



LED BY a gleaming red and silver fire engine, a hearse carrying the casket leaves St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, this morning after a memorial service for Mr. L. J. Goodman, deputy chief fire officer of the New Plymouth Fire Brigade, who died while fighting a fire in the city on Saturday. Behind march some 60 firemen representing every brigade in Taranaki and many throughout the North Island.

### Memorial service for fire officer

"He died doing his duty..." These words were spoken by the Rev. Canon K. Liggett before a large congregation at a memorial service in St. Mary's Anglican Church, New Plymouth, for Mr. L. J. Goodman, deputy chief fire officer of the New Plymouth Fire Brigade, who died fighting a city fire on Saturday.

The service was attended by firemen representing all brigades in Taranaki and many throughout the North Island. With them, in tribute to Mr. Goodman, were representatives of the fire police, police, R.S.A. army, and the Mayor, Mr. A. G. Honor, and Mrs. Honor, representing the citizens of New Plymouth.

On the casket lay a silver fireman's helmet and a fire axe in a polished black leather case.

The firemen, with the fire police standing behind them, formed a guard of honour on the church steps as the casket was carried inside.

**MOVING ADDRESS.** In a moving address Canon Liggett said: "We are joined today to pay the last respects of the citizens of New Plymouth to an officer who died doing his duty. He died doing his duty—there is something very triumphant about those words. In peacetime it is not given to many to die in the course of public duty. His duty was to defend the property of the citizens of New Plymouth and its environs. This he did: It is a noble duty—one of the few left calling for courage and endurance, skill and daring."

"He had been overcome once. It might have been considered sufficient duty to let someone else go. But no; he went in again. That was his duty."

Canon Liggett said there would be plenty—and he knew of some—who would be wise after the event. "But," he said, "it is only think that he went doing his duty."

A famous American had said that no personal considerations should stand in the way of public duty, Canon Liggett added: "He had none; we should have none."

The firemen and fire police again formed a guard of honour as the casket was taken from the church. Then, led by the motor-cycle escort and the fire engine, and followed by marching firemen, a hearse carried the casket away.

Principal mourners at the service were three brothers, the Rev. G. H. Goodman, of Palmerston North, and Messrs. C. A. Goodman, of Nelson, with Mrs. G. H. Goodman, a sister-in-law.

A funeral service is to be held this afternoon in the Putiki Maori Anglican Church, near Wanganui. Cremation will take place at Wanganui.

### COUNCIL'S TRIBUTE

Members of the New Plymouth City Council last night stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. L. J. Goodman, deputy chief fire officer who lost his life in fighting a fire in Egmont Street, New Plymouth, on Saturday.

The Mayor, Mr. A. G. Honor, asking the council to place on record its sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Goodman, said that the officer had lived up to the highest traditions of the fire service. Also the council should express to the other firemen its appreciation of the gallant efforts they had made to save Mr. Goodman.

## ADAMS DESCRIBED AS "KINDEST MAN"

EASTBOURNE, Monday. — John Bodkin Adams, 58-year-old doctor, was described in court today as "the kindest man living."

His former cook-housekeeper, Frances Abrams, said this of him in evidence, and added: "I cannot say what he has done for me and my family."

The prosecutor had said that Adams had received £2500 in legacies under the wills of three patients after falsely stating that he had no financial interest in the deaths.

He was outlining the Crown case against Adams, who faces 15 charges under the Forgery Act, 1913, the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1951, the Cremation Act, 1902, and the Larceny Act, 1916.

Another charge, concerning alleged falsification of a cremation certificate relating to Mrs. Edith Alice Morrell, was withdrawn. (Adams was acquitted last month on the charge of having murdered Mrs. Morrell, an 81-year-old patient.)

### "My fault"

In her evidence about the prosecution's allegations that Adams supplied her with a tonic and some sleeping pills last September by falsely signing a prescription that she was a National Health (social security) patient of his, Miss Abrams declared:

"It is absolutely my fault, not Dr. Adams, because he did not realise I was not on his panel."

Mr. Malcolm Morris, prosecuting, said that the charges against Adams fell into three different groups.

The first consisted of the first five charges, eight under the Forgery Act and one under the Arseny Act. This group arose from Adams obtaining certain titles for private patients, pretending that they were social security patients.

