

WEALTHY MATRON FOUND BLUDGEONED IN SM HOME

SD Freeway Link To Valley Opens

Scene Of Slaying



BLUDGEONED BODY of wealthy matron Lillian Howell, 65, is examined by Santa Monica detective Robert Holborow. In foreground is victim's ransacked bedroom.

Dead Since Monday

Wealthy Matron Murdered In SM

The bludgeoned body of Mrs. Howell alive Monday night. Lillian S. Howell, 65, a wealthy Las Vegas woman who recently moved to Santa Monica, was discovered in her apartment at 814 12th St. in Santa Monica.

Detectives said the woman had probably been dead since Monday night. Mrs. Howell had been beaten on the head with a heavy object and had been smothered with her bedclothes, officers said.

Son In 'Custody'

Meanwhile, a man described as Mrs. Howell's son, Edwin F. White, about 50, is in "technical custody" of Santa Monica police. He was flown into Los Angeles International Airport earlier today from Las Vegas, Nev., where he had been questioned by Las Vegas police.

Santa Monica detective captain Ed Hicks said White was thought to be the last person to see Mrs.

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PanAm, TWA Seek Merger OK

NEW YORK (AP)—Pan American World Airways and Trans World Airlines asked government blessing today for their proposed merger into a \$1.2-billion system, the nation's largest.

Approval would pit their combined forces against 16 foreign airlines which have claimed the lion's share of traffic over the North Atlantic, and fill competitive balances on important domestic runs.

The merger agreement, reached Thursday by directors of Pan Am and TWA, was filed this morning in Washington with the Civil Aeronautics Board, a federal regulatory agency for aviation.

At the start of trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Pan Am stock sold off 37 cents at \$23.37 a share while TWA stock gained 37 cents at \$11.87 a share.

CAB approval is required, plus that of President Kennedy because of the international ramifications.

The combine would embrace 80,000 system-rotte miles in the U.S. and abroad, would serve 100 cities, and would have nearly 44,000 employees.

Shopping Days 'til Christmas

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U.S., Britain To Form Nuclear Strike Force

Polaris Due NATO By 1970

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)—President Kennedy and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan announced today a historic decision to create at once a nuclear force and put Polaris-armed British submarines in action under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization banner by 1970.

The far-reaching agreement to give the Western alliance a broadened nuclear shield takes effect in two stages.

—The United States and Britain agreed to set aside immediately an undisclosed segment of their bomber forces for use by NATO which would decide the emergency missions and targets.

—The United States agreed to provide Britain with intermediate-range Polaris missiles—minus warheads—for use on British submarines.

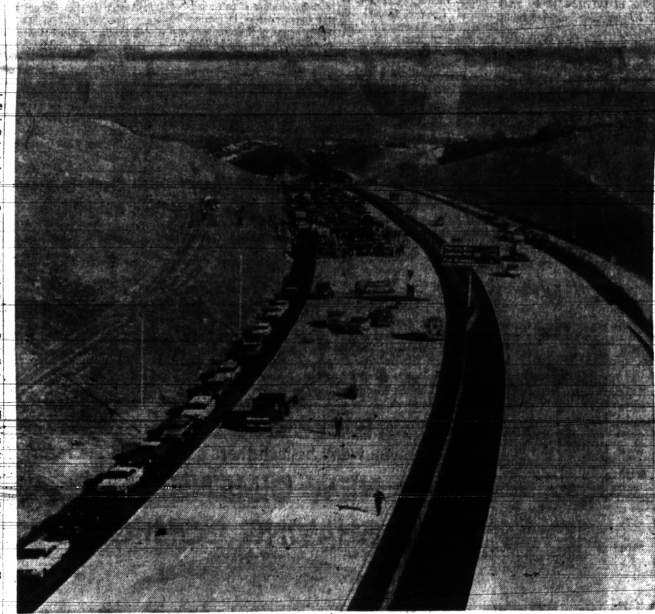
Commitment To NATO

These forces will be committed to the new multinational NATO nuclear force and the United States will assign to NATO one Polaris-armed submarine for each similar undersea craft equipped by the British.

Announcement of the Nassau agreement followed four days of talks between the two leaders. Both considered the document the most important and portentous of their talks.

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Bay Area, Valley Freeway Link



EAGER MOTORISTS wait for ribbon cutting to be among first to drive San Diego Freeway through Santa Monica Mountains. While weather was perfect for dedication, Gov. Brown couldn't attend because he was trapped by fog in Sacramento. (Evening Outlook Photo by Gordon Fauman from Santa Monica Flyers helicopter.)

Living Cost Unchanged In Nov. Report

WASHINGTON (AP)—Lower food and clothing prices balanced out higher costs for automobiles and services to leave the nation's living-cost level unchanged from October to November.

The Labor Department reported its consumers price index remained at 106.0 per cent of the 1957-59 base period. This is one-tenth of 1 per cent below the record set in September, but 1.3 per cent higher than November a year ago.

On the former base of average 1947-49 prices, the November index was 130.1.

Ewan Clague, commissioner of labor statistics, forecast there would be little or no change in the December living-cost level when it is reported next month.

Stocks Drop, But Douglas Levels Off

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market declined in sluggish trading late this afternoon on the eve of what will be a four-day Christmas weekend for many.

Volume was estimated at 3.6 million shares compared with 4.22 million Thursday.

Losses were fractional for most key stocks.

Many businesses will close on Monday, Christmas Eve, but stock exchanges and banks will be open.

Douglas Aircraft, a big loser recently on reports its Skybolt missile program will be discarded, was steady. Lockheed, which has risen on news its Polaris missile will supplant the Skybolt in Britain dropped a fraction on profit-taking.

Links SM To Valley

Sepulveda Pass Freeway Opened

By REED MCCLURE
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A new era for motorists dawned today in the Santa Monica Mountains with the opening of the spectacular Sepulveda Pass link of the San Diego Freeway.

Scores of government officials and hundreds of spectators gathered on the southbound lanes of the \$20 million freeway near the soaring Mulholland Drive bridge for the dedication ceremonies.

The weather was crystal-clear for the dedication, but the feisty speaker Gov. Edmund G. Brown, was unable to attend. Ironically, the governor was logged in at Sacramento.

Brown's prepared speech was read by State Director of Public Works Robert Bradford.

"Today's freeway opening is something special. With the possible dedication of the downtown Los Angeles loop freeway last March, this is the most gratifying experience of this kind that I have had."

"Ordinarily, when we cut the ribbon of a new stretch of freeway in a metropolitan area, it has a noticeable but not very dramatic effect on the over-all traffic picture. But this freeway is dramatic. It is spectacular, too, and not merely because it is

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