

3 Climbers Drown in Snowfield

MOOSE, Wyo. (AP) — Three mountain climbers skidded and tumbled through a hole in a snowfield and drowned, U. S. Forest Service officials reported Sunday.

The three victims, all from Idaho Falls, Idaho, perished Saturday as they were descending from 11,500-foot Symmetry Spire in Grand Teton National Park.

They were identified as Robert Deal, 28; Wayne Creek, 36, and Louis Ybarrodo, 5.

Chief Ranger Frank Betts said Deal was a member of the first five-member party sliding down the spire, and at the 8,000 foot level plunged headfirst through a hole in a snowfield into a stream some 21 feet below.

He was pinned by heavy snow and drowned, Betts said.

A guard was posted near the hole and a second two-member party made it by safely.

But Creek and the Ybarrodo boy were in the final four-member party and couldn't stop in time. Betts said the two went down the hole feet first, but heavy snow had created a dam in the stream and the hole filled with water, drowning the pair.

Sunday afternoon, rescue teams reached the scene of the accident, but Betts said vests were needed to recover the bodies. Even with vests he said, it may be impossible to reach the bodies without digging through 13 feet of ice and wet snow.

Betts said all three parties had registered with Forest Service for the climbing trip. Two members of the parties were from Minneapolis. Service records indicated the rest from Idaho Falls.

It was the second fatal accident on the spire in little more than a week. Earlier, Juncan Will, a college student from Bethesda, Md., was killed in a rock fall on the peak while climbing with his brother.

Rock Signs Parking-Bus Transit Plan

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI)—A plan to relieve traffic congestion in crowded city business districts was approved Sunday by Governor Rockefeller.

The idea is to build satellite parking areas just outside a city, then have shoppers or workers take special mass transit lines into the city.

The governor signed legislation letting the state transportation department buy such satellite facilities. They may be eligible for 50 per cent federal aid.

A trial plan was recently started in Albany. Workers at the State Education Department, next to the Capitol in downtown Albany, may now leave their cars at the State Office Campus uptown and take buses about three miles into the office.

Most riders said they got to work faster, and had no parking problems.

Cutting down the number of cars in the inner city, Rockefeller said, "will make it possible to increase the number of traffic lanes available to moving vehicles and eliminate the need for costly and socially damaging infringement on commercial and residential property often resulting from the need to widen streets in developed areas."



Confused youth pitch their tent at McCrea, La., the site of the proposed "Celebration of Life" rock festival that was still in doubt Sunday pending a court ruling. Louisiana State Troopers on horseback patrol the area in the background.

Last Minute Law, Court End Youths' Rock Festival Plans

McCREA, La. (AP) — Several thousand young people milled around the plantation site of the proposed "Celebration of Life" rock music festival Sunday refusing to believe the event is off. Promoters of the festival were still trying to bring it back to life.

A federal appeals court ruled Sunday in New Orleans that a lower court judge erred in refusing to give the promoters a hearing on their request to hold the music festival despite a last-minute local ordinance that blocked it.

The appeals court ruled District Court Judge E. Gordon West in Baton Rouge must hold the hearing by noon Monday, when the eight-day festival had been scheduled to start.

"The festival is legally off," promoter Kenny Lind had earlier told the growing crowd of youths at the site. "The stage is being dismantled. I want you to disperse. It's over, man, it's over."

Lind's plea was to no avail and many in the crowd simply detoured around a blockade set up at the entrance by police. Others were lined up on the narrow gravel road leading into the site where some youths lounged in the sun along the roadside or swam nude in the Atchafalaya River.

"All the highways are jammed. People are sleeping everywhere, on everybody's property, but we're getting them out as fast as we can," said Pointe Coupee Parish (County) Sheriff F.A. Smith. "The kids aren't resisting. They're very nice. They're just here with no place to go."

One youth was arrested for disorderly conduct, a deputy said.

The lack of water and sanitary facilities caused some concern and one of Lind's associates asked a state trooper to keep the people off the grounds of the 700 acre plantation.

"We haven't got any food or water. If you're going to let them in, open up the show and let us get our supplies in," said Lou Weinstock.

Cambridge Investment Corp., the promoting firm, said in court it had spent or obligated itself for some \$500,000 and the money would be lost unless the injunction is granted.

