



David Jacobs found in garage STARS' LAWYER DEATH RIDDLE

Fight-back by Clark

ENGINE TROUBLE COSTS HIM LEAD, BUT HE'S CATCHING UP

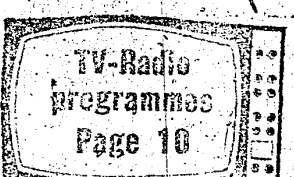


From DAVID BENSON: Broken Hill, Monday ROGER CLARK, the man who has led the Daily Express London-Sydney Marathon from the word go, was knocked out of the No. 1 place by engine trouble early this morning.

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LATEST



BOAT WASHED UP

Lifeline from Benbridge, Isle of Wight, searching for possible survivors after empty cabin cruiser was washed ashore at Eastney, Portsmouth. Police and coastguards searching nearby beaches.

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Argentine tries blackmail over Falklands

By CHAPMAN PINCHER THE Argentine Government is holding up a huge order for British warships and naval weapons pending an arrangement with Britain on the future of the Falkland Islands.

Accusation

The Government is likely to be accused of selling the islanders to help the Premier fulfil his economic promise. Mr. Peyton's questions also create an embarrassing situation for Lord Chalfont by linking him with a big arms deal.

The Argentinians were on the point of ordering submarines and frigates worth £50 million from British firms last week after an Argentine Navy mission visited British shipyards.

End talks!

Squire Barraclough writes: Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary Mr. Stewart will also face renewed demands in the Commons today to break off the talks with the Argentine.

Untangled

An alternative route into London Airport's terminal at Heathrow through a new cargo tunnel, was opened last night to smooth out the traffic tangle caused by closure of the inbound passenger tunnel because of faults in its roof.

Professor Humph

NEW YORK. Sunday—Defeated presidential candidate Mr. Hubert Humphrey today accepted a joint professorship in Minnesota—at the Macalester College of St. Paul and the State University in Minneapolis.

Making your £ worth more

MR. FRANK ELVY, chief of Cimex, the Orpington-based floor cleaning machinery giant, pledged yesterday all our prices are to be frozen for the next three months.

By PERCY HOSKINS and MICHAEL WALSH

DAVID JACOBS, 56-year-old bachelor lawyer who became almost as celebrated as his show-business clients, was found dead in the garage of his home near Brighton yesterday.

But the circumstances remained a mystery last night. The district coroner at Hove has been informed and a post-mortem will be held today.

Mr. Jacobs's body was discovered by his houseman at 4.30 p.m. He had been in poor health for several weeks following a nervous breakdown.

LAST NIGHT Mr. Nicholas Copan, his lawyer partner, said he can confirm that Mr. Jacobs is dead, but I cannot give any details except to say that the business will continue to run.

Another colleague said: "He was off work for four or five weeks. When he came back he only worked on a part-time basis.

"He did not seem his normal self." The Stars' Lawyer—that was the reputation of the tall, handsome Jacobs, a man who entertained his celebrity clients on a scale that rivalled the fees he earned representing them.

PARTIES

He was at heart a frustrated actor with a passion for all things theatrical. His generous parties were command performances, and few show business people declined an invitation.

Many of them were staged at his large white walled home at Hove with its white grand piano, underfloor heating, and marble and onyx columns.

It was to this house by the sea that he invited Ringo Starr and his young wife for their honeymoon.

Last night a number of his theatrical friends in Brighton, including Alan Melville, Dora Bryan, and Elizabeth Allan, were attending a carol service at Brighton.

Said Miss Bryan: "He was a very great friend. I was very shocked to hear the news.

Alan Melville said: "Neither of us know any details. David always seemed to be such a calm person until recently.

"He bore so many burdens for so many well known people. Perhaps in the end the strain caught up with him."

Recently Jacobs himself talked of depression brought on, he said, by tax worries and went as a voluntary patient into a home for psychiatric treatment.

BROTHER

So many well-known people. His visitors' book was as impressive as his office record. One might pass for the other—Sophie Tucker, Judy Garland, Eartha Kitt, Shirley Bassey, Lionel Bart was his friend.

So were the Beatles and their manager, the late Brian Epstein, Dorothy Squires, Jenny Boyd, and Trevor Howard.

But not all his work was to do with show business. He was involved with the Vassall spy case and also the Profumo affair.

A brother is Mr. Basil Jacobs, managing director of Wilberby, the tailors. Jacobs was born in Hampstead and studied law at Cambridge.

The man who spoke in court for show business



Jenny Boyd—and her lawyer David Jacobs



Lionel Bart lunches with a friend—David Jacobs



Trevor Howard—and his lawyer David Jacobs

STRIKE MAY BLACK OUT ITV CHRISTMAS SCREENS

Express TV Reporter STRIKE action threatens to black out commercial TV on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

The trouble: Engineers of the Association of Broadcasting Staff have been told by the association that they must not report for duty on Christmas Day or Boxing Day unless they get £3 a day extra.

