

VICTORIA IS CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



MRS. HENRY BAILEY Sr., who lives on the Forestry road in Riverside, is shown admiring an ornamental gourd which she has grown from stock obtained from California. This gourd now is 48 inches long and still is growing. "During the last of August," Mrs. Bailey informed me, "it grew 7 1/2 inches in just two days. We measured it!"

RETAIL MERCHANTS MEET

Large Attendance Present To Hear Final Plans For Big Fall Opening Program

The largest group to attend a Roseburg Retail Trade association meeting this year met at the Umpqua hotel Wednesday noon to hear final plans for the Fall Opening and street light inauguration slated for Sept. 21.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS story comes from Washington:

A self-styled member of the U. S. communist party says Russia has sent a secret "trouble shooting unit" to this country. He explained that communists think the party is in danger of being driven underground and that the purpose of the trouble shooting unit is to keep that from happening.

The communist in question is named Malkin, and he made his statement in the course of testimony given before the senate judiciary committee.

HE made another interesting statement.

The total number of card-carrying communist party members

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TWO TRAFFIC DEATHS

PORTLAND, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Death of a pedestrian minister and a motor-scooter rider Wednesday raised the city's traffic toll for the year to 14 deaths, half the total for the same period last year.

The Rev. Charles R. Rodman, 72, an Apostolic Faith pastor, was struck by a motorcycle. Michael Pistorasi, 34, died of injuries suffered last month.

American Soldier Relates Tale Of Harsh Treatment After Soviet Prison Escape

BERLIN, Sept. 16.—(AP)—An American soldier burrowed out of a Soviet jail in east Berlin and related a story today of beatings and mistreatment during his 10 months confinement by the Russians.

The American, Private John J. Sienkiewicz, 26, of Baltimore, told U. S. officers Soviet officials thought, because of his name, that he was a Polish displaced person being used to spy on the Russians.

He said he and three British companions used a blunt knife to bore through a thick wall until they could reach through and open their cell door. Then they made their way to the western sectors of Berlin.

Sienkiewicz was taken to an army hospital and reported to be in a "generally weakened physical condition but not unduly undernourished."

He had been held by the Russians since last Nov. 5, when he rode a streetcar into the Soviet sector of the city by error. He said he was questioned 16 days and nights and "beaten when they said I was lying." He said

The Weather
Partly cloudy and cooler today with widely scattered showers; becoming fair and warmer Saturday.
Sunset today 6:22 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:54 a. m.

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Giant B-36 Bomber Crashes Into Texas Lake

Three Killed; Others Sought In Wreckage

Eight Of Crew Saved; Mystery Of Crash Is Reported Unexplained

FORT WORTH, Texas, Sept. 16.—(AP)—A Giant B-36, world's largest bomber, crashed into a lake last night, taking three or more lives.

Air force officers said they were mystified by the 326,000-pound giant's plunge into Lake WORTH. An unexplained power failure was blamed.

One member of the crew of 13 was killed in the crash. Bodies of two other crewmen, caught in the submerged wreckage of the huge craft, were recovered today.

Two airmen still were missing. Eight of the crew survived.

The six-engined giant roared down Carswell Air Force base's long runway just after dusk last night, rose only a few feet and fell into the lake at 100 miles an hour.

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The News-Review

TITO SUPPORT ASSURED

Secretary Acheson Reports U.S.-British-French Plan To Deal In Soviet Cold War

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson reported to President Truman and the cabinet today on new U. S. British-French measures to deal with Russia in the cold war.

The report was made at a 45-minute meeting in the White House. Acheson, however, declined afterwards to discuss it with reporters. It was the regular Friday cabinet meeting.

Crisis Looming In Soft Coal Pension Dispute

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Roseburg Lions To Honor Best Football Player

Win, lose or draw, the Roseburg Lions club will be behind the local high school football team. This announcement came from Norman Siefarth, committee chairman, who stated that the club is beginning early to show its support.

The outstanding Roseburg player of each game will be feted at the following Thursday's club dinner meeting, and his name will be engraved on a cup, to be presented at the meeting.

Since AAU rules prohibit a high school player from keeping the cup permanently until after graduation, the trophy will remain in the player's possession one week only. Provision is made that the player who has his name engraved the most number of times during season shall, upon graduation, be entitled to keep the cup.

The entire team will be honored at the end of the season with a Lions club banquet.

Italian Aviators Take Longest Way To Return

LAGENS, The Azores, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Italian Aviators John M. Bronello and Camillo Baroglio are taking the long way home.

The weather from here to Lisbon (780 miles) is bad so the men decided to fly instead to New York (2000 miles) and return to Lisbon (2780 miles) by boat.

They took off this morning at 10:15 a.m.

The two flyers abandoned an attempt to make a non-stop single-engine Atlantic flight last week when a fuel pipe clogged.

