

Refugee Hands Stolen Papers To Subcommittee

WASHINGTON — A Hungarian refugee said Wednesday he has handed a senate subcommittee documents he took from the home of Matyas Rakosi, Moscow puppet who resigned in July as the top Communist in Hungary.

The refugee, using the name of Lajos Ruff, is one of two witnesses called by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee to a hearing on the anti-Moscow revolts in Hungary.

The subcommittee said Ruff was freed from a Communist prison during the October uprising in Hungary.

It said rebel forces assigned him to "gather facts concerning the Communist dictator, Matyas Rakosi," who resigned July 18 as first secretary of the Hungarian Communist Party.

Ruff, 25, describing himself as a "Hungarian anticommunist resistance fighter," said he plans to "go back soon to fight another day" in hopes of freeing his country from Soviet domination.

Ruff said that for 3½ years he was a fellow prisoner in Budapest of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, the Roman Catholic church leader of Hungary. Cardinal Mindszenty was released during the revolution and took refuge in the U.S. legation.

Two American Freighters Collide In N. Y. Harbor

NEW YORK — Two American freighters collided last night in one of the world's busiest ship channels, the mile-wide gap between Governors Island and the Statue of Liberty.

Nearly 100 crewmen escaped injury on the two ships, the African Star and the Alcoa Pilgrim. Neither ship sank but the African Star, taking water through a 20-foot hole in her port side, had to be beached on a mud flat just 950 feet from the Statue of Liberty.

Both ships were inbound, heading for Hudson River piers. Police said the 7,971-ton Star, owned by the Farrell Lines, Inc., was rammed by the Pilgrim about 600 yards east of Ellis Island.

The Pilgrim, a 6,749-ton vessel owned by the Alcoa Steamship Co., docked later at Pier 11 in West New York, N.J. Police said she was damaged "slightly" in her bow.

Small Girl Succumbs After Swallowing Pills

NEW YORK — Four-year-old Diana Williams has lost her battle with death.

The Stamford, Conn., girl died yesterday on the operating table at Bellevue Hospital while surgeons were attempting a tracheotomy, an operation to enable her to breathe. The youngster had swallowed a quantity of sleeping pills her parents had left on a table. Their effects appeared to be choking her.

Diana had been in an iron lung in Stamford Hospital since Sunday evening. She was brought to Bellevue before dawn Tuesday. While she was being rushed here in a truck at 60 m.p.h. four persons helped operate her iron lung by hand.

Four Persons Asphyxiated By Gas In Apartment

GLENDAL, Calif. — Police broke into an apartment Tuesday and discovered gas had been pumped into full blast, all windows tightly closed, and a family of four dead of apparent asphyxiation.

Officers estimated the temperature at 150 degrees in the small apartment.

Gayle E. Hinton, 23, his wife Frances, 18, and their children, 18 months and Michael, 5 months, apparently died early Monday, investigators said.

Hinton's body was in the living room, sprawled near a tipped-over lamp, indicating he died in a desperate effort to reach and open a window. The other bodies were in or near their beds.

CURFEWS CLAMPED
BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Baghdad military command Wednesday clamped curfews in the area of two oil pumping stations on the Iraq Petroleum Co.'s Kirkuk-Tripoli pipeline. An announcement said the curfews were imposed "for reasons of public interests." This is the pipeline whose pumping stations were blown up in Syria and are still out of operation.

CHILE HAS QUAKE
ANTOFAGASTA, Chile — New earthquakes rocked northern Chile last night. The shocks were felt in several cities. Though there was some material damage, there were no reports of casualties.

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South Africa's Mass Treason Trials Started

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — South Africa's tensely awaited mass treason trial began in a closely guarded court Wednesday while 5,000 Africans demonstrated outside.

In all 152 white, colored (mixed blood) and black defendants appeared in the drill hall which had been converted into a courtroom. They included ministers, journalists, lawyers and executives of various organizations. Two of the prisoners were arrested Tuesday.

Most of the others were rounded up in police raids throughout South Africa earlier this month.

The list of defendants left no doubt that persons and groups opposing the nationalist government's apartheid, or racial separation, policy, were the targets. The demonstrators, some of whom had been there since 5 a.m., carried slogans, "We Stand With Our Leaders." Many paraded with sandwich boards which bore photographs of the arrested people.

