

Preacher Tells Of Flogging By Armed Band

ATLANTA, Jan. 14.—(AP)—A bulky itinerant Italian preacher reporter here that a group of armed, masked men flogged him with a metal tipped belt after accusing him of living with negroes in a south Georgia town.

The 59-year-old preacher said he was Michael Picardi and was traveling around the country to raise funds for a church he was building at Columbus, Ohio.

Six or seven men, he related yesterday, dragged him from the pulpit of a small negro church at Cairo, Ga., Thursday, made him take off his clothes in an automobile and thrashed him as the car sped through the night.

Picardi's head was bandaged and he was splattered with blood when he told his story in the Associated Press office here. He displayed a doctor's certificate describing the treatment he had received after the beating.

He said his abductors asked him: "Why don't you preach in a white man's church?"

Reports Conservation A man in the front seat, Picardi added, told him between curses: "Hell, we're gonna see that you people of the north know there is a dixie line."

At Cairo, Sheriff C. H. Strickland said he had received reports Picardi was living with a Negro family and that he explained to him the day before the flogging "that it wasn't customary for white people to stay with Negroes."

The preacher denied he had been living with Negroes—that on the contrary, he had been sleeping in his car.

Mrs. Jean Sutherland Passes Here Friday Mrs. Jean Sutherland, widow of the late Bert Sutherland, and well-known resident of this area, died Friday at the Roseburg Sanitarium following a lingering illness.

The body has been removed to Long and Orr mortuary, and funeral services will be announced pending word from relatives.

IDENTITY CLEARED The News-Review was advised today that the Robert Keller recently mentioned in a police news report is not the Robert D. Keller, whose home address is 303 Cobble street, Roseburg. The latter is currently employed in Portland. He was a former National Guardsman here and served with the army in France and Germany.

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New Government Seen For Italy

ROME, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Italy's President Luigi Einaudi was expected to call on Christian Democrat Premier Alcide De Gasperi today to form a new government.

The president still had two political leaders to interview in his discussions with chiefs of all parties before designating a premier to resolve the current cabinet "crisis." The crisis occurred when de Gasperi's coalition cabinet resigned last Thursday to carry out a reorganization promised last October.

The Christian Democrat leader, whose party controls both houses of the Italian parliament, was considered certain to get the president's mandate.

Political circles said if De Gasperi is chosen today, he will not submit the names of his new cabinet members before next Wednesday or Thursday. The crisis is expected then to last until next Saturday, with the cabinet possibly being sworn in on Jan. 22.

Meanwhile the outgoing government continues to serve temporarily.

Season's Heaviest Snow Follows Torrential Rain

(Continued from page One) possibility that Roseburg would again be without power sometime Saturday if the power load proved to be too heavy for transmission lines. Mountain States reduced their load capacity to the minimum in order to serve this area by way of the Springfield-Roseburg line. Even essential services may be cut off locally, if other lines serving Roseburg are not repaired soon.

Copco officials said today they hope to have the southern or Prospect line repaired by 3 p.m. today. Several breaks were reported on the Roseburg-Cooch Bay line, and although some repairs have been made, including a break between north and south Myrtle creeks and one tower, the line is still not in working order. Crews are now searching for other breaks on the Cooch Bay line. Repair crews are reported to be wading through deep snow drifts in the Tokete area in an attempt to locate breaks in that line. Snow depth is reported to be five feet at Tokete camp. Although local radio contact is lost, search crews in that area are being aided to some extent by wading through deep snow drifts in the Tokete area in an attempt to locate breaks in that line. Snow depth is reported to be five feet at Tokete camp.

Sun Shines At least some relief from the sub-freezing 27 degree minimum noted here last night was evidenced this morning by brilliant sunshine which reflected off the city's snow drifts. However, with partial clearing skies forecast for today, came a forecast for additional cold weather this afternoon and tonight, with the thermometer to skid below last night's minimum. A few snow showers are also expected during the afternoon and evening.

