

Martin Luther King Slain in Memphis



DR. MARTIN L. KING
Dies Last Night

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Nobel Laureate Martin Luther King Jr., father of non-violence in the American Civil rights movement, was killed last night by an assassin's bullet.

King, 39, was hit in the neck by a bullet as he stood on the balcony of a motel here. He died less than an hour later in St. Joseph Hospital.

Gov. Buford Ellington immediately ordered 4,000 National Guard troops back into the downtown Memphis area, where a King-led march turned into a riot a week ago.

Police said incidents of violence, including several fire bombings were reported following King's death.

The 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner, was standing on the balcony of his motel here, where he had come to lead protests in behalf of the city's 1,300

striking garbage workers, most of them Negroes, when he was shot.

Two unidentified men were arrested several blocks from the motel.

Police also said they found a .30-06 rifle on Main Street about one block from the motel, but it was not confirmed whether this was the weapon that killed King.

An aide who was standing nearby said the shot hit King in the neck and lower right part of his face.

"Martin Luther King is dead," said Asst. Police Chief Henry Lux, the first word of the death.

Asst. Hospital Administrator Paul Hess confirmed later that King died at 7 p.m. of a bullet wound in the neck.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said he and others in the King party were getting ready to go to dinner when the shooting occurred.

"King was on the second floor balcony of the motel," Jackson said. "He had just bent over. If he had been standing up, he wouldn't have been hit in the face."

Terror

"I knocked him down," he said. "When I turned around, I saw police coming from everywhere. They said 'Behind you.' The police were coming from where the shot came."

Solomon Jones, King's chauffeur, said he saw a "man in white clothes" running from the scene.

King had returned to Memphis Wednesday to lead another massive protest march next Monday in support of the garbage strikers. Sympathizers from other parts of the country had announced they would join, and as many as 10,000 or more were expected for the march.

A similar march March 28 of about 6,000 erupted into the first violence in Memphis since the beginning of the civil rights movement. Police and march leaders, alike, blamed the outburst on Negro youths on the fringe of the march.

Violence erupted again shortly after King was shot. Police reported snipers firing on police and national guard units and several persons were reported hit by the shots.

Several firebombings and other acts of vandalism also were reported.

Police director Frank Holloman ordered a curfew back into effect "until further notice" as youths ran rampant, many of them with fire bombs in their hands.

A bomb threat was telephoned to Methodist Hospital and police were rushed to the scene.

Armed guards were immediately posted at St. Joseph Hospital where King died.

Holloman said early investigation indicated the assassin was a white male, who was "50 to 100 yards away in a flophouse." He said police had no definite leads, but that two persons were in custody.

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The Daily Collegian



Partly sunny windy and chilly today. High near 48. Cold tonight; low 31. Sunny and warmer tomorrow. High near 63. Partly sunny and warm Sunday. High near 72 . . . a good Whipples Weekend.

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SEVEN CENTS

Fox, Womer Pair Off in USG Race

Womer Campaigns Without Party Aid

By KITTIE PHILBIN
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James Womer (9th-political science-Havertown) is expected to officially become the independent candidate today for the presidency of the Undergraduate Student Government. Womer said at the convention of the New Party last night that he needed approximately 100 more signatures to complete his 500-name nominating petition before being able to run officially. Referring to the opening on the New Party's slate for president, Womer said that he "didn't choose to seek the nomination" of that party. The New Party began its convention by passing a resolution relinquishing its right to nominate or endorse a candidate for USG president. The New Party's Executive Committee did reserve the right to alter this decision if it would be "consistent with the welfare of the party, its candidates, and the student body."

