

Jury Acquits Bednasek In Coed's Death

Verdict Greeted With
Spectators' Approval;
Youth, Jurors In Tears

IOWA CITY, Ia., April 5.—(AP)—Robert E. Bednasek was found innocent today of the charge that he strangled Pretty Margaret Anne (Gee-Gee) Jackson in a University of Iowa off-campus rooming house the early morning of last Dec. 11.

This meant that the jury accepted the defense story that the coed's death was "a tragic accident," the state had asked conviction for first degree murder and the death penalty.

The four women and eight men who decided against the state's theory that the girl's death was "cold, calculated murder" motivated by jealousy had taken the case approximately 23 hours earlier.

Bednasek himself had appeared confident even before he received word that a verdict had been reached. Sheriff J. J. Murphy said he had to wake Bednasek up to give him breakfast, so soundly had the young man slept.

The court-room, though only half-filled, was taut with emotion as the verdict was passed to district Judge James P. Gaffney who read it after first admonishing against any demonstration.

When the verdict of innocent was read, however, there was a shout of exultation from some of the spectators.

The handsome defendant leaned his head back momentarily and then embraced Defense Attorney Clair Hamilton. Both wept and Bednasek then sank back into his chair at the counsel table, rested his head on his arms and sobbed.

Bednasek then rose and walked to the jury box, exclaiming: "God bless you all."

He then shook hands with each juror. Several of the jury members were in tears. Mrs. Irene Cogan, wife of a retired farmer, embraced the youth and they rubbed cheeks.

Bednasek then went into the law library where his Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers were waiting.

"I am the happiest man in the world," he said.

Bednasek was charged with strangling the coed following a private supper party of wine and lobster and a formal fraternity dance.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I've just finished skimming the news of the world and the nation as rattled off by the teletype. It's a mess.

WONDER if anyone in southern Oregon, in times like these, would be interested in the case of a girl who badly needs a loan of \$30 to enable her to finish her sophomore year at the University of Oregon.

She's working her way through. She has a job that pays her room and board and a little bit more. Her tuition fees for the spring term will be \$47.50. Toward this, she has saved up \$17.50. But she just can't manage the other \$30.

She knows what education means. She wants it. She's working hard to get it. Despite the time it takes to earn her way, her grade average is up in the top brackets.

KNOW the danger in these days of getting a reputation as a liberal giver. You're pretty sure to be run ragged. But if anyone would like to take a chance on this girl

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DAD REMEMBERS

LOS ANGELES, April 5.—(AP)—In the midst of a \$2,000 holdup at a night club yesterday, a gunman suddenly remembered he was a father.

He scooped up a handful of quarters from the manager's desk, saying "I'll just take some of these for the baby's bank."

Regional Meeting Of League Of Cities Slated In Roseburg

Budgets, Improvement Planning,
Proposed Legislation On Agenda

City budgeting, local improvement planning and financing, proposed state legislation and many other items of current interest to city officials and civic leaders of this area will be on the agenda of a regional League of Oregon Cities dinner meeting which has been scheduled for April 11 at 7 p. m., at the Hotel Umpqua in Roseburg.

Mayor Albert G. Fliegel has issued invitations to the mayors, councilmen and other city officials of the area, and delegations are expected from Canyonville, Drain, Elkton, Glendale, Myrtle Creek, Oakland, Riddle, Sutherlin and Yoncalla. The Roseburg meeting is the 13th of a series of 22 such regional meetings being conducted throughout the state this spring which are expected to draw a total attendance of over 1,000 town and city officials.

In announcing the Roseburg dinner meeting, League President Hollis S. Smith, mayor of Grants Pass, stated that the 1950 meetings have been timed to coincide with the preliminary planning of city budgets for the new fiscal year. He said he felt that a great deal of value could be derived by the city officials through an opportunity of ex-

The Weather

Intermittent rain this afternoon and tonight with showers Thursday.

Sunset today 6:44 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:47 a. m.

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Battle For Harry Bridges Will Be Continued

Union Plans Appeal From Guilty Verdict

Two Defense Attorneys
Sentenced For Contempt
Will Also File Appeals

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—(AP)—Harry Bridges' CIO Longshore union laid plans today to carry to the supreme court, if necessary, the fight against their leader's conviction on a charge that he lied to conceal he was a Communist.

Bitterly assailing yesterday's verdict of a federal court jury, the union's officers mapped a strategy that would counter possible moves to cancel Bridges' citizenship and have him deported to Australia.

But F. Joseph Donohue, the special prosecutor for the government in the stormy 81-day trial, said he felt certain the higher courts would find no basis for a reversal.