The engineers, who help to man the transmitters which put out the programmes, have been told by the association that they must not report for duty on Christmas Day or Boxing Day unless they get £3 a day extra.

The Department of Employment and Productivity has called in the union today to discuss the dispute.

Yes! No! The B.B.C. has already agreed to pay the extra £3, but the Independent Television Authority which is responsible for operating the ITV stations—has so far refused.

Last night Mr. Tom Rhys, deputy general secretary of the A.B.S., said: "On some stations there are nearly 20—our membership is 100 per cent; on others around 60 per cent.

"But if our members do not report for duty, as instructed, we suspect it would be very difficult for ITV to put out their programmes."

The I.T.A. commented: "Ever since ITV began, the Authority's station engineering staff has been a difficult all-inclusive salary, which takes into account payment for shift working and makes provision for work on public holidays."

Gallery 'theft bid' charge

A man was charged last night with attempting to steal a portrait from the National Gallery. Earlier police were called to the gallery in London's Trafalgar Square to investigate an alleged attempt to tear a Rembrandt painting from the wall.

The man, Nicholas Bowe, 49-year-old artist of Longridge Road, South Kensington, will appear at Bow Street Court today.

Wilson puts over his new freeze

By BARRIE DEVNEY BRITAIN faces another tough year on jobs, taxes, and wages.

Mr. Wilson convinced leaders of industry yesterday that the nation cannot risk a greater rate of expansion before it achieves a balance of payments surplus.

This means that unemployment is unlikely to drop below the half-million mark, and there is unlikely to be any relaxation of taxation or prices and incomes restrictions.

SANDYS v. HEATH

TORY M.P. Mr. Duncan Sandys came out again for coalition last night despite Mr. Edward Heath's rejection of the proposal.

Mr. Sandys attacked a call by Mr. Heath for an early General Election saying: "If talk of coalition is unrealistic, how much more unrealistic it is to imagine that Labour will face annihilation at the polls a day sooner than it can avoid it."

Drama of man trapped on beach

By COLIN PRATT

AN angler clung to life for two hours in a freezing, thrashing sea yesterday as rescuers tried desperately to free his trapped foot.

But when the tide swept in, 25-year-old Norman Morrison was still stuck fast in a sand groyne only yards offshore at Lowestoft, Suffolk.

And exhausted rescue teams could only look on helplessly as he drowned.

THE DRAMA began when bachelor Mr. Morrison and his 25-year-old brother Alan on a Sunday-fishing trip, were thrown into the water, at their 16ft, motor dinghy capsized. The time: Noon.

The men managed to snatch hold of the metal rails of the groyne—a tidal breakwater—and Lowestoft lifeboat was launched to pick them up.

The lifeboat could not get a line across, however, and firemen who tried to reach them with extending ladders also failed.

Then police, running along the groyne, managed to get a rope round the men and Alan was pulled clear.

But rescuees—including two civilians—battling bitter cold and 12ft waves, could not free Mr. Morrison, trapped between the triangular metal bars.

ONE rescuer was Police Sergeant Robert Howes. He said last night: "I told Norman to get his feet out of his rubber boots.

"He replied: 'I can't—they're jammed solid.'"

COURAGE AT 12.30 a call went out for frogmen and a diver. Then an R.A.F. Whirlwind helicopter from Coltishall was "rambled."

Said Police Inspector Kenneth Pugh: "All the time the man in the water was talking and showed great courage. But the people trying to free him came back frozen stiff. It was fantastic that he could live in such conditions."

At 1.20, as crowds watched from the beach, the helicopter lowered Sergeant Geoff Longmuir by winch with a life harness.

The helicopter landed on the beach and Flight Lieutenant Cross and Sergeant Longmuir swapped places.

But the tide beat this effort. At 1.55 Mr. Morrison was engulfed.

LAST NIGHT efforts to retrieve Mr. Morrison's body were put off until low tide this afternoon.

Said Inspector Pugh: "We are terribly distressed that the fight to save him should have been beaten by the sea."

Alan Morrison, of St. Peter's Court, Lowestoft, was recovering in hospital from shock cuts and bruises, with his wife at his bedside.

The dead man lived at Lake View Road, Oulton Road, Suffolk.

Beware icy roads warn police

Police in Surrey and Hampshire last night warned motorists that roads were turning into ice rinks and with for blanketing neighbouring counties, conditions had become treacherous.

It came as accidents were reported by the minute. In one, a woman was killed as her car was involved in a collision with a large van.

Protest sit-in

Fifteen Young Liberals—five of them girls—staged a one-hour sit-in at the Guardian office in Grays Inn Road, Holborn, last night in a protest against the newspaper accepting advertisements from South African firms and the South African Government.