



**HOUSE MOVERS ESCAPE DEATH IN COLLAPSE**—Six house movers, eating their lunches under this newly-moved apartment house in Los Angeles, miraculously escaped death when the two-story frame building collapsed. The front section of the building had just been lowered to its new foundations when it crumpled and splattered into a pile of rubble. Six scared movers crawled out from underneath—none of them even scratched. (AP Wirephoto)

### Family Troubles Enter in Defense At Murder Trial

DALLAS, Ore., Oct. 21—(AP)—Defense witnesses for Amos H. Sooter, charged with first degree murder in the shotgun slaying of Fred Bailey, contend he is an "unstable" man.

Dr. J. C. Evans, former director of the Oregon State Hospital, Salem, said yesterday he examined Sooter a month after the August 12th shooting. "I felt I was dealing with a man who was unstable and might resort to violence if placed under strain or stress," he told the jury.

Sooter and his wife took the stand after the last four of eight prosecution witnesses testified to circumstances before and after the slaying.

The defendant said he and his wife had been quarrelling over the relationships between the two families. At one point, Sooter said "Bailey paid attention too much attention to my wife." He said this in commenting on one of several parties. Sooter's one son and a daughter of Mrs. Bailey were mentioned. They were married a few days after Bailey was killed.

The defendant's wife told the jury Bailey had given her \$100 to pay for a divorce action started a week before the shooting. She said it was Bailey's idea that he supply the money. She also said that the night before Bailey's death, he had come home intoxicated. She quoted Bailey as saying "I've been looking for Sooter all afternoon—and would have killed him if I found him."

She said her husband's personality had changed after illness with the flu and pneumonia in January. He was "all wrong" after August 5, when he had lost his job and after he and his wife separated, she said.

Sooter pleaded innocent to the indictment by reason of temporary insanity at the time of the slaying.

Defense attorney Bruce Spalding and W. A. Wiest were to resume their case today.



**RUETHER TESTIFIES**—Walter P. Ruether, president of the CIO-United Auto Workers, testifies at examination, in Detroit, Mich., of Carl Bolton on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Ruether still wears brace as a result of the shooting which occurred last April 30. Recorder Judge Christopher Stein presides. (AP Wirephoto)

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To attend the session from Roseburg will be Mrs. Vernon Keel, Douglas County commander; Mrs. Mary Barrett and Miss

Fulton from the Douglas County Health department; Mrs. Violet LaRaut, Wilbur, and Mrs. Franklin Haines of Kellogg.

A "boxing kangaroo" can kill a man or a dog with one blow.

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### Here's 'Iffs' On All Deaths in U. S. During Last Year

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21—(AP)—If all the deaths in the United States last year had occurred in a single locality they would have wiped out the populations of:

A state the size of Nebraska, or—

A group of states such as Arizona, Idaho and Nevada, or Delaware, Rhode Island and Vermont, or—

A great metropolitan district, such as that of St. Louis or Baltimore, or—

A city bigger than San Francisco or Cleveland.

That, says the Public Health Service's office of vital statistics, gives you an idea how many people died in the United States in 1947.

The total was 1,445,370, an increase of 49,753 over 1946. Yet the rate for the year of 10.1 deaths for each 1,000 of estimated population was the second lowest ever recorded. The lowest rate was 10, in 1945.

More than doubling the death loss was the estimated population gain of 3,720,000—enough to populate, with diaper-clad citizens, a city the size of Chicago.

**POET DIES**  
LONDON, Oct. 21—(AP)—Wilder Meynell, 96, poet, essayist and biographer of Disraeli, died last night at his Sussex home.

### Double Life of Government May Hold Key to Puzzle of Russia

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The real key to the Russian riddle lies, I believe, in the fact that the Soviet government forever leads a double life.

Simultaneously, it is pursuing not one, but two foreign policies. One is a "plain" policy, concerned with security, trade, and all the interests that go to form the foreign policy of any nation. The other is the foreign policy of the Communist party.

These two are not always either parallel or compatible. The objectives are by no means the same. Sometimes, they seem to oppose each other.

At such times, gorgeous contradictions are succeeded by stunning paradoxes. The Russian line twists and turns and denies itself. It changes direction like a frightened dog on a football field.

Here is an example: From the appearance of Hitler to the outbreak of war the Soviets were fiercely opposed to Germany. The two governments fulminated against each other, for years in such terms as "fascist beasts," "Mongolian savages," and similar pleasantries. The Nazis hunted down and ruthlessly destroyed their Communists; the Reds, by deed and word, were openly hostile to everything German.

Yet, in 1939, Russia suddenly signed a non-aggression treaty with Germany. Magically, overnight, the two governments became "friendly."

**America Stooze's Upset**  
Do you remember the amazing circumlocutions and mental acrobatics performed by the American Communist leaders in trying to explain this to the shocked and bewildered brethren?

What they couldn't say, by way of explanation, was this: "That, at that moment, Communist Party policy, with its line and its objectives, had been forced to give way to the 'plain' foreign policy, which had, as its objective, military security."

The Kremlin saw a war coming. Sooner or later, the German

for the capitalist nations, Lenin consistently frowned on any form of international cooperation. He was afraid of being out-voted in the democratic processes.

Therefore, he called the League of Nations a "Devil's Kitchen." He referred to the system of counting votes as "idiotic."

Yet, in 1922, the Soviet Government began participating in international conferences. In 1945, it joined the United Nations.

Why, again, because of plain necessity in terms of ordinary security.

**Butlers Erected**  
For identical reasons, in 1945—because of being exhausted by the German occupation and the war in the east—they joined the U.N.

As of today, it is the Communist party policy which shapes and directs Russian foreign policy. It also aids "plain" foreign policy by putting Communist-controlled governments in the satellite nations, thus erecting buffers between Russia and the west.

Soviet actions in Germany and Korea, and elsewhere in the world, however, are mainly dictated, not by considerations of trade or security, but by the original and unchanged objectives of the Communists.

But when the necessity again arises, the party line will be submerged again, and the Russians will come forward with a different face.

**NOW IT'S OFFICIAL**  
PORTLAND, Oct. 21—(AP)—Joe Kahut beat Joey Maxim and that's final, the Oregon Boxing Commission ruled last night.

The ruling was on a protest by Jack Kearns, manager of the Cleveland heavyweight. The fight was Tuesday night.

Gray kangaroos seem to grow as long as they live.

### Cancer Control To be Topic At Medford Meeting

A district meeting and training school, sponsored by The American Cancer Society, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 27, in Medford at the Courthouse from 9:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. Information on the American Cancer Society's program for the year will be given out. Dr. Frank B. Queen, of the University of Oregon Medical School and director of the Cancer Control Program of the school and of the society, will be one of the speakers.

Mrs. John S. Day, Jackson county commander, will give the welcome. Dr. Queen will talk at 10:30 a. m. Luncheon will be held at the Medford Hotel. The afternoon session will open at

11:30 a. m. with Mrs. William Kletzer, state commander, giving a talk on "Lay Education in Cancer Control." Mrs. E. E. Siegley, field secretary, will talk on "Tools to Implement the Program." The Oregon division service program will be outlined by Dr. Queen and Mrs. Kletzer. County commanders will close the session with a panel discussion on "What Can the Field Army Do."

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