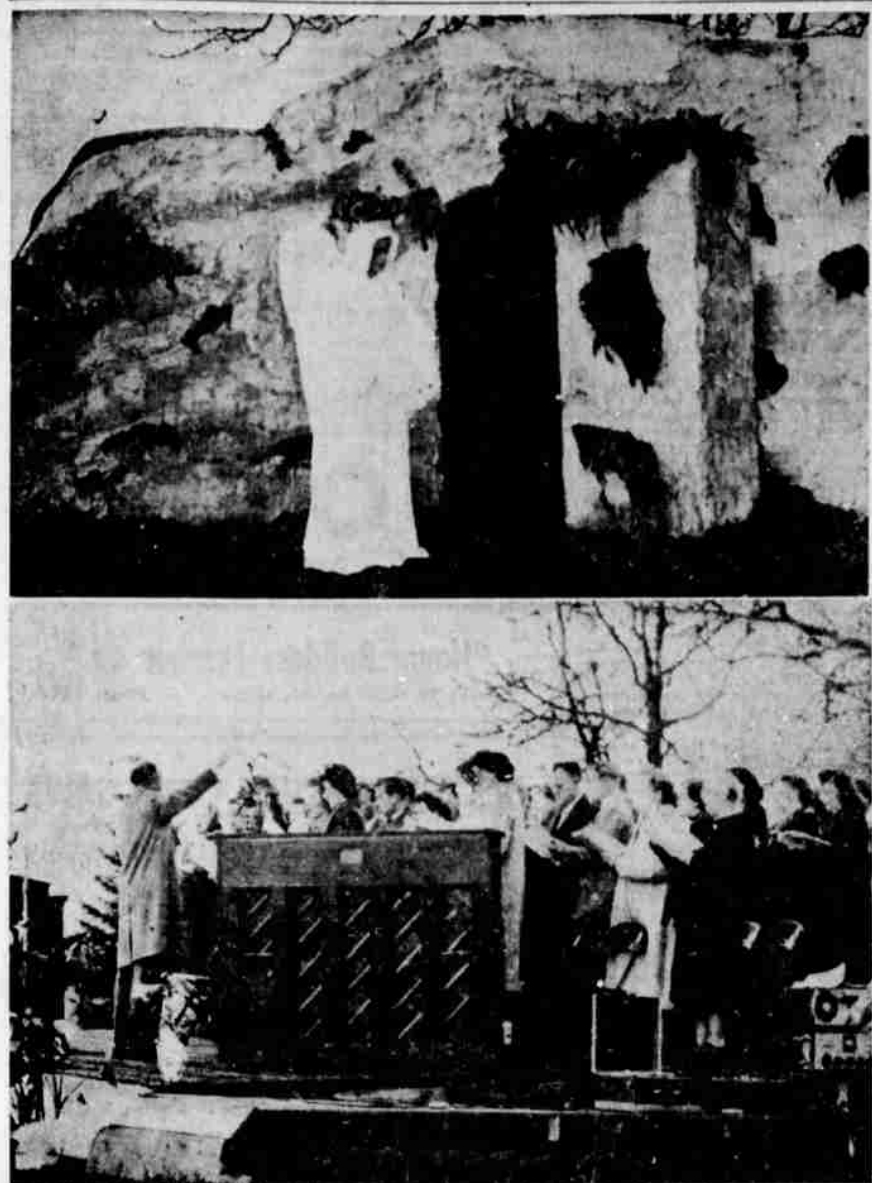


Communist Question Upheld By Supreme Court



PATIENTS AND EMPLOYEES of the Roseburg Veterans hospital combined their talents to provide this setting for the 1,200 persons who gathered Sunday morning to participate in the city-wide sunrise service. Typifying Easter morn was the angel (upper picture) standing before a replica of the sepulcher from which Christ arose on the first Easter. (Lower picture) A joyful sound originated from the throats of these Roseburg Choral society members who aided in presenting the Easter sunrise services at the Veterans hospital grounds. Here the group, under the direction of Charles A. Ricketts, sings praise to the first Easter morn. (Veterans hospital pictures)

Six Years Given 'Mercy Killer'

ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 10.—(AP)—Harold A. Mohr today was sentenced to a prison term of three to six years for the so-called mercy killing of his cancer-ravaged brother.

Mohr was convicted Friday of voluntary manslaughter.

Judge James F. Henninger also imposed a fine of \$500 on the 36-year-old tannery worker.

The maximum sentence for voluntary manslaughter is 12 years in prison and a fine of \$6,000.

