

WILLIS MOFFITT DIES FOLLOWING ASSAULT

Teacher in Leap From Consulate Strongly Guarded



MRS. KOSENKINA

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Mrs. Oskana Kosenkina, the 52-year-old Russian school teacher who leaped from a third-floor window of the Soviet consulate where she was being held a prisoner, was reported still in critical condition today at Roosevelt hospital.

A strong police detail continued to guard her.

In addition, Mrs. Kosenkina has been technically under the protection of the U. S. government since she accepted a subpoena Saturday to testify before the House committee on un-American activities in its probe of alleged Communist spying in this country.

It may be three months before she can appear before the committee. She suffered multiple fractures and internal and back injuries in her leap Thursday afternoon.

VFW, Families Enjoy Picnic at Dodge Inn

Approximately 60 members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars posts of Canyonville, Riddle and Roseburg and their families joined in a picnic Sunday afternoon at Dodge Inn, near Canyonville.

Doyce Carman, who represented Roseburg in the State Marble Tournament at Jantzen Beach, was awarded a medal for taking second place in all classes and a trophy for winning first place in the Class B contest.

The marble tournament was sponsored jointly, early in the summer, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and The Oregonian.

The awards at the picnic were made by Benton O. Wilson, VFW district commander.

Refreshments at the picnic were furnished by Patrick W. Kelley Post 2468 of Roseburg.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S a new thriller in the news—the Russian woman who jumped from an upper story of the Soviet consulate in New York.

Or was she pushed?

LEAPS from upper story windows have been entering rather dramatically into the news in this year of conflict between communism and what we call democracy. (The Russians, you know, call THEIR system democracy and insist that ours is capitalist exploitation of the common people.)

There was Masaryk, in Prague. With Czechoslovakia's liberties gone, he jumped to his death from a window. (Or was he pushed? There are so many stories, and so much propaganda.)

Now comes the case of this Russian teacher. Jumping from windows is becoming almost a pattern.

HER name is Kosenkina, or something like that—which is about all we know for sure.

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The Weather

Generally fair and slightly warmer today and Tuesday.

Sunset today 8:15 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:21 a.m.

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Spy Charge Against U.S. Attache Labeled Frameup

Soviet Effort To Cover Own Villainy Seen

Case Built 4 Months Ago, Once Discredited, Revived, Shown Absurd

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Russia's belated spy blast at an American naval officer is viewed by officials here today as an attempt to cover up waning Moscow interest in the Kosenkina-Samarine schoolteacher cases.

Moreover, the State Department insists that the espionage charge against Lt. Robert Dreher is a deliberate Soviet frameup. The department disclosed that American Ambassador Smith bluntly told Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vishinsky last April that he considered the evidence against Dreher had been "arranged" with the connivance of the MVD—Russia's famous secret police.

The Moscow press and radio made a tremendous fuss yesterday about the apprehension of the alleged American spy last April 23 at the very moment when he was receiving secret and "unauthorized" information from a Soviet customs official identified only by the mysterious designation "E."

Pointed Questions Raised

Officials here immediately raised two questions:

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Fritz Thyssen Goes To Trial on Pro-Nazi Charge

KOENIGSTEIN, Germany, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Fritz Thyssen, 74, former Ruhr steel king who broke with Adolf Hitler at the outbreak of war, went on trial today before a German denazification court.

The aged industrialist said he was without personal property and hoped to go to Argentina where his daughter resides.

He described himself as "stateless," his citizenship having been revoked by Hitler, and announced he has no intention of seeking German citizenship again.

The opening session was taken up largely with the reading of a 30-page indictment charging that Thyssen was a major Nazi because he supported Hitler and the party for 15 years.

Troop, Freight Trains Collide; 14 Persons Hurt

BUCHYRUS, O., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Fourteen persons were injured today when a Pennsylvania Railroad troop train collided with a freight train near North Robinson, eight miles east of here.

The trains were coming to a halt when they crashed, and no one was injured critically.

