

FATHER, SON ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA SLAYINGS

Officers Led By Informant To Suspects

Travis, Wendell Hall Are Apprehended; Both Deny They Are Guilty

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two men — a father and son — were arrested early Saturday on a police informant's tip for questioning in the mass killing of Grocer Guard Young and three small children last October 10 at Chester, Calif.

Police identified the man as Travis Hall, 27, of Richmond, Calif., and his father, Wendell Hall, 49, Fresno.

The dramatic arrest of the son occurred in his home at 670 South 31st St., Richmond, when the informant, whose identity was concealed by police, worked in ahead of officers and said:

"Hello, Wendell."

"Denies Guilt"

The younger Hall immediately denied any knowledge of the slayings and submitted to a lie detector test, whose results were not immediately announced.

"I don't even know where Chester is," Hall declared.

"And I don't know this guy (the informant) and never saw him before. My nickname is not 'Al' but 'Red'."

Police Inspector Edward O'Haire said the informant had told officers that he was propositioned to drive a car in the robbery of a man named Young.

Young, 43, was beaten to death and robbed of \$7,128 in cash as he was enroute from a bank.

His two young daughters, Jean, 10, and Judy, 6, also were slain with a neighbor's son, Michael Sallie, 4.

Young's other daughter, Sondra, 3 1/2, also was beaten and left for dead.

The killer or killers stuffed the victims' bodies in the trunk of Young's car.

Little Sondra survived and told (Continued on Page Two)

Rates Increase Are Asked By Telephone Co.

Increases in residence telephone rates ranging from 15 cents to 75 cents are included in a general repricing application filed by Pacific Telephone Friday with Charles Heltzel, Oregon public utilities commissioner.

Inflation was cited as the major reason for the application by J. S. McGuire, manager here.

"Telephone rates have lagged far behind the costs of most things," the difference between the way we are operating today and the way we can operate with new rates is simply the difference between a hand-to-mouth existence and one which allows for economic planning ahead of most things.

"The public interest requires us to maintain good communications service. To do so we must maintain our ability to attract new capital from investors. Dollars for telephone plant and apparatus do not come from the money customers pay for telephone service.

They come from investors and investors are attracted only by the prospect of reasonable earnings."

For the state as a whole, the overall increase will amount to less than 3 cents a day per telephone or a little over \$30,000 a month. Of this amount the company would net less than half because of federal income tax.

Proposed monthly increases, not counting the federal excise tax, for major types of service in Roseburg are as follows: one-party residence, 65 cents; two-party residence, 50 cents; four-party residence, 40 cents; suburban residence, 40 cents; farmer line residence, 15 cents.

Insurance Adjusters Business Purchased

Charles Thomas has purchased the Allen and Cook general insurance adjusters business in Roseburg, and will operate the business temporarily under the name of Allen and Cook-Roseburg Offices in the Carter Building at 215 N. Main Street.

Thomas has been employed since August by the firm, which retains its offices in Eugene. He came to Roseburg about 2 1/2 years ago as agent for Ohio Casualty Insurance Co.

E. J. Daly, who has been employed at the local office, will continue with Thomas. The business handles insurance adjustments.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — An earthquake described as "shocking" by residents hit here late last night. No damage was reported.

More than 100 phone calls poured into newspapers and police stations, mostly from the east side of Oakland.

No reports have been received of any shock felt outside the city.

Beddingfield To Address Local Chamber Forum

First-hand information about the war in Korea will be presented Monday noon at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon by Marine Lt. J. B. Beddingfield Jr.

Beddingfield served for eight months with a heavy weapons detachment in Korea and as a Marine officer with the Pacific Fleet in Korean waters. He also served in World War II and now holds a reserve commission.

Arrangements for this special luncheon were made by Dudley Walton, chairman of the forum committee, because of the opportunity it presents to learn of fighting conditions in Korea. Chamber Secretary Harold Hickerson said.

Secretary returning from his service in Korea, Lt. Beddingfield has been practicing law in Coos Bay. The forum is open to the public, Hickerson said.

