



Norman Albert (7th-meteorology) broke the world record for treading water Nov. 18 in the Natatorium. After breaking the previous record of 50 hours by two hours, Albert had to be pulled from the pool on a stretcher.

Record breaker is hospitalized

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"You can take the record away from me but you cannot take away the experience," Norman Albert (7th-meteorology), the new holder of the world endurance record for treading water, said.

Albert jumped into the diving pool of the natatorium at noon on Nov. 16 and did not stop treading until 4 p.m. Nov. 18. His 52 hours of treading water eclipsed the old world record of 50 set by Monte Lewis in Florida.

Albert, who had hoped to tread for 72 hours, says he began to hallucinate on Friday morning because of exhaustion. "I would see people and then they would disappear, and I saw flower pots lined up along the pool," says Albert.

He had to be pulled from the pool on

an stretcher and spent the next three hours at Ritenour for observations. Albert then was sent to the Mountaintop Unit of Centre Community Hospital, where he was fed intravenously throughout the night because "there were a lot of things wrong with my blood."

After the record was broken, Albert's hands and feet were white and swollen and he had lost 15 pounds. The temperature of his extremities dropped below 60 degrees during the treading, and his overall body temperature dropped to 95 degrees, close to subnormal, according to Albert.

What's it all about? Is Albert really as unbalanced as his nickname (Abb, for abnormal) suggests? It seems there is a method to his madness. Albert plans to cross the English Channel next year and needs a

sponsor to back him up on the project, which will cost about \$1,000, by his estimate.

He said he hopes the new world record will catch some potential sponsor's eye.

If everything works out, Albert should be crossing the Channel about this time next year. He said he will begin training for the crossing after Spring Term, swimming from seven to 10 miles each day.

His other preparations will include swimming the length of Lake Champlain, the longest lake in the country, and swimming from Provincetown, Mass. to Plymouth, Mass. — a 25 mile journey. Albert also wants to gain 30 pounds. He thinks he will lose about that much crossing the Channel.

Photo by Andy Gumborg

Nader raps former aide

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A bitter and disappointed Ralph Nader Wednesday told his former chief lobbyist she should resign as National Highway Traffic Safety administrator because she has lost her leadership ability and her nerve.

Nader told NHTSA Administrator Joan Claybrook she has left a "trail of averted or broken promises" in the eight months she has held the job.

Miss Claybrook rejected his contentions and said she had no intention of resigning.

"If you are determined to keep your job at any cost, you can make the public pay any price," Nader said, implying her poor performance is responsible for highway deaths.

"And if the people on those highways do not receive your prime allegiance

over that accorded Transportation Secretary Brock Adams, you understand neither your calling nor your oath of office nor the standards of professional ethics."

The attack, in an 11-page letter released to the news media, was Nader's first serious break with the administration, and perhaps marked the end of a honeymoon between the organized consumer movement and the administration.

Miss Claybrook, who worked for Nader for six years and headed Congress Watch, his congressional lobbying arm, told a news conference she does not intend to resign.

"I feel extremely fortunate that this administration, under President Carter, has done more than any other in ad-

vancing the cause of highway safety," she said.

Asked about Nader's charge that she had lost her nerve and her ability to lead, she said, "Everyone around here thinks I'm a tough son of a bitch." Nader appeared at the news conference and sat by her side, signing himself in as a "columnist" representing his weekly newspaper, Commentary.

In his letter, Nader listed examples of what he said were failures in her job, saying, "They etch a trail of averted or broken promises. They show you unwilling and unable to take command of your agency."

Their dispute centers on the Transportation Department's proposal to require the use of airbags or other automatic passenger restraints in cars.

Exchange of prisoners to begin

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States and Mexico will begin exchanging prisoners Dec. 9 to allow the prisoners to serve their remaining terms in their own countries, Attorney General Griffin Bell announced Wednesday.

Some 70 Americans and 38 Mexicans will be exchanged in a ceremony at Juarez Airport in Mexico City, Bell said, and, during the next eight days, another 160 to 180 Americans will be returned. U.S. officials have said many, if not most, of the Americans to be returned are imprisoned in Mexico on various drug charges.

