Youth Admits Blowing Up United Airliner Warm, Plus

Insured His Own Mother

FBI Holds Him For Sabotage

DENVER - (UP) faithless son confessed Monday to insuring his mother for \$37,500 and then planting a dynamite bomb aboard a United Air Lines DC6B airliner that crashed in a flaming explosion Nov. 1 killing her and 43 other persons aboard,

Federal and state prosecutors immediately moved to determine whether the 23-year-old suspect, John Gilbert Graham, married and father of two children, should be prosecuted in the Colorado courts for perpetrating possibly one of this country's biggest mass murders in history.

Graham, a once-convicted forger, was arrested early Monday by FBI agents and made a written statement admitting the subotage of the big plane, UAL Flight 629, that crashed into a sugar beet field near Longmont, Colo., less than two weeks ago killing all 39 passengers and five crew members aboard.

The handsome, husky, six-footer, held on a technical federal charge of sabotaging a national defense establishment—the airlin- wife to death in front of two er-waived preliminary hearing of their children Monday noon,



JOHN G. GRAHAM

and was held in jail on bond of

... a faithless son

federal charge, which carries a "Help! Call the police." maximum penalty of only 10 "I rushed over and looked in allment.

fine or both. Donald E. Kelley, after a con- (Michael) was standing over rant. Police were covering suburference with two state prosecut her." Moore said. tors, asked the Justice Depart. "I saw the man drive away on wooded Audubon Park within ment for an opinion as to as I went into the house." The the city. Airline railroad and whether Graham should be oldest child, Donna, was in bus terminals also were watched. turned over to the state courts school at the time. to face a murder charge.

It was the first time sabotage had ever been traced to the crash of a United States commercial airliner although there have been such sabotage cases both in Canada and Mexico within recent years.

Graham, who at the time of the A county-wide alarm was broadcrash was repaying a portion of cast, but about 2 p.m., Mario Go. him permission to go to New Orthe \$4,200 he was accused of mez, a worker at Womack-Martel leans for extensive examination stealing by forgery four years Co. noticed McGrath retching at Marine Hospital. ago, faces the maximum penalty near the river. of death in the gas chamber if O. H. Martel, co-partner in the from either lung cancer or tuberhe is convicted of murder in a company, said he went to aid culosis. In six months in prison

no details either of Graham's al- to die. leged confession, where he was arrested or how he supposedly an ambulance arrived. planted the "several" sticks of dynamite attached to a battery and timing device aboard the ill fated airliner.

The FBI said Graham had been picked up by its agents Sunday night but was not formally arrested until after he

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Fair with above normal temperatures. High Tuesday, 78 to 82. Moderate northeast to east winds. Miami Beach temperatures at 3 p. m. Monday: Air, 76; ocean, 78.

Black Market Baby Dealing Bared at Kefauver Hearing

Wife, Gulps Poison

Mother Is Stabbed In Front of Children

> By RONALD YORK Herald Staff Writer

A 34-year-old Miami garage attendant stabbed his estranged and was found unconscious from poison 11/2 hours later on a Miami river bank.

Dead was Mrs. Jean Hussey deGrath, 34, of 1280 NW 31st st. Police said she had been stabbed 15 times in the back with what was probably a sixich hunting knife.

In critical condition at Jackson Memorial Hospital was her husband, John Thomas Mc-Grath, 34, who was staying at a trailer court at 10600 Biscayno blyd.

Mrs. McGrath was dead on arrival of police about four minutes after neighbors heard her

ered about 1:30 lying on a concrete wall behind the Womack-Martel Co., 3040 NW North River dr. He was taken to Mrs. McGrath had filed a di-Jackson Memorial Hospital.

vorce suit against her husband last May for abusive treatment and non-support of their three children, Gary, 2, Michael, 4, and

McGrath was free on his own recognizance in the custody of a Criminal court probation officer on armed robbery and reckless driving charges stemming from his at-

Miami Patrolman Charles F. Wise said he found Mrs. Wise on the kitchen floor of the one-story frame house. She had apparently been feeding 2-yearold Gary when her husband attacked her. Wise said she was dead before arrival of an ambulance, several minutes later.

McGrath was unconscious when

the river, and had stumbled across the heavily-traveled street to the point where he passed out.

In McGrath's car, investigators found that three eggs were missing from a carton in the trunk and an empty condensed milk can was found on the floor. Constable W. M. Hudson said.