State police said this morning they had no reports on snow depth along highway 99, except to note that traffic was blocked at Canyonville, Sexton mountain, in the Skisquoy, and "at least eight or ten places in northern California.

Road Partially Blocked At last reports, received early this morning, state police said the highway north was partially blocked at Rice hill and travel there was termed "nearly impossible." They said the highway south of Eugene was blocked by water.

A weather and highway report, received by state police late last night from Portland, had every highway east and south blocked out of that city. The night's minimum there was reported as 17 degrees.

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Trading Of School Leave Periods By Vets Explained

Veterans administration explains provisions allowing veterans in colleges and universities under the GI bill to trade leave time, previously taken, for additional entitlement for education.

They may do this, the VA explained, by refunding subsistence allowances paid to them by VA for periods of automatic end-of-term leave. They then will be credited with an equivalent amount of GI bill entitlement.

By making the refunds, the VA said, a number of veterans nearing the end of their entitlement may be able to complete a term, quarter or semester at government expense.

The leave for which they may refund subsistence is only that given, without their specifically having asked for it, at the end of the school year or other period of enrollment. It does not include time off for holidays, with-in-term vacations, time off between terms or semesters and the like. Those periods are considered a part of the regular school year.

The leave, the VA emphasized, must have been granted automatically. If a veteran was given a choice in the matter, he generally is not entitled to the privilege of refunding subsistence for added entitlement.

One Exception Cited There is one exception. If elected to take his end-of-school leave and did not cash his subsistence check covering that period, he may turn in his check and have the entitlement charge removed.

The VA regulations allow a full-time college student 15 days leave at the end of each enrollment period, unless his states in advance he does not want it. During that period, he receives his usual subsistence allowance. Each 15-day extension, of course, decreases his entitlement by that much.

The regulations also permit a veteran-student to finish his semester under the GI bill if his entitlement runs out after more than half the semester is over. If entitlement expires before the halfway mark, the veteran may not complete at government expense.

By refunding subsistence for leave granted automatically, a veteran might possibly use the 15 days' extra entitlement to carry him past the mid-point and therefore complete his semester under the GI bill.

In Another Category VA stated that a veteran may refuse subsistence for only an entire 15-day period, not a fraction of that period.

Another, and smaller, category of veterans also may be entitled to exchange subsistence allowances for added training time, the VA said. This category includes those who quit their GI bill courses during the month and received subsistence—although they were not in training—to the end of the month.

These veterans may refund subsistence allowances, as well as tuition paid to the school, for the period they were not in training, in order to conserve those days of entitlement.

No forms are available for the purpose of refunding subsistence allowances to VA veterans who want further information should write to the appropriate VA regional office. They should not send any money until asked to do so by the VA.

Army Ship Alongside Vessel In Distress SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—(AP)—An Army transport reported today she has reached the distressed Chinese freighter Tungping and is escorting the vessel to Honolulu.

The U. S. Coast Guard said the Army transport Private Frank J. Petracca radioed at 4 a.m. PST that damage aboard the Chinese ship was "under control" and conditions were improving.

Local News

In Portland—Mrs. and Mrs. Burdette Leas are spending several days in Portland on business.

To Meet Monday—A meeting of the executive committee of the Camp Fire Guardians' association and members of the committees for the Camp Fire Girls Father-Daughter banquet has been called Monday for 1:30 p.m. at the Camp Fire office in Miller's Mercantile store.

Returns to School—Jean Petrequin left recently for San Diego State college, where he is a sophomore, after visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ray S. Petrequin at Melrose. His father is reported convalescing satisfactorily at his home after receiving medical treatment at the Veterans hospital. Jean enjoyed a three weeks' visit here before leaving for California.

Dinner Postponed—The Episcopal church dinner, scheduled for Monday at the Episcopal parish hall has been postponed until a future date, church members announced today. Church members are requested to watch the newspaper for announcement of the new date.