A spokesman for the festival said that the concert could be postponed several days.

"If we start one or two days late, we would extend it by that many days. We have been able to arrange for all the scheduled acts to appear," the spokesman said. Some of the performers are

Richie Havens, John Lee Hooker, Cannon Heat, Ravi Shankar, Johnny Winter and Sly and The Family Stone.

Father's Day 'Father' Dies In Chicago

CHICAGO (UPI)—Harry C. Meek, who said he started Father's Day observances in 1920, died of a heart attack Saturday, the eve of the 51st annual celebration. He was 84. Meek, a retired Chicago businessman, said he founded the celebration because he felt fathers were just as deserving as mothers who already had their own day.

However, at least two other persons have also claimed they founded the yearly celebration. Most reference books credit a Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Wash., with founding the day in 1910. She was 34 at the time.

The state of Virginia proclaimed Father's Day first in 1919 at the urging of a daughter of Edward Agnew Swineford. When Swineford died in August, 1961, Virginia newspapers referred to him as the inspiration for Father's Day.

Meek is survived by his widow, Helen, 75, a brother, Walter, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and a sister, Mrs. Alta Champlin, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Homing Pigeons' Blunders Probed

LILLE, France (AP) — An investigation has been launched by the French and the International Homing Pigeon Fanciers associations because flocks of pigeons never found their way home.

They were released June 7 at Poitiers in west central France.

Most of the pigeons should have flown to Lille and Dunkirk in northeast France, between 300 to 350 miles away. But only 15 per cent of them turned up. A good proportion of those released had already made the flight at least once.

Many of them, either dead or exhausted, have been found in other regions far off the route. There has been no explanation.

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Come to Aid of Patrolman

Residents Startle NYC Cops

NEW YORK (UPI) — It's possible to startle a New York policeman, but not easy. One way to do it is to run toward the sound of gunfire to aid a wounded patrolman and then give his alleged assailants a bad time.

And that is just what some 200 residents of Queens did in the steamy darkness just after midnight Saturday when 22-year-old Patrolman William Beschel was knocked down and shot twice with his own revolver on a street corner.

"I was just amazed... not seeing people flee, but do the opposite," said Patrolman James Cope, one of the first police to reach the scene. "They were running in the direction the shots were coming from."

Cope and two other plainclothes patrolmen, Thomas Caiferty and John Dworsak, found that the crowd had blocked a busy intersection in a predominantly Greek section of Queens and were briskly beating up Daniel Ransom and his son, Jan, who were later charged in the shooting.

"They wanted to kill those

two guys..." Cope said. "If they had carried out their threats, they would have lynched them."

Beschel, who has been a policeman for 2½ years, was reported in fair condition in Elmhurst General Hospital with foot and thigh wounds. The elder Ransom, who is 60, was listed in critical condition in the same hospital after suffering an apparent heart attack. His 26-year-old son was treated for cuts and bruises and released from the hospital. The Ransoms were charged with attempted murder, robbery and felonious assault and the son was charged

additionally with possession of a dangerous weapon — Beschel's gun.

Police said the young patrolman was answering a routine call at 12.05 a.m. when his attention was attracted by

'Waiter' Serves Heath a Protest

LONDON (UPI) — A disgruntled ship-broker personally delivered a protest note to Prime Minister Edward Heath at a lunch at Heath's No 10 Downing Street residence by posing as a waiter, it was revealed Sunday.

Ronald Irons, who was hired on a temporary basis to serve at the lunch, said Heath was "extremely charming" when he handed him the letter protesting a foreign shipping contract. But British security men were shaken by the incident.

the erratic movements of a car containing two persons later identified as the Ransoms. Beschel flagged the car down, but the younger Ransom — who was driving — stepped on the gas. The car was stopped by traffic at the next intersection and the policeman ordered its occupants to get out.

They came out fighting, police said. The younger Ransom allegedly snatched Beschel's revolver and nightstick and knocked him to the ground. The elder Ransom was said to have jumped on him. Then, according to the official report, Jan Ransom fired six shots at Beschel, emptying the revolver and hitting the patrolman twice.

The gunfire was heard a block away by the plainclothesmen, who ran to the scene and found the crowd manhandling the Ransoms.

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