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primary are all registered voters of Miami.

and two commission seats good for four years. , RUNNING are four candidates in the mayor's race, five in the Group II contest and eight in Group III. VOTERS cast ballots in all three races.

LIQUOR sales in the city will be prohibited during voting

hours.

THEIR QUESTIONS BRING OUT THE STORIES AT SENATE HEARING HERE . . . from left, Ernest A. Mitner, associate counsel; Sen. Estes Kelauver, chairman;

· James Bobo, assistant counsel.

McGrath, who had gulped bi-chloride of mercury, was discov-On Lookout

Needs Treatment 'Sooner or Later'

By JOHN 1, BOYLES Herald Staff Writer Hospitals were asked Monday be on the lookout for Russel longay, former Miami swimming instructor, who escaped Sunday

floor. The baby was in the high when he made his break from a But United States Attorney chair, and the other one downtown New Orleans restauban highways but concentrated

Tongay, serving a 10-year manslaughter sentence in the death of his daughter, Kathy, 5, whom he forced to make a fatal 33-foot dive at Miami Beach May 3, 1953, had asked a pardon so he could obtain medical treatment at a veterans hospital,

The State Prison Board gave

He is believed to be suffering McGrath, who told him that he Tongay claimed to have lost 132 The government would reveal had killed his wife and wanted pounds off his normal weight of

Gov. LeRoy Collins said Monday "It's a shame that Tongay would take an advantage like McGrath had apparently ta- this when the state was trying ken the poison when he parked to be merciful. But I don't rehis car across the street from gret that we took the action we

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Today's Chuckle

Woses are wed; violets are The Wain on the Woof We-

minds me of you: Dwip - Dwip - Dwip, News-Caster

Three Offices Sought

Who, What, When On Today's Election

ELIGIBLE to vote in Tuesday's Miami City Commission AT STAKE are the offices of mayor-for a two-year term-

POLLS open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

tempt at reconciliation last night in New Orleans from transfer agent of the Florida State Prison. He was expected to be ar. A neighbor, Eugene Moore, Chief Clerk S. L. Walters of raigned in Federal District court of 3021 NW 13th ave., told police Raiford prison said Tongay will sometime later this week on the he heard Mrs. McGrath scream, have to seek medical treatment "sooner or later" for his lung army and then assassinated. Castro, whose followers link years imprisonment and \$10,000 the window, She was lying on the Tongay, 38, reportedly had \$28

FIDEL CASTRO ... lighting Batista

Learn Their Fate Today

ry he is automatically elected.

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close Tabulations will begin at p.m. in the office of City Clerk Frank Correll at Dinner Key. WQAM, The Miami Herald radio station, will give an on-the- he is organizing in the United spot report on the returns. The campaign has proven one of the quietest in years.

Today's primary also marks than at large. However, all voters will have

the choice of voting for their favorites in all three contests. -Adv. Van Lines 84-2592.

Batista Foe Building perience investigating the black market in babies as assistant distables from Augusta have been trict attorney of New York counsent to most of the states in the Organization Here

By GEORGE SOUTHWORTH

A young Cuban revolutionary is in Miami, making plans to topple the government of Fulgencio Batista.

Fidel Castro, an attorney from Cuba's Oriente province, has had some experience. It was he who led 125 rebels in a fierce armed attack against the Moncada army barracks at

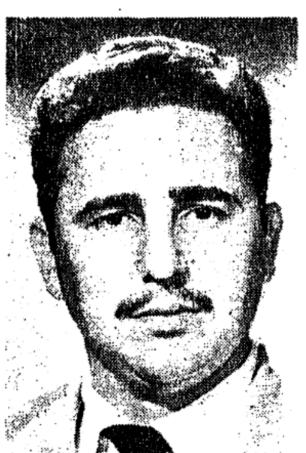
Hopefuls

Miamians go to the polls Tuesday in the primary election to select a mayor and two city com- of the revolutionary move-

of the three races will go into country and raising funds for a run-off election one week later. | the fight. However, should any candidate get a majority vote in the prima-

Castro Led 1953 Revolt

Herald Staff Writer



The two top candidates in each ganizing Cubans ouuside the

The 17 office-serkers - four in the mayor's race, five in Group II and eight in Group III - had their chance for a final election eve plea Monday night. The Miami Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored an all-candidates rally in Bayfront

the first time that candidates for the city commission have run for specific seats rather

Santiago de Cuba in July 1953. fighting. Castro said most of these children. his men were captured by the

his name with the Cuban independence hero Jose Marti, was captured and imprisoned on the Isle of Pines. He was set free three months ago at the same time that Ba-

tista granted amnesty to Dr.