A Lehigh county jury of four men and eight women had recommended mercy in finding Mohr guilty of manslaughter.

Judge Henninger said he acquiesced to the jurors who, he said, "believed Mohr shot his brother out of sympathy."

Mohr stood quietly before the bar to hear his sentence. His face showed no emotion and he continued to gaze, with a dull expression, at the floor as he did throughout the trial.

Asked for comment by reporters, Mohr said: "I have nothing to say."

There are only two other cases of convictions in so-called mercy killings on record in the United States. And both other convictions came in this same Lehigh county courthouse.

The defendants, both women, were convicted of murder and of voluntary manslaughter. Both still are in state penal institutions.

NEW SMALLPOX VICTIM

GLASGOW, Scotland, April 10.—(AP)—Glasgow's smallpox epidemic claimed its sixth victim today—a 20-year-old nurse. The outbreak appeared under control, however, with no new cases reported in the last 10 days.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FROM Washington:

The state department said today John Foster Dulles, New York lawyer and foreign policy expert (and, incidentally, a Republican) has agreed to serve as consultant to Secretary of State Acheson.

FROM Washington:

"Only last night, Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross DENIED reports that Mr. Truman proposed to name Dulles to a top policy post" (in the state department).

STILL more from Washington.

"It was learned today that the Dulles appointment was worked out by Acheson and Senator Vandenberg AFTER MR. TRUMAN HAD AUTHORIZED ACHESON ABOUT

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Slaying Over Gambling Debt Leads To Prison

RALEIGH, N. C., April 10.—(AP)—Raymond P. Hair, 24, Wake Forest pre-medical student, was convicted of second degree murder yesterday for the slaying of a former college companion over gambling debts.

Hair, son of a prominent Fayetteville, N.C., dentist, denied actually shooting Roy Coble, 20, of Oakboro, N.C. He testified Coble drew a pistol during an argument, that he struggled for it, the weapon changing hands several times, and that after the gun went off he was holding it.

He was sentenced to 25-30 years.

Red Cross Drive Finale To Be Set

Red Cross workers will gather Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the local chapter headquarters to map final plans for its campaign.

Still some \$3,000 short of its goal, the group will concentrate its efforts in the business district, where employee solicitation has been somewhat overlooked.

The workers, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ralph Herman, will have a three-fold goal: employee solicitation, pickup of checks not in for advance gifts, and taking of gifts from business firms not yet called upon.

The Red Cross drive has been extended to April 15, and the workers have expressed the hope they can complete the campaign by this date.

The Roseburg goal of \$8,100 is only slightly over 55 percent collected. The residential area is very well covered, and the committee believes that if the final business district drive is successful, the goal can be reached.

Red Cross Manager Douglas Simms will serve coffee to the group of solicitors.

Two Of New-Born 'Quad' Sisters Fail To Survive

HAIFA, Ala., April 10.—(AP)—Two of the Singleton quadruplets, the first and last born, survive. Their two sisters died yesterday.

Anna and Pearl apparently are in good condition, doctors said last night, and have an excellent chance.

The mother, Mrs. Maxie O'Neal Singleton, 31, was reported in good condition, too. She was moved to the hospital Saturday night after suffering a chill the day before.

More than an hour Saturday morning at the Singleton home, a small farm house.

Mrs. Singleton and her husband, Homer, 33, already had six children including a pair of four-year-old twins.

CHILD DROWNS IN WELL

TOGUS, Me., April 10.—(AP)—Often little Andrea Cloutier had been warned to stay away from the well outside her home.

But Saturday the four-year-old girl disappeared. Yesterday her body was found in 12 feet of water in a 20-foot well.

Sheriff Harry Pinkham said Andrea apparently fell into the well and the cover slammed shut.

Housing Project Survey Reported

The Roseburg community has a larger trailer house population percentage than any other community ever surveyed under direction of the Public Housing administration.

H. L. Scofield, executive director, Douglas County Housing authority, reports preliminary investigation of the application made by the City of Roseburg for 100 residential units, furnished information concerning trailer dwellers. Only persons living in trailers 90 days or more were included. Transient, or short-term residents were excluded.

Surveys have been made for construction of 60 dwelling units in or near Roseburg, and final tabulation of data now is in progress in San Francisco, Scofield says.

Federal housing requests total 200 for the Roseburg area, 100 being asked by the city, while the county court made application for another 100. Other applications include 100 by the City of Sutherlin, 75 by the City of Reedsport.

