

ICY WAVE SPREADS DOWN INTO FLORIDA

Husband Kills Wife in Spat Over Cooking

Slayer Trucks Corpse to Hillsboro After Flames Raze Home in Washington

HILLSBORO, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—The slayed body of an elderly La Center, Wash., farm wife was found in a truck here today, and shortly afterward her husband was arrested in a downtown hotel room.

A bizarre chain of events—an argument over cooking, a house burning down, and a funeral—were linked with the arrest.

Police Chief Melvin De Rock and two other officers said the husband admitted slaying his wife in their Washington farmhouse last night, and then driving her body to Hillsboro—the town where his mother, 67, is to be buried this afternoon.

The victim is Ella Mae Spears, about 60, Route 1, La Center, Wash. The arrested husband is Clifford C. Spears, 46.

The woman's body, stabbed 17 times, was wrapped in a bedspread in the Spears' panel truck. The truck was found here in a regular parking lot.

The discovery was made after the Spears' farmhouse near La Center burned last night. Clark County officers, called to the fire, were told by farm neighbors that Spears had called them from Hillsboro.

They asked Hillsboro police to try to locate Spears there. Policeman Kenneth Dryden spotted the Spears' truck almost at once; discovered a body inside. Three of

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Alleged Sheep Rustlers Bound Over to Grand Jury

Posting \$1,000 bail each on charges of larceny of livestock, Wilford, 35, and Clinton H. Somerville, 32, brothers of Oakland, Ore., were bound over to the grand jury Friday by Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfield.

They are alleged to have rustled 31 head of lambs from an Oakland ranch, trucked them to the Union Stockyards at Portland, and shipped them to a commission firm, which in turn sold them to a butcher of Douglas County. It was reported Friday by Sheriff O. T. Carter.

14 Arrested in Raid on Unlicensed Night Spot

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—(AP)—A police raid on an unlicensed night spot operating in the St. John's district resulted early yesterday morning in the arrest of 14 men and women.

Police Capt. Frank Ervin said one officer dressed in an Army uniform to gain admission to the club and purchased whiskey and beer by the drink across the bar. Captain Ervin said there were reports the club had also been selling to students from nearby Roosevelt High School.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE are food strikes, the dispatches inform us. In the German Ruhr. Some 75,000 German workers are idle as a result.

Four million are pretty hungry, but are still working.

Why the growing food shortage?

The cables tell us that British and American food shipments are up to schedule but collections from German farmers are not.

American and British military governments blame German officials for failure to collect from the farmers. German officials blame the military government for not giving them power to ENFORCE collections.

THAT calls for a word of explanation. Under the LAW, German farmers are supposed to produce and SELL—at fixed prices

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Negro Student Will Have Separate Law School at Oklahoma University

NORMAN, Okla., Jan. 19.—(AP)—The only Negro ever to attempt to enroll in the University of Oklahoma since it was founded in 1892 was to try again today—bolstered this time by a U. S. Supreme Court decision.

She is Mrs. Ada Lois Simuel Fisher, 23, of Chickasha, Okla., a graduate of Langston University, the state's only institution of higher education for Negroes.

Denied admission when she first sought to enroll in the university's law school two years ago, she applied unsuccessfully to the State District Court and State Supreme Court, which upheld the state's laws requiring racial segregation in the schools.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People carried the case to the U. S. Supreme Court, which last Monday ruled that the state must make "equal education facilities" available to Negroes as promptly as they are for white students.

The Weather

Cloudy tonight and Tuesday; fog night and morning.

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Dollars Won't Win Peace--Baruch

11-Point Plan Opposes Wage Hikes, Tax Cut

Food Price "Rollbacks," Halt on Non-Essential Federal Projects Urged

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Bernard M. Baruch laid before senators today an 11-point program for "peace-waging" including a "rollback" in food prices, no wage raises and no tax cuts for two years.

Baruch was a witness before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Marshall Plan for multi-billion dollar aid to Europe. He endorsed it, but told the senators:

"Dollars alone will not save Europe now or in the future."

Baruch then proposed his domestic program, saying "the time has come to organize—to mobilize—for peace. It cannot be put off safely any longer. The time for courage and decision is here."

These are the major things he proposed in that "mobilization."

