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Confusing Questions Unanswered in Patterson Mystery

By CLIFF SHERRILL

Where are Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson? Why did they disappear like magic from their home at 3000 Piedmont avenue the night of March 5? Did they leave voluntarily? By ruse or trick? By compulsion, under threat of instant death if they didn't go? If they left voluntarily, what was the reason? If they left by force or threat, who forced or threatened them? And if they disappeared by force or threat, what was the motive of the person or persons guilty of the force or threat? Robbery? Extortion? A desire to keep the Pattersons from telling something they knew? These are among questions that remain unanswered in one of the greatest mysteries in El Paso's history. The questions apparently are no nearer answers than they were when it was first made public last August that Mr. and Mrs. Patterson had vanished from El Paso without leaving any information about where they went. The only word that is credited with having come from them was a telegram sent from Dallas last March 15. That telegram was sent to Herbert Roth of 4110 Darwood drive. Mr. Roth is an accountant who had done

considerable work for Mr. Patterson in connection with the Patterson Photo Supply business at 113 East Main street. Mr. Roth never has released the contents of the telegram for publication. He did disclose the general contents of the message. The substance of the message consisted of directions that Mr. Roth serve as business manager of the Patterson store, that D. G. Kirkland, then manager of Duffy Photo Service in El Paso, be named manager of the Patterson store, and certain other directions as to the handling of the Pattersons' affairs. These included directions that a trailerhouse owned by Mr. Patterson be sold and the money used in the business of the store, and that the Patterson home be rented for nine months at least. The telegram was telephoned to the Western Union office in Dallas from a pay station in the vicinity of Love Field and was paid for in nickels, dimes and quarters. One report said the telegram bore the name "W. H. Patterson" and another report said it bore the name "Pat." Here is a brief of the established facts relating to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson just before they disappeared.

Cecil J. Ward, owner of Ward Motor Clinic at 2600 Wyoming street, and Mrs. Ward were at the Patterson home the night of Monday, March 4. Mr. Ward and Mr. Patterson worked together on a boat Mr. Patterson was building in the garage of the Patterson home. They were putting a glass surface on the boat. Among other tools, they used an electric sanding machine to smooth the wood surface of the boat.

Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Patterson were together in the living room of the Patterson home. They spent the evening in general conversation. Mrs. Ward said she insisted that Mrs. Patterson and she wash the dinner dishes together, but Mrs. Patterson turned that down, saying she preferred to just sit and talk.

"Margaret (Mrs. Patterson) never mentioned anything at all about plans for a trip," Mrs. Ward said.

Mr. Ward said Mr. Patterson said nothing about any intention of making a trip.

"On the contrary, he talked about what we would do on the boat other nights during the week, and about plans for fishing and doing a lot of other things during

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Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson in latest known photograph.

Resident Shoots At Peeper; Hold Wounded Man

A man with birdshot in his left leg was in City jail today. George Victor Gonzales, 27, of 223 Luke street, faces a possible \$200 fine in Police Court where he has been charged with violation of the "Peeping Tom" ordinance.

Moscow Stirs Mideast Unrest, Prods Refugees

By UNITED PRESS

Moscow Radio joined Egypt and Syria today in attempts to drive Hussein off the throne of Jordan. Cairo newspapers said "King Hussein's fate is sealed." Arab language broadcasts by Moscow Radio beamed to the Middle East appeared aimed at stirring up Palestinian refugees against Hussein in the campaign of assassination begun by Cairo Radio.

In Amman itself Hussein moved to bolster his shaky throne by receiving a delegation of Palestine refugees and thanking them for "their faithfulness to the throne," Jordan's state radio at Ramallah announced.

U. S. Has A-Bomb Ready Over World

PARIS, Nov. 12.—The chief of the U. S. Strategic Air Command said today he has planes all over the world loaded with nuclear bombs ready to take off 15 minutes after any warning of a Soviet attack. Gen. Thomas Powers said the SAC mounted this alert Oct. 1 and has kept it up ever since.

A man was shot by Charles Seely of 4016 Tompkins avenue. Seely heard a noise outside his house while his wife was in the bathroom. He took his shotgun and left by the front door. He caught a man looking through the bathroom window. Seely asked him what he was doing. The man fled. Seely fired a blast which knocked him down. He got up and started running again. A second blast wounded Dr. William J. Hoy of 4015 Morehead drive. The William Beaumont Hospital doctor was not seriously wounded and said he would treat himself. He said he was walking home and saw the window peeper run by him. "Police found Gonzales' driver's license underneath the window of the Seely home. City detectives arrested Gonzales a half-hour later at his home. Detectives said Gonzales refused to talk until he got a lawyer. His case is scheduled to appear sometime this week.

