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E. P. WOMAN MURDERED IN HOME

Tornadoes Kill 11 in Texas And Louisiana

By United Press
ALEXANDRIA, La., Nov. 8.—Tornadoes smashed into at least 13 Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi towns and cities last night and early today out of drumming rains that muffled the warning roar of their approaches.

Democrats Not Satisfied With Eisenhower Talk

By Herald-Post Wire Services
WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Key Democrats in Congress were soothed, but not satisfied, by President Eisenhower's analysis of the U. S. military-scientific posture.

They are waiting on the President's second speech on Nov. 13 before endorsing his recommendations for jacking up America's lagging satellite program.

Senator Albert Gore, Tennessee Democrat, said the President's analysis last night before millions of television viewers was "disappointingly lacking" in programs of action to safeguard national security five, 10 or 20 years from now.

Gore called Mr. Eisenhower's speech "consoling in the school of mass retaliation."

Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas said he "had hoped the President would stress what we need to do as well as what we have done."

Johnson said he was "happy" though, that the Chief Executive "noted the necessity for a high sense of urgency."

The Democratic leader made it (Continued on Page 4, Col. 6)

He Needs Toys

The weekend is the perfect time to clean out closets and toy boxes for old toys.

Handy Santa, who repairs old toys for poor little boys and girls for Christmas, needs as many as he can get this year.

Just take all your old toys to the nearest El Paso fire station. Handy Santa will do the rest.

Handy Santa is sponsored by the El Paso Boys' Club and The Herald-Post each year.

O. D. Hightower, executive director of the Boys' Club, said Santa expects to double his last year's output when about 8000 toys were distributed among El Paso's needy children.

Members of the Boys' Club, Santa's helpers, do the repair work. This year, because the project has grown so much, Neal Arthur, an adult volunteer worker, has been made Santa's No. 1 man in charge of the work.

If you want to help make some poor little boys and girls happy, take your old toys to the nearest fire station today.

Tommy the Cat Lacks Visitors

The shroud of secrecy thrown around the baffling disappearance of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson was developing today as a mystery almost matching the disappearance itself.

Business friends who were trusted with the operation of the Patterson Photo Supply store, and who knew Tommy, the Patterson cat, like they kned the missing couple, will not go see the cat at the D. L. Cady Animal Hospital.

Instead, the managers of the Patterson business express doubt it is the Patterson cat, and have not paid for its care.

Dr. D. L. Cady, owner of the animal hospital at 2101 Texas street, today said none of the Patterson business managers or employees have looked at the cat.

"Why don't they look at the cat, and express opinions?" Dr. Cady asked.

Dr. Cady and his assistant, Wendell Broughton, are certain the cat is Tommy, loved by Mrs. Patterson as she loved no other possession.

Mrs. Nathan Sherwin of 2840 Piedmont street, next door to the Patterson home, is even more positive.

"The cat that kept coming back to the Patterson home and was sent to the animal hospital is Tommy, the Patterson cat," Mrs. (Continued on Page 11, Column 1)

LITTLE LIZ

The world is not exactly full of people who got dizzy from doing too many good turns.

Spelling Errors Prove Undoing Of Bomb Hoaxers

By Associated Press
CHESTER, Pa., Nov. 8.—Spelling errors in a bomb-threat note to blow up Chester High School yesterday led to the arrest of two teenage pupils.

Teachers gave a spelling test to 1000 male pupils to see which ones misspelled the five words misspelled in the note.

Detectives said 70 boys misspelled the words. The list was cut to two by Detectives John Taylor and Herbert Wright, who considered such other details as which boys had been wearing blue shirts and khaki trousers—as described by a secretary who saw the note pushed under a glass door.

New A-Bomb Exploded

By Associated Press
LONDON, Nov. 8.—Britain announced it exploded a nuclear weapon at a high altitude today over the central Pacific.

