

Charges 'Contemptible Lies,' Lattimore Asserts



BRIDGES CONSOLATED—Longshore union chief Harry Bridges is kissed by his wife after a federal court jury in San Francisco found him guilty of perjury and conspiracy for swearing he was not and never had been a Communist. The jury deliberated 31 hours. Vincent Hallinan, attorney for Bridges, announced the verdict would be appealed. J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt, longshore officials and co-defendants in the trial, were found guilty of both a conspiracy count and a charge of aiding and abetting Bridges in the commission of perjury.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

My pleasant job is to report that a few minutes after the papers hit the street the other day the little girl who is working her way through college got the \$30 loan she needs to finish paying her spring term tuition.

I kept getting calls for hours, and without exception the late callers were ACUTELY DISAPPOINTED. They WANTED to help. Don't let the cynics fool you. This country is full of the right kind of people.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN signs the hotly-contested bill that TIGHTENS production and acreage controls and MATERIALLY LOOSENS (Continued on Page Four)

Political Boss And Ex-Convict Slaying Victims

KANSAS CITY, April 6.—(AP)—Charles Binaggio, onetime underworld leader to the late boss Tom Pendergast, and an ex-convict were slain today in a political club.

Both men had been shot in the head. The ex-convict was identified as Charlie Gargotta.

Binaggio was read of a political faction opposing remnants of Pendergast's once-powerful political organization.

The club where Binaggio was found shot was headquarters for his political group which controlled several populous northside wards.

Lt. Harry Nesbitt of the police homicide squad said no weapon was found in the clubroom.

Binaggio was head of a political faction. Nesbitt said Gargotta evidently had tried to flee and was killed at a venetian blind as he fell.

The political leader recently was a witness before a federal grand jury investigating underworld activities.

Chief of Police Henry W. Johnson said it looked as though Binaggio was shot by an acquaintance since he apparently was relaxing in the chair when he was killed.

Gargotta figured in a gangland slaying in 1933. He served 19 months in prison on a charge of assault with attempt to kill.

Highway, Street Matters To Be Discussed At Meeting Of Legislative Committee Here

The legislative highway interim committee will be in Roseburg April 15 to conduct a highway, road and street discussion meeting open to the public. The meeting, one of a series to be held at strategic points throughout the state, will be at 10 a. m. in the circuit court room.

Ralph T. Moore, the committee chairman, pointed out that the purpose of the tour is to report to the public concerning the results of the interim committee studies thus far in order to learn public opinion on basic policies to be recommended to the legislature, and to enlist the active support of the public for such future procedures as the public approves.

Moore further emphasized that the meetings are not exclusively of interest to those towns in which the meetings are held, but rather there will be only 13 meetings on the entire tour, attendance is expected from a wide area surrounding each town in which the meet-

Officers' Guns End Long Career Of Notorious Thief

LOS ANGELES, April 6.—(AP)—Fred Walter Lennan, 39, one of the nation's worst criminals is dead, beaten to the draw by a rookie officer and an FBI agent.

And today, police and federal men throughout Southern California are trying to track down his "most-wanted" partner, believed traveling in a house trailer with his wife, listed as "a dangerous gun moll."

Lennan was cut down yesterday by FBI agent Jerome J. Dount and state highway patrolman Sam H. McDaniel, after a 70-mile-an-hour chase on a desert road near Mojave, Calif.

He was spotted by Dount near Lancaster after the trio had been reported seen in that area, towing a house trailer. The car pulling the trailer was reported to contain Lennan, Lee Emory Downs, 44, listed by the FBI as one of the 10 most-wanted criminals, and Downs' wife, Patricia. Lennan apparently drove on alone to draw pursuers from Downs and his wife.

Dount set out in pursuit. At Mojave he stopped and enlisted the aid of McDaniel. They overtook Lennan's car about 10 miles west of Mojave. The gun duel followed.

The FBI said Lennan was "badly wanted" because of his association with Downs, but was not on the "top" list with Downs. The two men have worked together for years as burglars and robbers, the FBI said.

Found in Lennan's car was \$9,000 in currency.

Decree Of FitzGerald 'Fitz' Divorce Action

DETROIT, April 6.—(AP)—Mrs. Dorothy FitzGerald, 24, came before circuit judge Frank FitzGerald yesterday seeking a divorce.

The judge jestingly considers the FitzGerald a notch above the FitzGerald. The FitzGerald, he explains, are lace-curtain Irish; the FitzGerald, venetian-blinds Irish.

His honor was taken aback when Mrs. FitzGerald described her husband as a wife beater, drunk and deserter. He asked indignantly:

"How did he ever get into the FitzGerald clan?"

