

THOMAS BOUSE TO DIE IN GAS CHAMBER

MEET your NEIGHBOR
By PAUL JENKINS

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TED TRAVIS, of Do Nut Bar fame, is pictured busily engaged in his seasonal night work of repairing toys, in connection with the annual collection, repair and distribution program undertaken here by the Eagles lodge during each pre-Christmas season. Ted, a member of the Eagles, sparked this public-spirited enterprise when he came to Roseburg six years ago from his former home in Aberdeen, Wash. The lodge took a new hold and has done a magnificent job.

Briefly, each fall the Eagles ask anyone and everyone in the county, who is interested in what they are attempting to do, to bring excess toys, broken or otherwise, which they may have in their homes, to a central depot in Roseburg. Here, during the weeks preceding Christmas, these toys are re-furbished and repaired by expert mechanics, or welders or sheet metal workers or painters as the case may be; then on Christmas Eve these toys are distributed (via Santa Claus, of course) to those children in the county whose Christmas otherwise might not be too happy a one. Last year over 20,000 toys were thus distributed. This season it is hoped to more than double this amount.

Kids themselves — older ones chiefly — are fine donors, as for example: After a recent call from the repair department for more wheels, Mrs. Andrus' Fourth Grade at Rose school, topping all the other grades in all the schools responded by bringing in 247. Riverside school topped all the others by bringing 1015. All the schools heped.

To my way of thinking this work the Eagles are doing is the finest and in its extent the most beneficial of all our Christmas efforts. Any city should be proud to sponsor a work of such magnitude and beneficence. A small lodge which does so and performs so creditably deserves our great admiration and acclamation; and Ted Travis, the teams' quarterback, should receive an award of merit from Douglas county people for fine humanitarian service.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Over on the other side of the mountains, in both Oregon and California, an interesting controversy is going on. It concerns some 21,000 acres of rich agricultural land now under the jurisdiction of the reclamation bureau. It has been generally understood that they will be homesteaded as rapidly as possible. But a recent statement by the incumbent secretary of the interior raises the possibility that they may be re-moved from homestead entry and turned over to the Fish and Wildlife service.

That raises this question: Shall these lands be held permanently in federal ownership and devoted primarily to the breeding, growing and shooting of ducks and other migratory waterfowl? Or shall we make homesteads of them, grow crops on them and thus add their production to the permanent economy of Southern Oregon and Northern California?

It should be added that already very large areas of land in that area have been removed from entry and dedicated as wildlife refuge, nesting areas and public shooting grounds. Competent and thoughtful sportsmen feel that these reserves are adequate.

Also to be considered is the migrating ducks and geese feed on the grain that is shattered off

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The Weather

Cloudy and windy with showers and brief periods of clearing this afternoon, tonight and Sunday.
Highest temp. for any Dec. 70
Lowest temp. for any Dec. 5
Highest temp. last 24 hours 48
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 34
Precip. last 24 hours 1.02
Precip. from Dec. 1 4.22
Precip. from Sept. 1 7.48
Deficit from Sept. 1 2.13
Sunset today, 4:37 p.m. PST
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:31 a.m. PST

Storm Lashes Eisenhower's Ship

3-Day Tour Of War Area Is Concluded

President Elect Sees 'No Trick' Way To End Big Korean Conflict

By DON WHITEHEAD

ABOARD USS HELENA — President-elect Eisenhower rode a battle-scarred heavy cruiser toward storm-whipped seas today with a headful of impressions and a pocketful of suggestions on what to do about the Korean War.

This was the harvest of a three-day tour of the war theater, honoring a campaign promise to the American people to go out and see for himself if there is any path to peace.

Eisenhower told little of what he learned. There are "no panaceas, no trick ways," he said, of ending a war that has drawn in 17 nations on the Allied side and little North Korea and big Communist China on the other — with Soviet Russia supplying the sinews of the Red armies.

The leader eight years ago in Europe of the mightiest army the world has known planned to mull over the information he gathered on his Korean mission.

He said he would devote much time during the six-day cruise to Hawaii to studying this first great problem of his upcoming administration.

The Helena, a veteran of duels with Red Korean shot batteries, was cutting through the water at 32 miles an hour toward tiny Wake Island. There it was expected to pick up John Foster Dulles, Eisenhower's choice for secretary of state.

