

Regains Health and Child



TOGETHER AGAIN — Katherine Cullison, 28, holds up her daughter Kathleen, two and a half, after they were reunited at a Chicago home. Mrs. Cullison battled heartache, misfortune and tuberculosis to be reunited with her baby who was taken from her when she lay critically ill in a tuberculosis hospital.

Top Golfer Babe Zaharias Develops Second Cancer

GALVESTON, Tex. (P)—Babe Didrikson Zaharias, woman athlete of the century, has developed a second cancer but "firmly expects to return to golf."

George Zaharias, her husband, said last night doctors at John Sealy Hospital here found a "small cancer lesion" on the right side of the sacrum posterior of the pelvic girdle. He said X-ray treatments have been started.

Zaharias quoted the doctor as saying the X-ray treatments will stop the pains she has been suffering in her right hip and leg in about 10 days. He said no surgery was contemplated at the time.

Mrs. Zaharias underwent surgery for rectal cancer at Beaumont in 1953.

However, the operation was believed to have completely removed the cancer and the Babe returned to the tournament trail. She won several tournaments, including the National Open last year.

Since 1953 Mrs. Zaharias has been reporting here for periodic checkups.

Earlier this spring she complained of pains in her back and legs and entered the hospital here in May. She was found to have a ruptured spinal disc and underwent corrective surgery.

The surgery failed to stop the pains and doctors started looking for new causes. The new cancer was announced last night. Mrs. Zaharias has not left the hospital since May.

The big ex-wrestler's voice softened as he told of breaking the news to his plucky wife. "She never flinched when told she had another cancer," he said. Then he said she added: "This is my greatest battle."

Fire roared through the Reichhold Chemical Plant in Ferndale shortly after 1 p.m. yesterday, destroying eight huge storage vats and 24,000 gallons of chemicals.

One spectator was injured as hundreds of onlookers watched a 1,000-foot column of smoke rise over the blaze. Cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Company president Charles O'Connor estimated the damage at \$150,000.

Five trucks from Ferndale and Royal Oak were called to the plant. Firemen had the fire under control after an hour's battle.

Police feared the plant, located at 601 Woodward Heights, might blow up, but O'Connor said the blaze was "more spectacular than damaging." More than 24,000 gallons of chemicals in the tanks are used to produce automobile enamel.

VERNEBURG HURT

The injured man, Cornelius Verburg, of 2709 Capitol, Warren Township, received a slight cut on his head. Two families living near the plant were driven from their homes by the excessive heat.

O'Connor said other sections of the plant had nine fires in 10 years. Other tanks are protected by fire walls around the vats. Firemen kept the blaze from spreading to 20 other vats in the area.

When water pressure dropped, radio stations broadcast appeals to Ferndale residents to stop use of all water.

Several sound trucks also cruised the neighborhood asking persons to refrain from using household water.

Mercury to Hover in 80s Sunday

Valiant Suzan, Spirited Carmen Taken by Death

Miss Ball Succumbs to Cancer; Heart Attack Kills Miss Miranda

HOLLYWOOD (P)—Death, in two guises, has taken two Hollywood actresses whose passing the screen capital mourned today.

A lingering death from cancer claimed the life of Suzan Ball at 21.

A sudden heart attack proved fatal to 41-year-old Carmen Miranda.

Miss Ball, a striking, dark-haired, dark-eyed actress, had suffered since 1953 from the disease which caused her death, when she slipped and injured her knee in a dance rehearsal.

Her right leg was later amputated, and valiant Suzan went on to marriage and a resumption of her screen career before the malignancy returned—this time in her lungs.

She died yesterday at her home in Beverly Hills.

Miss Miranda also died in a Beverly Hills home—but after a strenuous day spent singing and dancing with the dazzling ensemble which won her fame as the "Brazilian Bombshell."

Miss Ball's husband, actor Richard Long, had been told by doctors that death was near. But Miss Miranda's husband, producer David Sebastian, had no idea that tragedy was close at hand.

NEVER KNEW ILLNESS
"I never knew before that she had heart trouble," he said yesterday. "But now that I look back, there were little things..."

One of those "little things" happened the night before her death, when the tiny, fiery Latin was rushing through a comedy-musical sequence for a television film with Jimmy Durante. At one point she dropped to one knee, out of breath.

"That's okay Carmen," said Durante, as cameras continued. "I'll take that line."

After the film was completed in time to beat a screen actors guild strike deadline, she entertained the cast at an impromptu party at her home. Then, after the last guest had gone home, she collapsed.

Evidently she made no outcry when she collapsed. Her husband said they went to their separate bedrooms after the guests departed about 3 a.m. yesterday.

"She was tired from the long hours of work the day before and the party," Sebastian said. "I wanted her to sleep late. I went (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Death Ends Careers of Prominent Actresses



HAPPY MEMORIES — Picture above of actress Carmen Miranda was made Tuesday in Hollywood as she rehearsed a TV show with Jimmy Durante. Her death at her home late Friday apparently was due to a heart attack.

