-getting efforts in the '30s.

Tyree Named Head of Naval Gun Factory

The Navy today announced a change of command at the Naval Gun Factory.

The new superintendent will be Rear Admiral David M. Tyree, now commander of cruiser Division 1 in the Pacific. He will replace Rear Admiral Lorenzo S. Sabin, Jr., who will continue as commandant of the Potomac River Naval Command.

For the past two years one officer has held both positions. The Navy has decided that both are full time jobs.

The new superintendent is a native of Washington. He is 51 years old. His father was Maj. Amos Tyree, U. S. A. The admiral is a graduate of Central High School and of the Naval Academy, class of 1925.

REAR ADMIRAL D. M. TYREE
Pacific Veteran

He was a gunnery officer in the Pacific during World War II and has the Bronze Star with Combat "V."

His wife is the former Eleanor

Policeman Hurt In Cycle Crash

A motorcycle policeman suffered spinal and head injuries yesterday when his cycle and a car collided at an intersection where neighbors had requested stop signs 18 months ago.

Pvt. Lawrence L. Chambers, 25, of 1804 D street S.E., was admitted to Emergency Hospital. His condition was undetermined. The collision was at Southern avenue and Twenty-third street S.E. Mrs. Charles Lewis, 2246 Southern avenue, said the Shipley Terrace Citizens' Association,

Yates Haddock of Gaithersburg, Md. They have two children, Mrs. Mary Lee Deering and David M. Tyree, Jr., student at Dartmouth College.

of which she is a member, repeatedly asked four-way stop signs at the intersection. There have been a lot of accidents there, she said.

Police charged Obie Leroy Gould, 42, of 3622 Silver Hill road, Silver Hill, Md., with failing to yield the right of way.

Harry M. Kamp, 57, of 707 Twentieth street N.W., was injured critically yesterday after being struck by an automobile in the 1500 block of Q street N.W.

Mr. Kamp was crossing the street in the middle of the block when he was hit by a car driven by Thomas D. Suddith, 57, of 1825 Hamlin street N.E., police said. Suddith was charged with driving without a District permit.

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