

Grandad Faces Death For Insurance Murder

LAKELAND, Ga. — (AP) — A 47-year-old farmer of this south Georgia community was sentenced to die in the electric chair three days before Christmas for murdering his infant granddaughter for insurance.

A jury convicted Carthy Royals of slaying two-year-old Mariba Browning, and Judge E. R. Smith sentenced him to die on Dec. 22.

Another jury took only 50 minutes to convict Sam Phillips, who was also charged with murder in the child's death. Phillips, a neighbor, received a life sentence when the jury recommended mercy.

Both men were charged with beating Mariba and her four-year-old brother, Cleon, to death and then burning their bodies to hide their crime.

The children were slain, the state contended, so Royals could collect \$500 insurance policies maturing on his wife.

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Churchill Urges Caution To Avoid War With China

LONDON — (AP) — Winston Churchill called Thursday for a secret high level meeting of the West and Russia to end present world tension. He told the House of Commons such a meeting should be held "as soon as suitable opportunity presents itself."

The Conservative leader said efforts to bring such a meeting about should be made "while the immense superiority of the U. S. atomic bomb organization offsets Soviet predominance in every other military respect."

And, he cautioned: "The United Nations should avoid by every means in their power becoming entangled inextricably in a war with China."

Churchill described the stiffening policy of the United States toward Communism as "the best hope for salvation of Christian civilization."

The wartime prime minister, observing his 75th birthday, began talking before President Truman's announcement that use of the atomic bomb against the Chinese Communists is being considered.

Just before he began speaking, Britain announced that her ambassador to Russia has been recalled for consultations, with a recall connected with a peace move, and that a conference of Britain's top diplomatic and military chiefs in the Far East has been summoned for Dec. 7 near Singapore.

Six Towns in China Captured By Guerrillas

TAIPEI, Formosa — (AP) — The China Union Press says Nationalist guerrillas have captured six towns in South China between the Canton-Hankow and Hunan-Kwangsi railroads.

It said the guerrillas are under command of Gen. Cuoou Tien-Hsiung, who is reported to have 60,000 men.

The Union Press also said a guerrilla force attacked a village on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway Nov. 27 and killed more than 40 Chinese Communists.

Vessel Discards Metal Billed To Red China

HONG KONG — (AP) — Shipping agents reported a cargo of tin and tinplate was removed from the American freighter Flying Clipper shortly before she sailed for the Red China port of Tsingtao.

Agents of the Isbrandtsen line said Hong Kong government officials ordered the removal.

The United States has placed an embargo on shipments for Red China that might be used in making war.

Damages Denied Vet For Towel Left In Stomach

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A veteran who discovered that forgetful army surgeons had left a big towel in his abdomen was denied the right to sue the government for \$100,000 damages.

The Supreme Court decided unanimously that the veteran, Arthur K. Jefferson, of Joppa, Md., may not sue under the federal tort claims act. That act permits the filing of damage suits by persons injured because of the negligence of federal government employees.

Justice Jackson delivered the court's opinion. It held that the act does not cover claims filed by military personnel as a result of military service.

Jefferson said army surgeons left a towel measuring 18 by 30 inches in his abdomen during an operation performed July 3, 1945 at Ft. Belvoir, Va. The towel was removed in another operation performed eight months later at John Hopkins hospital in Baltimore.

The Justice department reported Jefferson gets total disability benefits which now amount to \$171 monthly.

Other Soldiers Lose
 The court turned down two other appeals similar to Jefferson's in acting on a number of cases involving military personnel.

In one the tribunal rejected the insanity appeal of a U. S. army private, Martin L. Wheelchel, convicted of raping a German woman in Germany in 1945 and sentenced to be hanged, but the sentence later was cut to 18 years.

In another case the court told Thomas A. Gosik of Cleveland, a soldier convicted of murdering two persons while stationed in Italy, to ask the judge advocate general of the army for a new trial.

Stiffened the standards by which patents are granted and frowned on any practice of "patenting gadgets." The tribunal unanimously rejected patent infringement claims on a grocery handling device made against the Atlantic and Pacific Tea company.

Denied August J. Klapprott, former German-American band leader in New Jersey, a hearing in his fight against the 1942 cancellation of his American citizenship.

Let stand by its refusal to review a decision which permitted a two-cent increase in Baltimore street car and bus fares.

NEW JUDGE SWORN IN

PENDLETON — (AP) — William C. Perry, 50, Pendleton attorney, was sworn in as circuit judge for the Sixth judicial district Thursday.

He succeeded Homer I. Watts, who retired after three years on the bench. The 74-year-old Watts, who lives at Athena, has been practicing law and farming for the last 40 years.

Injuries from a car accident last May forced Watts' retirement.

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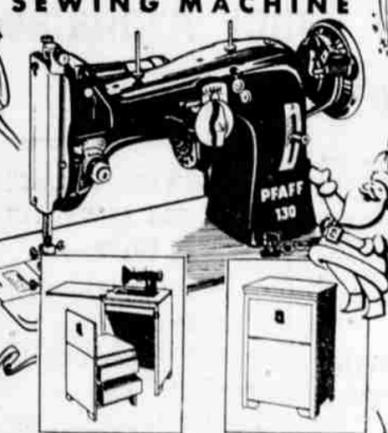
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