

# Not Ed, Brother Declares; Wrong Body Shipped Here

The mysterious case of the wrong body had police and the Kessler and Maguire funeral home in a dither Friday night. All were reticent to reveal details, but admitted the body wasn't that of a man under whose name it was shipped here from Spokane, Wash.

The mystery began Tuesday when Harry Thompson of 5031 Woodlawn blvd., Minneapolis, received a telegram saying that his brother, Edward W. Thompson, 53 years old, had died from effects of illuminating gas in Spokane. Upon request, Thompson wired \$240 for shipment of the body, directing that it be sent to Kessler and Maguire mortuary in St. Paul.

### NOT HIS BROTHER

A body arrived Friday afternoon, and the casket was opened for Harry Thompson to view the body.

"That isn't Ed," said Harry. "I've never seen this man before in my life."

An inquiry was started immediately. Operators of the Hazen-Jaeger funeral home in Spokane, from which the body was shipped, maintained that the body is that of a man identified to them as Edward W. Thompson by the state relief board.

Detectives took fingerprints for checking against police files here and at Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters at Washington in hope of learning the identity of the dead man.

### SEES NO RESEMBLANCE

Harry Thompson insisted the body bore no resemblance to his brother.

The dead man was five feet eight inches tall, with noticeably small shoulders. Edward Thompson was five feet 10 and broad shouldered.

The dead man had a full set of normally spaced teeth. Edward had two lower teeth missing and his uppers widely spaced when Harry saw him last about five years ago. Also Edward had a head scar where a tumor had been removed. The dead man had none.

Harry Thompson explained that his brother, former movie operator, was divorced several years ago and has moved about the country since. His family resides on the West Coast. When last heard from, he was working on a railroad at Walla Walla, Wash.

As investigations proceeded Friday night, funeral services were held in abeyance.

# Visitor From Hawaii Will View Parade

Dr. Harold Loper, superintendent of public instruction in the Territory of Hawaii, will probably take honors among Winter Carnival visitors for having traveled the longest distance to attend the event.

Dr. Loper will be a spectator today when the Grand Parade marches through the Auditorium. He is a guest of Dr. Miles E. Carey, associate professor of education at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Loper will attend a superintendents' convention in Atlantic City Feb. 21-26 and also study state educational programs.

"In the event Hawaii is admitted to statehood," he said, "I want to be prepared to offer a workable educational program that will retain the best we have and adapt the best in use in the states."



A HOLDUP MAN?—NO, IT'S COLD!—Patrolman A. C. Weber stopped on his tour of duty in front of the Ice Palace Friday night to talk to Donald Norbeck, 5 years old, of 546 Portland ave. who peered at the coronation ceremonies over a scarf tightly wrapped around the lower part of his face.—PIONEER PRESS PHOTO.

# University Villagers Ask Emergency Exits

A petition for emergency house exits, signed by the wives of 204 University of Minnesota veteran students living at University Village, was presented Friday to a faculty committee investigating the blast that killed two babies last week.

The six members of the committee present at the meeting, called by the village residents to discuss causes of the explosion, said they would consider the petition. It reads:

"We, the University Villagers, feel it is necessary as further precaution to have exits leading outside from the bedroom of each unit which does not now contain an emergency exit."

The two-family units have a door on each end of the converted Army barracks.

### PIPE BREAK EXPLAINED

Veterans and their wives expressed concern for their safety in the emergency housing units as they listened to the committee explain the gas main break and its resulting explosion and fire.

The committee, headed by Dr. Charles A. Mann, chief of the chemical engineering department, said its investigation was not complete and its formal report not ready. However, the committee reported, installation of a number of precautionary measures are being pushed by 20 workmen at the village.

Dr. Mann said: "Safety measures, such as placing pressure-reducing valves on the gas pipes outside the houses and installing expansion joints on gas mains, will decrease the possibility of any further accident by 99 per cent."

### SUGGESTIONS MADE

Safety suggestions offered by the veterans at the meeting included: Fire extinguishers in the houses, hooks for securing windows when used as emergency exits, student fire wardens to be appointed and fire hose carts to be placed in each section of the housing area.

Other committeemen present were Harry L. Wilson and Roy V. Lund of the university engineering staff; Ralph L. Dowdell, head of the chemical engineering department; George J. Schroeffer, professor of sanitary engineering; and Frank B. Rowley, head of the mechanical engineering department.

As a result, the project probably will be postponed for several more years, council members said.