government was overthrown by a military coup led by Batista in March, 1952. "We have an organized movement of 100,000 persons," declared Castro. "If Batista continues to remain in power by force, then there is no other

"Dictator Batista has caused an economical crisis in Cuba and the situation is becoming worse all the time. We have the only revolutionary movement that will face the regime." Castro said he will hold a

public meeting at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Flagler Theater, 313 W. Flagler st., "and we expect at least 1,000 people to attend." Followers of the young rebel call him the spiritual leader

ment and say that he is or-Castro himself thinks Batista will step down "to avoid civil

public opinion.' "Batista won't finish 1956 as president," Castro said. "Even the army leaders will divide and not be loyal to him. "There are 1,500,000 unemployed in Cuba now. Batista

doesn't have the workers be-

hind him. Nor the middle class,

nor industry. He is supported

only by a nucleus of the armed "Remember that Juan Peron gest legislation for eliminating malpractices in interstate adop. Here's Their was also a military leader." Castro said he and the people States are "staying within the laws of the United States." He displayed pictures of a huge mass meeting in New York,

was donated to the cause. He said his organization is against all forms of interven-"we want the job to be done by Cubans."

-Adv. al Bank, Miami Beach.

Witnesses Bare Sordid Stories

Wichita's Story Told By Reporter 14-A Herald Exposed Baby Ring in '49 14-A Phenix City Figure Tells Story 14-A

described baby markets operated in Wichita, Kan., Augusta,

Ga., and Phenix City, Ala. Interstate adoption practices in other cities will be related today. Wednesday's session will be de-Judge Runs voted to testimony of Florida mayors on programs for curbing javenile delinquency. 'Baby Mill,' Sen. Estes Kefauver, chair-man of the subcommittee, is

presiding over the hearings, held in the courtroom of District Judge Emett Choate. He said that Sen. William Langer may attend remaining sessions if a "physical disability" per-

A. Mitler, New York City, special before the United States Senate subcommittee investigating ju-Mitler, who had years of ex- venile delinquency.

court of Richmond county, Ga. nesses were testifying about the Augusta court's operations, Judge Harry A. Woodward, Judge Harry A. Woodward sat · judge of that court, freely adin the federal District courtroom, mitted the practices of which he was accused by Mitler, but waiting for his turn to take the stand and answer the charges pected turn when two men

takes children from their nat-The 1953 revolt was quelled ural parents, then collects fees Judge Woodward."

These fees, he said, were col-Augusta, and Roy Harris, long a lected as a private attorney. In political power in Georgia. Harprinted copy of the Georgia law court

In local cases, at Augusta, Ga., he collects fees for representing the permission, but Harris conthe adopting parents in another fined himself to brief questions. court, for the adoption proceed-Mrs. Myrtis Hydrick, Augusta women, if they hadn't given the

from the juvenile court and showed a receipt: "Received from Mrs. Eva Martin, \$10 for one child."

old, she discovered her natural mother was living and had been Mrs, Callie Mae Parrish, Au- "to protect the adoptive couple receiving "proceeds from sale of gusta, said she had taken four he represents.' grandchildren into her home, but that juvenile court officers took a Miami attorney who represent ed the grand jury as "assistant

seen them since.

placed for adoption, she said. The story told by nearly all witnesses was the same, except for locale.

war because of the force of of babies in Phenix City has of that city.

> reporter, said that more stringent adoption laws are being considered in that state as result of a sales racket. Kefauver frequently asked wit-bulk of the 48 states. He receives nesses if they felt a federal law

The senator pointed out that Side of It there now is no federal law preventing the interstate sale of children and that 33 states

and one picture of a table piled state. with currency which he said tion in Cuban affairs because Committee hearings in the same

By LAWRENCE THOMPSON and BERT COLLIER

Herald Staff Writers

cases are condoned by existing laws-was being placed in the

record here Monday as the United States Senate subcommittee

A sordid story of the sale of babies—sales which in most

on juvenile delinquency opened hearings in the federal building. On the first day of the three day hearings, witnesses

Sharing the bench with Kefau-from their parents and places

ty, did most of the questioning nation for adoption, Ernest Mitand took the stand as a witness, ler, special counsel for the com-He told of adoption practices mittee, asserted. conducted through the juvenile While Mitler and other wif-

denied that there was anything unethical or inconsistent in what he did. As juvenile judge, he often

and some 80 men died in the from the family that adopts

on adoptions.

