

Heat-Crazed Dogs Kill Boy, Attack New York Policeman

Officials Probe Who Turned Loose Pack Of Bull Terriers Near Swimming Pool

NEW YORK, July 2 (UP)—Police sought to learn today who turned loose a pack of heat-crazed bull terriers that killed an 11-year-old boy and attacked a policeman a few yards from a crowded Bronx swimming pool.

Two of the dogs were shot to death, one of them on the edge of the pool where 6000 persons sought relief from the season's record heat. The other four were taken to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals kennel pending rabies tests.

Police examined the interior of a boathouse on Pugsley's Creek where the dogs were kept by Swin Sandgren, 52, to determine if Stanley Balaban, 11, or someone else crawled through a window and, turned the dogs loose.

Balaban's torn body was found nearby in a meadow separating the boathouse and swimming pool.

The dogs charged Patrolman Louis Rissone, 31, as he stooped over the boy's body. The dogs knocked his club from his hand. They were on top of him fighting to reach his throat when Sgt. Fred Werner and Patrolman Robert Kimmer arrived.

Balaban disappeared from the pool where he was bathing with his mother. His body, clad only in swimming trunks, was torn from throat to feet.

[Joe Munn, former New York reporter, whose pit bull dogs fatally attacked Mrs. Doretta Zinke in 1945 jailed today to escape a five-year prison sentence for the 39-year-old waitress' death.

[The state pardons board in Tallahassee, Fla., refused to pardon Munn, now a Hialeah dry cleaner, and he was ordered to begin his prison sentence next week.]

Man, 69, Hit by Auto On California Avenue

Jack Gentile, 69, of 1501 Brighton Pl. suffered head injuries last night when hit by an auto in the 3700 block of California Ave.

Police said the driver, Howard M. Martin Jr., 18, of 1806 Davis Ave., was released on \$1000 bond on reckless driving charges. Gentile was admitted to St. John's Hospital.

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Boy Killed When Attacked By Five Angry Bull Dogs

NEW YORK — (UP) — Five American bull terriers yesterday fatally bit 11-year-old Stanley Balabas, Bronx, and seriously injured a policeman before they were trapped, police said.

The youth was attacked when he climbed a fence into the property of Swin Sangren, owner of the dogs.

Patrolman Louis Rissoni, tried vainly to ward off the dog's attacks on the youth and was severely bitten. Another boy was also attacked.

Rissoni used only his nightstick to fight the angry animals because children were too close to fire his gun.

Two of the dogs, believed by police to have been crazed by drinking chlorinated water, were killed and the others cap-

tured when a police emergency squad arrived.

The dead boy, clad in swimming trunks, was bitten about the mouth, shoulders and legs. A medical examiner said a severed artery under the left arm caused death. An autopsy will be held.

Rissoni, summoned by other boys who saw the body of Stanley in tall grass, went to investigate. The dogs did not attack the patrolman until he was near the boy's body. Then the dogs lunged at him and knocked him down.

A fellow officer, Sgt. Frederick Werner, arrived when Rissoni was down and shot one dog that was at Rissoni's throat. Werner said he killed the dog just before it would have killed Rissoni.

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fight against partition.

The seven-nation Arab league announced in Cairo last night it would take "immediate measures" for military and other action against partition.

Thousands of Jewish men and women, aged 17 to 25, crowded registration offices in Palestine today for the Jewish agency's "manpower census." Official estimated 70,000 to 80,000 in this class would be signed up for "security forces and posts in the proposed Jewish state."

Durant was convicted by a court martial. He was flown from New York to Atlanta and military police turned him over to prison officials.

Durant's wife, a former WAC captain, was also convicted by a court martial of the jewel theft and sentenced to five years, but a federal court later ordered her released. The federal court held her court martial illegal since she previously had been separated from the service.

Dog on Witness Stand In Fatal Attack Trial

NEW YORK — (AP) — A dog was called as a defense witness in a manslaughter cast in Bronx county court.

Judge Harry Stackell instructed Defense Counsel Samuel Segal to call his next witness in the trial of **Svend O. Sandgren**, charged with second-degree manslaughter as the owner of a pack of bull terriers accused of causing the death July 1 of 11-year-old Stanley Balaban.

Segal explained he wanted to prove bull terriers are gentle and to exhibit the formation of teeth so the jury could compare their arrangement with marks the medical examiner's report said were on the boy's body.

Segal then placed on the

stand Wonder, a three-year-old bull terrier relative of one of Sandgren's dogs, which were destroyed after Stanley died.

Wonder, owned by Mrs. Platt Bennett, of Dallas, Pa., wagged his tail and looked around the courtroom, but he declined to co-operate when Segal tried to open his mouth. However, Mrs. Bennett opened the animal's mouth and the jurors leaned forward to gaze at the teeth.

"Have you anything to say," the court asked the assistant district attorney Marvin Lechman.

"No questions," Lechman replied.

The witness was excused.

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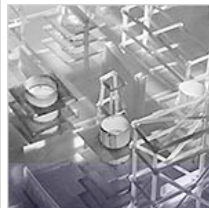
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