Mother Hangs Four Children

TORONTO, Nov. 12.—A 27-year-old mother and trained nurse, whose four small daughters were found hanged yesterday in her basement was scheduled to undergo mental examination today. The mother, Mrs. Maureen O'Donohue, wife of a prominent and successful attorney, was taken into police custody on unspecified charges two hours after the children were found. Three of the little girls, Maureen, 4, Eileen, 3, and Katherine, 2, were killed.

Council to Meet

CUIDAD VICTORIA, Mexico, Nov. 12.—The next International Good Neighborhood Council will be held at McAllen, Texas.

Handy Santa Needs Old Toys, Money, Materials

Handy Santa needs materials, money and more old toys! Neal Arthur, director of Handy Santa, sponsored by the El Paso Boys' Club and The Herald-Post, said Santa and his helpers have started repairing old toys for poor little boys and girls for Christmas. Stacks of materials have been donated by kind-hearted store owners and managers. But some things Santa and his helpers—members of the Boys' Club—need aren't included in the donations. These are such things as soap for workers, light sockets and bulbs for the warehouse workshop, a few tools, nails, thread and material for dolls' dresses and money for the electric bill. The electric bill, sockets and bulbs are for the warehouse Santa has taken over at 413 Mills street for this project. Volunteer workers have been using their own money for such needs. Last year, the Boys Club spent a large amount of money on miscellaneous items which it cannot afford to buy again this year. Now it's up to generous readers of The Herald-Post to help out. Your check made out to Handy Santa, in care of The Herald-Post, will do the job. The Burns Detective Agency has generously included the Santa warehouse on its protective service free of charge. Fire Station No. 8 in Kern Place has already turned in a bunch of old toys for repair. The Morris-Harrison Office Supply Co. contributed staplers, paper, note books and pencils. So Santa is ready—are you? There's always someone who is willing to sound off on an unsound idea.

Use of Army In Arkansas Issue in E. P.

Lawyers Argue If Guard Is Part of U. S. Forces

Use of National Guard troops in Little Rock will be an issue in arguments tomorrow in an El Paso damage suit that is expected to decide whether the Guard is part of the Regular Army.

The case is expected to go to the U. S. Supreme Court and may overturn previous decisions that the Guard is a state, not a Federal entity. Arguments will be heard in Fort Worth on the Government's appeal from a decision by Federal Judge R. E. Thomason. Three justices of the Fifth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans go to Fort Worth each November as a special panel for the convenience of Texas litigants.

Two Killed The case stems from an accident in which two prominent El Pasoans, Attorney William Snow and Accountant Myron S. Prager, were killed. Their car crashed into an anti-aircraft cannon which, without signal lights, was being hauled along Highway 54 near Newman by a unit of the New Mexico National Guard. Judge Thomason awarded Mrs. Mary Mason Snow, now the wife of the Rev. George W. Burroughs, and her children \$55,000. He awarded Mr. Prager's widow and their children \$45,000.

The Government contended the Guard was not part of the Regular Army, even though it was on maneuvers at Ft. Bliss at the time.

Support View Several previous court decisions had supported the view that the National Guard, except in war, is not a part of the national armed forces.

Judge Thomason based his ruling on testimony that the Pentagon in Washington was giving orders

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ADLAI TURNS DOWN IKE'S CALL FOR HELP

Differences Endanger Two Major Bills

Conferees Work Against Midnight Session Deadline

BULLETIN

AUSTIN, Nov. 12.—The Senate today rejected nomination of William A. Harrison as Texas insurance commissioner.

By ERNEST BAILEY

Herald-Post Austin Correspondent AUSTIN, Nov. 12.—Conferees on lobbyist control and water planning measures today reported serious differences endangering the two major proposals in Governor Price Daniel's special session program. The two conference committees worked against a midnight deadline when the first special session automatically ends. There were indications the session would go to midnight.

The second 30-day special session, called by Governor Price Daniel for the purpose of considering a bill authorizing the closing of schools occupied by troops, opens tomorrow.

House-Senate conference committees were named yesterday to iron out differences in separate lobby

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Army to Fire New, Secret Weapons at Ft. Bliss Show

"Important and secret" missile firings and briefings scheduled for White Sands Proving Ground and Ft. Bliss Nov. 20 will include firing of missiles not yet publicized, Ft. Bliss spokesmen said today.

Governors and congressmen of Texas and New Mexico have been invited.

The missile firings will take place at White Sands. Some of the briefings will be held at Ft. Bliss.

The press will be barred but a minimum number of local civilian leaders will be invited, officials said. In Washington a Pentagon spokesman said the missile show was arranged to demonstrate to state officials "what is going on in their own area in this field."