The railroad announced at its Philadelphia headquarters:

"Pending formal investigation, the indications are that the passenger train passed two stop signals."

Mathematics Teacher For RMS Employed

REEDSPORT.—Mrs. Tennessee Robison, instructor in the Reedspoint High School for the past few years, has been engaged to teach mathematics in Roseburg High School during the coming term. Mr. and Mrs. Robison will live in an apartment in Roseburg during the school year.

Devotion to His Creed Results In Fire Chief's Death

RENO, Nev., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Fire Chief Frank Hobson of nearby Sparks had a reputation for never sending his men into a flaming building until he had entered.

Four years ago he was seriously injured when he tried to save three children from a burning home.

Two years ago he was injured while trying to rescue a baby from a blazing nursery.

Yesterday was his day off. But he borrowed equipment at a fire which razed a small section in Reno's old business district and led his men into a burning building—to his death.

Elkton Residents Will Vote Aug. 20 On Incorporation

Residents of the Elkton vicinity will go to the polls Friday, Aug. 20, to determine whether or not their community shall become an incorporated city.

Elkton is one of the oldest communities in Douglas County. It was first settled in 1850 and got its post office in August 1883, with Levi Kent as first postmaster. The present population of Elkton is estimated at around 250 persons. The statute on incorporation requires that a community have at least 150 residents.

The election board includes Carl Johnson, chairman; Mrs. Mary Coley, judge; Mrs. Id. Thomas, Wade Henderson and Mrs. Edith Gates, clerks.

The area proposed for incorporation would be bounded on the east by Elk Creek, on the south by the Umpqua River, on the west by an uneven line which would include the west boundary of the high school property and on the north across the highway by an uneven line in the vicinity of the Easestown property. Fifth street (now vacated) in First Addition to Elkton, and the northeasterly boundary of Blocks 17 and 12 and thence to Elk Creek.

Centralia Girl Wins Air Race to Hillsboro

Because of reported bad weather over the Roseburg airport Saturday night, a scheduled air race of girl pilots from here to Hillsboro Sunday started from Eugene instead. The race, with 15 planes participating, was part of a Civil Air Patrol show at the Hillsboro airport.

Donna Selp, 18-year-old Centralia, Wash., girl, won the light plane speed race against the 14 other women pilots. Genevieve Waples, Portland, was second and Joyce Hoberg, Hillsboro, was third. The Centralia girl covered the approximate 110-mile distance in 49½ minutes.

Woman in Upset Auto Saved by Bystanders

PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—(AP)—An elderly woman driver, rescued from a gasoline-drenched wreckage by a crowd of bystanders who took hold of her overturned car and bodily upright it, was in fair condition today.

Mrs. Katherine Belser, 62, was pinned in her car when it overturned after a collision here yesterday. The jammed doors could not be opened.

Fearful of fire, Traffic Patrolman Wayne L. Sullivan enlisted the help of the accident crowd to flip the car straight and remove Mrs. Belser.

Fire Razes Snowshed, Topples Power Lines

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—(AP)—A brush fire swept over the ridges of Donner summit on Highway No. 40 in today's pre-dawn.

It destroyed a 350-foot snowshed on Southern Pacific property at Norden, tied up eastbound railroad tracks for almost an hour, and disrupted electric service.

The snowshed was valued at about \$35,000.

The blaze flared along a three-mile front on the summit of the Sierra Nevada, near Truckee. Falling power lines fell across the Southern Pacific Railroad's signal system.

Fire Dept. Sets Speed Mark in Job at Blaze

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Fire, Blast At Reno Kill Five, Injure Scores

RENO, Nevada, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Five men were killed by a fire and an unexplained explosion in the Reno business district yesterday.

More than 130 others were hurt. Most of them were spectators.

A thorough search of the rubble today failed to disclose the cause of the violent blast that lifted the roof of the frame and brick building in the old section of Reno's business area at about 10 a. m.

Hundreds of persons swarmed to the scene as the fire broke out. Police tried to keep them back.

