

## Alleged GI Deserter Says He Was Abducted, Abused By French Foreign Legion

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(AP)—A navy court-martial board today weighed James Patrick Ryan's story that he didn't really desert his ship in 1947 but was shanghaied into the French foreign legion.

The court was expected to reach a decision today after hearing argument from young Ryan's attorney, Lt. Cmdr. R. H. Kroetz, who is prosecuting the case.

Ryan, 24-year-old Huntingdon, Pa., army combat veteran of the last war, is a postwar navy enlistee who is charged with deserting from the destroyer *Dickson* at San Remo, Italy, July 3, 1947.

He gave a harrowing account of miserable experiences endured for 16 months as an unwilling member of the fabled French foreign legion.

Ryan said he missed his ship at San Remo because he passed out after having a few drinks too many with Italian pick-up acquaintances. When he started for Nice, France, to rejoin the *Dickson*, he related, he was kidnapped by the legion. He said he endured repeated beatings because he wouldn't sign enlistment papers, but was kept in the legion anyhow.

**Flee From Indo-China**  
His long ordeal, Ryan testified, took him in and out of several

French prisons and North African legion posts and eventually into the Viet-Nam war in Indo-China. He said officials told him he was being shipped to Asia to keep him out of the hands of those trying to free him from the legion.

He said he escaped from Indo-China in October, 1948. Battered and weary, Ryan finally reported to naval authorities in Canton, China, last February.

His story of being whipped with a leather belt in North Africa was supported by Walter G. Leathe, 23, of Malden, Mass.

Leathe said he too was abducted into the legion while touring France last year, but was finally released after six months, through the intervention of Senator Saltonstall (R-Mass.).

Should Ryan be convicted, his maximum sentence would be two years confinement and a dishonorable discharge.

But questions asked of Ryan by the president of the court, Cmdr. Lloyd A. Straits, indicated that the verdict would be either acquittal or a finding of guilty on repeated beatings because he wouldn't sign enlistment papers, but was kept in the legion anyhow.

Conviction for unauthorized leave carries a maximum sentence of six months plus the time of the unauthorized leave—in this case three or four days.



**MANHATTAN PARACHUTIST**—Leonardo D'Attolice (left), who described himself as a former paratrooper, munches on a sandwich as he sits in a New York police station after being taken into custody after making a parachute drop over midtown Manhattan. In landing d'Attolice's parachute draped over a chimney atop a nine story apartment on East 38th street (right). D'Attolice holds his camera with which he made movies during his drop. (AP Wirephoto)

## Remains Of Primitive Group Who Roamed Western America Many Centuries Ago Found In Wyoming

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Extensive remains of a primitive group of hunters, who roamed the American west thousands of years before Christ's birth, have been unearthed near Cody, Wyo., it was disclosed here today.

Dr. Loren Eiseley of the University of Pennsylvania said the Wyoming camp site probably dates back to between 5,000 and 12,000 years before Christ.

He called the find one of the most important ever made in connection with the culture of the Yuma, the Nomadic group who disappeared centuries ago as a cultural unit. They were among the earliest known inhabitants of the new world.

Dr. Eiseley estimated that the ancient camp site covered about 600 square feet of a terrace overlooking Sage creek, five miles northeast of Cody.

The valuable deposit of tools, weapons and food remains were preserved through the centuries by dusty desert sands, now covering the camp site to a depth of about 10 inches.

The Yuma were foot hunters who roved the high plains of the American west in search of bison. Evidence of their existence have been found before. Dr. Eiseley said, but never so extensively or in a deposit that may enable scientists to fix more accurately the period in which they lived.

For example, he said, from the

bison bones on the site it may be possible to determine whether the Yuma lived before certain types of bison became extinct late in the ice age.

No human bones were found, Dr. Eiseley said.

He expects to take another year to evaluate the findings on the site, although the excavating is expected to end before winter sets in.

### VITAL STATISTICS

**Marriage License**  
HALSTEAD-MILLER — Benjie LeRoy Halstead, Myrtle Creek, and Cleone Gertrude Miller, Roseburg.

**Divorce Suits Filed**  
STORA—Suzanne E. vs. Fred M. Stora. Married at Salem Feb. 9, 1929. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Property settlement asked.

**FIELDS**—Mary Jacqueline vs. Marvin Roscoe Fields. Married at Crescent City, Calif., May 28, 1947. Custody of their one child, \$25 a month support and property settlement asked. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged.

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milking machines until a new light plant can be secured and installed. But it is proving "rugged" in the home, which was entirely equipped with electrical appliances.

## Detroit Dam Job Overcrowds Locality's Schools

DETROIT, Ore., Sept. 2.—(AP)—Construction of the new Detroit dam on the North Santiam river is going along briskly—and that's a headache for school teachers.

That's because the influx of population threatens to overcrowd the schools. Mill City, which had 1,223 residents in 1947, is estimated at 2,500 population now. Detroit, Gates, and the surrounding areas have boomed, too.

School officials said that even the newly built schools may not be enough to accommodate pu-

pils easily. Mill City has a new 12-room grade school; Gates has added new facilities; and Lyons consolidated district plans to complete a building in October.

Meanwhile work continued apace on the dam. The 1,400-foot diversion tunnel through the mountain on the south bank will be opened today. Crews reported solid rock throughout, promising a solid foundation for the dam.

Construction was also going forward on the fish hatchery, being built at Marion forks to care for salmon and game trout whose spawning grounds will be cut off by Detroit dam.

## August Jobless Payments Post Summer Record

SALEM, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Oregon's unemployed received more jobless benefits during August than in any other summer month in history, the State Unemployment Compensation commission reports.

The August payments totaled \$1,266,764 to covered workers, plus \$267,120 to war veterans who couldn't find jobs.

The August total was 27.7 percent more than in July, and was 163 percent more than in August 1948.

The previous summer high mark was in July, 1946, but the

August total was \$100,000 more than that one.

Heavy industry accounts for more than half of the unemployment. Last week, 30 percent of the jobless were in the logging and lumber industry, 20 per cent in construction and food processing industries, and 16 percent in other manufacturing.

If homemade doughnuts are greasy after they have been deep-fat fried, the chances are that the fat in which they were cooked was not hot enough.

## Power House On Milk Ranch Burns

The power house on the Wallace Townsend ranch, near Reedsport, burned to the ground late Sunday night, with an estimated loss of about \$2,000.

The family was retiring for the night at about 10 p. m., when an explosion occurred in the power house as they shut off the last light in the house, which was supposed to close down the automatic light plant.

By the time they could reach the scene of the explosion, the fire was burning fiercely and could not be put out, so all efforts were expended to save the

family residence and the dairy barn, located at about equal distances from the burning building.

Besides the light plant, other equipment stored in the burned building—all of which was lost—included an extra milking machine unit, separator, about \$50 worth of tools and a \$250 saddle, none of which was insured.

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