

Chaplin Freed Of Mann Act Violations

Verdict of Jury Greeted By Applause; Comedian Faces Further Charges

LOS ANGELES, April 5—(AP)—Film comedian Charlie Chaplin relaxed today from a court ordeal which brought his acquittal on charges of Mann act violation, while red-haired Joan Berry, 24, his accuser, shrugged off the verdict with the comment:

"I hope he's happy. After all, I was just a witness. If the jury believed Mr. Chaplin, that is their business."

Chaplin's fourth wife, nee Oona O'Neill, exclaimed excitedly:

"I'm so glad I can hardly speak. I knew he was innocent." The 18-year-old Oona is expecting a child.

Chaplin, who will be 55 in a week or so, was adjudged innocent late yesterday by a federal court jury. The trial, in which the government charged he transported Miss Berry, his former drama pupil, to New York and back for immoral purposes, began March 21.

Applause Greets Verdict

The snow-thatched actor-producer kept a firm rein on his emotions during the tedious trial, but came close to breaking at the conclusion. When it was announced that the jury was coming in with a verdict, he placed his head in his hands.

He didn't look up when the jury foreman, Roscoe Reeder, an

advertising man, handed the verdict to the court clerk.

"We find the defendant not guilty on count two," the clerk read. Chaplin looked up and a wave of applause swept the crowded courtroom. Federal Judge O'Connor tapped for order and admonished the audience sharply.

"We find the defendant not guilty on count two," the clerk read, and at this point Chaplin leaped to his feet and clasped the hand of his attorney, Jerry Geisler, veteran of the southern California law courts.

The jury retired at 11:02 a. m. and came in at 6:08 p. m.

Called "Triumph of Justice"

Later Chaplin, after submitting to a resounding series of back slaps, said:

"I believe in American justice. I've had a very fair trial."

U. S. Attorney Charles H. Carr, the red-haired southerner who prosecuted the case, said he was eminently satisfied with the way the trial was handled.

Defense Attorney Geisler, plainly under an emotional strain, declared the verdict was a "triumph of justice."

"The decision," Geisler added, "was one thoughtfully arrived at by a group of intelligent jurors."

The other legal matters concerning Miss Berry still confront Chaplin. Next Tuesday he is scheduled to appear again in federal court, with six defendants, for a ruling on their demurrers to indictments charging conspiracy to deprive her of her civil rights. If the demurrers are denied they will plead to the charges and a trial date will be set.

Chaplin also faces Miss Berry's civil suit alleging he is the father of her six-month-old daughter, Carol Ann.

Rehabilitation Task Is Stressed by Legion Head

The American Legion faces a great task in its work of rehabilitation for veterans of World War II, Dan McDade, commander of the Oregon department, told members of Umpqua post and auxiliary at a meeting held last night at the Knights of Pythias hall.

The invasion of the European continent, McDade said, will result in tremendously heavy losses. Thousands of men will be crippled or will suffer wounds which will require long hospitalization. It is the purpose of the American Legion, McDade declared, to lend every assistance to these men, ascertaining that they have adequate care and every facility for rehabilitation and a return to normal, profitable pursuits.

Robert Dillard, department service officer, and Fritz Nelson, department adjutant, also were speakers.

No Primary Contests On For County Offices

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Republican. Candidates for state offices from Douglas county also are opposed in the primary election. The legislative ticket includes Tom Parkinson, senator; C. C. Hill and Robert Gile, all incumbents and all republicans. No democratic filings were announced.

J. V. Long, republican, has filed for district attorney and no opposition has been reported.

Roseburg Churches To Unite Service On Good Friday

Roseburg churches will unite in an interdenominational Good Friday service from 1 to 3 p. m. at the Presbyterian church. It was announced today. The service is open to the general public.

Mrs. Homer Grow, organist, will provide the musical accompaniment.

Members of the Ministerial association, who will take part in the program, will feature the seven words from the cross as follows:

The first word: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do," Rev. Len B. Fishback, First Christian church.

The second word: "Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise," Rev. Leonard Hannon, Church of the Nazarene.

The third word: Woman, behold thy son," Rev. R. A. Feenstra, First Methodist church.

The fourth word, "My God, My God, why has Thou forsaken Me?" Rev. Wm. C. Ross, Assembly of God.

The fifth word, "I Thirst," Rev. W. L. Blaker, St. George's Episcopal church.

The sixth word, "It is Finished," Rev. Tillman Houser, Free Methodist church.

The seventh word: "Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit," Dr. Morris H. Roach, First Presbyterian church.

Worshippers are invited to attend any or all of the services and are to feel free to come and go at any of the respective intervals, it was announced.

Dewey Leads in G. O. P. Primary in Wisconsin

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ocratic places. Whereas the republicans have 24 delegates, four representing the state at large, the democrats have 26, the extra two having been awarded by the party's national committee as a "bonus" after its 25,600-vote plurality for Roosevelt over Willkie four years ago.

Wisconsin delegates, though pledged, are not legally bound to vote for their man in the convention, even on the first ballot.