The Defense Department's invitations to the governors and representatives are backed by the El Paso Chapter of the Assn. of the U. S. Army, headed by Dr. Hervey W. Dietrich, Ft. Bliss.

officials said it is not known yet whether the El Paso Chamber of Commerce will join in arranging entertainment for the visitors.

Governor Edwin L. Mechem of New Mexico said that due to a previous commitment he will be unable to attend. There had been no acceptance today from Governor Price Daniel of Texas. Among those who have accepted invitations are Senator Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico and Representative John J. Dempsey of New Mexico.

Grid Guessers: Get Busy If You Want That \$500

The gridiron season is nearing an end, fans, and time's awasting in The Herald-Post's \$500 Football Contest. You can still win the big prize and have a big season picking the winners.

The eighth contest of the season in the big \$500 Herald-Post event will be run off this week.

The fourth and final quarter is about ready to start. Grab your pencils, make your selections and let's see if the ball doesn't bounce your way this week.

The 15 games in this week's Herald-Post Contest will be published tomorrow on Page 1 of The Herald-Post. Pick 'em all right and win \$500.

Gang Breaks Vow, Beats, Kicks Man

The truce of South El Paso teenage gangs to lay down their arms was short-lived.

Five youths, who refused to name their gang, beat and kicked Fred Razo, 35, of 400 South Oregon street, late yesterday. Police found Razo staggering down the street with both eyes bleeding. He told police one of the youths approached him and asked for a nickel.

Assault Him When he refused, four youths came across the street and assaulted him.

Police cruised the area with Razo in their patrol car. Razo pointed the youths out as they were standing on the corner of Fifth and Oregon streets. One was carrying a butcher knife.

"Lucky 13?" The youths are believed to be Lucky 13 members since South Oregon street has been the traditional balliwick for the gang.

They are Maximo Anaya, 17, of 1731 Doniphan drive; Francisco Alva, 18, of 324½ South El Paso street; Raul Garcia, 19, of 1001 South Florence street; Eulalio Lozano, 17, of 1119 South El Paso street; Sylvester Esparza, 21, of 1612 South Stanton street; and Lupe Reyes Torrez, 15, of 1008 South El Paso street.

Council Gathers The President meanwhile presided at a record-setting meeting of the National Security Council and a large staff of advisers.

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Won't Take Hand In Nato Plans

Stevenson Offers To Give View After Program Is Shaped

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The White House said today that Adlai E. Stevenson has declined President Eisenhower's invitation to help prepare the American program to be submitted to the December NATO meeting in Paris. But Eisenhower's unsuccessful Democratic opponent in 1952 and 1956 was willing, according to the White House, to give his views publicly on the program after it has been prepared.

"The Administration plans to avail themselves of that offer of Mr. Stevenson," Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told newsmen. Stevenson was not invited to accompany the President to Paris, nor has the White House made any overtures to former President Truman in connection with preparation of the program. Apparently Stevenson will be informed of the program after it is submitted to the NATO Council meeting, and he then will make some public statement on what he thinks of it.

The American program, according to Hagerty, certainly will not be made public before it is submitted to the NATO meeting which opens Dec. 16.

The summit NATO meeting was scheduled after President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan in a conference here called on the free nations to cooperate more strongly in scientific and technological matters to meet the Soviet missile threat.

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Park Bill Signed

AUSTIN, Nov. 12.—Governor Price Daniel today signed into law a bill authorizing the State to accept title to certain lands in El Paso County known as Hueco Tanks.

Plans are to make the area a state park. The measure, introduced in the House of Representative Richard White of El Paso, was the first act of the special session to become law. Senator Frank Owen of El Paso was present for the signing ceremony. (Earlier Story on Page 17)



TULAROSA PRINCESS—Miss Phyllis Jean Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee of Bent, N. M., will represent Tularosa as a Sun Princess in the 23rd annual Southwestern Sun Carnival here Dec. 26-Jan. 1. Miss Lee, a graduate of Tularosa High School, was assistant editor of the school annual in her junior and senior year and student council representative. She also was active in the band, chorus, pep club and was chosen Football Queen. She is sponsored by the Tularosa Chamber of Commerce.



SUL ROSS PRINCESS—Miss Juleen Ann Bashforth, daughter of E. G. Bashforth of Pasadena, will represent Sul Ross State College as a Sun Princess in the 23rd annual Southwestern Sun Carnival here Dec. 26-Jan. 1. Miss Bashforth is a graduate of Pasadena High School where she was secretary of the student council, class parliamentary and head twirler of the school band. She is secretary of the freshman class at Sul Ross and active in the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Her college major is business administration.