Russians To Direct Next Attack On Hainan, Report

(By The Associated Press)

Chinese Nationalists forecast today that military experts from Russia will set the stage for the next Communist attempt to invade Hainan island.

Dispatches from Hainan said Soviet advisors had arrived on Luchow peninsula, 10 miles from the island, and are drilling a small invasion force.

Reports from inside Red China said the Communists have ordered one of their top generals, Lin Piao, to conquer Hainan. The reports said Lin was given eight armies to conquer the island.

In the past two weeks the Nationalists have smashed three Chinese Communist attempts to invade Hainan. They claim to have killed 11,000 Reds, captured at least 2,000 and seized considerable arms and supplies.

Bennett Meyers Loses Another Plea For Liberty

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(AP)—Former Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers today lost another bid for freedom from prison.

The U. S. circuit court of appeals turned down a request for his release from the federal reformatory at Lorton, Va. The wartime air force purchasing chief was sentenced in 1948 to serve 20 months to five years on charges that he induced an associate to lie to senators investigating Meyers' business affairs.

Today's action by the appellate court upheld a federal district court which had denied freedom to Meyers on technical grounds.

CAVE-IN KILLS 2 BOYS

DEKALB, Miss., April 10.—(AP)—Two boys playing "cops and robbers" in an old dirt pit died in a cave-in yesterday. They were identified as Edward Walls, 14, and George Ward, 17.

The Weather
Increasing cloudiness today with rain tonight and Tuesday.
Sunset today 6:49 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:39 a.m.

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Harry Bridges Goes To Court For Sentence

Defense Counsel, Asking For Stay, Accuses Judge Harris Of Misconduct

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—(AP)—Harry Bridges was gaud and pale today as he walked into federal court to be sentenced on his perjury conviction.

Vincent Hallinan, attorney for the Australian-born CIO longshore union leader, moved at once for a stay of sentence, and for a new trial.

Bridges and two union aides, J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt, were convicted last week. Bridges, for perjury and conspiracy, for swearing falsely at his 1945 citizenship hearing that he was not a Communist; the others, for conspiracy, as his citizenship witnesses.

Hallinan talked fast and earnestly, he asked Federal Judge George B. Harris to upset the verdict.

The defense attorney said the indictment, returned last May, didn't state an offense against the government; that it was barred, on its face, by the statute of limitations; that the gist of it was false swearing in a naturalization proceeding, and the case never should have been brought as a fraud against the government.

In moving for a new trial, Hallinan declared there had been error by the court in denying a motion for a directed verdict of acquittal. He said the verdict was contrary to the weight of evidence; that the verdict was not supported by substantial evidence; that there had been errors by Judge Harris in his instructions to the jury of eight men and four women.

Judge is Accused

Hallinan, already under six-months' sentence by Judge Harris for contempt of court, accused Judge Harris of misconduct, and he accused the government of fraud, corruption and bribery of witnesses.

"The (government) evidence here is inherently weak," Hallinan declared, "that it is obvious that additional (defense) evidence if admitted by the court probably would have swayed the decision."

"There was hardly a single (government) witness who presented any evidence of materiality, who did not open to the strong implication that the fact he did not openly admit it, that he had been bribed or had committed perjury, or was part of the conspiracy to destroy the defendant."

All three defendants face possible maximum penalties of seven years in prison and \$15,000 in fines. Bridges also faces possible deportation to Australia.

Child Misses Death When Lightning Rips Home

LOS ANGELES, April 10.—(AP)—Margo Pollock, 2, missed death by inches.

A bolt of lightning struck her home yesterday, tearing off part of the window jamb and hurling at 15 feet across the child's room. Pieces of plaster, wood and glass covered her crib. Large sections of plaster were ripped from the wall.

But Margo, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Pollock, was not injured.

NEXT DOOR JOB

LOS ANGELES, April 10.—(AP)—Police said Ralph A. Alfara walked up to the cashier of the Joy theater at 2014 E. First St., last night and demanded the night's receipts.

The cashier screamed. A few minutes later Alfara was booked on suspicion of robbery at the Hollywood police station.

The Hollywood police station is at 2015 East First street.

Immunity Offered To Solve Robbery Of Brink's

BOSTON, April 10.—(AP)—"Complete immunity from prosecution" was promised today for any accessory in the \$1,700,000 Brink's robbery who helps convict the actual gunmen.

Massachusetts Attorney General Francis E. Kelly promised the immunity as police admitted they still were without clues in the brazen Jan. 17 holdup.