The second consisted of three charges under the Cremation Act arising from allegedly false representations which Adams made in the completion of a cremation form.

### 'accine

The third consisted of the remaining three charges, alleged offences in 1952, all relating to the staining of a special vaccine from hospital laboratory.

### Professor Gilbert Murray dies



PROFESSOR GILBERT MURRAY, the scholar and poet who died at his home in Oxford yesterday at the age of 91. His main interests in life were

## Teenager on killing charge

MELBOURNE, This Day.—James Ronald Gribble, 14, of Meiva Street, East Bentleigh, a Melbourne outer suburb, was yesterday committed for trial at the Supreme Court on June 10 on a charge of having murdered his sister, Margaret Ethel Gribble, 17, on April 17.

The City Coroner, Mr. Dugan, found that Margaret had died from multiple stab wounds willfully inflicted by her brother James.

The court was told that the boy in a statement allegedly made to the police, said he made up his mind to kill his sister after she had forced open his back yard shed to take out her mother's bicycle.

Police allege that the boy, in the statement, said he waylaid her as she returned from making an evening telephone call in the public booth near her home.

As she came past him in the driveway, he stabbed her, dragged her to the garage and stabbed her again "15 or 20 times."

Dr. Keith Bowden, pathologist to the Coroner's Court, said he made a post mortem examination of Margaret Gribble on April 18 and found 48 stab wounds, five of which were about five inches deep. He said these would have needed considerable force.

## CENTURIES BY TWO TOURISTS

LONDON, Monday. — Centuries by Clyde Walcott, who took his Saturday score of 72 not out to 117, and Garfield Sobers (101 not out), enabled the West Indies to declare their first innings closed at 337 for six on the second day of their match against the M.C.C. at Lords.

In half an hour to tea the M.C.C. had scored 44 for the loss of Clark's wicket.

**Records:** Seven world records were set by Dugh girls in the two-day international swimming match between Britain and the Netherlands at Blackpool, which ended on Saturday in a 78-78 draw.

### No doubt

Mrs. Ware's brother-in-law, Mr. James Downs, also a patient of Adams, who died in an Eastbourne nursing home in May, 1955, aged 88, also left the doctor £1000 in his will, Mr. Morris said.

Mr. Alfred Hullett, who died in March last year, aged 71, left Adams £500.

**Of the Hullett legacy.** Mr. Morris said there could be no doubt that Adams was expecting something.

When Adams answered the question about financial interest on the cremation form, he had answered with an unequivocal "no."

Referring to some of the other charges, Mr. Morris said that when Adams was challenged about the forging of another doctor's name on a prescription for vaccine, and forging prescriptions for a surgical stocking and knee support he had declared: "I have had God's forgiveness for it."

The hearing will continue tomorrow.

### Secret:

The secret a young wife kept from her husband led her at last to kill three of her children and take her life, a coroner's court was told. She used the secret money to buy delicacies for her five children. Four months in arrears, she received notice to quit. She gassed herself and her youngest children in the kitchen, the court was told.

## SOVIET "PEACE" MOVE

LONDON, Monday.—Russia has offered France a friendly hand with detailed suggestions for co-operation on peaceful uses of atomic energy, a ban on atomic tests, disarmament and increased trade and cultural ties, Moscow Radio reported today.

The radio broadcast a special message sent by the Soviet Prime Minister, Marshal Bulganin, to the French Prime Minister, M. Guy Mollet.

While declaring that there was no contradiction of basic interests between France and Russia, Marshal Bulganin said that the Soviet Government was profoundly concerned that France had taken the decision to let her territory be used for the location of atomic bases.

enemy of France and the Soviet Union, the message said.

On the Middle East, the message said that a declaration of members of the United Nations Security Council like France, the United States, Russia and Britain, on the maintenance of peace in the area would solve the problems.

A declaration renouncing the use of force in the region would greatly ease the situation.

In Paris, Marshal Bulganin's new message is seen as the latest example of the Soviet Union's recent "blow hot, blow cold" tactics in its approach to the Western powers.

Its moderate tones are similar to recent messages to the British Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan, and in marked contrast to the warnings in terms of Soviet messages to Norway, Denmark and Western Germany on the dangers of allowing their territories to be used as American bases.

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