Donohue expressed belief that Bridges' conviction of committing perjury at his 1945 naturalization hearing would result in automatic cancellation of his citizenship, followed by deportation action. Bridges, 48, and two union aides convicted with him of also conspiring to commit perjury will be sentenced Monday. Seven years terms and \$15,000 fines are possible.

Lawyers Penitized
So contentious was the trial just closed that two defense lawyers were cited for contempt. Yesterday the chief counsel, Vincent Hallinan, was sentenced to serve a six months term for contempt—the fifth such citation of his stormy law career. Another defense attorney, James Macinnis, was given

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Air Plane Crash Victim Accused Of Bank Robbery

OKARCH, Okla., April 5.—(AP)—An air force veteran stunted a small plane over the home of relatives yesterday, crashed on their farm and ended up in a hospital charged with bank robbery.

State police commissioner Paul Reed said the plane apparently was part of a movie-like getaway scheme after robbery of the First State bank in this small town, 30 miles northwest of Oklahoma City. The FBI filed the robbery charge after bank President L. W. Morris identified Jim Robinson, 28, Enid, Okla., as the man who held up bank employees at pistol point about midmorning.

Officers found \$3,788 in the pilot's jacket and pulled two pistols, a rifle and a submachine gun from the plane. They also found a sackload of ammunition.

Reed said the young bandit apparently escaped from the bank in a car stolen from Enid Monday night, drove about 30 miles through back roads to a Cimarron sandbar where he transferred to the plane.

The plane crashed near Crescent about 33 miles north of Oklahoma City, shortly after taking off from its scheduled runway. Robinson was not seriously injured.

Witnesses told officers the pilot was stunting before it plunged downward onto the farm of Ernest Rudd, an uncle of Robinson's 20-year-old wife, Aliene.

The girl had been strangled with a belt.

The automobile was parked off the Fish ranch road, in Contra Costa county.

The youth was Arthur E. Prindle, Oakland police officer. At a hospital attendants said they expected him to recover.

Young Prindle and Sally Ann had been engaged for a year and were planning to be married.

Probation Granted On
Charge Of Non-Support

William Marvin Bookout, 24, Roseburg, was placed on probation following a plea of guilty to a charge of non-support Monday in circuit court.

Originally sentenced to the penitentiary for one year, Judge Carl E. Wimberly later added a probation clause providing Bookout obey orders to support his wife and two minor children.

Jail Term, \$225 Fine
Meted To Drunken Driver

Warren Stanley Ward, 29, Roseburg, charged Saturday with the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, was sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail and was fined \$225, when he appeared in justice court, Justice A. J. Geddes reported.

Heart Artery Of Corpse Used To Save Man's Life

DETROIT, April 5.—(AP)—Henry Ford hospital today reported the use of a dead person's aorta (heart artery) to save a man's life.

The aorta is the great artery of the heart. The operation involved transplantation.

Whether the operation here was without precedent was not clear. However, recently developed techniques were said to have been used.

The patient is a 57-year-old man. It was found that he was suffering from a disease of the walls of the aorta.

The aorta was greatly distended and threatening to burst, which would have meant death.

A six-inch segment of the diseased aorta was removed and then replaced with a piece of strong aorta.

The latter had been preserved since the death of another patient five days earlier. It had been removed in a post-mortem operation.

The operation on the patient was performed by Dr. Conrad Lam of the Ford hospital staff and an assistant, Dr. H. H. Aram.

The name of the patient was not disclosed by hospital authorities, but it was explained he was suffering from an advanced thoracic aneurism, a condition in which the walls of the heart artery were diseased and giving way under heavy direct pressure from the heart.

When Dr. Lam cut away the six-inch diseased segment of the artery he severed it just two inches from the heart; witnesses to the surgery said. So that the entire lower half of the body would not be without circulation the severed part of the main artery was replaced with a tube three-quarters of an inch in diameter, which continued to feed the many smaller arteries below the heart.

Hospital attendants expressed belief the operation was a success and the patient will recover.

High School 'Frat'
Loser In Court

SALEM, April 5.—(AP)—The Salem school board was free to go ahead today and expel 18 high school boys for membership in a school fraternity.

But the board's final action depends on whether the state supreme court issues a temporary injunction to allow the boys to stay in school pending their appeal to the high court.

Circuit Judge Dal M. King, Coquille, filed his formal order yesterday holding that the school board had authority to expel the boys. At the same time, he refused to continue a temporary injunction which has allowed the boys to remain in school since they first were expelled last October.

