



FINDING OF HUMAN BLOOD TRACES

Doctor's Examination Of Hume's Flat

LONDON, Jan. 20: The finding of blood traces in an aircraft and in a flat occupied by the accused was described today at the resumed trial of Brian Donald Hume (29), on a murder charge, says Reuters.

Hume is accused of the murder of Stanley Setty, a car dealer, whose headless and limbless torso was found on October 21 in mudflats in Essex.

Dr. Henry Smith Holden, director of the Metropolitan Police Laboratory, New Scotland Yard, said that at Elstree on October 24 he examined an Auster aircraft and found traces of blood in the machine. On October 29 he went to Hume's flat and took possession of a green carpet, in one corner of which he found a human bloodstain. He paid several visits to the flat and found blood traces in the hall, on the surface of the linoleum, and in the crevices between the floorboards. The blood belonged

on the linoleum of the bathroom could have been that of a dog.

Mr. Levy suggested that there was ample opportunity for the carpet to have collected stains in its journeyings to and from the cleaners which would have given reaction to the tests applied by witness.

Sir Ernest Gowers, chairman of the Royal Commission on Capital Punishment, was in the Old Bailey with other members of the commission when the trial was resumed this morning.

INJURED IN SMASHES

Motor-Cyclists Thrown Off

Two motor cycles careered off the road out of control late last night and as a result four men were taken to hospital. Ron Briggs (about 21), of Gibney-street, Mosman Park and Albert Clarke (20), of Battle-street, Mosman Park, were admitted to the Fremantle Hospital with head injuries, including facial lacerations and abrasions. They were thrown from a motor cycle about 10.30 p.m. while crossing a set of railway lines which run across Marine-terrace, South Fremantle. It is not known who was riding the machine.

Just before midnight a motor cycle ridden by Trevor Holst (21), of Gloster-street, Subiaco, and carrying Ian Paton, of Armadale-road, South Belmont, as a pillion passenger, failed to take a turn from Wellington-street into Market-place, West Perth, and ran off the road, skidded about 25ft. and then struck a wooden lamp pole. Holst was admitted to the Royal Perth Hospital with a possible fracture of the skull, concussion and a laceration over the left eye. Paton received abrasions and shock.

NO REFUND, NO CAR

HILDESHEIM, Jan. 20: A German civil court has ruled that 300,000 Germans who paid advance deposits for Hitler's "people's car" will get neither car nor refund. The funds are blocked in the Russian sector of Berlin.—A.P.

to group "O"—the same group as that of blood contained in portions of the torso found in Essex.

Witness said that he found blood on the lath-and-plaster ceiling of the room below. He also found slight traces on several of the stairs leading to the bathroom, but could not say whether it was human blood or not.

Suggestion By Counsel

Mr. R. F. Levy (for Hume) suggested that the blood which could not be recognised as human might have been that of a dog. Witness agreed, but did not think that the blood found

FAMED SPEEDWAY RIDER KILLED IN CRASH

SYDNEY, Jan. 20: An international speedway rider—Ray Duggan (36), of Bondi—was killed in a crash at the Sportsground tonight. Two other riders were involved in the crash and were admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital in a serious condition.

Those injured are: Don Lawson, of High-street, Willoughby; and Norman Clay, of Bondi Junction. Both have severe head injuries.

The three men were unconscious when they were picked up from the track. Duggan died shortly after admission to hospital.

The crash occurred during the second lap of a teams' race in which the trio were competing with a fourth rider, Jack Baxter. Clay was leading the field into the back straight when his wheel caught in a groove in the track. His machine became unbalanced and he was hurled over the handlebars. Duggan, following immediately behind, was unable to swerve in time to avoid the capsized machine and crashed into it, while Lawson, in turn crashed into Duggan's machine.

Duggan was pitched headlong on to the track. Lawson was thrown right over the top of Duggan and crashed heavily against the fence. When it was seen that the men were in a serious condition they were immediately rushed to hospital.

Duggan, who was the younger brother of the Australian speedway star, Vic Duggan, was ranked fourth among Australian speedway riders last year. He had competed for Australia in speedway tests in England in 1947-48. The crash in which Duggan was killed

was the third on the track tonight. Duggan's brother, Vic, who was not riding tonight as he is at present recovering from injuries received in a crash in England last year, was an eyewitness of the crash.

News of Duggan's death reached speedway officials shortly before the last race of the night was run. It was not relayed to the crowd.

Duggan's death is the third in a speedway mishap in New South Wales this season. Kevin Gallagher, a speedcar driver, was killed at the showgrounds speedway in October, while a solo rider was killed at Newcastle two months ago.