Motion picture actress Suzan Ball, who died in Los Angeles after a gallant battle against cancer, is shown above with her husband, actor Richard Long.

Ding Dong Daddy Insists Marriage Is for Other Guy

LOS ANGELES (P)—The one-time "Ding Dong Daddy of the D Line," Francis Van Wie, insists he's through with marriage for good.

The former San Francisco street car conductor got around to divorcing his first wife yesterday. She is Mabel Joyce Van Wie. He charged desertion. Van Wie has had nothing but trouble with women, mostly widows, since No. 1 deserted him in 1940, and after his 16th marriage in 1953 he served a five months term for bigamy.

Van Wie, 69, is on seven years probation with instructions not to remarry in that time. Superior Judge Samuel R. Blake mentioned this restraint yesterday, but Van Wie looked up and said, quietly: "I don't want to get married again. I just want to die in peace."

Pontiac Guardsmen Arrive at Grayling

Pontiac's two National Guard units arrived in Camp Grayling at noon today and began settling down to field training with more than 8,700 other Guardsmen from Michigan's 46th Division.

Both units, Company M, 125th Infantry, and the 107th Ordnance Company left Pontiac early this morning in two separate truck convoys.

The 200 officers and men of the units will begin their 2-week training program with a 7-day field training problem, winding up with combat training during the final week. The units will return August 20.

Coty Great-Grandfather

PARIS (INS)—President Rene Coty today became the first French president to become a great grandfather while in office. Agence France Presse reported that his granddaughter, Mme. Janine Lemarchand, gave birth to a baby boy.

Graham Calls on Dulles

WASHINGTON (INS)—Evangelist Billy Graham called on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today. Graham said he visited the secretary because Dulles was "interested in my work and had written me encouraging letters."

Red-Held Fliers Pass Physicals

Airmen Plan to Leave Japan Monday En Route to Family Reunions

TOKYO (P)—Eleven U. S. airmen released by Communist China Thursday are "all completely okay physically," an Air Force medical source said after the fliers were examined by doctors today.

"It's amazing to see these men smiling after what they have been through," the source said.

The optimistic report covered internal physical condition, not visible injuries such as a lost toe and crippled fingers suffered by Maj. William H. Baumer of Lewisburg, Pa. Baumer's left leg was wounded when the fliers' B29 was shot down. Later he suffered frost bite.

The airmen, dressed in military hospital gowns, were confined as patients in the huge air conditioned hospital at nearby Far East Air Materiel Command Base.

HOME MONDAY

One report said the men would leave Monday via Alaska for the United States.

Airman 2C, Daniel C. Schmidt, Redding, Calif., who learned Friday that his wife has remarried while he was in captivity, appeared composed. He was spotted cashing greenback dollars into military script to buy a camera.

Schmidt was overheard telling an unidentified Catholic chaplain, "I was thinking of converting. I've caused enough trouble as it is."

Schmidt earlier said he hoped to talk by telephone with his wife, Una, in California.

Air Conditioning Firm Has Day Off — Too Hot

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (P)—Employees of a firm that makes air-conditioning equipment are off the job today. It's too hot.

And they say they aren't going back until the company installs electric fans in the shop, or until the weather cools off.

The night shift at Marley Co. walked out Wednesday. Neither it nor the day shift has been back since.

Chief Straley Announces Retirement of Lt. Gilpin

Lt. Davy Gilpin, a member of the Pontiac Police Department since 1928, retired from the force effective July 18, according to an announcement made yesterday by Chief of Police Herbert W. Straley.

Gilpin, 56, joined the force as patrolman on July 10, 1928. In June of 1942 the department announced Gilpin's promotion to the rank of sergeant.

When promoted to sergeant, Gilpin already had received his first citation for meritorious service. It was dated Dec. 27, 1939 and was awarded for Gilpin's part in the arrest of thieves that used dynamite to enter a gas station in the city.

He was appointed in charge of the force's vice squad in 1942 and while serving in this capacity was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in May of 1943.

In 1942 Gilpin received a double citation from the department.

The first read "for keen observation and initiative in the apprehension of the culprits" and concerned his arrest of two juveniles and three adults that had committed a series of robberies in the city.

For his part in the arrest of the thieves in a drug store and gas station theft, Gilpin was awarded his second citation in 1942.

The retiring officer headed the vice squad for eight years during which he received civic praise for his excellent job in handling an influx of gambling racketeers into the city.

On March 5, 1947, the Oakland County Citizens' league declared in a public citation that the "persistent efforts of the Pontiac Police Department's vice squad under the direction of Lt. Gilpin have substantially aided in destroying the threats of gambling in the city."

Gilpin received his fourth department citation while leading the vice detail, consisting of six men at the time, on Jan. 12, 1945.

The lieutenant's entire squad received citations at the time for "outstanding coordination and teamwork."

In 1950 Gilpin was assigned to the traffic division until June 26 (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

Sleep Promised Here Tonight by Weatherman

Thermometer Expected to Fall to 74 Marker by Early Morning

The heat is almost—but not quite—off.