1. Reduce major food prices "in exchange for guaranteeing farmers an assured price for their crops for the next three years."

2. Stabilize wages in return for this rollback.

3. Restore the excess profits tax at 50 per cent of wartime levels.

4. Continue rent control "with provision only for clearly justifiable increases."

5. Postpone tax reduction for two years and then cut levies gradually over a five-year period.

6. Put off all less essential state and federal public works, giving priority to "increasing production, housing, schools, hospitals and other essential needs."

7. Set up a capital issues commission to review all public and private projects "with a view to deferring less essential projects."

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Control Sold In 3 Plywood Plants

TACOMA, Jan. 19.—(AP)—A \$4,500,000 transaction by which the controlling interest in the Washington Plywood Company and its three Washington-Oregon plants passes from Weyerhaeuser Timber Company to the Georgia Hardwood Lumber Company of Augusta, Ga., was disclosed today.

J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., president of the Tacoma lumber firm, said the stock transfer affects two plants at Olympia and the Springfield Plywood Corporation of Springfield, Ore., an operating subsidiary. Washington Plywood owned 60 per cent of the Springfield operation.

Acquisition of the three plants gives the Georgia company a total Northwest production of 250,000,000 board feet of plywood annually. It already owns the Bellingham Plywood Corporation which it purchased in May, 1947. Eight other plants are operated by it in Southern states.

Boy Kills Brother in Cops 'n' Robbers' Game

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—(AP)—A cops and robbers game cost 10-month-old Harold Niemeyer his life Saturday when he shot his brother, Russell, age six, found their father's 22 caliber rifle.

Police said the older boy discovered the loaded rifle on the porch and dashed through the house, shouting he was chasing robbers. As he passed the infants playing, the gun discharged and struck the boy in the side. He died an hour later.

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Strike Threat Hits Western Oregon, Washington Lumber Mills in Wage Controversy

SEATTLE, Jan. 19.—(AP)—A complete shutdown of all AFL logging and sawmill operations in Western Washington and Oregon was predicted today by officials of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union after executive members of the Union's Puget Sound District Council voted unanimously to send their 18,000 members out on strike this weekend unless they receive a "satisfactory wage boost."

Earl Hartley, District Council president, announced the board's decision yesterday and predicted that a walkout in this area would be duplicated by the 15,000 members in the Willamette Valley and Columbia River Districts of Oregon.

The union has asked a 30-cent-an-hour increase to a minimum scale of \$1.62 an hour, but negotiations have been stalled since failure to reach agreement with employers in a two-day conference in Portland 10 days ago.

Another conference with the lumbermen's industrial relations council, representing Douglas Fir operators, is scheduled here Friday, Hartley said.

Decision to await the results of this conference came after a stormy debate in which several members of the council urged an immediate walkout.

Kenneth Gordon, representative of the Tacoma local, told the board that "if the union's officers don't act, the men will," and warned that wildcat strikes may be forthcoming during the week.

Declaration that their men

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Keep Rent Control, Vets' Aide Urges

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Ray Sawyer, legislative director of the American Veterans' Association, said today 16,000,000 tenants in this country "need the continued protection of rent control until the construction of new rental housing units has caught up with the demand."

Sawyer told a Senate banking subcommittee the present federal rent control law should be extended for a year beyond Feb. 23, the date it is now scheduled to expire.

Because building costs are so high, he testified, the amount of new construction designed for rent has fallen to about 10 per cent of the total, as compared with a prewar 20 per cent.

"Thus at a time of unprecedented demand, with 15,000,000 veterans returning from war, the supply of new rental housing has been driven up," Sawyer said.

He urged also that Congress, if it extends the rent control law, apply some kind of controls over approximately 1,600,000 rental units for which voluntary leases boosting the rent 15 per cent were signed under the present law.

Such leases, to extend through this year, were provided in the law which became effective last July 1. The units covered, however, are no longer subject to federal controls if the tenant who signed the lease moves out.

Sawyer said this provision will act as an inducement to some landlords to evict present tenants so that they can increase rentals without restriction.

State Police Officer Killed in Auto Crash

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—State Police Officer Leroy Spickerman, 24, The Dalles, died in a hospital here yesterday after a head on collision that sent six occupants of a second automobile to the same hospital.