Meeting Planned—Green P.T.A. Study club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 17 at the home of Mrs. John Cornelson. There will be a potluck luncheon and all members are invited. Those having sacks for dish towels are asked to bring them.

Meeting Postponed—The dinner of Evergreen Grange scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 21 has been postponed until further notice according to members of the Grange.

Home Extension—Lookingglass Home Extension unit will meet Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Dale Zeller. Brockway. Topic will be "Landscaping Home Grounds." County agent, Mrs. Corinne McTaggart will be in charge.

Chinese Communists Grab U. S. Consular Property (Continued from page One)

not wish them to be there." Butterworth said there are four American compounds—building or groups of buildings enclosed by a wall—in Peiping and that the American personnel had been forced out of one of them and into another adjoining.

The compound from which they were forced out was the one housing the official consulate offices.

Butterworth said that some of the United States archives have been destroyed by the consulate staff and some have been removed from the evacuated compound, also that some of the extremely valuable code materials have been destroyed and some retained by the Peiping Americans.

He called the Communist seizure a "completely unprecedented action."

The announcement disclosed American protests to the Chinese Communist authorities, including Foreign Minister General Chou En Lai.

Two Children Freeze To Death During Walk RITZVILLE, Wash., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Two small children who tried to walk home with their father after the family car stalled in drifts on a country road, froze to death near here early today, Sheriff Frank Lucas reported.

Lucas said the victims were Donnie Stumpf, 8, and his sister Irene, 9. The father, Fred Stumpf, was taken to a Ritzville hospital and the sheriff described his condition as "serious."

Second Time In Year Parents Lose A Son PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—(AP)—A Portland couple learned today that for the second time in a year an air crash has killed a son.

The Air Force informed Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Rathgeber that their son, Sgt. Frank C. Rathgeber, 23, was among 13 killed in a crash of a training glider near Fort Benning, Ga.

A year ago another son, Capt. William A. Rathgeber, died in the crash of a Berlin airlift plane in England.

The family moved here from Spokane in 1944.

Rep. Ellsworth Bemoans Loss Of Secretary

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP) Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore) said sort of mournfully today that his daughter, Jane, is leaving his office staff in February.

He wasn't mournful when he announced that the reason is because she's going to be married, probably in May, to Thomas F. McKenna, an attorney of Santa Fe, N. M.

But, you see, Jane has been "an extremely capable member" of his staff, he said, and has been taking dictation from him at home late at night and on Sundays.

The congressman explained that he persuaded Jane to leave a position as private secretary to the vice president of a large radio network last fall to work for him.

When he went home during the adjournment of Congress, he said she set up an office in the House and he could spend the days out speech-making and give her dictation at night.

"Now Jane is leaving the office in February," he told a reporter.

Stock Market Stages Rally NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The stock market made a strong comeback late yesterday after weathering a series of sharp droppings earlier in the day.

Prices showed losses of a few cents to more than \$1 a share. Gains were of equal size, but losses outnumbered gains by 2 to 1.

By closing time, however, the renewed strength had restored much of the decline. The Associated Press average of 60 stocks lost 20 cents and closed at \$71.70.

Volume of trading amounted to 3,330,000 shares, the highest since May 14, 1948, and moderately above Thursday's total of 2,970,000 shares.

The break in the market started late Thursday, and continued well into yesterday. Four times during the day, the quotations tumbled behind actual floor transactions—once by as much as four minutes.

Then came the rally of buying. Piling up gains right to the close. It was led by a recovery in the radio-television issues and the railroads—both of which had slumped under the earlier general selling pressure.

Robeson Concert Aide Dismissed As Reservist WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The army confirms that it has dropped a reserve officer who helped sponsor a Paul Robeson concert, but declined to say what were the reasons.

A spokesman said Leon Straus was discharged Nov. 23. Straus had held a reserve commission as a second lieutenant.