Willkie Flop Surprises

Willkie's poor showing was the big surprise. He had campaigned the state for 13 days, speaking in 25 cities, in a drive to erase the opposition he knew existed. He made the issue clear, declaring the result in liberal Wisconsin well might point the convention's course.

Willkie had the only full ticket of 24 running pledged to him. Dewey's supporters were handicapped not only by the New Yorker's refusal to declare himself a candidate but also by his eleventh-hour request that their candidates refrain from filling in his name. As a result nine of the 24 either failed to file nomination papers or withdrew.

The remaining 15 chose to disregard the New York governor's request, declaring that while he had expressed strong disapproval of their action he had not stated he would refuse nomination in addition to these 15, four others who favored Dewey ran unopposed.

Lt. Commander Stassen had 19 delegate candidates running pledged to him, and MacArthur 22.

"Won't Be Blitzed"

The Dewey group carried on a quiet campaign, relying to a large extent on the popularity which gave the New Yorker the entire delegation four years ago.

Dewey backers asserted at the outset that it was a "mistake" for Willkie to campaign so intensively here.

Zimmerman declared the returns proved his contention that "Wisconsin will not be blitzed like the republican convention of 1940 was blitzed at Philadelphia." Zimmerman added to his reputation as the state's champion vote-getter. He led the Dewey delegate-at-large candidates. It's the seventh election in which he has led state republican ticket.

Willkie's Courage Praised

State Senator Louis J. Fellenz, chairman of the Wisconsin Willkie for president committee, said Willkie had powerful "stop-Willkie" forces working against him for a long time. This he added, was backed by a campaign of "vicious mis-statements and false charges" which Willkie was unable to overcome in a 13-day personal campaign.

"Wendell Willkie came into Wisconsin against the advice of many of his friends, who felt that by all signs this state was unfriendly to his candidacy," Fellenz said. "His courage was demonstrated by his choice of Wisconsin for an initial battleground, and the clearest stand which he took here upon vital issues of the day. He was represented by a delegate slate of high type citizens."

"The republican party, regardless of whom it nominates at Chicago in June, must look to the type of courage and leadership

exemplified by Willkie to defeat the democratic administration now in power."

Legion Leader is Speaker at Kiwanis

Cooperation of civic organizations with the American Legion in Americanization and Good Citizenship programs, was urged Tuesday by Dan McDade, commander of the Oregon department, American Legion, speaking before the regular Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Roseburg Kiwanis club.

Commander McDade stressed the work of the American Legion in character building, particularly emphasizing the Beaver Boy State and other citizenship activities, and pointed out that service and civic clubs can be of great assistance.

Lewis Hallett was introduced as a new Kiwanis club member, being the twelfth new member since the first of January of this year.

A delegation of from 10 to 15 members of the Roseburg club will go to Medford next Tuesday, April 11, to attend the district convention, at which D. E. Carr of the Roseburg club, district lieutenant governor, will preside.

R. H. S. Debaters Win Barker Cup

Roseburg high school's affirmative debate team, Harold Marr and Elliott Motschenbacher, won the Burt Brown Barker cup for the runner-up in the state high school debate tournament.

Debate "Resolved, That the United States Should Join in Reconstituting the League of Nations," the team, previously undefeated in the state, bowed to the Beaverton negative. Barker, donor of the cup, is vice-president of the University of Oregon.

The annual high school speech contest, sponsored by the Oregon High School Speech league and the general extension division of the state system of higher education, was held on the University of Oregon campus March 30, 31 and April 1.

Ann Carter, also a finalist in the poetry reading section, and Ruth Collett completed the debate team. Marr, participating in the extemporaneous speaking section, tied with Don Yocom of Salem for second place.

Victory Gardeners to Get Extra Gasoline

WASHINGTON, April 5—(AP)—Victory gardeners were given another break on gasoline rations today by the OPA.

OPA ruled that gardeners may receive special allotments good for 300 miles for traveling to and from their plots this season.

To obtain the special ration, however, the gardener must be regularly cultivating an area of at least 1500 square feet which he visits twice weekly. Also, he must make a ride-sharing agreement if possible and show that no alternative means of transportation is available.

U. S. Senator Guy Cordon Will Broadcast Tonight

U. S. Senator Guy Cordon, launching his campaign for the republican nomination at the May primary election, will be heard at 7:15 o'clock tonight over radio station KRNR. Senator Cordon will speak on the subject, "Oregon: Where Do You Go from Here?" and will be heard over a state-wide hook-up of 15 stations. He will be introduced by Merle Chessman, Astoria editor and state highway commissioner.

Cordon's filing of declaration for the republican nomination was completed at Salem Tuesday. State Senator Marshall E. Cornett of Klamath Falls will act as his campaign manager.

Election Scheduled by Presbyterian Church

The Roseburg Presbyterian church's annual congregational dinner will be held tonight at 6:30 o'clock potluck affair at the church. Reports of the various departments of the church will be heard and new officers of the church will be elected.