U. S. Missile Chief Starts On Program

Top Scientist Begins Move to Speed Up Weapons Production

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By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press White House Writer
WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—

President Eisenhower told the nation last night he has named a "czar" to push U. S. missile development and other scientific programs "with the utmost possible speed."

In a "lay-the-facts-before-you" address on radio and television, the Chief Executive conceded "the Soviets are quite likely ahead in some missile and special areas, and are obviously ahead of us in satellite development."

Five Point Program
But he said that "it is my conviction, supported by trusted scientific and military advisers that... as of today the overall military strength of the Free World is distinctly greater than that of the Communist countries."

He then announced a five-point "program of action," topped by the naming of a special assistant on science and technology, to wipe out any "temporary" edge Russia may enjoy with its space satellites and rocket advances.

And, in a progress report on U. S. developments, he officially confirmed that:

—U. S. scientists have "solved" one of the major obstacles to perfecting an intercontinental ballistic missile — the problem of how to get the missile back to earth once it has soared into space without having it burn up from friction on re-entering the atmosphere.

Much Information
—The Air Force Snark, a subsonic, jet-propelled piloted bomber recently flew 5000 miles—inter-

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Copper Reserves Will Last Years

Reserves of copper in the Southwest should last 35 years at the present rate of production, Harrison A. Schmitt of Silver City and Tucson, mining geologist, estimated today.

Mr. Schmitt read a paper, "The Copper Province of the Southwest," at the International Mining Days convention at Hotel Paso del Norte.

The meeting, attended by several hundred delegates from all over the U. S. and Mexico, opened yesterday and ends tomorrow.

Possibility of extending known reserves of copper are good, Geologist Schmitt said.

"Twice the present indicated re-

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CASH BOX—Detective Paul Lopez examines the fishing tackle box Miss Prieto used as a cash register.

She Wouldn't Hide Her Money

'Kind, Sweet and Wonderful' Woman Warned by Neighbors

By VIRGINIA TURNER

Miss Refugio F. Prieto, who met death at the hands of a brutal murderer, was a "kind, sweet woman and a wonderful neighbor," her friends said today.

Mrs. George Simpson of 614 Magoffin avenue and Mrs. Charles Rason of 135 North Ochoa street, sobbed as they talked about the 64-year-old grocery store owner.

"I used to tell her she'd get knocked in the head if she didn't keep her money hidden," Mrs. Simpson said.

"When a customer had change coming, she would bend down and get money from under the counter and never bother to hide it. Two years ago when she was in the back of the store a man stole \$80 from her which was in a can behind the counter."

Mrs. Rason said Miss Prieto helped everybody in the neighborhood by lending them money if they asked for it. Tears rolled down her cheeks.

"She was a wonderful lady," Mrs. Rason said. "She loved everybody. She used to give candy to the children. Everyone could here loved her."

"I used to tell her that she didn't

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VICTIM'S FRIENDS—Mrs. George Simpson, left, and Mrs. Charles Rason.

Texan in Cast Hikes to Ohio To Give Self Up

By United Press
CINCINNATI, Nov. 8.—Leonard H. Fancher, 33, has hitchhiked from Texas here on crutches and with his hip in a cast, to "squate himself with the Lord."

He surrendered to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on an auto theft charge, was arraigned and is held under \$2000 bond.

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Store Owner Robbed, Beaten; Police Hunt Killer

Two suspects in the murder of Miss Refugio Prieto have been picked up for questioning by police. An arrest order has been issued for a third murder suspect.

Robbers beat a woman to death today three blocks from El Paso Police Headquarters and escaped.

Miss Refugio "Cucu" Prieto, 64, was found dead in her apartment adjoining her grocery store at 618 Myrtle avenue.

The murder apparently occurred shortly after 7 a. m. The battered body was found about 10 a. m.

Two teenage youths, both Latin-Americans, 15 to 17 years old, both with crew-cut, black hair, quickly developed as suspects.

