

# Sutherland Barber Killed By Gunshot

## H. W. Parson's Death Suicide, Coroner Says

Body Discovered in Shop Where He Worked; Act's Reason Not Learned

Henry Walter Parson, 67, a transient barber, shot himself to death in the back room of a Sutherland barber shop early yesterday afternoon, County Coroner Harry C. Stearns reported.

Parson, who reportedly came to Sutherland from Roseburg last September, was employed in the shop of Maurice Vogelwohl, on Central Ave., near Calapooia St. It was Vogelwohl who discovered the tragedy when he returned to his shop from lunch, Stearns said.

The suicide weapon was a small .32 caliber revolver, said the coroner. Parson had used it to shoot himself through his right temple, he added.

When Vogelwohl returned from lunch, he told Chief of Police Clyde Dubell of Sutherland, he discovered the door to the shop was locked. Letting himself in with a key, he found Parson's body in the back room.

Inquest Scheduled

Chief Dubell said there apparently was no reason for the suicide. Persons who saw Parson at the Pastime Tavern, where he ate lunch shortly before his death, said he appeared "normal."

An inquest into Parson's death was to be scheduled by the coroner today, Chief Dubell said.

The barber had no known relatives, the police chief said. Inquiries, however, are being made by Stearns, who took charge of Parson's personal effects and the remains.

Parson reportedly had worked in various barber shops in Portland, Eugene and Roseburg prior to coming to Sutherland. He was a lodge-up member of the Eagles lodge at Eugene and held a social security card.

## Timber Sale Hike Sought by Angell

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Rep. Angell (R-Ore.) wants the Forest Service to sell more timber from public lands.

He asked the House Appropriations Agriculture Subcommittee today to increase funds which finance the service's timber-selling activities by \$200,000 to \$300,000. He said about \$800,000 was provided this year.

This year's funds—which cover administrative costs as well as expenses of inspectors, timber estimators and the like—enabled the service to sell timber at a rate which allowed a cut of 1,700,000,000 board feet, Angell said. A fund of \$1,000,000 or \$1,100,000 would speed sales to an annual cut of 1,950,000,000 board feet, he contends.

And, increased cut from government forests is needed to meet demand for lumber, Angell said, which should be harvested under a sustained yield program.

## Former Newspaperman Chosen Premier of Japan

TOKYO, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Hitoshi Ashida, former newspaperman and diplomat, was elected prime minister of Japan today, but a dissenting vote in the upper House of Conciliators will delay him taking office.

Ashida, a foreign minister and president of the middle of the road Democratic party, polled 216 votes in the House of Representatives to 180 for former Premier Yoshida, head of the conservative Liberal party. A majority of 212 was required.

The conciliators voted 104 for Yoshida and 102 for Ashida, with 12 abstaining. The majority needed is 110.

The constitution provides that should the two houses fail to agree, the vote of the lower house will elect the prime minister. However, 10 days must elapse before he can take office.

## Alabama Still Forbids Montogmery Wife

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 21.—(AP)—No matter who says so, it is still illegal for a man to be with his wife with a stick in Alabama, Attorney General A. A. Carmichael said yesterday.

If he does, said the attorney general, he subjects himself to prosecution under the law and also gives grounds for divorce.

Carmichael's statement came in reply to an assertion made by a substitute Soviet delegate before the United Nations economic and social council, A. P. Borison.

Borison told the social committee of the council that in Alabama it is legal for a husband to beat his wife with a stick—if the stick is less than two inches thick.

Snorted Carmichael, "entirely erroneous and false."

## Levity Fact Rent

The Texas plumber who survived the shock of 13,000 volts of electricity probably appreciates now the effect of a plumbing bill on the average patron, especially one with a weak heart.

## Leaders O. K! 30-Day Longer Rent Controls

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A 30-day extension of rent controls was agreed on today by Senate and House Republican leaders. The present controls are due to expire Feb. 29.

Senator Taft told reporters the Senate will be asked to act late next week on a 30-day extension bill the House is expected to pass Tuesday.