The crash demolished both vehicles. Spickerman died 12 hours after the accident on the Columbia River east of the city.

Police said the driver of the second car, Wallace Meacham, and his five passengers, all of Portland, suffered broken bones but were not critically hurt.

Spickerman is survived by a wife and twin sons, three months old.

Lost War Savings Bonds Retrieved From River

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 19.—(AP)—August Hallicks was a happy man today thanks to a couple of sailors who fished his \$3,350 in war savings bonds from the Delaware river.

The sailors stationed aboard a dredge, noticed an envelope floating in the river and found four \$1,000 denomination bonds and 54 of the \$25 type.

Peace Pledge Brings End To Gandhi's Fast

NEW DELHI, India, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi's hope of harmony in India lay today in the solemn pledge by religious leaders which ended his peace fast after 121 hours and 45 minutes.

The Indian patriot and Hindu spiritual leader drank a sweet lime juice at 12:45 p.m. yesterday. It was his first nourishment since 11 a.m. Tuesday, when he began the fast, his fifteenth.

Last night, five hours after breaking his fast, the 78-year-old Gandhi told a big prayer meeting he did so on the "pledge and counsel" of friends from Hindu-led India and Moslem-led Pakistan.

They guaranteed, he said, "complete unbroken friendship" among Hindus, Moslems and Sikhs. Gandhi said fulfillment of this pledge would double "my intense wish to live a full span of life doing service to humanity" at least 125 years, or as some say, 133 years.

His reference was to a resolution, signed a few hours before he ended his ordeal, in which communal leaders pledged their lives as an earnest of peace.

Safety Program Adopted

They adopted his seven-point program for social acceptance and safety of lives and property of Moslems in India. They set up a committee of 130, of all religions, to meet nightly for a review of progress toward these ends.

An associate said that, once Gandhi is sure harmony reigns in India, he intends to go to Pakistan to try "truth and non-violence" to the same purpose there.

The two British dominions, created last Aug. 15, have been

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Canyon Route Plan Gets Endorsement

REDSPOUT — Endorsement of the County Court's recommendation for the improvement of the Dodge Canyon route, between Sutherland and Elkton, was given by the newly-formed Highway 38 Committee, which met Thursday at the Sawyer Rapids Auto Camp.

Present at the meeting were H. L. Goodmans of Drain, chairman; Emory Seaton, Drain, secretary-treasurer; Sherman Chapman, mayor of Drain; W. H. Burdick, Redspout trustee; Stacy A. Fenley, Sawyer Rapids resort operator; Charles Randall, Elkton; Nelson Hovan, retired business man of Redspout; John Skudshoren, mayor of Redspout; and John C. Diehl, Redspout real estate man.

Following the election of officers, the committee discussed the need of improvements to Highway 38, which runs a distance of 50 miles between Drain and Redspout and is the only water-grade highway joining the coast (101) Highway with the Pacific 100 Highway, and carries the bulk of freight traffic from Portland and other inland points to Coos Bay, Curry County, and California coastal points.

The committee adopted resolutions for the improvement of Highway 38 between Redspout and Redwood, as well as of the Dodge Canyon route, and the establishment of a road camp at Woodner, between Sutherland and Elkton. The resolutions will be presented to legislative interim committee on highways, which meets at Coquille Jan. 22.

Meat Rationing Asked By 2 GOP Congressmen

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Two Republican Congressmen today introduced legislation authorizing the Truman administration to set up meat rationing machinery, including printing of ration books.

The bill, sponsored by Senator Flanders (R-Vt.) and Rep. Javits (R-N.Y.), provides up to \$1,000,000 to allow the Agriculture Department to make all necessary preparations.

Under terms of the measure, President Truman is authorized to submit a detailed meat rationing program to Congress. It would go into effect automatically unless disapproved by both the Senate and House within 30 days.

Crash Near Stayton Kills One, Injures Three

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Police reported today a truck automobile collision near Stayton late Saturday was fatal to one of the car passengers and sent three others to a hospital.

The victim was identified as Robert Prettiman, 60, Westport. Police said the truck was driven by Wayne W. Gilbert, Astoria, Ore., and the car by Roy E. York, Aberdeen, Wash.