Douglas Tops State Counties In Federal Property Exempt From Taxes, Survey Reveals

Douglas county has the largest amount of tax-free federal property in Oregon. A survey shows the total assessed value in the county to be \$50,781,430, with assessed improvements totaling \$884,880, for a grand total of \$51,755,810. The full value is listed at \$86,070,230, with improvements listed at \$1,499,800, for a total value of \$87,721,720.

Federal-exempt property in Oregon is estimated at full value of \$547,370,540 and the assessed value at \$38,960; full value \$15,190; improvements, assessed \$69,430; full value \$1,159,360.

Public housing, assessed value \$80,500; full value \$151,690; improvements, assessed \$884,880; full value \$1,499,800; total assessed value, \$51,755,810, and full value, \$87,721,720.

Coast Guard, 381 acres; assessed value \$3,360; full value \$5,700; improvements, assessed \$53,100; full value \$109,000; total assessed value, \$56,470, and full value, \$114,700.

Veterans administration, 454 acres; assessed value \$42,860; full value \$72,640; improvements, assessed \$643,100, actual \$1,066,620; total assessed value, \$685,960, and full value \$1,139,260.

Indian land, 2,621 acres; assessed value \$51,755,810, and full value, \$87,721,720.

Housing Bill Passes, Goes To President

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(AP)—A \$4,000,000,000 housing bill, stripped of the co-operative program advocated by President Truman, was sent to the White House today.

The Senate gave quick approval to a compromise measure passed by the House last week.

It provides for nearly \$4,000,000,000 in new insurance and loan authority, including \$150,000,000 for direct housing loans to veterans.

The bill, in the main, extends or enlarges the present programs for the insuring and buying of mortgages. It also provides for \$150,000,000 for direct loans to veterans, plus added inducements to private lending agencies to make home financing available to ex-GIs at 4 per cent.

'Snorkel' Sub Travels 21 Days Under Pacific

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(AP)—On March 15 a U.S. submarine dived into the Pacific off Hong Kong and didn't surface again until 21 days later at Pearl Harbor.

In the meantime, the submarine had covered 5,200 miles.

The navy told of the trip yesterday. It did not claim a record, but officers said that this was the longest underwater run they had ever heard of.

The submarine, the Pickrel, is one of the "snorkel" type that has a short breathing tube that sucks air from the surface. The Germans had them on their subs first, but now both the U. S. and Russia have them.

The snorkel device enables a submarine to just below water for long periods on diesel engines. Formerly, undersea craft when submerged had to run entirely on electric batteries which required recharge frequently. To do this, the sub had to surface.

With the snorkel, a submarine can stay down as long as its supplies—including fuel—hold out. Batteries are still needed whenever a sub is more than a short distance below the water.

Suicide Seen In Death Of Portland Financier

OREGON CITY, April 10.—(AP)—The death of George W. Davidson, 47, Portland financial counselor, was termed suicide today by District Attorney Leonard Lindas.

The death previously was under investigation, after discovery of Davidson's body in his bed at Lake Grove with a blood-spattered rifle in a corner of the room Thursday.

Lindas said the investigation indicated Davidson shot himself in the throat, dropped the gun, and lurched into bed.

Davidson was vice-president of the American Business Credit Corp. of New York and was in charge of the firm's office in Portland.

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SCOBEE, Mont., April 10.—(AP)—Seven-year-old Karen Biem was reported in fair condition early today at a Scobee hospital after a 50-mile mercy trip on a borrowed train.

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Section crews shoveled snow to get the train out of the Opheim yards.

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Hunter, 27, had failed to make a curve, officers said. He was treated for a broken left foot and cuts.

Icy Storms Easter Fare Of Midwest

Area Of Clinton, Iowa, Worst Sufferer; Dust Plagues Southwest

(By The Associated Press)

The icy storm which flattened communications and power lines over a wide section of the upper Midwest yesterday had shrunk to the northern Great Lakes region today.

Northeastern Iowa generally, and the Mississippi river city of Clinton particularly, were hardest hit by the freezing rain which disabled telephone service in at least 55 towns of the area.

Rain continued falling over much of eastern Iowa.

Damage was estimated at more than \$100,000 to the telephone systems of Iowa alone. The freezing rain there ripped down lines faster than an emergency repairs could be made and many families shivered in their homes because of power failure. Electrically-powered furnace stokers were disabled and some families dependent upon electricity for cooking purposes had to forego Easter meals.

The storm area extended generally from northern Indiana and Illinois westward through most of Iowa and northward through the Great Lakes region.

While the temperatures at Des Moines hovered only a few degrees above freezing during the storm, the mercury at Lincoln, Neb., only 150 miles to the west, climbed to a high of 87 degrees.