"By adoption," Mrs. FitzGerald answered.

"Divorce granted," said judge FitzGerald.

Moore added that it would be unnecessary for local organizations to prepare oral or written presentations, as had been requested by the previous committee for its tour two years ago. He stated that although any group having a special problem to discuss may do so, the prime purpose of the meeting is for the committee itself to outline the problems with some possible suggestions for remedy. Vigorous discussions from the floor are invited and will be expected, he said.

Meetings are also to be held at Coquille April 12 at 8 p. m.; Gold Beach, April 13, 10 a. m.; and Grants Pass, April 14, 10 a. m.

The Weather
Partly cloudy with a few scattered showers today and tomorrow.
Sunset today 6:45 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:45 a.m.

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Senate's Vote Ups Admission Of Refugees

Long, Bitter Fight Ends In 58-To-15 Vote

Religious And Racial Discriminations Seen By Truman Abolished

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Legislation to let additional thousands of European refugees come to this country to make their homes passed the Senate just before last midnight.

The bill, liberalizing the 1948 displaced persons law by raising the number that can be admitted to 350,000, caps a long and bitter struggle in the Senate. Republicans and Democrats in almost equal numbers joined to put it over, by a final vote of 58 to 15.

As passed, after stormy session that lasted nearly 12 hours and set a new record on the number of roll call votes (20), it conforms in its essentials to a measure passed by the House last June.

The argument was largely over terms on which various members felt strongly—there was general agreement all along on the basic idea of admitting more refugees.

Truman's Objections Heeded

The Senate bill eliminates provisions of the 1948 act which President Truman assailed in his election campaign as discriminatory against Catholics and Jews. He repeatedly has prodded Congress for changes in the existing law.

Differences still remain to be ironed out with the House, but Senator Kilgore (D-Wa.), a leader in the fight for the legislation in the form that was approved, said he expected no difficulty in this.

On the final vote, 27 Democrats and 31 Republicans voted for passage. Opposed were 8 Democrats and 7 Republicans.

The bill would extend the present program for a year beyond June 30 and increase the number of refugees eligible for admission to this country from 205,000 to 350,000, including orphans and adopted children.

It also would wipe out requirements that 40 per cent of the DPs admitted be from the Baltic states and 30 per cent be farmers. It would advance the eligibility "cut-off" date from Dec. 22, 1945 to Jan. 1, 1949.

Together, these three changes erase the principal provisions that gave rise to the charges of religious and racial discrimination in the present law.

The cut-off date is the time by which refugees must have entered Germany, Austria or Italy to be eligible for consideration as displaced persons.

Oregon Senators Split

Oregon and Washington senators split, but not along party lines, in the vote by which the Senate approved the bill.

Senator Magnuson, Washington Democrat, and Senator Morse, Oregon Republican, voted for the measure.

Senator Cain of Washington and Senator Cordon of Oregon, both Republicans, were opposed.

\$750,000 Blaze Admitted By Boy

WILMINGTON, Del., April 6.—(AP)—An eight-year-old boy has admitted he accidentally started a \$750,000 fire that destroyed a lumber yard and 18 homes Sunday night, Police Chief Harvey J. Wadman reported.

Wadman said yesterday the boy told him he decided to imitate his torch-carrying Indians he had seen in cowboy movies. The youngster—a Negro—was quoted as saying he soaked a discarded broom in kerosene, then ignited it.

The broom blazed immediately, frightening the boy. He dropped it in a pile of straw and the flames spread rapidly.

The police chief said the boy tried to put out the fire with a bucket of water but it spread too quickly, and the scared youngster ran home.

Wadman said he will confer with Judge Ellwood Melson, of the family court, to determine what action—if any—would be taken against the child.

The boy's name was not disclosed.

Proclamation Urges Cancer Control Support

Mayor Al Flegel today issued a proclamation "in the interest of promoting the work of the American Cancer Society" and designated the month of April as Cancer Control month.

Mayor Flegel urged the support of the society's annual campaign for funds for cancer research and education.

"... the death toll from cancer in the United States each year is of increasing concern to every body," the proclamation says in part, "and considerable public assistance is needed to combat the disease."

Truman Urges Extension Of Jobless Pay Act

KEY WEST, Fla., April 6.—(AP)—President Truman sent to Congress today a message recommending extension of unemployment compensation payments to an additional 16,000,000 persons and raising benefits by approximately 20 percent.

The message calls for legislation spelling out recommendations he made in his "state of the union" budget and economic messages to Congress in January.