Green School Dads Club To Hold Public Meeting

The Green School Dads Club is sponsoring a public meeting Dec. 15 to discuss the proposed consolidation of Green School District with Roseburg District 4.

Speakers will be County School Supt. Kenneth F. Barneburg, and Allen Petersdorf, principal of the Green School.

The Green Dads Club has invited members of other Dads Clubs in Roseburg to attend. The meeting will be held at 8 p. m. in the gymnasium of the Green School.

Lovity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reinstein

Widespread assertions that the U. S. A. is running short of fresh water makes it necessary, if true, for Prohibition crusaders to offer another substitute for the Demon Rum.

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Blasts By Truman Stun Eisenhower

By DON WHITEHEAD
HONOLULU (AP) — A reliable source today said President Truman's "demagoguery" statement cut President-elect Eisenhower deeply and just about killed any chance of friendly relations between the two in the future.

This reaction was disclosed a short time before Eisenhower was to leave Hawaii bound for New York City, which he left secretly just two weeks ago for Korea. He is due to arrive at the Marine air terminal at LaGuardia Field at 1 p. m., EST, tomorrow.

It was learned that Eisenhower was shocked and puzzled by President Truman's blast at his Korean trip. Informants said the President-elect felt the Truman statement was uncalled for, undignified and should be ignored.

The informants said Eisenhower would continue along the course he has set to find a solution to the Korean conflict, including a study of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's proposals.

The once friendly relations of Eisenhower and Truman, it was said, had been badly strained by accusations made during the heat of the presidential campaign—but the new incident points to a coldly formal relationship in the future.

"This looks like the finish of any informal across-the-desk meetings between the two," this source said. "If there is another meeting it probably will be a cold affair."

Truman told a news conference Thursday that the Eisenhower trip to Korea was a "piece of political demagoguery." It is known here that Eisenhower thinks this was a low blow which he did not deserve from the President.

Also, Eisenhower is represented as thinking that the Truman statement was poor psychology for the troops in Korea who had received a lift in spirits from his visit to combat units.

The President-elect considers the Korean trip—and the conferences that followed with his top advisers — a worthwhile venture that already has paid good dividends in the formation of future policy.

The general held his final major conference with his advisers Thursday evening before most of them left Hawaii to return to the mainland.

Taft-Hartley Injunction Ends Atomic Plant Tieup

DUNKIRK, N.Y. (AP) — The American Locomotive Company resumed production of atomic energy supplies at its plant here Saturday after a federal judge issued a Taft-Hartley injunction ordering an end to a 107-day strike of CIO steelworkers.

E. F. Murphy, plant manager, said 40 production workers and a number of maintenance workers had reported to work up to the midnight shift. He said 300 men were at work Saturday and additional men will report to work Sunday.

Blood Transfusion Sought For Burned Chimpanzee

GUELPH, Ont. (AP) — Oscar the performing chimpanzee, critically burned during a fire yesterday, needs a monkey blood donor to save his life.

Dr. James Archibald of the Ontario Veterinary College clinic said Oscar had a 50-50 chance for survival and added:

"It would be best if we could get another chimpanzee to act as blood donor. If we can't find chimp we'll have to use human blood plasma."

The 7-year-old Oscar rides bicycles, smokes cigars and does roller skating with an animal show.

Hoover Given Invitation To Attend Inauguration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Herbert Hoover will be sent a special invitation to a place of honor at the inauguration of President-elect Eisenhower Jan. 20.

The plan thus to pay homage to the last Republican to live in the White House and the nation's only living former president was announced at a news conference yesterday by Sen. Bridges (R-NH).

It urges unflinching support of the United Nations, patience in solving world disputes, a halt to character assassination, a stronger religious context in education.

It asks the religious faithful to seek public office, even at personal sacrifice, condemns racial discrimination and appeals for a "pioneering spirit in fortifying Christianity."

"The Christian church," the message said, "stands today in an alien world which is missionary in the absolute sense."

Dr. John Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary and head of a committee that drafted the original message, said Christian churches as a group had never before joined in a pronouncement of such scope.