Straus said in New York that he "surmised" he was given a discharge "other than honorable" because he was a sponsor of the Robeson concert that ended in rioting at Peekskill, N. Y., in September.

Wilbur By ELSIE BROZIO Mrs. Todhunter and nephew, Donald Childress, have returned to their home in Wilbur after a months vacation visiting her father and family in Big Springs, Texas.

Terry Merritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Merritt, is ill at his home with the mumps.

Douglas Woodward has returned home after spending a short time working in Michell, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Moore and family have moved into the duplex owned by A. R. Hill.

Births At Mercy Hospital

WHITLEY — To Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph Whitley, Clearwater camp Tokete, Jan. 12, a son, Ted Dell; weight six pounds.

ROGERS — To Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Estil Rogers, Roseburg, Jan. 13, a daughter, Kathryn Marie; weight eight pounds four ounces.

GETTY — To Mr. and Mrs. Orville William Getty, Oakland, Jan. 13, a son, Gary George; weight eight pounds ten ounces.

LYNCH — To Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Lynch, route 4, Roseburg, Jan. 13, a daughter, Gail Marie; weight five pounds twelve ounces.

German-Soviet Pact Denied FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 14.—(AP)—An east German foreign ministry spokesman described today as "complete fabrication" a newspaper report that the Russians have signed a pact with east Germany guaranteeing its military defense.

The non-Communist Ruhr Nachrichten of Dortmund published a story saying that a three-year mutual friendship and assistance pact was signed in Moscow last Dec. 17 by east German Foreign Minister George Dertinger and Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet foreign minister.

In Berlin Max Keillon, press chief of the east German foreign ministry, said the story "is a complete fabrication. It is without any basis whatsoever. That is all I have to say."

Quoting its Berlin correspondent in the Soviet zone, the newspaper said formal declaration of the agreement is to be made by east German President Wilhelm Pieck on the day the last German war prisoner is released from Russian prisons. There release reportedly is expected Jan. 18 or 20.

The report said the pact provides a guarantee by Russia to defend the political integrity of east Germany, including military protection, so long as the east German government has no armed forces of its own.

U. N. Ignores Soviet Action LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The United Nations security council plans to go ahead with normal work despite the latest Soviet walkout.

The ten remaining nations on the council intend to ignore Russia's challenge that council actions are not legal as long as Nationalist China holds its high power seat in the 11-nation security organ.

The Russians yesterday lost their fight to unseat Chinese Nationalist delegate T. F. Tsiang, Soviet representative Jakob Malik quit the council chamber in his second walkout of the week.

Russia, India and Yugoslavia—who have recognized the Chinese Communist government—voted to oust the Nationalists here.

Britain and Norway, who also have recognized the Chinese Reds, abstained. They contended expulsion would be premature until a majority of the 59 United Nations switched recognition from the Nationalists to the Communists.

Voting against the Soviet demand were the United States, France, China, Cuba, Ecuador and Egypt. Seven affirmative votes were needed to kick out the Nationalists.

Malik's action and statements were attacked by remaining members. Then, over Yugoslavia's objection, the council restored Tsiang to the chairmanship he holds for January.

YOUTHS RELEASED Lewis Ray Heavilin, 19, Klamath Falls, and George Hansen, 23, Eagle Creek, have been released from the county jail upon order of Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes. They had been held for questioning on a petty larceny charge, but they were found innocent, said Geddes.

WIFE, DAUGHTER DIE CHAUMONT, N. Y., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Mrs. Helen Hart, 43, wife of a prominent boat dealer and yachtsman, and her four-year-old daughter perished today in a fire that destroyed their home near this northern New York community.

Professors Lost In Rugged Land

MANILA, (AP)—Fifty ground searchers, planes and a helicopter methodically covered canyons and mountains in the continuing hunt for two American professors, two weeks overdue on a hiking trip in the rugged country north of Manila.