White House officials said the President pleads in the message for enactment of legislation at this session since federal law must be supplemented by state enactments and many legislatures are meeting in 1951.

The text was not made public here, but presidential aides told reporters the five-point program suggested would up average paychecks by 20 percent and extend coverage to employees of from one to seven persons. In many states the laws do not apply to employers of eight or more.

One White House aide said that if the President's recommendations had been in effect in 1949, the jobless would have received \$850,000,000 more in benefit payments during unemployment periods than they did under current laws.

Youth Confesses Killing 'Sweetie'

OAKLAND, Calif., April 6.—(AP)—Arthur Prindle, 19, shaking off the effects of 12 sleeping pills, mumbled a dramatic bedside confession to his policeman-father last night: He strangled his pretty 15-year-old sweetheart in a jealous rage.

"What did you do son?" asked officer Leslie Prindle when the youth opened his eyes.

"I killed Sally," I choked her," he quavered. "... she was going out with other boys," he said haltingly.

The youth and his former fiancée, Sally Ann Humphreys, were found yesterday in a car parked in a lover's lane in nearby Contra Costa county.

The girl's body was slumped in the front seat, a man's belt tightened about her neck.

In the back seat, minus his belt, was young Prindle, his wrist bleeding from the jagged glass of the girl's compact. He was unconscious from the effect of the sleeping pills.

The youth will be charged with murder.

Census Taking Draws \$5 On Forgotten Debt

LOGAN, W. Va., April 6.—(AP)—Census-taker Amy Carper was about to leave a housewife she interviewed yesterday when the lady pressed \$5 into her hand.

"I can't accept that," said the surprised Mrs. Carper. "The Government pays us, you know."

"You don't remember me, then," the woman said. "I lived next to you 12 years ago at Omar, borrowed \$5 one day to buy milk and butter, forgot to pay you. Then we moved away. Well, here's your \$5."

Vets Administration Stays Employees' Ouster

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—The veterans administration today called off, at least temporarily, its plans to dismiss 4,700 hospital and clinic employees next Monday.

The VA also announced for the time being plans to close a number of medical clinics, but said it would go ahead with the scheduled dismissal by next Monday of 3,000 non-medical personnel.

The agency said veterans administrator Carl R. Gray Jr., has asked the budget bureau for a supplemental fund of \$2,190,000 to keep its medical personnel employed through the end of the fiscal year next June 30.

Concert Assn. Campaign Opening Dated April 17

The Community Concert association campaign will open April 17, and continue through April 22, announced Miss Gladys V. Strong, president.

The membership drive is being conducted in the spring this year, instead of the fall, as has been the custom previously. The concert series, however, will be conducted during the next winter season the same as in the past.

Letters have been sent out to the present membership asking them to renew for the coming year. Further details of the campaign will be announced later.

PLANE CRASH KILLS 4

HILLSHAM, Eng., April 6.—(AP)—An RAF Wellington bomber crashed near here last night, killing all four crewmen. The plane was on a training flight.

Reds' Lawyers Lose Appeal On Penalties

Contempt Sentences On Six Men Upheld In N. Y. On 2-To-1 Decision

NEW YORK, April 6.—(AP)—Contempt sentences imposed on lawyers who defended the 11 convicted Communist leaders have been upheld by the U. S. Circuit court of appeals in a 2-1 decision.

Appeals ranging from 30 days to six months for the six men, including Eugene Dennis, a Communist party official who acted as his own attorney.

In sustaining the penalties, the court of appeals yesterday held that the lawyers employed "crude tactics" and "willfully obstructive tactics" during the nine-month Red conspiracy trial.

The jail terms "will tend to deter imitation of that behavior in other trials," said the majority opinion, written by Judge Augustus Hand. Judge Jerome Frank wrote a separate concurring opinion.

Judge Charles E. Clark disagreed, saying the lawyers should have had a hearing before being sent to jail. However, he joined the other judges in criticizing the attorneys' conduct.

The contempt sentences were imposed by Federal District Judge Harold R. Medina last October at the end of the trial in which the 11 Red leaders were convicted of conspiring to teach forcible overthrow of the government.

Appeals Possible

Sentences of six months each were given Harry Sacher of New York, Richard Gladshtein of San Francisco and Dennis. George W. Crockett Jr., a Negro, of Detroit, and Abraham J. Isserman of New York, got four months, and Louis McCabe of Philadelphia, 30 days.

The lawyers are expected to ask permission to remain at liberty until appeals in the conspiracy case itself have been decided. They also may seek to carry the contempt sentences to the U. S. Supreme court.