Just a few minutes before the explosion one policeman, pleading vainly with the throng to get behind the fire lines, yelled "Get back there—that's dynamite in there!"

Some scattered, fortunately, as the explosive was mentioned. Then the blast came.

But those who heard the warning were agreed today that the

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Officer Not Man Named As Window Breaker

Lloyd Clinton Leonard, Roseburg merchant patrolman, wants it known he is not a window breaker.

Since the report in Saturday's News-Review that "Lloyd Leonard was sentenced to three months in the county jail on a charge of vagrancy and fined \$200 for breaking glass in a building . . . at Oakland," as reported by Justice of Peace Thomas C. Hartfield, the merchant patrolman said he has been asked embarrassing questions.

This paper wants to make it clear that Patrolman Leonard is not the person referred to in the window breaking-vagrancy incident.

Mother Finally Consents To Operation on Baby

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—(AP)—A young mother who had held out against a long-shot gamble in corrective surgery to save the life of her child has changed her mind.

Mrs. Irene Lamphere, 21, said yesterday that since learning the prescribed delicate operation has been successful in several other cases "I see no use of my holding back."

Her 21-month-old daughter, Pamela, was born with the blade-like protrusion of her body and physicians had said the child could not live longer than two years unless the condition is corrected.

Her husband had taken the case to court, seeking a judicial order for the operation over the mother's objections.

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The Roseburg Fire Department may be small but it's speedy.

Shortly after 10 o'clock last night, a city fire truck roared out of the station and around the corner to the J. C. Penney store in answer to a fire alarm.

A few squirts with the hose quickly extinguished a smoldering awning fire, caused by two lighted cigarettes.

Then back around the corner to the fire house. Elapsed time—three minutes, 22 seconds.

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REEDSPORT PARADE—Pictured above are views from the colorful parade presented at Reedspoint Saturday under sponsorship of the Reedspoint unit of the Sheriff's posse.

Top view shows the leading units of the parade with the colors, queen and riding clubs. Bottom view is one of the prize winning floats in the mile-long procession. Rodeo events were held Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Meat Prices Remain Up In Spite of Boycott

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The battle of the butcher—the housewives—inspired buy-no-meat campaign—went through the weekend with meat prices still up.

This was the report from many meat dealers throughout the nation as the score was tallied. Some dealers reported business had fallen off, but that prices generally remained at high levels.

The women, acting individually and through clubs, sought to put a damper on prices by halting meat purchases and creating a buyers market. The idea got underway in Dallas and caught hold in many cities. It spread through chain telephone calls, one woman calling five or ten others and asking them not to buy meat.

But meat dealers say the campaign hasn't done much to their prices. There were instances of cuts on certain meats, but these rose again after a few days. In some places prices even went up.

Another 'Tokyo Rose' Faces Treason Charge

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Attorney General Clark today directed the arrest in Tokyo of American-born Iva Toguri D'Aquino in connection with wartime broadcasts over Radio Tokyo.

The attorney general said Mrs. D'Aquino, native of Los Angeles, and the wife of a Portuguese citizen, will be brought back to the United States to answer a treason charge.

The Justice Department said Mrs. D'Aquino was one of at least six English-speaking Japanese women to whom American fighting men applied the name "Tokyo Rose" as a result of broadcasts beamed to U. S. forces in the Pacific between 1943 and 1945.

Claude Burson Wins Top Cash At First Annual Riddle Rodeo

Claude Burson, former Tucson, Ariz., cowboy, who also works in a lumber mill now, won \$300 in prize money and the all-around championship of the first annual Riddle Rodeo Sunday, in competition with 85 other contestants in the two-day show.

Burson also won the wild cow milking event. Other champions in the amateur show, sponsored by the Riddle Roping Club, included Ed McFarland, calf roping; Bud Thumblin, bull riding; Bud Spencer, bareback bronc riding; and Lee Hatcher, saddle bronc riding.