The extension would allow both chambers time to decide whether to continue controls, for how long and in what form. The Senate now is debating a bill to continue controls 14 months with some changes from the present law.

Chairman Wolcott said his House banking committee will not consider until later the proposed 14-month extension bill. Taft said this may be approved by the Senate Tuesday.

Because of this, Taft said it will be necessary for the Senate to act on the 30-day extension, proposed by the House.

Taft said, however, that the Senate will go ahead with the long-range measure in order to get it out of the way.

Wolcott said the House group will hold several days of hearings on the long-range measure before it acts.

Penalties Opposed

Senator Cain said earlier that he may join opponents of a proposal to jail and fine rent control violators. Such a provision is included in the 14-month extension measure the Senate is considering.

Cain headed a banking subcommittee which helped write the new rent bill. He was appointed to steer it through the Senate.

"I don't want a law without any enforcement teeth in it," he told reporters.

"But if we are going to drop anything, I would be for dropping the criminal provision first."

The bill would extend controls 14 months with some changes. One senator says violators could be put in prison for a year, fined \$1,000, or both.

There is nothing like that in the existing law. But there was a similar provision under OPA during the war.

Senator Millikin (R-Colo.) yesterday assailed plans to restore this criminal penalty. He told the Senate he fears it might be used as a "bludgeon" against "honest" landlords.

Millikin told a reporter OPA had "scared hell out of people" with the threat of criminal action.

## U. S. Navy's Security in Pacific Emphasized

TSINGTAO, China, Saturday, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The new U. S. Navy commander in the Western Pacific declared today the United States "need not be afraid of any naval eventuality in the immediate future."

Vice Adm. Oscar C. Badger, who takes over formally Tuesday from Adm. Charles M. Cooke, Jr., told newsmen the Navy's manpower situation "already is in a very favorable position and is getting better all the time."

The capital ship of the future, Badger said, will be a far cry from yesterday's battleship, whose emphasis fell on heavy guns and armament.

Tomorrow's capital ship will carry rocket guns, he said, "in short, every weapon to make it effective afloat. Speed and maneuverability will be important. Without modernization, the battleship of yesterday is outdated."

## Navy's New Suit Holds Built-In Life Preserver

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Navy has developed a sailor suit with a built-in life preserver. The garment is intended for stormy seas and for men who have to stand topside watch in rough weather.

It consists of a coverall with an attached hood extending to the waist. The hood can be inflated to keep the wearer afloat.

## Washout of Bandon Dam Frees 100,000 Trout

BANDON, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Oregon has one dam less today, and 100,000 trout are doubtless happy about it.

Storms washed out the State Game Commission's dam at the Bandon trout hatchery. The 100,000 legal-sized trout, being held for spring release, swam out to freedom.

The dam will be rebuilt.

## Parents Rescue Son From Talons Of Raiding Eagle

CARLSBAD, N. M., Feb. 21.—(AP)—A pair of pliers and a bed slat were weapons used by a Carlsbad couple to save their four-year-old son from an eagle's talons.

The mother, Mrs. C. J. Reinhart, told it this way:

The child was playing in the yard while she hung out a wash. Suddenly, the big bird appeared in the yard, hopped toward the child and dug its talons into her son's head.

For a minute she pulled in vain at the eagle's legs, then ran to the house.

Returning with a pair of pliers, she jerked the talons free, snatched up her son and rushed him to a doctor. Three talons had pierced the child's skin.

In the meantime, her husband had returned home. Reinhart beat the bird to death with a bed slat.

Examination of the bird showed its tail feathers had been plucked out. Reinhart said he understood it had been captured in nearby mountains and had escaped from its cage.

## Mayor Riley Undisturbed By Assassination Threat

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—An assassination threat against Mayor Earl Riley was reported today by police who said they believed it was the work of a crank.

The threat was made in a 4 A. M. telephone call to a newspaper. Police were sent to the mayor's home.