An intensive review of the whole Far Eastern problem seemed in the works.

But in the cruiser's path a tropical storm was brewing.

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McArthur Says Korean Conflict Can Be Ended

NEW YORK (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, mentioning President-elect Eisenhower publicly for the first time since the election, said "there is a clear and definite solution to the Korean conflict."

MacArthur, in a speech last night to the National Association of Manufacturers, said he was confident a solution "can be executed without either an unduly heavy price in friendly casualties or any increased danger of provoking universal conflict."

The ousted Far East commander did not go into details, saying that basic decisions are involved "which I recognize as improper for public disclosure or discussion. He said, "It is well known that my own views have not been sought in any way."

Even as MacArthur talked of a Korean solution and made his first public reference to Eisenhower since the election, the President-elect was on his way back to the United States after a visit to the Korean front.

Of Eisenhower and the Korean situation, MacArthur said: "Our respected President-elect has gone there in search for an honorable end to so tragic a slaughter, and all Americans join in prayer that he may safely pass through the hazards involved and accomplish his self-appointed task with vision and wisdom."

Saying conditions have changed in the 20 months since he left Korea, MacArthur added that "the solution then available and capable of success is not now entirely applicable."

MacArthur's proposals 20 months ago included bombing of Red bases in Manchuria, blockading the Red China coast, and utilizing Nationalist Chinese forces stationed on Formosa. His ouster and proposals whipped up a controversy climaxed by a dramatic series of congressional hearings.

British Law Arm Finds 268 Watches In Corset

DOVER, Eng. (AP)—The long arm of British law reached out here yesterday and found 268 contraband watches under the corset of a lady from Paris.

British customs nabbed Rosalie Silder, 48, as she landed here en route to London from Paris. A woman inspector unwound the watches, worth more than \$14,000, from a body belt under her corset.

A Dover magistrate sentenced the lady from Paris to one year in jail or a fine of 5,000 pounds (\$14,000).

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CAPT. ROBERT SNODDY, above, was pilot of the C-47 Civil Air Transport plane last on a mission between Korea and Tokyo Wednesday. He is the only son of Mrs. Myrtle Snoddy of Eugene, formerly of this city. His parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dillard, of Roseburg, arrived in Tokyo today to be with their daughter, the former Charlotte Dillard.

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ZURICH, Switzerland (AP)—The Swiss Mt. Everest expedition has abandoned its attempt to climb the world's highest peak, the Swiss Alpine Research Foundation announced Saturday.

A communique by the Foundation said extremes of wind and temperature forced the Swiss climbers and their Nepalese helpers to turn back "in spite of all their great efforts to reach the top."

"It is not yet known," the communique said, "what height was reached by the climbers who tried to reach the summit from Camp Seven which had been established on the South Col (Pass)."

The communique said the expedition returned safe and sound to their base camp on the Khumbu Glacier at the foot of Everest on Nov. 22 on their way back to Katmandu, the Nepalese Capital.

The expedition was the second Swiss attempt to conquer the 29,000-foot peak this year. The first expedition was forced back only a few hundred feet from the summit because their oxygen equipment proved inadequate.



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Explosion Kills Six Children Of Pittsburgh Family

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A delayed action natural gas explosion which reduced a three-story frame home to a pile of rubble killed all six children of a Pittsburgh family last night.

Fire Chief Stephen Adley said the blast in the semi-industrial North Side section of this steel capital resulted from an auto skidding into a retaining wall and breaking an exposed natural gas main leading into the house.

The victims, charred beyond recognition, were sleeping when the blast rocked the neighborhood — frightening nuns who were saying their prayers in a nearby convent.

Nearly five hours later firemen, carefully picking up bits of the house with auto wrecker cranes, recovered the last of the bodies of the five sons and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moulis. The victims:

David, 14, Richard, 13, Lois, 12, James, 10, Geary, 8 and Robert 5. Moulis, 37, and his 38-year-old wife, Rose, were literally blown from the house. They were in a state of shock and nearly incoherent as they crawled from the wreckage, their faces blackened like coal miners.

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Four Survive Plane Crash Off Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP)—The Cubana airliner, "Star of the East," crashed into the sea off this island Saturday, with 42 persons aboard.

