

Outing Becomes Tragedy

Child Drowns At Gulf Beach; Another Saved

Escambia Search and Rescue Revives One, Loses the Other

A 7-year-old girl drowned Saturday afternoon at Gulf Beach and her 6-year-old companion was saved only after being given artificial respiration by rescuers as an outing ended in tragedy.

Debra Ann Lemay, daughter of Mrs. Irene Lemay, 29, of 3515 W. Jackson St., was pronounced dead at U. S. Naval Hospital after efforts to revive her failed.

Her companion, Robin Lynn Hood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tupper L. Hood, 5 Padgett Drive, started breathing about 10 minutes after mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration and external heart massage were started, E. E. McGovern, director of the Escambia Search and Rescue Unit, reported. She apparently had been under water more than 10 minutes, he said.

Robin was admitted to Escambia General Hospital and was reported in good condition Saturday night.

Mrs. Lemay, who is expecting another child next month, also was admitted to Escambia General for observation and shock. She also was reported in good condition.

McGovern said Search and Rescue was called about 3:15 p.m. Saturday.

Robin was found about 75 feet off the beach on the sea bottom.

Debra Ann's body was discovered later resting on a sand bar about 200 feet off shore. The body was sighted by a helicopter of the Naval Air Station Search and Rescue squad.

McGovern said the girls and their mothers were bathing on the beach about two blocks east of the old hotel at Gulf Beach when the girls apparently were caught in the undertow.

He said Robin was sighted almost immediately after Search and Rescue personnel arrived about 3:30 and was quickly revived.

The Navy helicopter arrived soon afterward and had some difficulty locating the second girl because of choppy water and seaweed.

Robin and Mrs. Lemay were taken to the NAS hospital before being transferred to Escambia General.

McGovern said he carried on artificial respiration and heart massage on Debra Ann with a Navy doctor, M. J. Moore, more

U.S. Ambassador Ousted by Iraq In Kuwait Split

Sheikdom's Envoy Is Accredited By Washington

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)— Angry over U.S. recognition of oil-rich Kuwait, Iraq Saturday asked the American ambassador to go home and recalled its own envoy from Washington.

Kuwait is claimed by Iraq's Premier Abdel Karim Kassem as an integral and historic part of Iraq.

The Iraqi move was not unexpected because Washington has accepted an ambassador from Kuwait.

Iraq had previously taken similar action against Iran, Japan, Jordan and Lebanon for extending diplomatic recognition to the Persian Gulf sheikdom.

A government spokesman said U.S. recognition of Kuwait displayed an uncordial attitude toward the Iraqi government. The U.S. ambassador to Kuwait, John D. Jernegan, has been here since December, 1958. Iraq's ambassador to the United States is Ali Haider Sulaiman.

Kuwait's first ambassador to the United States, Abdul Rahman

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than an hour but the girl failed to respond.

Debra Ann's survivors also include her father, Maurice C. Lemay of West Warrick, R. I.; a brother, Steven Charles Lemay of Pensacola; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Picard and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LeMay, all of West Warrick.

Debra Ann had been living here about seven months after coming from Warrick, R. I. with her mother.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Waters & Hibbert Funeral Home.