Riley said he wasn't disturbed as "this isn't the first time I've received a threat."

The mayor was in the center of a controversy raging all week since a City Club committee reported that vice and gambling interests operate in Portland under police protection. The club membership yesterday approved the report but directed its committee to amend it by naming names. The mayor told the City Club the charges were unfounded.

## House Expected to Vote To Outlaw Red Party

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.) predicted today the House will agree on a law this year to expose American Communists.

His House Un-American activities subcommittee closed hearings yesterday on two bills. One would outlaw the party and the other would make Communists register publicly as agents of a foreign power.

House passage probably will be swift, he said. But, he added, he would not try to guess whether the Senate will follow suit.

"We will explore the possibility of illegalizing the actual case-hardened Communist conspirators," Nixon said.

## Chinese Steel Center Falls to Communists

SHANGHAI, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Communist capture of the Manchurian steel center, Anshan, after a week-long attack, was conceded today by the national commander in Mukden. Elsewhere on the scattered civil war fronts however the government reported successes.

Reports of imminent new Red attacks were plentiful.

A central news dispatch from Taiyuan quoted Gen. Kuo Tsung-fen, chief of staff, as estimating the Reds had brought in more than 150,000 men, increasing their Shansi province strength to more than 200,000.

## Retail Prices Fall, Rise In Various Areas

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Wheat led a general downward march among commodities today.

The decline was moderate, however, and price changes relatively small after the recent upset. Hogs, cattle and lambs held nominally steady in Chicago's big market.

No retail price changes of importance came to light as retailers tried to appraise the effect of the Feb. 4 crack in primary markets.

Trading in stocks was almost at a standstill.

The big break in the commodity markets has reduced retail food prices an average of 31 percent from January highs. Other cost-of-living items either clung to postwar peaks or headed upward.

This was the picture presented by the government's Bureau of Labor Statistics in its first official report on the effect of the market slump on retail prices.

The government study covered 20 foods in 12 cities. It presented a cross section picture of grocery and meat prices between the highs of mid-January and February 17.

Ups and Downs Recorded

The BLS report stated 13 of the 20 foods showed declines. Five foods increased. Two—bread and navy beans—showed no change.

The government bureau found the biggest drops in pork chops, beef and lamb.

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## \$18,000 Damages Not Too Much In High Price Period

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Feb. 21.—(AP)—In these days of dollar shortages, \$18,000 is not too much for a market to pay an injured customer for damages, the Florida Supreme Court ruled.

"It avails little, when cotton is 50 cents, corn \$2.50, steak one dollar and common labor six dollars, to cite cases that were decided when cotton was five cents, corn was 50 cents, steak one dollar," the court held yesterday in its majority opinion.

The tribunal, in a 4-3 decision, upheld a jury's \$18,000 award to Mrs. Esther K. Scholl for injuries suffered when she fell in a Fort Lauderdale supermarket.

## New Glass Plant Now in Operation

Commercial and industrial users of glass in Douglas County will be served by the Roseburg Glass Co., which recently opened for business in its new steel building at Miller and Flint Sts., west of the Southern Pacific freight yards, it was announced by Myler M. Beery, owner.

With a complete line of glass for store fronts, industrial and commercial buildings, windows, automobiles, and several other uses, the company offers cutting and glazing service, Beery said.

The company will do both wholesale and retail business.

Beery moved to Roseburg last autumn, after formerly being employed by the W. P. Fuller and Co. in Portland. He has had 18 years' experience in glass work, owning his own business at Kelso, Wash., prior to the recent war.

Beery served with the 45th Infantry Division in Sicily and Italy, before being returned for duty in the United States. He now resides with his wife and 2-year-old daughter at 906 Nebos Ave.

## Stassen to Race Dewey In Oregon's Primary

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Harold E. Stassen today entered the Oregon Republican presidential primary against Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

He filed a declaration. Dewey's name was entered last month by petition.