"We are really pleased with our show and think it was a wonderful success," said Harry I. Hagan, secretary of the Riddle Roping Club and arena director of the rodeo. He said that approximately \$1,800 in prize money was awarded to cowboy contestants.

The Riddle Rodeo was staged at Townsend Park, a tract of land southeast of the Riddle High School grounds, which will be turned over to the school for the use of its athletic teams in the autumn. The ground was donated by Henry Townsend and developed by volunteer labor with use of donated materials.

The rodeo was opened Saturday with a parade on Riddle's main street, in which the Riddle Roping Club, the Myrtle Creek



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Weekend Mishaps Kill 20 Persons in Washington

SEATTLE, Aug. 16.—(AP)—A violent weekend killed 20 persons in Washington State.

Seventeen died and scores were injured in more than 100 traffic accidents throughout the state. Two persons drowned. Fire added another death to the toll. Porter J. Bond, 75, father of two ex-Washington football players, suffered a chance visit to the Anderson home, found her Saturday night.

Policeman G. B. Brinson said the body was lying across a bed, with a shotgun nearby. The son, Tommy, was wielding a fly swatter to protect his "sleeping mother," Brinson said. He had lived on food taken from the ice box.

Mrs. Anderson was the wife of a merchant seaman.

Chinese Tycoon Faces Collaboration Charge

SHANGHAI, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Teng Chung-Ho, a millionaire who refused to contribute to Shanghai's "soak the rich" campaign, was brought before Shanghai's high procurator today charged with being a Japanese collaborator during the war.

Teng, owner of the Anhui Cotton Goods Company, recently bought the Palace Hotel here.

He was released on bail of 60,000,000 Chinese dollars (about \$3,000 U. S.). Chinese authorities denied there was any connection between the collaboration charge and Teng's refusal to pay his allotted share, the equivalent of \$200,000 U. S., toward the soak-the-rich levy.

Soap Box Derby Winner Gets 4-Year Scholarship

AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 16.—(AP)—A Warren, Ohio, youngster who nearly failed to qualify for local competition, Sunday, was the 1948 winner of the All-American soap box derby.

Thirteen-year-old Donald Strub modestly admitted, "I didn't even think I would win," but today he could relax and start thinking about where to obtain his college education.

The 102-pound derby winner receives a four-year scholarship to any college of his choice.

Child Drowns While Bathing Doll in Creek

NESCOPECK, Pa., Aug. 16.—(AP)—"Come on home," Lawrence Dawson called yesterday to his 2-year-old daughter, Ila, who had taken her doll to a small creek 30 yards from their home.

"I'm bathing my baby," Ila called back.

Five minutes later, Dawson walked to the creek. Ila had drowned.

Three Greek Unions To Strike for Pay Boost

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Robbery Seen As Motive For Brutal Crime

Victim, 80, Native Of Roseburg, Last Survivor Of Thirteen Children

Willis Stahl Moffitt, 80, pioneer Roseburg resident, died Sunday about 1:15 p. m. in Sacred Heart Hospital at Eugene, where he had been taken for treatment of injuries received Friday night when he was reportedly attacked in Roseburg by an unknown assailant.

Chief of Police Calvin Baird said Sunday that a suspect, whose name is being withheld pending further investigation, has been arrested in connection with Moffitt's death.

The chief and State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell were in Eugene today, where an autopsy was being performed to determine the cause of Moffitt's death. Chief Baird reported Saturday that Moffitt's injuries included fractures of both jaws, concussion, possible skull fracture and multiple cuts and bruises.

While no official announcement has been made by the police as to the motive for the alleged attack, robbery has entered the picture with the unofficial reports of witnesses that Moffitt's vest and shoes had been taken off him and that all his pockets were turned inside out.

A Mrs. Webb, said to be a niece of Moffitt, is reported to have told Eugene City police that \$30 had been removed from his clothing, and she confirmed the report his shoes had been removed.

No report has been made of the possible method of attack, but a Eugene examining physician is said to have stated that the injuries could have been inflicted by a man's fist.