Bell said the returning Americans, including 40 women, will be taken to the Federal Metropolitan Correctional Center at San Diego, Calif., for initial processing.

Fifty of the returning Americans are eligible for immediate, mandatory release under U.S. law. The others, Bell said, will go to various federal institutions for parole hearings.

The attorney general said the total number of prisoners eligible for exchange is not yet known.

Of the Mexicans being returned, 26 are in federal prisons and the others are in Texas prisons.

The exchange is being made under a treaty the two governments signed on Nov. 25, 1976.

The Senate ratified the pact and President Carter signed it into law last month. It became effective Wednesday.

Bell said about 600 U.S. citizens are now confined in Mexico, but the 230 to 250 taking part in the initial exchanges are the only ones immediately available for exchange under the new treaty.

The prisoners must apply for transfer and both countries must agree, he said.

Some prisoners, however, are not eligible for exchange, including those in the following categories:

- Prisoners convicted of crimes in Mexico that are not punishable under U.S. law.
- Those who had lived in Mexico five

years before their arrests.

- Those with less than six remaining months to serve.
- Persons not yet convicted, or who

have appealed their convictions.

- Persons convicted in Mexico of immigration, military or political offenses.

Negotiations disrupt ports

NEW YORK (AP) — A maverick union official kept the Baltimore port virtually shut down Wednesday as dock workers in Philadelphia, New Orleans and Baton Rouge voted on the proposed three-year contract already approved by most longshoremen at East and Gulf coast ports.

In Mobile, Ala., the waterfront situation was in limbo following rejection of the proposed terms by the 700 longshoremen there in a Tuesday night vote.

A spokesman for the International Longshoremen's Association said a local official in Baltimore pulled his 2,000 men off the job despite approval of the contract and in defiance of ILA president Thomas W. "Teddy" Gleason.

Later in the day a federal judge ordered the Baltimore longshoremen local to end the day-old wildcat strike.

A rebellious faction among the 4,000 members of the ILA in New Orleans was pushing for rejection of the proposed three-year settlement for 50,000 ILA members at 34 ports from Maine to Texas.

Gleason said opposition to the contract in the three ports voting Wednesday was not great enough to upset Tuesday's settlement, which all but ended a two-month selective strike against container ship operations on the two coasts.

West Coast dock workers were not involved in the strike because they belong to the independent International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Crop harvested in dorm room

University police confiscated 15 to 20 marijuana plants Tuesday afternoon from a room in McKean Hall.

Unknown persons yesterday morning set off firecrackers on the fifth floor of Geary Hall, removed a room partition, and sprayed shaving cream on doors, University police said. Loss was set at \$250.

— by Rich Ziemba

British playwright dead of bone cancer

HAMILTON, Bermuda (UPI) — British playwright Sir Terence Rattigan died Wednesday following a lengthy illness. He was 66.

Rattigan, whose 20 plays included "Separate Tables," "Ross" and "The Winslow Boy," had fought a long battle with bone marrow cancer.

The Oxford-educated dramatist also later became known as a film writer and adapted many of his own plays to the screen as well as writing original screenplays and adapting other plays to the cinema.

Among his film credits were "Goodbye Mr. Chips," "The VIPs," "The Yellow Rolls-Royce," and "Conduct Unbecoming."

Rattigan was born in Kent, June 10, 1911 and attended Harrow before taking a degree in modern history in Trinity College, Oxford.

A lifelong bachelor, he turned his talents to the stage shortly after graduating and wrote a comedy called "First Episode" which was produced in both London and New York in 1934 and established his career as a playwright.

Rattigan was one of a group of young playwrights who began to turn the British stage away from light drawing room comedy into a more sophisticated and serious era which lasted until the mid-1950s when the "angry young man" of social protest took over the stage.

Most of his successes were repeated in New York and Rattigan easily adapted into film-writing for a string of Hollywood successes.

His plays provided vehicles for some of the top actors in the United States and Britain.

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