Stassen is now on a four-day tour of Oregon. At Eugene he spoke at a meeting of Oregon newspaper editors and publishers, assailing the section of the "Fair-Hartley law restricting union political activity as a 'serious invasion of freedom.'"

The law in general is good, he told the newspapermen, but should be amended by deleting the ban on political activity by unions.

## Greece Puts to Death 19 Men and One Woman

ATHENS, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Twenty persons, including a woman, were executed in Athens today.

Nine were convicted by an Athens military tribunal Feb. 17 of being involved in the killing of a policeman and plans to assassinate Greek political leaders.

The others were found guilty of having been members of a Communist execution squad which killed hundreds of civilians near Athens in the 1944 civil war.

## The Weather

Partly cloudy with showers tonight and Sunday.

## Lumber Firm Acquires 4th Douglas Mill

Engle & Worth Also Plan Headquarters Unit, 6th For Managing Timber

An eventual shift in operations of the Engle and Worth Lumber Co. from McMinnville to Douglas County, with plans for the construction of a sawmill and remanufacturing plant near Roberts Creek, were told here today by Elmer H. Worth, president of the company.

Headquarters of the Engle and Worth Lumber Co. has been located at McMinnville for the past 19 years. Gradual depletion of timber in the Willamette Valley area accounts for the company's move to Douglas County, he explained.

The company now operates a subsidiary, the Silver Peak Lumber Co. at Riddle, formerly known as the C. and O. Lumber Co. The Riddle plant and the former Quaker Industries site at Winchester, which will be ready in from 60 to 90 days, will be operated at remanufacturing plants.

Engle and Worth Lumber Co. also owns the Keystone Lumber Co. near Myrtle Creek, formerly known as North Myrtle Lumber Co., which will continue in operation as a sawmill.

Canyon Creek Mill Bought

The company's latest acquisition in this area is the Canyon Creek Lumber Co., also a sawmill. A new name for the Canyon Creek Lumber Co. has not yet been selected, Worth said.

Both the Riddle and Winchester remanufacturing plants will have a "fair" production capacity, he said.

With the purchase of the four lumber plants in this county, the company also has acquired timber holdings and has purchased additionally a "reasonable amount" of timber, he announced.

Construction is expected to start in the spring on the company's main plant near Cow Creek, where headquarters will be located on the plant's completion. The main plant will include both sawmill and remanufacturing facilities, Worth said.

A sixth subsidiary will be set up to market the company's timber, he added.

Market for Engle and Worth Lumber lies principally in the Middlewestern States, Worth said. The company's wholesale division is the D. M. McClintock Lumber Co. of Portland, with representatives throughout the United States.

## California Warned of Food Shortage by 1960

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—(AP)—California, outranked only by Iowa in total farm income, may not grow enough to feed itself by 1960, President Ray B. Wiser of the State Farm Bureau Federation predicts.

The reason, he told the hop growers convention yesterday, is that the population is growing faster than the crops.

"Our population is increasing so rapidly that in the 1960's California will become the number one importer of food."

"With the shortage of water that has developed in late years, it is evident that California cannot remain self-sufficient."

## Two Missing in Pittsburgh Golden Triangle Fire

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Two spectacular fires destroyed a Golden Triangle office building and a large grocery warehouse today, doing damage estimated at nearly \$600,000 and leaving two persons missing.

Burned were the 63-year-old, five-story Jackson Building and a warehouse. Two adjacent buildings were damaged as blazing debris showered over them and onto the busy intersection. Several firemen were overcome by smoke and one was struck by a brick and injured.

Missing in the downtown fire were Mrs. Irene Westbrook, 40, a dressmaker, and fireman Gerald W. Levy, 36.

## Delayed Explosion of Dynamite Kills 2 Men

GRAND RONDE, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Two Grand Ronde lumber workers were killed yesterday by a dynamite charge they had set off to clear stumps.

The victims were Lloyd Weaver, 19, and Fred Moore, 49. Investigators said they went to inspect a charge that appeared not to be going off. As they approached, it did.