When the police wagons with the defendants arrived, the crowd greeted them with wild shouts of "Africa" — the slogan of the African National Congress. It also sang the African anthem, "God Save South Africa."

Telephone Almanac Available In Roseburg

Copies of the Telephone Almanac, published annually by the Bell System, are available at the Pacific Telephone business office, 915 S.E. Mosher Ave., according to Duane Lafferty, manager.

"This Ever-changing World" is the theme of the 1957 edition. The booklet explains the deeds of 12 men and women who were responsible for changes that proved to be great advances in their particular fields of endeavor.

The Almanac also contains information for farmers, businessmen, housewives, students and telephone users. The center section of the booklet is a four-page insert that deals with new developments in the telephone industry.

The booklet is free, Lafferty said.

Eden's Hold On Position Considered Stronger

LONDON — Prime Minister Eden's hold on his job is considered much stronger than his return to London last weekend. But results of a special parliamentary election Wednesday were awaited as a possible indication to public feeling.

The voting was in the traditionally conservative Melton division of Leicestershire to fill the seat Anthony Nutting resigned in protest against the British-French invasion of Egypt. Nutting was a protégé of Eden's and minister of state for foreign affairs.

If the Laborites make strong gains in the voting, sentiment might again build up in the Conservative ranks against the 59-year-old prime minister's staying in office. But the consensus is that only an upheaval in the party can force him out.

Butler Confident He's Still Safe As Chairman

WASHINGTON — Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler appeared confident today his job is safe despite the November vote outcome and a disagreement with congressional leaders.

Butler issued a call for a meeting of the national committee in San Francisco on Feb. 15. Associates said he is confident he can dispose of any move for his ouster which might crop up then.

The chairman's friends said Butler had little direct connection with Adlai E. Stevenson's unsuccessful campaign for the Presidency. They said he was more concerned with the congressional campaigns in which the Democrats retained control of both houses.

Beach Patrols Resume Search For Two Bodies

TILLAMOOK — Beach patrols resumed search Tuesday on both shores of Tillamook Bay for bodies of two men aboard a 16-foot boat that was swept out to sea Sunday.

A low-hanging overcast hampered search Tuesday on both shores of Tillamook Bay, and the surf still was too rough to send out a Coast Guard boat. Jim Coon, air search and rescue pilot, hoped to widen the range of his flights Tuesday.

Missing are LaVern Law, 45, employee of the Tillamook Elks Club, and Joe Chacartegui, 42, Tillamook logger. Witnesses said the engine of their boat apparently stalled and they were helpless to prevent the craft from drifting to its doom in the stormy Pacific.

HEINTZLEMAN RESIGNS
WASHINGTON — Gov. B. Frank Heintzleman's resignation as Alaska's appointed executive, effective Jan. 3, was announced Tuesday by the White House.

The 68-year-old governor, who was formerly the U.S. regional forester at Juneau, advised President Eisenhower he did not desire a second term, "as I have now had 16 years of public service and desire to retire to less strenuous work."

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Church Activities

Father Blaker To Be Honored At Communion

The Rev. Alfred S. Tyson, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in Roseburg, announces that a special communion service will be held at the church Friday at 10 a.m.

The service will be in observance of the 46th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. William L. Blaker to priesthood. Friday is also St. Thomas' Day.

From 1940 to 1949, Father Blaker was rector at St. George's Church in Roseburg. Father Blaker, now retired, and Mrs. Blaker live with a daughter, Mrs. James Judd, in her Roseburg home.

All friends of Father Blaker are invited to the service, the Rev. Mr. Tyson said.

Baptist Women Honored At Party

The Women's Missionary Society of the Roseburg First Baptist Church sponsored a recent Christmas party for the "Golden Age" members of the church.

A 1 p.m. chicken dinner was served to 45 of the older members. The Rev. Eugene Gerlitz, pastor of the church, acted as master of ceremonies.

The ladies were presented to three of the ladies who had been members of the church for 55 years. They are Nora Blosser, Ida Neal and Barbara Negley.

The Rev. Mr. Gerlitz said that the combined years of membership of the group was over 1,000 years. "In Christian service and kingdom building." A number of the older members were unable to attend.

The Christmas story was told by Betty Bowers. A reading, taken from "Christian Ideals," titled, "I Remember Christmas," was given by Lydia Paulson.