Church Leaders Advocate Strong 'Christian' Approach To Problems Of Our Times

DENVER (AP) — Representatives of 147,000 American churches headed home today after issuing an unprecedented document aimed at sketching a Christian approach to the problems of our times.

The "Letter to the Christian People of America," adopted by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, calls on churches to "sensitize the conscience of the nation."

After several revisions, it was adopted unanimously at the final session yesterday of the General Assembly of the council, which includes 30 denominations with about 25 million members.

The Assembly also elected a new president, Methodist Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Tex., to succeed Episcopal Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill of Greenwich, Conn.

Championing the role of the combined churches in speaking out on questions of national life, Bishop Martin declared in an acceptance address:

"I am concerned that our pronouncements on issues . . . be wise, timely and courageous, and above all, express the mind of Christ for this day as nearly as we can interpret it."

Tough ROKs Capture Hill In Hard Fight

By GEORGE MCARTHUR
SEOUL (AP) — Tough little South Korean troops today stormed to the top of Little Nori Hill just more than two days ago, drove off Red remnants, then stuck there stubbornly under steady pounding from Communist guns and infantry assaults.

Other Republic of Korea soldiers attacked Reds on Big Nori, some 300 yards to the north.

Both Western Front hills, gateposts on the traditional northern invasion route to this old capital, were grabbed by Communists in swift attacks early Thursday. They are on the Imjin River about 40 miles north of Seoul.

The drive up steep, frozen Little Nori was the 10th countermassive by the ROKs. It turned out to be the sixth time the peak has changed hands since the Chinese "kicked it as the scene for their best small-scale offensive."

The Nori fighting, reminiscent of the hot battles on Sniper Ridge and Triangle Hill in Central Korea a month ago, has cost the Reds an estimated 1,100 dead, wounded and captured.

The weary ROKs reached the crest of Little Nori about 10 a. m. today.

They went up behind a savage Allied air and artillery pounding of the peak. Their first act was to kick off the remnants of Reds who had rolled them back down the hill nine times previously.

U. N. Council Takes Up Tough Morocco Matter

By OSGOOD CARUTHERS
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The United Nations put the explosive situation in French-ruled Morocco to an examination today, only a few hours after winding up a tense debate on Tunisia—another French North African protectorate.

Rushing to finish up as much of its business as possible before the Christmas holidays, the General Assembly's 60-nation Political Committee took only a half day Tuesday before opening discussion on violence-torn Morocco.

The committee completed its debate on Tunisia last night with the adoption of a mildly-worded Latin American resolution which merely asked France to negotiate on Tunisian demands for independence.

The vote was 45-3 with 10 abstentions, including the Soviet bloc and Britain.

Earlier the committee had voted down 27-24 a tougher Arab-Asian resolution which called for French-Tunisian negotiations under a three man U. N. good offices commission. Seven nations abstained on that ballot.

France was absent from the Tunisian debate and the given advance notice she will not attend the discussions on Morocco. She maintains her relations with the two protectorates are an internal matter and no concern of the U. N.

AMBASSADOR DIES

TOKYO (AP) — Philippines Ambassador Jose P. Melencio, 58, died of a heart attack today at a hotel in Tokyo. Melencio had been chief of the Philippine mission in Japan since Feb. 21, 1951. Previously he was Philippine consul general in New York.

LAST CALL ISSUED BY TRAVIS FOR CHRISTMAS TOYS

Last call for toys. That's what Ted Travis of the Eagles toy drive issued today. He said local Boy Scouts will make the drive's final collection Sunday.

And all it will take to donate a used toy or two will be a phone call to 3-3791 between 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. Sunday.

As soon as the call is received a Scout will be dispatched to your home to pick up your donation. The city has been divided into sections for the final collection, and each troop will take a specific area, Travis said.

Scouts elsewhere in the County are collecting toys today for the drive.

Though the Eagles still want most any kind of toy you may have, Travis says they're particularly in need of windup and skate keys. They have enough wheels, he said.

Right now 20,000 toys are wrapped and ready to go to children throughout the county who otherwise might not have many toys for Christmas.