Ground patrols returned to comb the high mountains southwest of Hungduan after a widespread 10-day search failed to yield a trace of Dr. Robert F. Conklin and Prof. Marvin Pittman of the University of Philippines staff. The patrols include American civilians and members of a 13th Air Force rescue Squadron.

The two professors were traced along a trail in the wild Ifugao region about 75 miles northeast of Baguio until Christmas day. (The Ifugao's were formerly headhunters.) This was their fifth day out on a projected 10-day trip which was to take them through some territory never visited by white men.

Filipino trackers with the patrols were unable to find the professors' trail after Christmas day.

Immunity In Formosa Hearing Said Needed (Continued from page One)

The foreign relations committee about that on the Senate floor yesterday.

Connally retorted he couldn't speak for the President. But he added: "If I were president and someone differed violently with me, he wouldn't be a subordinate very long."

Senator Morse (R-Ore) took issue with Brewster. He told a reporter: "I don't think a congressional committee should be used as a sanctuary in which officers can hide their insubordination."

Morse said the civilian head of a military department must consider the private views of an officer in determining if the man can be trusted in carrying out policy.

He argued that the civilian military leaders couldn't ignore an officer's private views just because they are given to a congressional committee.

Italian Court Helps Roberto, Ingrid Some TURIN, Italy, Jan. 14.—(AP)—An Italian court today removed one of the obstacles that has been keeping film director Roberto Rossellini from marrying his leading lady, Ingrid Bergman.

An assizes court ruled that the Austrian annulment of Rossellini's marriage to Marcella de Marchis is valid in Italy.

Rossellini and his former wife were represented in court by attorneys. The court had said it would make no effort to investigate the reasons for the reported annulment, but only would establish that an Austrian court had issued the annulment decree.

Egyptian Papers Told Of End To Censorship CAIRO, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Cairo's newspapers have been told censorship is over but outgoing cables still must pass official scrutiny.

Censorship of the local press, authorized May 15, 1948, when Egyptian troops entered Palestine, has been suspended when the national election campaign began in December. It was reimposed Thursday.

Yesterday the Interior ministry said censorship of local newspapers had again been lifted.

TORNADO KILLS ONE MENA, Iraq, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Winds of near tornado force killed a farm woman and injured her husband near here Friday.

The victim was Mrs. L. A. Roop, 63. Her husband, 64, suffered head and hip injuries.

The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office Roseburg, Oregon Colder with decreasing snow showers today. Partially clearing this afternoon and tonight; partly cloudy Sunday with a few snow showers.

Highest temp. any Jan. 71
Lowest temp. for any Jan. 6
Highest temp. yesterday 42
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. 27
Precipitation last 24 hrs.84
Precipitation from Jan. 1 5.20
Precipitation from Sept. 1 16.65
Excess from Jan. 1 3.07

Four Persons Missing Amid Oregon's Snows (Continued from page One)

expected in the flooded areas of the Ohio River valley, sending temperatures down to around normal from yesterday's spring-like readings. Rain, which had doused the watershed for several days, had ended. More families left their homes as waters spilled over lowlands. Other river areas braced for major floods.

The blizzard which hammered the Pacific Northwest was blamed for at least seven deaths all in Washington. Highway traffic was snarled throughout the storm belt. Air travel was halted and train service curtailed.

The storm hit hard on the Washington coast. Winds reached a velocity of 60 to 70 miles an hour and at Redmond, Ore., it howled at a velocity of 78 miles an hour. Seattle's weather bureau said the storm was one of the worst in the city's history. The city was blanketed with a 10-inch snowfall. The mercury was 13 above last night.

A dozen or more fishing boats at Grays Harbor were grounded or sank. The coast guard guided lost vessels to port through the swirling, powdery snow over Puget sound.

Across the continent, storm warnings were hoisted on the Atlantic coast from Maine to North Carolina. Winds of 40 miles an hour were reported.

A cottony fog hung over New York, halting operations at the city's busy airports and hampering ship movements in the harbor.

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