Faith Tanney, past president of the Association of Women Students, nominated Steve Gerson, Administrative action commissioner of USG presently. Gerson told the delegates that a program of drug education must be continued, and that a variable admissions policy should be established, both illustrating social issues affecting the Penn State student. Academically, Gerson proposed the establishment of an endowment fund devoted strictly to academics: library development, visiting lecturers, and scholarships. "I view next year's administration as a year of student power through responsible student action," Gerson said. The nomination was unanimously acclaimed by the delegation. For treasurer, the New Party endorsed Don Paule (6th-liberal arts-Alexandria, Va.). Paule was also chosen by unanimous acclaim. Sandman Endorsed For the positions of congressman, James Sandman (8th-political science - Johnstown) was endorsed for USG representative from the Inter-Fraternity Council. Elena Ciletti (6th-art-Pottsville) won New Party endorsement for North Halls congressman. The nominees from Pollock area were chosen by ballot. Endorsed are Edward Beckwith (3rd - science - Pompton Lakes, N.J.) and Bonnie Smith (6th - elementary education - West Chester). New Party candidate from East Halls is Jill Green, chosen by ballot. Susan O'Hare (8th-consumer services-Camp Hill) will run for congresswoman from South Halls. Garry Wamsler (6th-pre law - Bethlehem) was endorsed as West Halls congressman. USG President Jeff Long announced Wednesday that he will publicly endorse several candidates, including class officers running for positions as officers of their new classes. Long will also endorse nominees for the USG executive positions. Long said he will make the announcement of his endorsements next week.



NEW PARTY SUPPORTERS (left) wave signs at last night's nominating convention. The New Party, whose entire slate of candidates swept to victory last year, failed to endorse a candidate for USG President. The Student-Lion Party convention (right), on the other hand, nominated popular USG vice-president Jon Fox for president. Fox's acceptance speech drew thunderous applause from the largest crowd ever to attend a campus convention. Fox will be opposed by independent James Womer.



Student-Lions Hail Fox for President

By DENNIS STIMELING
Collegian USG Reporter
Standing ovations seemed to be the order of the day last night at the joint Student-Lion Party nominating convention for the upcoming USG elections. The enthusiastic audience response was invoked by the current USG vice president Jon Fox upon his acceptance of the nomination for President. Fox's statement to the convention that "the answer is in your hands as to where student government will go next year" drew a thunderous response from his audience. None of the three nominees for the USG executive offices of president, vice president or treasurer were opposed at the convention. Merger Approved Last night's convention began with the attending students unanimously approving a merger of the Student and Lion parties. This made possible the creation of identical slates for both parties in the ensuing election. The USG executive positions were the first to be brought to the floor for nominations. Dick Weissman, chairman of the Lion Party, placed the name of Fox before the convention for consideration as presidential nominee. In his acceptance speech, Fox immediately turned to the issues which will highlight his election campaign. While saying that establishing a University bookstore and stopping a tuition hike would be the main issues, Fox also suggested better registration, additional student parking and re-evaluation of the University grading system. "Clear Issues" At the conclusion of his address, the convention cheered and applauded for nearly five minutes and then proceeded to nominate him by acclamation. Similar events occurred as the convention turned to the nominations for USG vice president. Dave Vinikoor of Town Independent Men made the nominating speech for the only person to be considered for that office, Theodore Thompson. Thompson said that Thompson, currently USG Congressman from East Halls, "is the only man qualified for the office of vice president of USG." In his acceptance speech Thompson reiterated the party platform that Fox had outlined. He then proposed his own solution to the "downtown problem," the creation of a Student Better Business Bureau. Thompson said, "Students and merchants should work with each other instead of against each other." Standing Ovation Thompson also received a standing ovation. Since no other candidates were proposed.