## John J. Wahl, Oregon Democratic Leader, Dies

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—John J. Wahl, chairman of the Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee, died of pneumonia today in a hospital.

## MacArthur Too Busy To Leave Japan, He Says, as Backers Continue Political Activity

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The House foreign affairs committee had a tough political decision lifted right out of its hands today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

The general's name got tangled up in the committee's aid-to-China discussions yesterday when some members suggested inviting him to Washington to testify on Far Eastern problems.

That started an argument. Congressmen opposing the move said it could be used as an attempt to boom MacArthur for the GOP presidential nomination.

But others insisted that MacArthur should be asked home from Japan to give valuable advice on how to help China overcome its native Communist armies.

The general settled the whole problem himself. He said he is too busy to make the trip.

While I deeply appreciate the confidence reflected in the suggestion I return to the United States to state my views to the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the China Relief Plan," he said in a Tokyo statement, "I hope the committee will not further the idea."

The present Japanese political situation involving an imminent change of government and the heavy pressure of my duties render it impracticable for me to leave my post here at the present time.

That seemed to settle the fight.

## 62 Cattle Slain on Ranch Near Portland

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Police are investigating the shooting of 62 cattle recently on a ranch near here.

Some of the carcasses were stolen. Paul Martin, owner of a 2500-acre ranch near Troutdale, told police. He said all the shootings had been spread over the last 18 months.

## In the Day's News

RUSSIA grows more truculent in North Korea. It looks like she's getting set to back her new communist stooge there for what might be a showdown in the Far East.

CHILE squats suddenly on one of the frigid islands that lie just this side of the south pole, and her president says he's going to establish a MILITARY BASE there. Britain is interested. So is Argentina. We've been flitting around in that neighborhood.

Why the excitement? Uranium, maybe.

DE VALERA loses out as premier of Eire (that's Ireland to most of us). What happened and why aren't yet definitely known, other than that the other fellow got too many votes. A dispatch from Dublin says: "Principal opposition seemed to grow from resentment at de Valera's long term in office." (He has been on the job 16 years.)

TEXAS astronomers, using a new type of equipment much too technical to be discussed here, take a long look at the planet Mars and come to the conclusion that it's hardly unlikely life exists there. That puts a bad crimp in (Continued on Page Two)

## Dixie Democrats Advised By Sen. Byrd to Defer Bolt Until Civil Rights Bill Disposed Of

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Senator Byrd of Virginia gave the Democratic party's Dixie rebels this advice today: Hold your fire—but keep your powder dry.

Byrd told a reporter he wants the South to be sure where it is going before it cuts long-standing political ties in the argument over President Truman's civil rights proposals.

"We must make a calm, deliberate decision, on the basis of events as they happen and then be prepared to go through with it to the end," he said.

Byrd told a party gathering at Richmond, Va., Friday night that the South won't stand for laws setting up a fair employment practices (no race or color line) commission, making lynching a federal offense and banning poll taxes and race separation.

But he added that it would be time enough to decide what to do if Southerners should lose their fight against enactment of such legislation by Congress.

Several House members from 11 Southern states have adopted a resolution condemning the President's program. They will confer with five Southern governors here Monday.

The Southern governors conference on Feb. 8 gave the national Democratic headquarters 40 days to toss out the civil rights program.

Southern House members hoped to have the resolution signed by 75 of their number and ready by that time to be sent to the President.

They got about 50 signers yesterday.



ARMY INSPECTS THE NAVY—Getting an all-around view of national defense activities, Army Reserve officers inspect the Naval Reserve radio station in Roseburg during National Security week. Left to right are Major Clyde Adair, Ray Parslow, radio technician 1st class; Ensign David H. Hill, and Capt. Charles Collins. The Naval Reserve radio equipment is set up temporarily at Parslow's home at 540 E. Lane St., until it can be moved to the Naval Reserve Army at the county fairgrounds. Part of the Naval network for Southern Oregon, it includes one 1,000-watt, one 500-watt, one 300-watt, and four 40-watt units.