Similar contempt sentences were imposed Tuesday in San Francisco on two attorneys for Harry Bridges, CIO longshoremen's union head who was convicted of swearing falsely he was not a Communist in his U. S. citizenship application.

Easter Egg Hunt Slated Saturday Rain Or Shine

The Easter bunny will operate Saturday morning—rain or shine. That's the latest word received by Patterson's Bakery, sponsors of the annual Easter egg hunt.

Children six years old and under will gather at the Veterans hospital picnic grounds Saturday morning, with the hunt scheduled to begin promptly at 10 a. m. by a signal from the sound truck.

All kinds of eggs—both candy and real ones—will be hidden under rocks, in trees and behind bushes. Some youngsters might even find candy bunnies. Special prizes will be given the ten lucky kids who find the eggs with special markings on them.

Although the age limit for contestants is six years old, adults may help the youngsters look—that is, if the older ones don't look too hard.

Subordination Of Denham's Authority As Counsel Asked By Labor Relations Board

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—The National Labor Relations board told senators today that its division of powers with the board's general counsel, Robert Denham, has been a "failure."

It said Denham's separate authority should be abolished.

Paul Herzog, NLRB chairman, told the senate expenditures committee the board supports President Truman's plan for reorganizing the agency.

The plan calls for removing Denham's present independent authority and making him subordinate to the board. Denham was due to testify some time after the NLRB chairman.

Herzog said in his prepared testimony that the present division of power fixed by the Taft-Hartley act has caused friction within the agency, "confusion among management and labor unions," and has provoked "uncertainty and litigation."

Witnesses representing the National Association of Manufacturers and the United States Chamber of Commerce told the committee yesterday the President's plan, if allowed to go into effect, would undermine public confidence in the board.

Denham now has the sole power to select complaint cases for prosecution.

Wildlife Assn. President Dies

SALEM, April 6.—(AP)—James L. Loder, president of the Oregon Wildlife federation, died suddenly last night at his home here.

Loder was reelected to serve a third term at the federation meeting last week-end at Corvallis. He also was active in the Isaac Walton league.

Loder was a Salem automobile dealer.

Loder was elected president of the Oregon Wildlife federation at the annual meeting held last week-end in Corvallis. He succeeded Bruce L. Yeager of Roseburg. Loder had served two previous terms as head of the federation, and was a member of the legislative interim committee in 1947-48, which brought out the plan for reorganization of the State Game commission at the 1949 legislative session.

F. R. Brown, Albany, elected vice-president of the federation at the convention Saturday and Sunday, will fill the vacancy created by Loder's death.

Quick Thinking Of Trucker Lessens Crash Results

State police today lauded the quick thinking of a Myrtle Creek truck driver who helped prevent death or serious injury to drivers of two automobiles involved in a three-way collision yesterday.

Earl Wayne Ellis, 30, driver of the loaded log truck, was forced into the wrong lane of the highway when a car and trailer house driven by Arthur George Vaughan, 35, of Grants Pass, skidded out of control on the turn, according to police. A third vehicle, driven by Orel Wayne Tumey, 20, of Stockton, Calif., was following the car and trailer and crashed head-on into the log truck.

State police said Ellis jackknifed his loaded truck at the last moment to avoid hitting the car and trailer house, thus also giving Tumey an opportunity to slow down before hitting the truck.

Officers said "serious injury or fatalities" might easily have resulted had it not been for the truck driver's actions.

The front end of the log truck suffered considerable damage, as did the Tumey vehicle, state police said. They reported the house trailer was almost a total loss. No one was injured.

The three-way collision occurred at the north end of the bridge near Ford's cafe, 30 miles south of Roseburg.

Wilson Brothers Claim Innocence

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 6.—(AP)—Turnman and Utah Wilson viewed the future a bit uncertainly as they stood behind bars in their county jail cells.

Both said they hoped for early trial on charges they kidnapped and killed Jo Ann Dewey here the night of March 19.

Both said they were innocent. But Utah admitted, in an interview after they were brought here yesterday from the Cowlitz county jail at Kelso, that he might have a "hard time" proving where he was when the 18-year-old girl was abducted as she walked near St. Joseph's hospital.

His fingerprints on a beer bottle found at the abduction scene bothered him.

"That's the thing that's got me troubled," he said. "I don't know anything about it."

Turnman expressed confidence of acquittal. He said he could prove where he was at the time of the abduction and would do so at the trial.

That's about all he would say in the interview in an ante room off the fifth floor jail block in the courthouse. He turned aside other questions; said he would have to talk to an attorney first.