The injured man was discovered by Sgt. Tom Pearson from the Oakland, Calif., army base, in the company of Irv Brunn of Roseburg, in the alley between Stephens and Pine streets south of Flood street.

Brunn stated today that the sergeant and he had backed the

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Draft to Defer ROTC Students in Training

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Approximately 118,000 college students in Reserve Officer training courses will be deferred from the draft while they are in training.

The Army and Air Force, announcing this jointly, said eligible students must:

(1) Have enrolled in ROTC before June 24, 1948; (2) Remain in good standing in both military and academic studies; if and when offered; (3) Serve at least two years if called for active duty.

The Army has a quota of 77,800 ROTC students and the Air Force 40,800. They are in 231 colleges and universities.

Butcher's Patrons Want Price Ceilings Restored

PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—(AP)—A butcher who conducted a poll to see what housewives want done about meat prices said today that the majority of his customers want price ceilings restored.

Ray Hlatt said 307 voted for resumption of price control and 99 against it.

His customers turned down, 306 to 96, the consumers crusade campaign, which asks housewives to buy no meat more than 60 cents a pound. By a similar majority they thumbed down the idea of meat markets closing for a week or a month.

Owner of Ghost Town Looking for Purchaser

HONOLULU, Pa., Aug. 16.—(AP)—R. C. Perkins is looking for someone in the market for a nice little town.

Perkins, who owns the hamlet of Tanners Falls in Wayne County, put the town—complete with a factory, store, houses and stable—on the auction block yesterday.

Tanner Falls, which Perkins bought from a development company in 1941, formerly was the center of prosperous hide-finishing industry. The community has been virtually a ghost town since 1931.

English Mother Plans Around-World Flight

CAMBRIDGE, Eng., Aug. 16.—(AP)—A 24-year-old mother who intends to fly around the world alone to Nottingham today to pick up the remodeled RAF trainer she plans to do it in.

The flier is Mrs. Richards Morrow-Tait. The plane is a single-engine Proctor with extra fuel tanks. A student will accompany her.

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Truman's Forecast of Fiscal Year Deficit Evokes G.O.P. Charge of Juggling Figures

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(AP)—President Truman's forecast that the government will be \$1,500,000,000 in the red next June loosed an angry flood of Republican charges today that he had deliberately juggled his figures for political effect.

GOP lawmakers insisted the Treasury will wind up between five and six billion dollars to the good. They said there definitely will be money left over to pare down the national debt and possibly to cut taxes again.

Mr. Truman's sharply worded mid-year budget review blamed the Republicans "ill-timed" \$5,000,000,000 tax cut for putting the government back in a financial hole.

He said federal spending in the year ending next June 30 will hit a near peacetime record of \$42.

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200,000,000—more than \$6,000,000,000 over the outlay last year. And instead of the record \$8,400,000,000 surplus of last June, Mr. Truman declared, the Treasury faces an operating deficit of \$1,500,000,000 and a return to "deficit financing."

Actually, even if his figures pan out, the Treasury's books will show an "adjusted surplus" of \$1,500,000,000. That's because Congress specified that \$3,000,000,000 of last year's funds should be shifted to this year's accounts to help cover foreign aid costs. Mr. Truman called this a "convenient bookkeeping device" to yield a "paper surplus."

"Indeed," the chief executive asserted, "as long as the present fiscal outlook prevails, we may face an expanded debt even in a period of high national income

when financial prudence clearly would indicate continuing debt retirement."

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Republicans Fire Back

The hour for Mr. Truman's review to be made public had not yet arrived when Republican leaders hurled out their rebuttals for simultaneous release.

"Just another campaign speech," said Chairman Bridges (R-N. H.) of the Senate Appropriations Committee. To which Chairman Millikin (R-Colo.) of the Senate Finance Committee added:

"Another of the weird distortions which are coming from the White House while its occupant is a nervous candidate for reelection."

Bridges insisted that instead of

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