A stifling shroud of top temperature plus high humidity continues to keep this area's thermometer at a high level again today, with a bit of a promise held out for relief on Sunday.

Saturday is the 23rd day since July 1 that this high heat record has been maintained.

Pontiac's downtown temperature at 1 p.m. today was 83, after dropping from Friday's high of 94 to 72 early this morning.

The United States Weather Bureau says: "Cloudy and slightly cooler weather for Sunday, with a high of between 84 and 88."

Some respite is promised for tonight's sleepers with the thermometer to drop to around 74.

The weather bureau's prediction of temporary relief made yesterday started this way with good intentions this morning, but was sabotaged in the Saginaw area when it was diverted northward.

COLD FRONT COMING

Monday and Tuesday will see temperatures in the mid-80s. A visit from the cold-front now developing in the northwest part of the country is promised for the latter part of the week.

The cold front, which moved down from the north yesterday, brought relief to northern Michigan. Grand Marais on Lake Superior, reported an early morning low of 50. At Sault Ste. Marie and Pellston it was 59 and 66 at Traverse City.

Continued high humidity, despite somewhat lower temperatures last night, drove an estimated 25,000 Detroiters to Belle Isle. However, a check of other city and county parks found few all night sleepers.

Showers and cooler air brought some relief to heat-stricken regions of the Midwest today, but the season's prolonged spell of hot and humid weather continued to cling to wide areas in the Eastern and Southern sections of the nation.

Readings climbed to 100 yesterday in Boston and at New York's LaGuardia Field. This same temperature was general in the Southwest desert region with Gila Bend, Ariz. and Thermal, Calif. reporting the top of 104.

Across the Northern Plains and in the Northern Great Lakes region, the temperature stayed in the 60s.

Toll Road Plan Gains Support

Turnpike Chairman Has Road Commission Approval of Project

The Michigan Turnpike Authority yesterday was officially informed by the Oakland County Road Commission and Supervisors' Road Committee that "they are solidly behind construction of a toll road."

MTA Chairman George N. Higgins said today.

The two county groups had told State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler that they favored the toll road in a meeting July 28 in Lansing.

Higgins met with Road Commission Chairman Lee O. Brooks, Commission Member Robert O. Felt and Roads Committee Chairman Don R. MacDonald.

The Road Commission issued the following statement:

"An ever increasing amount of traffic is being dumped into Oakland County on a road system that is not built to handle the volume. The result has been critical traffic jams on week-ends, overcrowded traffic conditions on many main arteries during the week and an increase in traffic accidents and deaths."

"There is no question that the Turnpike will be a great benefit to the relief of traffic congestion in Oakland County without using tax dollars which are required for other badly needed highway improvements in this area."

Mentally Defective Children Pose County Problem

Oakland County Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore and State Senator William S. Broomfield here yesterday discussed possible ways to settle what they term "one of the most heart rending and pitiful situations ever to exist in our county."

They revealed that 93 mentally defective county children remain a tremendous—ofttimes impossible—burden to their families because no room exists for them in Lapeer State Home and Training School to which they have been committed. Their number constantly increases.

One three-year-old child has

to be carried at all times, although it possesses great strength for its age—a type characteristic.

Its mother suffered a nervous breakdown. The grandmother was summoned to care for the child, who broke the elderly lady's collar bone as she attempted to hold it.

"Such a child can only be handled by experts at an institution," said Judge Moore. "We commit them, but there is no room. One youngster has been waiting six years."

WHAT TO DO?
How can more space be provided?

A bill was pushed this spring in the State Legislature by Broomfield (R-Royal Oak) at Judge Moore's request. The two pointed out that a survey last December showed over 1,000 beds vacant in state tuberculosis hospitals.

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The judge proposed the Howell TB Sanatorium might be transferred into a hospital for mentally retarded children and the TB patients moved to other hospitals. The measure received some support, but died in committee.

The plan still might provide at least a partial solution, the two said yesterday. "But this problem is so serious a solution must be worked out immediately," said Broomfield.

TOO MANY CHIEFS

Judge Moore blasted the present hospital-administration setup. "We

have as many bosses as we have hospitals. Someone has got to be given overall authority or else the Governor must call the individual heads together and push them into acting."

Floyd Diamond, who murdered 8-year-old Kathleen McLaughlin, of Farmington Township, last Feb. 17, would probably have been kept in the Wayne training school and the murder prevented if it wasn't overcrowded, Judge Moore pointed out.

Usually, it is financially impossible for a family to hire a full-time person to care for a defective, Broomfield stated. The cheap

est help costs \$170-per month, he explained.

It costs the parents \$100 per month to retain a child in a state institution, said Judge Moore, and "any expenditure over \$100 is an economic waste," he pointed out.

Continued freedom for some defectives creates a menace, the jurist said. An 11-year-old boy was before him yesterday who attempted to jab a two-year-old girl with a stick.

"I'm sure all county citizens will agree we can't allow this situation to go on and will join us in pressing for an immediate solution," Broomfield declared.