U. S. Coast Guard vessels and Air Force crash boats picked up four survivors and 10 bodies shortly after the crash and persons at the scene expressed doubt any more survivors would be found.

The plane, out of Madrid for Havana by way of Bermuda, had 34 passengers, including a baby, and eight crew members aboard, he pilot was one of those picked up dead.

Pan American World Airways here, of which Cubana is a subsidiary, said there were no Americans on the passenger list, that most of them were from Cuba and Mexico.

The plane hit the choppy water about three miles off this island shortly after takeoff from Kindley Field, the U. S. Air Force base near St. Georges. The control tower at the field reported an explosion and the Coast Guard and crash boats set out at once for the scene. Flares and rafts were dropped in the early morning darkness by Coast Guard and naval planes.

The survivors picked up were taken to Kindley Field Hospital.

The plane, a DC4, arrived at the base at 3:30 a.m. from Santa Maria, the Azores, and took off for Cuba at 5 a.m. Authorities said the plane managed an apparently normal takeoff. About a minute later it plowed into the sea.

The plane remained afloat for sometime after it crashed, permitting the rescue of the four injured, the base added.

Former Federal Worker Indicted

WASHINGTON (AP)—Jack Cowart, a former Agriculture Department official now in federal prison, has been indicted on charges of taking pay for exerting his official influence.

Atty. Gen. McGranery announced yesterday a federal grand jury at nearby Alexandria, Va., handed down an indictment naming Cowart and two others it charged "aided and abetted in the compensation to Cowart."

The indictment charges Cowart, 46, received a certificate for 163 shares of stock in the Baton Rouge Warehouse Company, operating a plant near Center, Tex., as compensation for services rendered the company when he was assistant to the administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration.

If convicted on the charges, the three men could be assessed maximum penalties of \$10,000 fine, two years imprisonment or both. The Justice Department gave no details about the other two, named as Tom Foster and Jack Motley of Center, Tex.

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Fifty-year-old Thomas S. Bouse faces the gas chamber for the Oct. 8 bathtub drowning of his 40-year-old wife, Ethel.

That was the verdict of a jury of 11 men and one woman who returned to the courtroom Friday at 3:25 p.m. with a conviction for first degree murder.

The verdict came more than 28 hours after the jury received the case Thursday morning. Jurors indicated they had balloted 13 or 14 times before reaching the final unanimous verdict.

James L. Loomis, foreman of the jury, handed the verdict to Bailiff Willard Smith, who in turn handed it to Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

As Judge Wimberly read the jury's decision, Bouse continued to look down at the table before him, much the same as he had done throughout the trial.

Death Penalty Mandatory

Judge Wimberly set Monday morning at 9:30 as the time for sentencing. Under the law the death penalty is mandatory.

The law reads, "Every person convicted of murder in the first degree shall be punished with death except when the trial jury in its verdict shall recommend life imprisonment, in which case the penalty shall be life imprisonment."

In this case the jury made no such recommendation.

It will be the first time in Douglas County the death penalty has been imposed since Dr. Richard M. Brumfield was sentenced to die for the body-substitution murder of a sheep herder in 1921.

Sitting by Bouse as the verdict was read was Defense Attorney John H. Horn. Horn gave no indication as yet on whether the case will be appealed.

The jury's action brought to a close the first of a series of four and possibly five murder trials during the present term of Circuit Court.

Selection of a jury in the State's case against Mary J. Gilpin will follow imposition of sentence Monday morning. Mrs. Gilpin is accused of second degree murder in the stabbing of L. C. Parker last Oct. 12.

Sheriff's deputies said Bouse will be taken to the Oregon State Penitentiary at Salem immediately after sentencing Monday.

Obstacle Cleared For Continuation Of Subcommittee

WASHINGTON (AP)—A possible obstacle to continuation of the Senate internal security subcommittee — and its search for Communists among American employees of the United Nations — was cleared away today.

Sen. Langer (R-ND) told a report that he wants subcommittees kept alive and is "strongly in favor of continuing its investigation of U. N. employees."

Langer previously had declined to state his position, of particular interest because in the new GOP-controlled Senate he will be in line to be chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, parent body of the internal security unit.

Langer, one of the two senators who voted against ratification of the U. N. charter in July, 1945, fought to uphold President Truman's veto of the Internal Security Act written into law in the fall of 1950.

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