Son, 15, in Critical Condition

Husband, Wife Die in Railbus-Car Crash

By FREDERICK WATERMAN
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A Manchester man and his wife were killed and their son critically injured last night when a Concord-bound railbus collided with their car as they crossed the West Mitchell Street intersection in South Manchester.

 Pronounced dead at the scene were James E. York, 34, and Bonnie Ann York, 33, of 100 Dunbar St. Jay York, 14, a student at Memorial High School, was taken to Catholic Medical Center where he was in "very critical condition" according to a hospital spokeswoman. He was rushed to the operating for treatment of internal injuries, fractures of both legs, and a brain stem injury.

According to police, the Yorks were eastbound in a four-wheel drive vehicle at about 6:55 p.m. when it collided with the northbound train. The car was pushed more than 200 yards down the tracks before the two vehicles came to a halt.

The intersection has stop signs on each side of the Boston and Maine Railway, but there are no lights or crossbar. Rail cars are required to blow their whistle five times.

Charlestown Ordered To Close RR Crossing

By JIM LINEHAN
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CHARLESTOWN — The scene of a train-automobile collision in which five members of a family died returned to the news Monday as the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ordered the railroad crossing closed and the town fined until certain specifications at the site are met.

The commission ordered the crossing on Lower Landing Road to be closed and the town fined $100 a day until the area is regraded, crossing signs are posted, and flashing warning lights are installed.

Five members of the Chobotor family were killed instantly May 1, 1979 in the 5:15 a.m. collision between their car and an Amtrak passenger train headed for Montreal.

Killed were, Detlef Chobotor, 32, driver of the car, his wife, Nancy, 23, and their three daughters, Detrinna, 6, Ericka, 3, and Susan, 2.

A fourth daughter, Anna, 8, had been left out of the car at a friend's house moments before the crash.

The family was reportedly enroute to Keene where Mrs. Chobotor was employed at the Holiday Inn.

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WRECKAGE of car shows impact, above, of crash with a railcar in Manchester last night in which a husband and wife were killed and their son was critically injured. The body of the mother, below, lies covered on the tracks where she was thrown out of the car. Other Photo on Page Three.

(Staff Photos by Tom Hanley and Charles Margolot)

Four NH Electors Cast Votes for Reagan, Bush

By DONN TIBBETTS
State House Bureau Chief
CONCORD — The four New Hampshire Presidential electors voted unanimously yesterday for Ronald Reagan as President and George Bush as Vice President, although legally they could have selected other Presidents. The elections were held yesterday in Concord, with Vice President-elect Bush as Vice President. The four NH Electors Cast their ballots for anyone they thought should follow their example.

State Braces for White Yule

A winter storm warning was in effect Monday for New York state, northern New Jersey, and northern New England. The National Weather Service in Concord predicted snowfall would continue through this afternoon and accumulate to more than six inches.

Snowfall began in the Manchester area about 2:30 last night. A low pressure system near the Ohio Valley Monday was expected to move northeast, covering New Hampshire with two to three inches of snow by daybreak and six inches by tonight.

The greatest accumulation was expected during the day Tuesday, when a cold front was expected to move through the area. However, with ambitious winter storm conditions over the Ohio Valley Monday.

The new snow came on the heels of snow squalls that hobbled travel in upstate New York and New England Sunday and left at least two people dead.

Hold Up on Haig

Why President-elect Reagan is alleged to be so fascinated with General Alexander Haig for secretary of state is beyond the understanding of this newspaper. Haig would be a liability to the Reagan administration in more ways than one.

First of all, the mere mention of Haig revives the terrible blow that the Republicans received because of Nixon's Watergate activities. General Haig was chief of staff of the White House at the time. He may be completely innocent of any wrongdoing, but he will be forever tarred with that, and the Democrats, of course, as well as other Reagan opponents, will make the most out of Haig's Watergate connection.

Next, if Haig were so tremendously outstanding that there was no other person as desirable available for the secretary of state position, then, perhaps, we could understand why President-elect Reagan would take the risk of tarring his administration with Watergate and giving the Democrats and other opponents a free crack at him — but Haig is not that outstanding.

Haig, if anyone stops to realize it, is a purely political general who, to the best of our knowledge, has never been under fire, or led troops in battle or smelled gunpowder. He is an Army politician who has sold himself along the way so that he could jump over his fellow generals for his promotions. Then, of course, once in the White House as Kissinger's aide, and then...

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AN EDITORIAL

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White House Chief of Staff, he had contact with President Ford, who then turned over the command of the NATO forces in Europe to him.

Reagan should be aware of the fact that, during the New Hampshire primary, at one time General Haig was seriously considering running for the presidency and entering the New Hampshire primary with a huge bankroll to back up his candidacy. He sent a well-known public relations figure up to test the waters of New Hampshire before he definitely decided to run.

This writer and this newspaper played some part in blustering General Haig out of running in New Hampshire. Frankly, anybody who would fall for that bluff couldn't be very bright and certainly would be an easy mark for our Communist opponents, if he were to head the State Department.

From other observations this newspaper has had of Haig during that New Hampshire primary, we feel he was very much a personality as well as a mental weight.

Their State Department is a nest of Marxist and pro-Communist and anti-Israel individuals. The department needs a strong man in the driver's seat is in the front of the railroad crossing and all New Hampshire railroad crossings without crossbars.

Looking at it from the standpoint of politics, or from the standpoint of politics, or from the standpoint of the Department of Transportation, one of the biggest threats to the United States is the accident that￭artnered him in New Hampshire.

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B.M.M. writes, "Please give me the street address of the Eye Clinic in Boston and the best route to go. If you know it.
If you know the area of the Retina Associates, they are located at 198 Charles River Plaza on Cambridge Street in Boston. The Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary is located at 176 Charles Street in the same area.

From New Hampshire take I-93 to Levermore Drive. For Retina Associates, take the Government Center exit which will be on the left hand side of Levermore Drive. At the bottom of the exit Cambridge Street branches right along way around the rotary. Charles River Dam is behind the blocks up Cambridge Street on the right.

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