They were seen in the store, the Rainbow Grocery, at 7 a. m. by Mrs. Esther Camacho of 718 Myrtle avenue when she went to the store for a loaf of bread.

"They were in the store when I went in," Mrs. Camacho said. "Miss Prieto was in the store. The two strangers were just standing there, looking around. When they were asked what they wanted, they said nothing."

"I said, 'Tell the lady what you want.' They didn't say anything. I left them in the store."

Miss Prieto's body was found in the small apartment adjoining the store by a niece of the murdered woman. The girl spread the alarm.

Mrs. Cecil C. Crichet of 149 North Ochoa street, in the same block, heard the report and ran to the scene.

"What I saw was so terrible I had to turn my head away," Mrs. Crichet said.

"The poor woman's head appeared to be full of holes. Her body looked like it had been mangled. Blood was everywhere."

"I ran back and called police," Mrs. Crichet said. Robbery was nothing new for Miss Prieto.

"She had been robbed more than once," Mrs. Crichet said. "She lost \$85 to a robber not long ago and later a robber took \$45 from her."

When police arrived on the murder scene, they found the victim had been gagged as well as beaten, but had not been bound.

Police Lieutenant Lloyd Peterson directed the on-the-spot investigation and announced:

"Evidence indicates the robbery attack started in the store. The robbers bolted the front door.

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Murder Room Filled With Victim's Treasures

The room in which Miss Refugio Prieto was murdered is one where years of living have left their relics of trinkets, combs, dolls and religious statues.

A moist pool of blood—two feet in length—splashes the old rug by her bed, giving a rippled reflection. Her bedroom juts aside a narrow hall which

leads into the small grocery shop. Cases of soft drinks stacks the small corridor. One slot in the case of soft drinks is empty.

This was the bottle that was used to bash Miss Prieto in the back of the skull. Police seized the bottle.

The first part of the grocery shop, cluttered and heavy with canned articles, boxes, candles, has a worn leather couch on which a parakeet cage sets. One slipper from Miss Prieto's foot lies aside a gas heater. On the floor there is a comb and a hairpin.

Her eyeglasses rest on the tanned leather of the couch.

Miss Prieto operated her business from behind a small counter aside the doorway of the grocery shop. A little cardboard box, with curled edges and worn sides, now sets on the heavy, scraped glass of the old style counter. This was the box which the murderer rifled.

Her cash register is a little tin box with shelves, somewhat like a fishing box. It is set low behind the counter, beneath the shelves of candy and packaged foods which are covered with grayish dust.

On the murdered woman's bureau, by her bed, sets an ancient plaster cast of a saint. A glass globe covers the saint like a globular eye. Across the room a mahogany covered radio, with a top pointed like a farmhouse, bears the name of "Atwater-Kent."

When you pass the kitchen to the back door, you see the old-style toaster, the silverware on the table, and the old calendars on the walls.

Except for the strip of blood on the carpet in her room, everything reflects life—cluttered life—but not death.

DEMING PRINCESS—Miss Sally Jean Brem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Brem of Deming will represent Deming as a Sun Princess in the 23rd annual Southwestern Sun Carnival here Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. Miss Brem, a student at McMurry College in Abilene, is a graduate of Deming High School where she was secretary of the senior class and member of the band and traffic safety club. She is also a member of Rainbow for Girls and the First Methodist Church. She is majoring in elementary education at McMurry College. She will be sponsored by the Deming Business and Professional Women's Club and the Deming Chamber of Commerce.



MESILLA PRINCESS—Miss Alicia Apodaca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike F. Apodaca of Las Cruces, will represent Mesilla as a Sun Princess in the 23rd annual Southwestern Sun Carnival here Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. Miss Apodaca, a student at New Mexico A. and M. College, is a graduate of Las Cruces High School where she was co-treasurer of her senior class. She is president of the Town Girls Club at the college and member of Associated Women Students. She placed sixth in the Vanity Fair contest held at the college in February, 1956.



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