Attorneys for the boys filed notice of appeal to the supreme court yesterday, but they have not yet asked the supreme court for an injunction.

The school board has until next Monday to decide what to do, as there is no school this week.

Girl's Corpse In Auto,
Fiance Unconscious

OAKLAND, Calif., April 5.—(AP)—An 18-year-old girl was found strangled today in an automobile. Beside her, a young man lay unconscious, his wrists slashed.

Police identified the girl as Sally Ann Humphreys of Berkeley, daughter of Alfred St. John Humphreys, member of a pioneer family.

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Ten Catholic Clergymen Face Prison

Sentences Imposed By
Czech Court On Charges
Of Treason And Spying

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, April 5.—(AP)—A Roman Catholic clergyman was sentenced today by a Prague court to life imprisonment on charges of high treason and spying for the Vatican.

His nine co-defendants, all of them Catholic clergymen, received lighter sentences ranging from two to 25 years.

The official Czechoslovakia news agency reported that nine of the clergymen were convicted of either anti-state activity or treason or both. The other drew a two-year sentence because he knew of the activities of the others and did not report them.

Some of the defendants were charged with contacting foreign groups and collecting weapons to be used against the government.

The life imprisonment was ordered for Dr. Jan Mastalik, 39-year-old Redemptorist monk who was director of the Moravian Theological institute.

Sentenced to 25 years were Dr. Frantisek Silham, 45, provincial (director) of the Jesuit order in Czechoslovakia; and Augustin Machalka, 45, abbot of the monastery at Nova Rise, Bohemia.

Other sentences: Bohumil Vit Ruzovsky, 38, abbot of the monastery in Zelvin, Bohemia—20 years.

Dr. Sylvester Bratko, 52, Dominican monk and professor of theology at the Olomouc university—15 years.

Josef Urban, 39, Franciscan monk—14 years.

Adolf Kapr, 48, Jesuit monk—12 years.

Jan Blesik, 41, Redemptorist monk—10 years.

Frantisek Mikulasek, 37, Jesuit monk—nine years.

Stanislav Bartak, 35, monk at Nova Rise monastery—two years.

Western newsmen were barred from the trial, biggest mass prosecution of clergymen since the Communist-led government enacted a law last year setting up state control over all churches.

Wilson Brothers Spend
Night In Seclusion

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 5.—(AP)—Turman and Utah Wilson, charged with the death of Jo Ann Dewey, were expected to be brought to jail here today after having been spirited to an undisclosed place last night.

Police Chief Harry Diamond said he and Sheriff Earl Anderson feared trouble from a group gathered at the Clark county jail.

The group numbered about 30 and included Mrs. Wilson, the brothers' mother; Grant Wilson, their brother; Irvin Goodman, Portland attorney; reporters and photographers.

Diamond said, however, he didn't know who might be seated in one of the cars parked nearby and one crackpot with a gun was a possible hazard, he said.

Oregon's Mother For 1950 Named By Gov. McKay

SALEM, April 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Henry Roe Cloud, West Linn, widow of the former superintendent of the Umatilla Indian reservation, is Oregon's mother for 1950.

Governor Douglas McKay chose her yesterday in Portland for her aid in the welfare of Indian women and for other community service.

She will get her certificate from the governor at the golden anniversary banquet of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs in Portland April 20.

Mrs. Roe Cloud has four daughters who are graduates of Vassar. She has a degree in education and took nursing training.

During the recent war, she was an army nurse at Ordnance, Ore. In 1940 President Roosevelt named her to the White House conference for youth and children.

Mrs. Roe Cloud received a teaching certificate from Hampton Institute, Va., and taught among the Blackfoot Indians of Montana and studied nursing before she and Dr. Roe Cloud were married at Philadelphia in 1916.

Government Puts
Clamp On Ads Of
Cigarette Makers

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—The government today ordered a crackdown on what is called "false and misleading advertising" by some major cigarette makers.

The federal trade commission directed two of the largest companies to halt certain claims that one brand of cigarettes is superior to another.

The so-called "cease and desist" orders were against R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., makers of Camel cigarettes, and the P. Lorillard Co., producers of Old Gold.

F.T.C. said it also is considering similar action against the American Tobacco Co., and its Lucky Strike cigarettes as well as Philip Morris, Ltd., and the cigarettes which bear that company's name.

"All cigarettes contain varying amounts of nicotine and throat irritants," the commission said in announcing its action, "and there is no reliable basis in fact for advertising claims that one brand is superior to another in these respects."

The commission said that it is also studying the advertising practices of Pail Mail cigarettes, made by American Cigaret and Cigar Co., of Durham, N. C.