Vital Statistics

DIVORCE COMPLAINTS

GOUGH—George Keith versus Lorraine Gough; married at Salida, Colo., May 2, 1939; desertion.

GOLDMAN—Avril versus Roy Goldman; married at Santa Monica, Calif., May 11, 1943; cruelty.

Ralph K. Etcheson, 18, and Glen O. Garner, 33, of Junction City were killed there yesterday when their truck was hit by a Southern Pacific train.

Waste paper collections in Oregon dropped from 240,241 tons in February to 178,411 in March and Governor Snell urged mayors throughout the state to get behind the drive.

Oregon's 15 Republican Votes Assured Willkie

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land, is opposed for republican renomination, while L. Nicholas Granoff and Lester Sheeley, both Portland, will fight it out for the democratic nomination.

In the fourth district, Rep. Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg republican, and Floyd K. Doyer, Grants Pass democrat, are opposed for their respective nominations.

The only big surprise in the last-minute filing rush was the entry of State Sen. Earl E. Fisher, Beaverton republican, in the race for U. S. senator against Sen. Rufus C. Holman and Wayne L. Morse. The two democratic candidates for the job are Edgar W. Smith and Walter W. Whitbeck, both of Portland.

Cordon Has 3 Opponents

U. S. Sen. Guy Cordon, Roseburg republican, appointed to succeed Sen. Charles L. McNary, will have three opponents in the primary race for the remaining four years of McNary's term. They are Charles A. Sprague, Salem; and Henry Black and John McBride, both of Portland. Willis Mahoney, Klamath Falls, will get the democratic nomination without opposition.

Ralph H. Cate, republican national committeeman who is managing Willkie's presidential campaign, will be opposed for reelection by Charles L. Paine of Portland. Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, republican national committeewoman, has no opposition for reelection.

Howard Latourette, running for reelection as democratic national committeeman, will be opposed by Lew Wallace, state senator. Emily F. Edson, democratic national committeewoman, will be opposed by Nancy Honeyman Robinson. All the committee candidates in both parties live in Portland.

State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, Portland republican, candidate for reelection, has no opposition in either party.

Two late filers, William T. Lambert of Oak Grove and William B. Murray of Portland will contest for the democratic nomination for treasurer.

Lomax Opposes Neuner

Attorney General George Neuner, McMinnville, will be opposed in the republican primary by Leroy L. Lomax, Portland attorney. Bruce Spaulding, Salem, is the

only candidate for the democratic nomination for attorney general.

There won't be any contests for supreme court, either. Chief Justice J. O. Bailey and Justices Arthur D. Hay and Hall S. Lusk—the only justices whose terms expire this year—have no opposition.

The next legislature will be overwhelmingly republican, as the democrats filed candidates in only half of the 75 legislative races.

The next legislature also will be the most experienced in many years.

Of the 60 house members, 52 want to come back, and most of them have no opponents.

Of the 30 senators, 27 want to be back.

Nippon Base at Hollandia Given Knockout Smash

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raid, Sunday, was the heaviest and costliest land-based strike against the Japanese stronghold. He reported four Liberators failed to return, but that the crew of one was rescued by a destroyer. He said between 40 and 60 fighters rose to oppose the Americans and that seven were shot down certainly and two probably. The raid was on Dublon Island and 46 tons of demolition and incendiaries were dropped.

(Gen. MacArthur reported five Liberators were lost.)

Rambuto, second largest island in the Admiralty group, has been occupied by the Americans.

Over Rabaul bombers dropped 120 tons of bombs on two supply areas. Many buildings were destroyed.

Anti-New Dealer Wins Oklahoma Mayor Race

TULSA, Okla., April 5—(AP)—Olney F. Flynn, the first republican to win a mayoralty election in Tulsa in 16 years, yesterday defeated the democratic incumbent, Mayor C. H. Vegle, who sought reelection for a third term.

With Flynn was swept into office the entire republican ticket. Complete unofficial returns gave Flynn 15,000 and Vegle 10,378.

Flynn, a local oil company executive, ran on a straight "anti-new deal" platform.

Russians Cut Odessa's Last Railway Link

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bia, have captured 30 localities on a 50-mile front straddling both sides of the lower Dniester, the communiqué announced, and were within 32 miles of the city.

Nazis Weakening in Trap

While there were no reports of further progress by Marshal Konev's Second army in its drive inside Rumania toward Iasi, Zhukov's left wing, operating just north of Konev's front, slashed deeper into the Skala pocket west of Kamenets Podolsk. The Russians met spirited opposition from the trapped Germans, who launched desperate attempts to fight their way through the red army cordon, field dispatches

said. The attacks were reported repulsed with heavy losses, and a soviet communiqué said the enemy was growing "weaker and weaker as the ring closes."

Capture of Khotin, district center 27 miles south of Skala and 30 miles northeast of Czernowitz, helped to close the ring around the trapped foe. The communiqué reported that the entire Khotin garrison was wiped out as the Russians closed the last escape corridor across the Dniester to the pocketed Germans.

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