DRIVER DROWNED IN CAB OF TRUCK

According to doctors who conducted a post-mortem examination in Perth yesterday, Ronald Robert Wallrodt (23), of Wellington-street, Northam, died from drowning, apparently when water was poured on his burning truck as rescuers were freeing him after an accident in Great Eastern-highway at the Wandawee turn-off on Wednesday.

Shock because of his serious injuries was a secondary cause of death, the City Coroner (Mr. R. P. Rodriguez) was told in a report of the examination.

As workers from the charcoal iron and steel plant at Wandawee were using an oxy-acetylene torch to free Wallrodt from the telescoped cab of his truck the flame of the torch set alight woodwork of the

EASING OF WATER BAN DISCUSSED



Three officers of the Metropolitan Water Supply Department discuss the easing of water restrictions which have been in force this week since a break occurred in the Canning Dam water channel on Sunday. Left to right: The Under-Secretary (Mr. J. C. Hutchinson), the engineer in charge of construction (Mr. J. E. Parker) and the principal engineer (Mr. R. J. Cavanagh).

AUSTRALIA'S WHEAT OFFER TO U.K.

CANBERRA, Jan. 20: The Australian Wheat Board had offered to the United Kingdom a reduced quantity of wheat to overcome the disagreement on prices, the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture (Mr. McEwen) said today.

This would allow Britain, if wheat prices fell, to make substantial further purchases at the reduced prices, said Mr. McEwen. (According to London grain experts Britain has rejected an Australian offer to sell 60,000,000 bushels to Britain at the maximum International Wheat Agreement price of A16/1 a bushel. Britain offered to take the amount at a lower price.)

Mr. McEwen said that the price set by Australia on the smaller quantity was "what price it considered to be the value of the wheat." He added: "It may be said that wheat is not going higher. The tendency if anything is downwards and it is with this in mind that the Australian Wheat Board is prepared to sell a smaller parcel to Great Britain."

Mr. McEwen said that it was the standard policy and practice of the Wheat Board to make the first offer to the United Kingdom for her own use and for her Colonies.

Dealings In Flour

To obviate any shortage of wheat, however, said Mr. McEwen, the board had concurrently offered a substantial parcel of flour to Great Britain and 100,000 tons had been purchased at a price equivalent to the board's offered selling price of wheat, less £3/3/ a ton.

In this instance the concession had regard to world competition in flour and to the maintenance of uninterrupted operations of flour mills. The Government would not interfere

except in exceptional circumstances with the board's negotiations.

"We have commodity and realisation boards and we are going to allow them to function," he said.

Next Move "Up To Australia"

LONDON, Jan. 20: British grain experts said after today's statement by Mr. McEwen that the next move was up to Australia. If Australia cared to offer wheat at prices as favourable as those of her recent flour sales to Britain, which were below the equivalent of the maximum International Wheat Agreement price, Britain would buy some.

It was certain that Britain would fill her quota regardless of any further purchases of Australian wheat this season, the experts said. They agreed that after Britain refused to pay the maximum price for the 60,000,000 bushels offered by Australia the Australian Wheat Board counter-offered a small quantity, leaving Britain to back her expectation of better terms for the remainder. However, they said, it was understood in London that this small quantity was still at the maximum price and that Britain was not interested in any Australian wheat at that figure.

HOT AGAIN TODAY

Perth's maximum temperature was just over 90deg. yesterday, after two days of slightly cooler weather. On each of the five days before that the maximum had been well over 90deg., the highest being 99.7deg. Today is expected to be hotter again, and a maximum temperature of 96deg. is predicted by the Weather Bureau.

Throughout the inland areas of the State the temperatures yesterday were a little more moderate and on the Goldfields the highest recordings were between 85deg. and 90deg. The west coast caught the heat and at Geraldton 102deg. was recorded. A "cold surge" at Marble Bar gave a temperature of 97deg. The highest temperatures in the State were at Perth and Gascoyne Junction, where 106deg. was registered.

NO SCARCITY OF MEAT

Slaughtermen Resume

About 90 striking slaughtermen at the Midland Junction abattoirs returned to work after a prolonged meeting yesterday morning. Afterwards the Controller of Abattoirs (Mr. T. Rowland) said: "There will be no shortage of meat—absolutely none."

When the men met about 8 a.m. they were told that the management had guaranteed them an adequate supply of equipment. There was then a short delay while the men received assurances from the management that both parties would be able to regard the equipment available as "adequate." The men resumed work after a one-day stoppage and the secretary of the Meat Employees' Union (Mr. J. W. Baker) stayed at the abattoirs all day to ensure that there were sufficient gambrils and skids.

Late yesterday afternoon Mr. Baker said: "Everything has gone smoothly. There was almost a normal tally today and in many cases the men stayed to handle the usual number of carcasses. I can see no reason why there should be any shortage of meat."

Both the management and the employees' representatives were definite that no shortage of meat was likely during the weekend or on Monday. The only possible cause of a shortage, it was said, would be panic buying.