Snow Now Falling

Heavy snow was reported falling today at Rapid City, S. D., with continued freezing rain in northern Minnesota and northern Wisconsin.

The storm was moving eastward and was expected to hit upper Michigan today.

Another dust storm was the Easter weather fare over some areas of western Kansas, the Texas Panhandle and eastern New Mexico. Winds up to 56 miles an hour were so laden with soil at Dalt, Tex., that visibility at times was reduced to two miles.

Residents at Rock Falls and Sterling, Ill., were warned to stay off the streets yesterday because of danger from power lines which had been ripped down by the heavy ice coating. The towns of Princeton and Ohio were reported cut off from outside communication while Morris and Mendota reported their cities had to use candles or kerosene lamps for Easter church service lighting.

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MAYOR HOLLIS S. SMITH, Dallas, (upper picture) president of the League of Oregon Cities, and Mayor Morris Milbank, Grants Pass (lower picture) league vice president, are among leaders who will be in Roseburg Tuesday to conduct a regional meeting of the League of Oregon Cities. The meeting will be in the Hotel Umpqua and open at 7 p.m.

Cities League Meeting Dated Here Tomorrow

Roseburg will be host Tuesday night to city officials and civic leaders of this area at a regional meeting of the League of Oregon Cities, scheduled at 7 p.m. in the Hotel Umpqua.

League President Hollis S. Smith, mayor of Dallas, in announcing the meeting, said the 1950 sessions have been timed to coincide with the preliminary planning of city budgets for the new fiscal year.

This will be the 13th of a series of 22 such regional meetings being conducted throughout the state this spring.

With Roseburg's Mayor Albert G. Flegel and the local city council in charge of arrangements, mayors, councilmen and others are expected from Canyonville, Drain, Elkhorn, Glendale, Myrtle Creek, Oakland, Riddle, Sutherlin and Yoncalla.

City budgeting, local improvement planning and financing, proposed state legislation and any other items of current interest will be discussed. Smith has stressed that the meeting will be devoted largely to informal roundtable discussions with full opportunity for the several city delegations to present their particular problems.

Other league workers expected include Vice-President Morris Milbank, Grants Pass mayor; Treasurer Oren L. King, Eugene city manager; Herman Kehrl, league executive secretary; Deane Seeger, league consultant; and Arnold M. Westling, planning a n d public works consultant, bureau of municipal research and service, University of Oregon.

Family Of Five Slain After Eviction Notice

FAIRHAVEN, Mass., April 10.—(AP)—Housing and financial troubles were blamed today for the deaths of a family of five.

Medical examiner William Rosen said Walter Golas, a 30-year-old machinist, bludgeoned to death his wife, Barbara, 27, and then asphyxiated himself and his three children.

Dr. Rosen gave a verdict of homicide and suicide after an autopsy on the body of Mrs. Golas.

Dr. Rosen said the Golas home had been sold and the family had been given an eviction notice.

NOTED EXPLORER DIES

NEW YORK, April 10.—(AP)—Anthony Fiala, 80-year-old explorer and inventor, died Saturday at his Brooklyn home.

In 1912-13, Fiala accompanied Theodore Roosevelt on his trip through the Brazilian jungles searching for the "River of Doubt." The expedition charted the stream as a tributary of the Amazon river.

Fiala, who invented the sleeping bag, also made two expeditions to the Arctic regions.

Appeal Lost By Writers On 6-2 Division

Majority Supports Right Of Committee To Force Witnesses To Reply

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(AP)—The supreme court today refused to interfere with the power of congressional committees to compel witnesses to say whether they are Communists.

The refusal came in the tribunal's rejection of two appeals filed by movie writers John Howard Lawson and Dalton Trumbo.

They were convicted of contempt of Congress for declining to tell the House Un-American Activities committee whether they were members of the Communist party.

The supreme court denied hearings to Lawson and Trumbo on their appeals, thereby letting stand a lower court ruling that congressional committees have power to inquire into Communist party membership.

The U. S. court of appeals here in upholding the convictions of Lawson and Trumbo declared:

"The right of free speech is not absolute, but must yield to national interests justifiably thought to be of larger importance. The same is true of the right to remain silent."

The supreme court's refusal to review was announced in an order which revealed the vote was 6-2. Justices Black and Douglas favored a review.

Justice Clark took no part.

Lawson and Trumbo were among ten Hollywood personalities who refused to tell the House committee in 1947 whether they were members of the Communist party.

Eight Others Affected