Gas Bill Sends Flood Of
Telegrams To Truman

KEY WEST, Fla., April 5.—(AP)—A stream of telegrams poured into the winter white house today for and against the controversial national gas bill.

Presidential Secretary Ross gave no count as to their number or the percentage for or opposed to a veto.

He said Mr. Truman is awaiting recommendations from the budget bureau and Federal departments concerned before making a decision, and that the decision may await his return to Washington Monday.

ANNUAL TASK FATAL
TRENTON, N. J., April 5.—(AP)—The man who cleans the Trenton water tank was drowned yesterday in performing his annual job.

The worker, Dick Hillard of Oldtown, had cleaned the tank for the past several years. The cause of the accident is unknown.

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'Prosperity' Plan Given By GOP Leader

Halt On Unemployment,
Socialism Trend Aim Of
Congressman Martin

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—A five-point "prosperity program" was offered today by House Republican leader Joe Martin, of Massachusetts. He called it a non-partisan proposal.

Martin said it would "go far toward reversing the tide" he declared is carrying the nation in the direction of Socialism and unemployment.

In his speech, prepared for delivery during debate on an omnibus appropriation bill, Martin called upon Congress and the president to:

1. Remove wartime excise taxes.

2. Create tax incentive for small business.

3. Balance the budget and start paying on the national debt.

4. Administer the tariff program more carefully.

5. Remove "the threat of socialization that hangs over the country."

Repeal of excise taxes, along with "severe taxes with which the small businessman is shackled," Martin said, would give business such "a hefty stimulus that there would soon be an increase in tax revenue that would more than offset the initial reduction."

Trade Programs Injurious
He called a balanced budget "the surest guarantee of our economic strength" and said the best way to accomplish this balance between income and spending is "to cut spending."

Unwise administration of the tariff and reciprocal trade programs, Martin said, already has caused widespread unemployment in some areas because of an influx of cheap goods from abroad.

He said that "as long as the United States is pushed down a course that parallels Britain, there will be a damper on the enthusiasm and daring that are the cornerstones of lasting prosperity."

Martin made no specific recommendations for cuts in spending but he is head of a Republican policy committee working on a program to cut at least a billion dollars from the \$29,045,030,164 omnibus appropriation bill now before the House.

Martin refrained from disclosing what his position would be on a proposal to add nearly \$600,000,000 to the bill for national defense. Neither did he express himself on pending amendments to restore \$75,000,000 cut by the appropriations committee from hospital construction funds.

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WANTED: EASY JOB

Or None At All
If He Can Live,
Boy's Ad Says

LOS ANGELES, April 5.—(AP)—Sonny Wisecarver, who eloped with a married woman when he was 14, and with another when he was 16, is now 21 years old. So he ran this advertisement today in a newspaper:

"Sonny Wisecarver is looking for a way of livin'—without working or doing very little. Please tell me how! If you have such a job or position, write."

He told a reporter: "I know that everybody doesn't work for a living and there must be a way to make a living without being crooked and without working."

Sonny's wife, Betty, is in Las Vegas while the young Romeo waits here for any answers to his ad.

Cordon Asks New Split In Revenue From Forests

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—Senator Guy Cordon (R-Ore.) asked the Senate Interior committee Tuesday to approve a new formula for determining revenues received by state and counties from national forests.

This new plan would pay them two percent of the "fair" value of the forest lands annually.

At present, these jurisdictions receive part of actual forest revenues from grazing, timbering and other activities.

The bill also would entitle states and counties to a 37½ percent share of mineral revenue from national forest lands.

Cordon argued that revenues on the present formula fluctuate from year to year, and that local governments would be greatly helped if they knew exactly "what aid was coming and when it was coming."

C. M. Granger, assistant chief forester, told acting committee chairman Anderson (D-NM) that the forest service is in favor of the general principle of the bill.

But he said the service believes payments to state and counties should be at the rate of only three-fourths of one percent of the fair forest value, rather than two percent.

Bloody Purge Follows
Revolt Against Red Rule

ROME, April 5.—(AP)—Albanian exiles said today a revolt against Russian domination has flared up in the ranks of Albanian Communists and resulted in a bloody purge.

The exiles, members of an Albanian liberation movement here, declared Albania's Moscow-trained strong man, interior minister Shehu, is waging a ruthless purge of "Trotskyites and Nationalists" in an effort to crush the revolt. They said Shehu had shot down in cold blood one rebellious party leader.

There have been similar reports from Belgrade of a Communist purge in Albania.

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