Last Notion Saves Her Life; Train Wrecks Auto

TOPPENISH, Wash., April 6.—(AP)—The fast freight train was roaring down the track.

Mrs. Howard R. Berger was sitting in her automobile, stalled on the track at a high school crossing.

"I had half a notion to stay in the car," she said. "I thought the train crew had seen my plight and would stop in time."

At the last minute she jumped from her auto.

"Things just flew," when the 74-car train hit her car, carrying pieces of it a quarter of a mile through town late yesterday.

Six Of Eight Children In Family Die In Fire

TORONTO, Ontario, April 6.—(AP)—Six children burned to death early today in a blaze which turned their home into a mass of flame within minutes.

Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harding, escaped through the flames with two other children. The rest of the family died in their beds.

FINED FOR POULTRY THEFT

Alonso Ozon Kookan, 63, Roseburg, charged with petty larceny involving the theft of poultry, was lodged in the county jail until a \$50 fine is paid, following his appearance in Deer Creek justice court, according to Justice A. J. Geddes. Kookan was arrested Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff Ira Byrd.

Flood Control Project Will Be Aired Here

Army Engineers Slate Hearing On Plans For Umpqua Drainage Area

Public hearings to consider preliminary reports on flood control projects in the Umpqua river drainage system, are to be held in Roseburg at 10 a. m., April 26, in the circuit court room of the courthouse.

The Army Engineers announce that preliminary studies have been made and that before final recommendations are approved the projects will be presented for public discussion. All interested persons will have opportunity to be heard either for or against any of the projects or to present proposals for additional work.

Projects currently listed are reported by the Army Engineers as follows:

1. Dillard area. Construction of approximately 13,500 feet of new levee and strengthening of 2,500 feet of existing levee.

2. Riverside area. Construction of overflow channels closures up to normal stream bank elevation at several locations on the right bank of the South Umpqua river. The closures would prevent overflow at all stages less than average bank elevation, but flooding could be expected to average about once in every ten years.

3. Garden Valley area. Construction of overflow channel closures up to normal stream bank elevation at several locations on the right bank of the North Umpqua and Umpqua rivers. The closures would prevent overflow at all stages less than average bank elevation but higher stages could be expected to cause flooding about once in every ten years.

4. Sutherland creek. Clearing and enlarging the channel of Sutherland creek for a distance of 11 miles and the channel of Cooper creek.

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Snowfall Hits Areas Of Oregon

(By The Associated Press)

That stuff covering a great big part of Oregon east of the Cascades this morning is snow.

It arrived unheralded, setting local records for floating down long after its winter companions had left.

It was no mere trace; it was two to four inches deep over central Oregon and parts of southern and northeastern Oregon.

Prineville reported three inches and the snow 27 miles east of there, at Ochoco ranger station, was four inches deep. It tapered off to the west.

Pendleton, La Grande, Baker and Meacham had it.

At Pendleton, the shocked weather bureau reported it was the first measurable April snowfall since records were started in 1899. The ruler put the depth at 1.9 inches.

It piled up two and a half to three inches deep around the daffodils at Klamath Falls.

The caught-by-surprise weatherman said it wouldn't last.

Couple Expects Twin Boys; Get Triplet Girls Instead

CONCORD, Mass., April 6.—(AP)—The birth of triplet girls "flabbergasted" their father.

Attorney David Glass said he and his wife had expected twin boys to match a set of girl twins born two years ago.

"Now we'll have to think up a set of new names," he said.

The heaviest triplet weighed four pounds eight ounces and the smallest three pounds 13 ounces. They were born yesterday at Wintner hospital.

Winter Highway Damage Estimate Is Reduced

SALEM, April 6.—(AP)—Last winter's severe weather caused \$1,000,000 worth of damage to state highways, state highway engineer R. H. Baldock said today.

But that was far less than the \$2,500,000 damage to state roads in the preceding winter.

Baldock said it would take months to repair last winter's damage, because some roads will have to be reconstructed.

Levy Fact Ram

Assignment of Senator Joe McCarthy to a California coast lookout station might produce definite information as to whether Russian submarines are prowling the Pacific ocean.

Educator Hits Back Hotly At Sen. McCarthy

Never Communist, Not Russian Spy, Professor Tells Senate Hearings

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Owen Lattimore denounced as "base and contemptible lies" today the charge that he is a Russian spy and swore that he is not and never has been a Communist.

From the witness chair of a senate committee, the 50-year-old Johns Hopkins professor said (A) he intends to talk with his lawyers about suing Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) for making the accusations and (B) he hopes to be the "instrument" of McCarthy's resignation from the Senate.