Pot Probe Urged Here

By RICHARD WIESENHUTTER
Collegian Editor
The Philadelphia Inquirer reported yesterday that State Sen. R. Lawrence Coughlin has called for an "immediate investigation and prosecution by the State Attorney General of marijuana peddlers" on state-supported colleges and universities. The story lists the University as a main target of such a probe. The Inquirer story said Coughlin, a Republican who represents the 17th district covering parts of Delaware and Montgomery counties, has evidence of pot parties attended by instructors and students at University Park Coughlin, according to the story, has urged University President Eric A. Walker "and other university authorities" to initiate their own investigation of drug use here. The Inquirer quotes Coughlin as saying that a parent of a (Continued on page five)

Officials Pessimistic on Peace Talks

LBJ, Asian Leaders To Meet in Hawaii

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson prepared yesterday for a weekend Vietnam strategy conference in Honolulu amid growing caution here about the prospects of preliminary peace talks. The White House announced that on his way, Johnson will stop at March Air Force Base, Calif., today to talk with former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. It was disclosed also that South Korea's president, Chung Hee Park, will join the weekend Hawaii meeting Sunday. Shortly before Johnson's scheduled late-night departure, Hanoi charged that American planes bombed a North Vietnamese town northwest of the country's Capital—deep inside the territory the President had declared off limits to U.S. air raiders. Pentagon Disclaimer The Pentagon quickly disavowed any "present knowledge of any such U.S. attack since the President's speech Sunday night" in which he proclaimed the curtailment of U.S. bombing of North Vietnam. "Nonetheless an immediate investigation has been ordered," Asst. Secretary Phil G. Goulding, said in issuing the Defense Department statement. The Honolulu meeting of the President with his Washington and Saigon advisers follows Johnson's pattern for such get-togethers every half year or so for an across-the-board review of the Southeast Asian conflict. Such sessions have

been held before in Hawaii, Guam and Washington. But this week's spectacular developments toward direct negotiations with Hanoi have greatly heightened the potential of this weekend's parley. Coordination This time the U.S. strategists must weigh what shifts may be necessary in the conduct of the war to accompany possible developments on the diplomatic front. White House sources indicated, too, that the choice of a successor to the U.S. commander in Vietnam, Gen. William C. Westmoreland, would be on the agenda. After four years at Saigon, Westmoreland is returning to Washington to become Army chief of staff in July. The U.S. commander in the Pacific, Adm. U.S. Grant Sharp, also is due for replacement by July. Westmoreland and Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker will be in the U.S. contingent from Saigon. Flying out from Washington are Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford, Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and William P. Bundy, assistant secretary of state for East Asian affairs. Russk Arrives Saturday Arriving at Honolulu tomorrow night from a foreign ministers' meeting in New Zealand is Secretary of State Dean Russk. Administration authorities took some pains

to divorce Park's trip to Honolulu from the all-U.S. meetings which will precede his arrival. This was to avoid pressure from other allied leaders to attend the conference too. Johnson aides said he and Park have been wanting for some time to talk together about the common problems the two countries face with a militant Communist North Korea. The situation reached a crisis level in January with North Korean terrorist infiltration against South Korea and seizure of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo. While the two presidents will of course talk about Vietnam—Seoul has sent some 48,500 troops into combat there—their main topic will be Korea, the Washington source said. Pessimism on Peace The growing caution in Washington quarters about peace talks—in some cases ranging to pessimism—stems from more than North Vietnam's accusation of U.S. bombing far north of the 20th parallel limit set by Johnson in his Sunday negotiations offer. Some U.S. sources said that while no response has been received yet through diplomatic channels to Johnson's agreement Wednesday to establish contact with Hanoi representatives, the North Vietnamese have shown no evidence yet of backing down from their earlier demand. This has been for a complete halt to the U.S. bombing of the North without reciprocal military (Continued on page seven)

Standing ovation Thompson also received a standing ovation. Since no other candidates were proposed. There was also no contest for the Student and Lion Party nominee for USG treasurer. William Cromer, USG liaison to Harrisburg, proposed the nomination of Harvey Reeder and it too was accepted by acclamation. Cromer called the present sophomore class president "a dynamic person, concerned (Continued from page five)

from the associated press

News from the World, Nation & State

Novotny Admits Serious Errors

PRAGUE — Antonin Novotny, the ousted Stalin-line ruler of Czechoslovakia, recanted yesterday before the Communist reformers who forced him from power. He admitted "serious errors and aberrations" during his 15 years as party chief. Novotny criticized his own role in the Stalinist purge trials of the 1950's at a meeting of the party's Central Committee, the official news agency, CTK, said. He said his errors would remain a dark stain on Czechoslovakia's postwar history. At least 12 prominent Communist leaders were hanged during a series of show trials. Novotny was pushed from his post as party secretary in January by liberals led by Alexander Dubcek, the new party chief. He surrendered his second major position, the largely ceremonial presidency, last month.

