

Bombs Rock New York, San Francisco, London

NEW YORK (AP) — A powerful explosion ripped through offices early today of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. in a midtown Manhattan skyscraper. Authorities said no one was injured and no fire resulted from the blast on the ninth floor of the 41-story ITT American Building.

Meanwhile, in Rome early today, a small bomb was thrown at the office of ITT Standard S.A., the Italian subsidiary of the American conglomerate. The blast slightly damaged two doors. Police said unidentified persons had climbed over an iron fence surrounding the building on the northern edge of Rome.

The building struck in New York is near the giant telecommunication corporation's world headquarters on Park Avenue.

Chunks of concrete, wood paneling, glass shards and shreds of drapery littered 50th Street near Madison Avenue after the explosion.

"It was a tremendous blast because you got the vibration all the way down here," said a security guard who was in the lobby of the building at the time of the explosion.

According to a Post editor, the caller did not identify himself but said he was from the "Weather Underground."

Police gave no immediate assessment of damage in the blast. ITT offices occupy the second through 11th floors of the concrete-and-glass building.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A bomb exploded outside a federal office building here early today, damaging a basement storage room and sending flames two stories high, police said.

They said another device, which appeared to be a bomb, was dismantled.

Police originally said there had been three bombs, two of which exploded. They said they only found one exploded bomb despite reports of two explosions being heard.

Police Sgt. Clyde Blount said firemen and police received an anonymous telephone call through a long-distance operator shortly before the explosion at 1:25 a.m. They said the caller made no demands or threats.

Blount said the explosive device was believed to be a pipe bomb and apparently was placed on the window sill outside the storage room. He said officers and fire equipment did not arrive until after the explosion.

The blast shattered a large window and caused extensive damage to the room, said fire inspector James Mahoney. He said damage was confined to the small room and no one was injured.

Flames soared up the outside of the gray stone building in Civic Center before firemen extinguished the blaze.

LONDON (AP) — Eight persons were wounded today in a bomb explosion at the West London Air Terminal, officials reported.

A man with an Irish accent telephoned a warning to Britain's domestic news agency four minutes before the bomb went off.

It was the 53rd in a series of bomb incidents in England since the middle of August. The blasts have been blamed on the Irish Republican Army.

The terminal is Britain's biggest check-in point for European and domestic flights.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two pipe bombs exploded early today at the old Federal Building. Police found a third on the building's window ledge.

Authorities were dismantling the third bomb.

The bombs set off a small fire inside the building which fire fighters quickly extinguished.

Shortly before the explosions at 1:25 a.m., PDT, firemen said they received an anonymous long distance telephone call informing them of the bombs.

Proposes Vote Over Rate Hikes

BUTTE (AP) — If the state legislature cannot reform the system by which Montanans pay for natural gas and electricity, then the issue should be taken to the voters, said Rep. Bob Harper, D-Butte.

Harper, vice president of the Montana Consumer Affairs Council, Monday said the best way to achieve utility rate reform would be through legislative action in 1974.

But he said that if the legislature fails to act on restructuring rates, then "the matter should be taken to the people in the form of a referendum."

Harper accused the Public Service Commission of "not standing up to the Montana Power Co. in the most recent gas rate increase."

"The private utility companies are overcharging consumers by at least 10 per cent, or in excess of \$11 million a year."

He said that while Montana Power's most recent increase request was granted fully, a firm operating in California was granted only 65 per cent of its requested increase. Harper said both increases were granted about the same time, and both were based on higher gas prices from Canadian sources.

150 Dogs Get Estate

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Seventy-three dogs with a total adjudged value of \$1 have been awarded \$9 million — about \$123,287 each — from a \$14 million estate.

When Eleanor Ritchey, the Quaker State Refining Corp. heiress, died in 1968 at the age of 58 she left her entire estate, then worth \$4.5 million, to 150 dogs.

The dogs, both stray and pedigreed, had been cared for by Miss Ritchey at her ranch northwest of Fort Lauderdale.

Two half-sisters and a half-brother challenged the will in court, saying they should get some of the estate.

During the intervening years, the estate, consisting mostly of Quaker State stock, grew in value and more than half the dogs died.

Thursday, Broward County Circuit Judge Leroy Moe ended the five years of legal arguments by giving \$9 million to a trust fund for the dogs and \$2 million to be divided among the half-sisters and half-brother, all of whom are from Pennsylvania.

The rest of the estate went for taxes and attorney's and executors' fees.

Former Sheriff Forfeits Bond

THOMPSON FALLS (AP) — Robert H. Snider, resigned sheriff of Sanders County, forfeited bond of \$250 today when he failed to appear for trial on a charge of drunk driving, Justice of the Peace Gilbert W. Wagner said.

Snider was charged earlier this month in a complaint signed by a private citizen who said Snider's automobile stuck a highway sign. Snider subsequently submitted his resignation effective Nov. 1. He had pleaded innocent to the charge.



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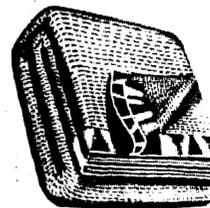


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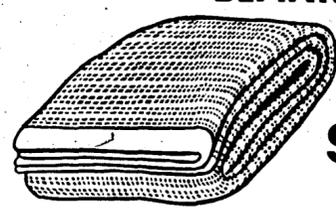
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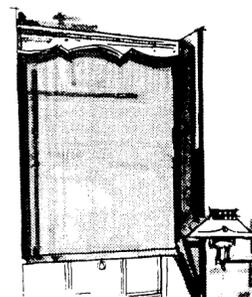
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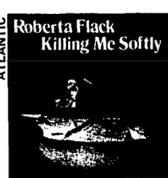
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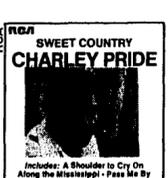
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