Injured were Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Lichte, Gervais, Ore. and York. Mrs. Lichte was listed as seriously injured.

Target Bullet Strikes Medford Boy at Play

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Eight-year-old Ronald Leroy Tompkins was in a hospital here today with a bullet wound that police blamed on a stray shot from a rifle fired by neighborhood youngsters.

The youngster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy R. Tompkins, was wounded late Saturday while playing in his yard. The shot came from a nearby field where several boys were shooting.

Death Toll in Various States Mounts to 25

Pennsylvania Has Low Spot, 26 Below; Oil, Gas Supplies Restricted

(By the Associated Press)

The worst cold wave of the season which caused at least 25 deaths and cut sharply into fuel oil supplies had moderated considerably in the Midwest today but it still held a firm grip on eastern and southeastern states.

The Chicago Weather Bureau said sub-zero readings were somewhat general in the New England states and that the mercury again skidded to well below freezing as far south as southern Florida. The coldest spot on the early weather map was 26 below zero at Phillipsburg, in western Pennsylvania.

At Memphis, Tenn., where 12 inches of snow fell Saturday, the temperature stood at only three degrees above zero early today.

As President Truman's order restricting use of heating and motor fuels went into effect, 12 central and southeastern states reported 25 deaths attributed to the bitter cold. Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Kentucky reported four deaths each; Illinois 4; Minnesota and Wisconsin, North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Missouri and Mississippi one each.

Many areas curtailed use of oil and gas for industrial purposes in a move to stretch dwindling supplies for heating purposes.

Snow Falls in Texas

At Chicago where the mercury dipped to 5 below yesterday, a comparatively mild 19 above was the coldest today. Forecaster L. W. Brunk said that was the degree of moderation generally throughout the Midwest with the only sub-zero readings for the area reported in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

A belt of light snow was falling from Michigan to Missouri and freezing rain, snow or sleet was reported in northern Texas but the weather was fair generally throughout other sections of the nation. New snow measuring 7 to 12 inches fell on eastern New England in a storm which ended yesterday.

The nation's warmest weather was in the Southwest where Yuma, Ariz., and Blythe, Calif.,

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Wallace's Supporters Spurn Marshall Plan After Henry Scores Both Major Parties

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—(AP)—A policy platform embracing many of the expressions on domestic and foreign affairs by Henry A. Wallace in his campaign for the presidency had approval today of delegates to the second annual convention of the Progressive Citizens of America.

Dimes March Fund Thus Far \$2,000

Two thousand dollars in—\$8,000 to go in the current March of Dimes campaign. That was the report given today by Del McKay, city chairman, at the campaign headquarters in J. C. Penney's front window.

Largest single contributor to date has been the Roseburg Elks Lodge, who presented McKay with a check for \$500 last week. The campaign got off to an auspicious start Friday, when \$28 were collected in a "Mile o' Dollars" from passersby at the intersection of Oak and N. Jackson St.

Participating in the "Mile o' Dollars" were Shirley McLaughlin, Irvin Brunn, Jerry Gilbo and H. D. Quile, who attached their dollars together to make a chain of most 200 feet long. Few people passed them on the sidewalk, who were not asked to contribute.

Contributions may be made during the March of Dimes campaign at the downtown headquarters, where Mrs. V. V. Hornham, assisted by members of the Junior Women's Club, is in charge.

McKay announced that a telephone has been installed at the campaign headquarters, so that pledges of donations may be made and information of the drive may be learned. The number of the phone is 300.

Alleged Knife Wielder Faces Assault Charge

John Dow Van Horn, 45, was arrested by city police Saturday night after he allegedly stabbed F. M. Clark with a knife during an argument over a game of pool at the Monogram Club, 228 N. Jackson St., Chief of Police Calvin Baird reported.

Baird said that Clark was slashed across one ear and down one side of his neck by the knife-wielder and was taken to Mercy Hospital. Clark was later released following treatment of the wound.

After Van Horn was taken in custody by city police officers, he was booked at the county jail. Baird said that charges of assault with a dangerous weapon would probably be filed against Van Horn in the Justice Court today.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen

One major difference between a shooting war and a cold war is that in the former spies are promptly executed, while in the latter complacency and legal loopholes allow them to roam the enemy country at will, spreading fifth column propaganda.