HAND-WATERING FOR FOUR HOURS DAILY

Water restrictions were eased yesterday to enable householders to water their gardens and lawns, including street lawns, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Use of sprinklers or a fixed hose is still prohibited.

The Under-Secretary for Metropolitan Water Supply (Mr. J. C. Hutchinson) said yesterday that the amended restrictions would apply until the watering period on Monday morning, when the position would be reviewed. It might be possible to ease the restrictions still further on Monday.

It was hoped that seepage which occurred when water flowed through pipes installed to cover the break in the open concrete water-channel from Canning Dam to Perth would be eliminated today, he said. On Thursday, water was

BANK PAYS £5,000 ON FORGED CHEQUE

SYDNEY, Jan. 20: A city bank this week paid out £5,000 from a leading bookmaker's account after a forged cheque had been presented. Another bank saved a £5,960 pay-out from another prominent bookmaker's account after an alert employee had noticed a discrepancy in signatures held by the bank and that on the cheque.

The bookmakers concerned were the well-known paddock rails operators, Messrs. Tom Powell and Jack Mandel. The £5,000 was taken from Mr. Powell's account. It was from Mr. Mandel's account that other money was saved.

The man who perpetrated the frauds is believed to be a punter who made winning bets with the two bookmakers—one for £4/10/ and the other for £5—at Randwick last Saturday.

The bookmakers concerned both received letters on Monday each with a winning ticket enclosed. The letters were identical, the successful punter stating that illness prevented him from attending the club settling and as he was about to enter hospital for an operation he would appreciate if the bets were paid by cheque as he would need the money during his stay in hospital. Anxious to help the man, the bookmakers concerned sent the cheques for the small amounts immediately, addressing them to a suburban post office.

Detectives believe that immediately he received the cheques the forger copied the bookmakers' signatures from them and then, using the signatures at the two banks, obtained statements of the bookmakers' accounts and then new cheque books in their names. When the first cheque for £5,000 was handed in at the bank on Wednesday and made payable to a faked name or bearer the bank had no hesitation in paying it.

On Thursday morning the man endeavoured to use a hired car driver in a bold attempt to cash the second cheque. After summoning the car to a leading city hotel he gave the driver the cheque and told him to cash it at a nearby bank. When ledger clerks checked the signature they found it varied from the bookmaker's original signature lodged with them and marked the cheque accordingly.

When the man met the driver again a little later he was told

of the bank's attitude to the cheque. He told the driver that he would pick up the cheque later at the company's garage where the driver had left it. He failed to call there. The driver gave detectives a detailed description of the man.

SEARCH FOR GEMS

Loss of £37,500 Parcel

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 20: The police have flashed radio messages to Leopoldville (Belgian Congo) asking officials to search a plane that left here half an hour after £A37,500 worth of gems had vanished. The gems were to have gone to Saudi Arabia in the plane, but just before take-off time they disappeared from a safe at the airport.

Police searched the plane and all passengers, found nothing, and let the plane leave on time. The parcel was very small and could easily have been slipped

"VIGOROUS AS EVER"

TOKYO, Jan. 20: General MacArthur is in "superb physical condition" as he approaches his 70th birthday on January 26, according to his personal physician, Lieut.-Col. Charles Canada. He is "as alert and vigorous as ever," and worked on 365 days last year.—A.A.P.—Reuters.

into a pocket or a woman's handbag. South African Criminal Investigation Department gold and gem experts are handling the case. The staff at the airport are still being questioned.—B.U.P., A.P. and Reuters.

PERTH QUADRUPLETS LIVE ONLY TWO HOURS

A set of quadruplet girls died two hours after birth in the King Edward Maternity Hospital last night. The babies were born three months prematurely to Mrs. Margaret Dodds Harvey, of Armadale-road, South Belmont.

Last night Mrs. Harvey was reported to be "very well." World statistics show that quadruplets are born in only one in every 500,000 cases. The matron of the King Edward Hospital (Matron A. M. Walsh) said last night that she was not aware of any other birth of quadruplets in this State.

The babies were all born within ten minutes. Mrs. Harvey was admitted at 6.30 p.m. and the first birth was at 6.55 p.m.

The first infant weighed 15½oz., the second 13½oz., the third 12oz. and the fourth 11oz.

Mrs. Harvey is the mother of three other children, the youngest of whom is five years of age. She was advised by a doctor that quadruplets would probably be born last night, and a St. John ambulance had been booked to take her to hospital from her home at 6.30 p.m.

About 6.20 p.m. the ambulance was crossing the Causeway on the way to pick her up when the driver of a taxi travelling in the opposite direction hailed the van. The ambulance officer found that Mrs. Harvey was in the taxi on her way to hospital. She was transferred on the spot, and continued her journey by ambulance.

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