Saturn 5 Rocket Fails Preliminary Test

CAPE KENNEDY — America's second Saturn 5 super-rocket developed troubles with three engines and hurled a 132-ton payload into the wrong orbit yesterday, possibly delaying the man-to-the-moon program by casting doubt whether the rocket is ready to launch astronauts. If the flight had been intended to launch men to the moon, "We would have had to conduct an alternate mission in earth orbit," said Maj. Gen. Samuel C. Phillips, director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Apollo program office. "The objective of having a propulsion system function properly on each stage was not fully met," Phillips said. "It certainly makes this less than a perfect mission."

in the northwest corner of Vietnam and had begun to withdraw. They said Hanoi had decided on a withdrawal as a sign of good intentions if the United States agrees at preliminary talks to halt all bombing of North Vietnam preparatory to peace talks. There was no confirmation of this from Hanoi.

LBJ Presses Surcharge, Budget Increase

WASHINGTON—The Johnson Administration will continue to press for quick adoption of the 10 per cent income tax surcharge and a military budget approaching \$80 billion despite overtures for talks on Vietnam. President Johnson in his speech to the nation last Sunday increased his administration's estimate of war spending in both the current and the next fiscal years. That's still considered the best estimate in government circles based on the facts as they actually are. The reasoning goes something like this: 1. Even if peace talks should ultimately result from the move for contacts between Hanoi and Washington, defense spending won't ease significantly. 2. To hold up action on the proposition that peace talks will result would be a mistake. 3. The surcharge could be removed easily if the stimulus of war spending suddenly disappeared from the economic picture. This could be done within a matter of weeks.

Teachers Urged To Use Good Judgement

HARRISBURG—Gov. Shafer urged Pennsylvania school teachers yesterday to exercise reasonable judgment when they meet this weekend to review the legislative deadlock on their higher salaries. "I think the majority of teachers want to resolve this in an orderly fashion," Shafer said when asked for comment on the meeting of the Pennsylvania State Education Association's ruling House of Delegates set for Saturday. When questioned about the possibility of massive teacher resignations or even a statewide strike and what the state would do, Shafer responded: "We'll have to face that if it comes. I don't think it will come about and I would hope the House of Delegates would not recommend it. I think the majority of teachers want to keep their profession on the highest professional level."

Central U. S. Hit by Winds, Tornadoes

FREEZING AIR and bitter, strong winds lashed the Midwest yesterday as a savage snow and wind storm which left 18 dead from Nebraska to Kentucky pushed across the northern Great Lakes. Readings fell to the freezing mark in 11 states from the Great Plains to northern Mississippi. Snow fell in Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan and the Dakotas. Winds whipping at 30 to 50 miles an hour crossed the Great Lakes and turned toward the Mid-Atlantic States. Saginaw, Mich., recorded wind gusts of 67 miles an hour. Freeze warnings accompanied flash flood threats in the lower Mississippi Valley where the thunderstorms and tornadoes of Wednesday night were followed by heavy rains.

Experts Warn Against Optimism in Vietnam

SAIGON — U.S. relief forces pulled up within a half mile of the Marine combat base at Khe Sanh yesterday amid reports the enemy is lifting the three-month siege as a goodwill gesture. Only light artillery and mortar fire from the North Vietnamese opposed Marines in the vanguard of a 20,000-man relief force. Flown by helicopter, these Marines occupied hills just outside Khe Sanh. Soviet sources in London said the light resistance since the allied drive began Monday was because the North Vietnamese were lifting their siege of the battered base