The flyers' New York representative reported that three hours and 32 minutes after the take-off they radioed that they had flown 840 miles.

Nighthawks Are Treated To Street Light Display

Nighthawks were pleasantly surprised about 3 o'clock this morning, when the city street department turned on the new lighting system to test its operation.

Jackson street blazed with a noontime brightness as the new-type street lights blinked on. The lights on Main street appeared not to be nearly as brilliant as those on Jackson.

The new street lights will be turned on officially Wednesday, Sept. 21, the night of the annual Fall Opening and treasure hunt.



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Jury Returns Verdict After Long Session

Judge Wimberly To Pass Sentence Monday To End Case Of Long Standing

Victoria Sanders was found guilty of manslaughters last night, by a jury of five men and seven women. The jurors returned to the court room shortly after midnight, after deliberating more than seven hours.

When Victoria heard the verdict, read by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly, her eyes closed and her smile left her face. While the judge polled the jurors, Victoria's hands were grasped by John W. Purvis, Paul E. Geddes, who earlier in the day had made a plea for her freedom, was not present.

Others in the court room last night included District Attorney Robert G. Davis and his assistant, Dudley Walton; State Police Sgt. Lyle H. Harrell, and a group of witnesses who testified during the nine-day trial. All were solemn.

When Victoria returns to the state penitentiary next week, she will be completing her three-year term on a previous charge of writing fictitious checks, as well as starting a new sentence on the manslaughter conviction.

Closes Old Case

The jury's verdict last night closed a case which police have been investigating since Oct. 28, 1947, when they discovered the body of Ralph Mojonnier dead on the bed in the home he shared with Victoria, two miles west of Drain.

Although Mojonnier had been killed by gunshot, as a wound in his forehead indicated, and a .22 caliber rifle lay beside his body, he could not have killed himself because the bullet followed a downward course through his head, according to expert testimony in the trial.

Police searched for Miss Sanders, who left the scene with her child Oct. 28. She was found in Portland and returned to the Drain justice court to face charges of writing fictitious checks. Her child was left in a Portland hospital.

The young woman was committed to the Steilacoom hospital following the shock of an assault all-night attack May 27.

The 10 Tacoma men were accused of the attacks on Mrs. Charlton three months ago but were not charged until recently. The prosecutor's office had held it would be impossible to get a conviction because the woman would be considered incompetent to testify.

Authorities said she was thrown nude out of an automobile after 10 hours of assault.

Prosecutor Patrick Steele indicated yesterday the woman's death would mean an end to the rape case. He said he would confer with State Attorney General Smith Troy today on legal aspects.

Study Of Higher Prices For Gold Voted By Fund

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Governors of the International Monetary Fund voted unanimously today to start a study of a proposed higher price for gold. The United States assented reluctantly.

The fund and the \$8,000,000,000 World Bank held closed sessions this morning. Both governing boards approved the study, dissenting from their committees and from the management of the global lending agencies.

The bank in its closed session, approved the application of the Republic of Haiti for membership and fixed \$2,000,000 as its share to be subscribed in the bank's capital, March 31, 1950, was set as the deadline for posting the funds and accepting membership.

Since Haiti also would join the fund, its acceptance would raise the membership in both organizations to 49 countries.

The date for Liberia's acceptance of membership was postponed until next March 31.

Camille Gutt, managing director of the fund, who reported the actions within the closed fund meeting, said the committee is to make a start, however small, on the removal of world-wide currency restrictions.

Marshall Plan Administrator Sees Self-Supporting Europe By 1952, Upon Return Here

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Sept. 16.—(AP)—Marshall Plan Administrator Paul G. Hoffman foresees a self-supporting western Europe as a "definite possibility" by June 30, 1952.

In his first major speech since returning two weeks ago from a tour of seven European countries, Hoffman disclosed that the plan is now ahead of schedule.

However, he cautioned that fulfilling the target date "is going to take a lot of doing on the part of both Europeans and Americans."

He spoke last night at a meeting of the Michigan Municipal League.

As a further means of advancing world prosperity, Hoffman advised the United States to take a "slightly higher percentage" of European imports. He said this would be balanced by "our own high volume of American exports."

World trade is essential to American prosperity, he said, and it requires "a two-way street." Hoffman also called upon this country to "give full evidence that we intend to carry the four-year Marshall Plan through to its completion."

The amount of aid "must be on a decreasing scale," he said, "but if Europe meets her obligations under that plan we should meet ours."

For Europe, he advised achievement of "an economic unification which will create a single market of 275,000,000 consumers, for whom European industry and agriculture can produce economically and to whom European manufacturers and farmers can sell freely."

"Only within such a framework can Europe begin to become truly self-supporting," he said.

Europe's second urgent task is that of "earning more dollars," the Marshall Plan administrator said.