Carlos Prio Socarras, whose Mrs. Eva Martin, Augusta, same testimony before a grand told how she received a child

She said she was told that the way but to throw him out by child's parents were dead, but that when the girl was 17 years

> case about a year ago. Despite strenuous efforts, she He said they got their child different statute than the one has been unable to find even from Augusta, through Judge under which he was appointed. what happened to the grand- Woodward's court, and adopted children, who presumably were the child in Circuit court here.

John Patterson, attorney general for Alabama, said he believed that the mass marketing been curbed since the cleanup

Miss Mary Grice, Wichita, Kan.,

could control the traffic in infants. The subcommittee is to sug-

have no local law prohibiting the sale of children within the

In his opening statement, Kefauver recalled that he presided over Senate Crime Investigating age news, reports on the teencourtroom in 1950.

ver were James H. Bobo, Mem-them with other families for phis, general counsel, and Ernest adoption was described Monday

Estes Told

The hearing took an unex-

stood up in the audience and

identified themselves as

"friends and attorneys for

They were W. P. Congdon,

He asked Mrs. Dessa Epps and

jury in Augusta, and if it wasn't

true that the jury took no action.

The testimony concerning the

Augusta Juvenile court opened

on a bizzare, almost ludicrous,

note when the first witness

was seated behind a screen in

The hidden witness said he was

Mitler said that this was a typ-

ical case, and he took the stand

himself to tell more details of

such charges as neglecting

parental rights are terminated

by Judge Woodward - the chil-

dren are taken away from their

parents and made wards of the

More than 600 teen-age read-

ers 'of The Herald co-operated

with the Kefauver subcommit-

tee on juvenile delinquency by

answering a questionnaire on

Jean Wardlow, writer of teen-

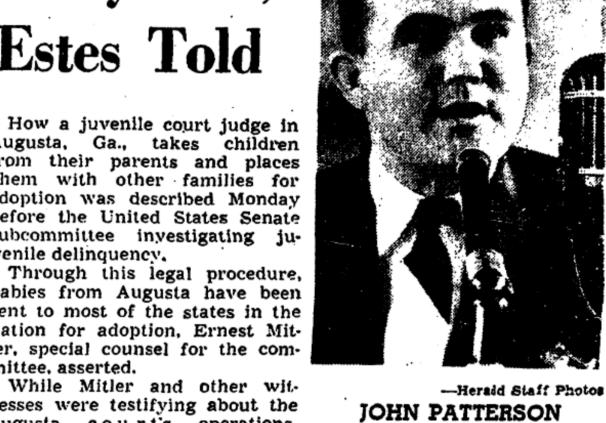
agers' own response on Page

parental guidance.

Augusta adoptions.

Juvenile court.

a corner of the courtroom.



RICHARD PEACOCK

... uncovered a mess

... his father was slain

Case Against Beach Aide Thrown Out

Berald Staff Writer Circuit Judge George E. Holt cases of out-of-state adoptions, ris asked permission to cross- Monday canceled the seven-count he charges \$100 to \$250 for send examine witnesses who had test embezzlement indictment reing the adopting parents a tified concerning Woodward's turned by the grand jury against H. H. Horn, Miami Beach water department superintendent. Sen. Estes Kefauver granted

"I don't believe John Marsh

could prove the charge in court

BY C. G. BERNING

anyway," he said. "John, I'm doing you a favor." County Solicitor Marsh, who would prosecute the case in Criminal court, attended the hearing called before Judge Holt on a motion to quash last

week's indictment as "invalid." Horn's attorneys, Vivion Rutherford and Ben Cohen, contended the grand jury's deliberations were attended by Hilton Carr as "special counsel" and that the Mitler explained that the wit-indictment was vague and indefitrying to find her for years. | ness was being kept anonymous nite in that it charged Horn with

scrap metal."

them from her and she has never ed a local couple in an adoption state attorney" and that the defense attorneys were quoting & Assistant State Attorney John Lloyd contended "proceeds"

Carr responded that he attende

meant "money"-"and nothing could be more specific than Cohen said however that the

"In many cases, mothers are "scrap metal" was not adequately brought into Juvenile court on Although he did not put it in their children," he said. "Their his order. Judge Holt said he thought Carr's presence in the grand jury room was legal. Lloyd said he will appeal the order to the Florida Supreme

Horn sat in an ante-room while "Judge Woodward then places the hearing was proceeding on newspaper expose of the baby them with adoptive couples in legal technicalities - unworried New York, California and the and reading a magazine.

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