# U.S. Leaders Pay Tribute To Gandhi

WASHINGTON—(P)—President Truman said Friday that Mohandas K. Gandhi's death should spur the world to increased efforts toward "brotherhood and peace."

But in Congress, members of both parties expressed concern that the effect of the Indian leader's assassination on world peace prospects might not be good.

The president said he knew the Indians and all people would be inspired by Gandhi's sacrifice "to work with increased vigor toward the brotherhood and peace which the Mahatma symbolized."

Senate Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky said he hoped the "international tragedy" would not "retard the peace of India and the world."

Rep. Klein (D., N. Y.) called Gandhi's death "a profound loss to civilization and progress and to a stable peace."

However, Sen. Thomas (D., Utah) said Gandhi "may be a stronger force as a result of his death than he was alive" because "he put spiritual values into everything he did and, more and more, the world is beginning to see that it is the things of the spirit which ultimately have the greatest influence."

In the House, Rep. Celler (D., N. Y.) proposed that Congress authorize a monument to Gandhi, to be built in Washington by public subscription.

# Coin-Operated Device Held Legal

"Hollycrane," a new type of coin-operated device, Friday was declared to be legal and not in violation of state gambling laws.

Attorney General J. A. A. Burnquist made the ruling in reply to a question posed by James F. Lynch, Ramsey county attorney. The opinion said the machine is so devised that its operation is a matter of skill.

The device was described as "an arcade piece" by an amusement device dealer here. There are none in the state currently, he said.

"We may anticipate that a person who has not before attempted to operate such a machine might find difficulty in succeeding to operate it," Burnquist wrote. "But it would appear that a person skilled in its operation would be able to achieve the goal for which he strives in playing. That being assumed to be true, it does not appear to me that it is a gambling machine."

"The mere fact that a person unskilled in the operation will be unsuccessful in achieving his purpose in operating it does not appear to me to be the test. Therefore I conclude that the operation of this machine is not prohibited by law."

### Polish War Bride's Sentence Halted

REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.—(P)—Sentencing of Jadwiga Curtin for manslaughter was postponed Friday when her attorney moved for a new trial. The 21-year-old refugee Polish war bride was convicted Monday of the pistol slaying of George Conner, 27, of Palo Alto.



QUEEN HELEN AND BOREAS X ARRIVE FOR CEREMONY—In a horse-drawn sleigh, Queen of the Snows Helen Duffy and Robert Albrecht, retiring King Boreas X, arrive at the Ice Palace, accompanied by Prime Minister Walter Sime.—PIONEER PRESS PHOTO.

# Gandhi's Murder Sets Off Bombay Riots

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said this was the wish of Gandhi, who was a Hindu.

"The light has gone out of our lives," said Nehru.

His voice broke and he had to be led away.

Friday night the body was carried to a veranda on the second floor of the mansion of the millionaire Birla, where Gandhi was staying and where he died. The couch on which the body lay was tilted and floodlighted so tens of thousands who jammed against the mansion doors could view the face.

Widespread looting, arson and stabbing started in Bombay two hours after news of the assassination was received. Police fired scores of times into Hindu-Muslim rioters and troops were sent into the city. Transport and business was brought to a standstill.

It was 5:15 p. m. Friday when the three shots ripped into Gandhi's body. As he collapsed on the green lawn, he feebly raised his hand to his forehead in the Hindu gesture of forgiveness to his assassin. He was carried into the villa where he died at 5:45.

It was revealed today that he had a premonition of death. Retiring Thursday night, Gandhi said to his 18-year-old granddaughter Manu:

"This is a strange world. How long can one be at the game?"

Rising early, Gandhi said to his personal attendant:

"Bring me all my important papers. I must reply today. Tomorrow may never be."

At the villa Friday night, while the lights blazed on Gandhi's face and his weeping followers grouped about his bed, little Manu told how she saw death come to Gandhi:

"The Mahatma was ascending the steps leading to his prayer platform in the garden when a man suddenly broke through the rows of the congregation and bent before him. Assuming that he was trying to wipe the dust from the Bapu's (father's) face, I tried to tell him to go

away because Gandhi might trip. I caught his left hand.

"The man pushed me aside and started shooting. The first shot hit Gandhi in the abdomen. Gandhi chanted:

"Ram! Ram! (Oh God! Oh God!)"

"Two more shots followed quickly. They went straight through his heart.

"Gandhi fell back. His spectacles dangled and his sandals fell off. His spectacles and sandals have not since been found.

"The blood gushed from his abdomen and heart. He lost consciousness completely as he was carried toward the villa. Twenty minutes after he was taken in he breathed his last."