"We've got a lot of toys, but there are a lot of names too," Travis said in urging citizens to hunt through their attics and basements in this final push by the Scouts for toys.



GOING TO HER DOOM — The dramatic photo, made by amateur photographer Dr. Willard Strode, shows the Norwegian motorship Fernstream just before her bow disappeared under the waters of San Francisco Bay just inside the Golden Gate. Dr. Strode was a passenger aboard the freighter Hawaiian Rancher which rammed the Fernstream in a heavy fog. The 42 crew members and nine passengers aboard the ill-fated motorship were rescued without mishap.

MEET your NEIGHBOR

By PAUL JENKINS



C. E. MOYER, Winston-Dillard nurseryman whose products find a sale all over the United States, is pictured against a background of holly. One might say he is snowed under with holly, inasmuch as he and his crew are working late into the nights packaging this vivid Christmas decoration for shipment — mostly to the Midwest and East. The clippings are given a hormone dip which keeps the leaves from tarnishing, packaged wet in foil tissue and paper cartons, then shipped by fast freight truck, parcel post, or express. The holly arrives at its destination fresh, crisp and glistening. His nursery trees are not yet mature, yet he ships out between three and four tons of holly per season. Most of his sales are in bulk, but some local firms and individuals favor their Christmas mailing lists through use of his small gift packages. To us who live in this more or less climatically favored section of the country, holly is very familiar; but to people in the East such holly as we find commonplace is held in high esteem and that of the quality Mr. Moyer markets is eagerly sought after.

Community Chest Still \$17,000 Short Of Goal

The Community Chest is still about \$17,000 short of its goal, Drive Chairman Bob Davis reported Friday.

The fund total to date is \$25,300; the goal is approximately \$42,000. Davis said contributions are coming in rather slowly, but that he is encouraged by recent efforts on the part of many contributors. He reminded local citizens that the drive is still in progress and that concerted effort will assure full quotas for the many deserving agencies which are part of the all-in-one drive.

Roseburg Service Man Is Soldier Of Month

Cpl. Alfred C. Mariott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Mariott, 3702 Hooker Rd. has been selected soldier-of-the-month by the 45th Engineer Boat Co. of the 30th Engineer Base Topographic Battalion at Ford Winfield Scott, San Francisco.

Mariott, first recipient of the award since the program was initiated in October, was chosen for his excellence in garrison duties and field work, an army release said.

He is a marine engineer and repairman with 6 1/2 years of army service. He was overseas for 27 months with the naval reserve, serving with the Seabees on Guam and Admiralty Islands during World War II.

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Woman Sues Over Leg Break In Roseburg P. O.

PORTLAND (AP) — Mrs. Laura N. Clough Friday sued the government for \$12,500 because she tripped over a sack of mail in the Roseburg Postoffice and broke her leg.

The complaint, filed in Federal Court, said that a government employe, not named, dropped the sack on her and she was unaware of it when she stepped back, stumbled and fell.

Clough said she was walking through the postoffice when she stepped back, stumbled and fell.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
From Washington: President Truman has turned down suggestions that he call a White House conference with Generals Eisenhower and MacArthur on ways and means to END THE KOREAN WAR.

The little man first got peevish. At his news conference this morning, he said of Ike:

"His (Ike's) campaign announcement that he would go to Korea was a 'piece of demagoguery.'"

He added that MacArthur should have reported him (Truman) after the general returned from Japan following his ouster from the Far East command. Any DECENT man, he told the correspondents, would have done just that — thus implying that General MacArthur isn't decent.

Personally, I'm glad he refused to confer with Ike and General MacArthur. How could any good

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The Weather

Partly cloudy today, tonight and Sunday. Late night and early morning fog.

Highest temp. for any Dec. . . . 70
Lowest temp. for any Dec. . . . 50
Highest temp. last 24 hours . . . 65
Lowest temp. last 24 hours . . . 34

Precip. last 24 hours . . . 0
Precip. from Dec. 1 . . . 7.58
Precip. from Sept. 1 . . . 10.84
Excess from Sept. 1 . . . 12

Sunset today, 4:38 p. m. PST
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:38 a. m. PST