The Indian government proclaimed today a day of mourning for Gandhi, to be marked by fasting and prayer. There will be no public entertainment during the official 13-day mourning period for the man who above all brought independence to this sub-continent's 400 million people.

During the night an oil lamp burned beside Gandhi's body. This afternoon, when the funeral procession reaches the river, the lamp will light the pyre on which his body will be burned.

As the crowds chanted and sang hymns outside the villa throughout the night, police made it known they believe the murder stemmed from Hindu fanatics who want India bathed again in the blood of religious warfare.

The murderer tried to kill himself after he fired the shots into the Hindu leader's frail body.

Gandhi's death came in the midst of his efforts to bring India's Hindus, Moslems and Sikhs to seek peace among themselves. Last August he had seen the

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dream of his life come true, the independence of India. But its division into two dominions, India and Pakistan, was bitter to him. The killing of 300,000 or more persons in communal fighting had tortured his soul.

On Jan. 12 he went on a fast, declaring it would continue until he was satisfied India had produced the conditions for internal peace.

While he was fasting small crowds of Sikh refugees from the Punjab, many of whom had seen their women folk violated by Moslems, shouted outside his quarters, "Let Gandhi die."

The fast ended Jan. 18 when leaders of all communities had pledged themselves to work for peace and had agreed to a seven-point program advanced by Gandhi.

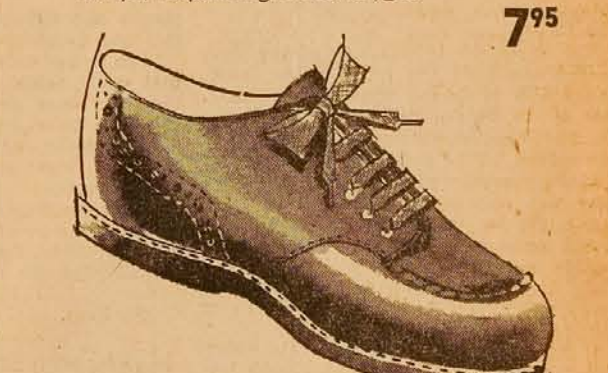
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### STATEMENTS REVEAL MAHATMAS PHILOSOPHY—

# Gandhi Influenced By Teachings Of Christ

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mohandas K. Gandhi, who died Friday at the hands of an assassin, revealed much of his philosophy in the following statements:

Born a Hindu Gandhi often explained that he had been greatly influenced by Christ's Sermon on the Mount. He said: "It went straight to my heart on the first reading. I felt it contained the truth that renunciation is the highest type of religion. Although I chose a path my Christian friends had not intended, I remain forever indebted for the religious quest they awakened in me."

A believer in reincarnation he said: "I think we all come back here again if we are not pure enough to enter Heaven."

The man who preached against violence was deeply disturbed by the recent communal rioting in India. Referring to this strife he said on his 78th birthday, Oct. 2:

"With every breath I pray God to give me strength to quench the flames or remove me from this earth. I, who had staked my life to gain India's independence, do not wish to be a living witness to its destruction."

Associated Press: "Prayer has saved my life. Without it I should have been a lunatic long ago. Prayer came out of sheer necessity. The more my faith in God increased, the more irresistible became the yearning for prayer. Life seems to be dull and vacant without it."

Asked recently if he had any message for America, Gandhi said: "Dislodge the money God called Mammon from the throne and find a corner for a poor God. I think America has a very big future, but, in spite of what is said to the contrary, it has a dismal future if it swears by Mammon."

Gandhi was a believer in "one world." Last April he told an inter-Asian relations conference: "I would not like to live in this world if it were not to be one world, and certainly I would like to see that dream realized in my lifetime."

The last person to whom Gandhi spoke before he entered the Poona jail in 1931 was the

late James A. Mills, widely traveled Associated Press reporter. Mills also was the first person to greet the Indian leader when he was freed 17 months later.

"Why Mr. Mills," Gandhi exclaimed, "if I should die and start to enter Heaven, I should expect to see you waiting to interview me at the gates!"

Mills died in 1942. Gandhi paid him a special tribute.

In 1937 Gandhi was reported so ill in Bombay that an Associated Press correspondent was sent from China to be near. On meeting the newsmen Gandhi laughed and said:

"So you wanted to get here

in time to be a pallbearer. Well, you are slightly premature. It is too early for us to meet at the gates of Heaven. Don't release my obituary just yet."

In a more serious vein he said: "I am ready to die when my maker calls. But I hope he will spare me until I finish my life work, which is to make India free."

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