Several members then told of their associations with the group in the past years. Christmas messages were sent to the following former members: Ben Taylor, Portland; The Rev. Frank Matthews, Bellevue, Wash.; Nellie Simmons, Longview, Wash.; and Frances Crawford, Vicksburg, Miss.

Two Christmas films were shown, and sacks of nuts and candy were given to each guest.

Following the party the five circles of the church and the senior high BYF packed six Christmas boxes of treats for foreign students at Linfield College in McMinnville.

Missionary Council Holds All-Day Meeting

The Sutherland Assembly of God Missionary Council met last Thursday. The ladies spent their time making costumes for the Christmas program that will be held Sunday night, Dec. 23.

At noon a sack lunch was enjoyed and a business meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Rickard, with Mrs. Woods having the devotional on "Sowing the Word."

After the meeting work continued on the costumes and a good quilting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 27.

Second Person Succumbs To Accident Injuries

LA GRANDE — Mrs. Clarine Millman, 32, of Cove, Tuesday became the second person to die from injuries suffered in an automobile-truck collision 14 miles east of here.

Betty Dalton, 9, also of Cove, died a few hours after the Monday morning crash.

Three others, all in the automobile, were injured. They are Mrs. Shirley Dalton, 28, the dead girl's mother, Dick McBride, 18; Unda Dalton, 6, Mrs. Dalton's daughter, a three-month-old baby, was not hurt in the crash.

The driver of the truck, Bernard Bohna, 51, Wallawa, was unhurt. He was cited by police for failure to yield right of way.

Tax Commission Man Talks With Three Assessors

Samuel B. Stewart, chairman of the state tax commission, met with three Southern Oregon county assessors Tuesday in the offices of Douglas County Assessor Morris C. Bowker.

The commission's chief engineer, Harry Loggan, was also present at the talk in which the main topic was listed as administrative problems of operating an assessor's office.

Douglas County Assessor Bowker said that the relationship between the county assessors' offices and the state tax commission were also covered in the discussion.

Stewart, commenting after Bowker, stated that the relationships between the Douglas County Assessor and the tax commission have been extremely cordial in comparison with some other county assessor's offices and the state group.

Another object of the discussion, Bowker said, was to talk over the commission's program of trying to develop better equalization of the tax load throughout the state.

Both men emphasized that no major changes in assessment as regards Douglas County are anticipated.

The other county assessors present were Merle Griffen of Josephine County and C. G. Caughell of Coos County.

Arnold LeRoy Close Death Is Disclosed

Arnold LeRoy Close, 22, of Oakland, died at Salem, Sunday morning after a lingering illness.

He was born in Wauwatosa, Wis., on July 28, 1934. He had been in ill health for many years. He had been hospitalized in Salem for about five years.

Survivors include his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. William Close of Oakland; three brothers, John of Minnesota, Earl and Richard of Oakland; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Dewese of Muncie, Ind. and Shirley Card of Norfolk, Calif.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Oakland. Rev. Orvel Prather will officiate. Interment will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Oakland.

Stearns and Little Mortuary are in care of arrangements.

Suspect Admits Setting Trenton Church Fires

TRENTON, N.J. — Mercer County Prosecutor Marion Volpe said today a suspect has admitted starting fires in five Trenton churches, including a 3½-million-dollar cathedral blaze which took three lives.

The man was not identified. Volpe said he is being held for a psychiatric examination.

Volpe said the man admitted starting four church fires here last Sunday and the blaze last March which destroyed St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Msgr. Richard T. Crean and two housekeepers died in the cathedral blaze.

Sunday, the historic First Methodist Church was damaged to the extent of some \$200,000 and another church suffered some \$500 damage about a mile and a half away. Attempts were made to start blazes in two other smaller churches.

Station Operator Views Two Eyes Under Hood

SPOKANE — Gas station owner Frank Caughey looked under the hood of a truck Monday night and two eyes looked back. A big pack rat who had a pair of pancakes with him was sitting on the radiator.

Caughey, who had hoisted the hood to check the oil for the driver, said the rat apparently climbed aboard when the truck stopped at Lamont, Wash., about 40 miles away.

Only the rat knew where he got the pancakes. As it turned out, it was the rat's last meal.

Jurors Convict Second Man In Robbery Case

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the case against LaBonte Tuesday was a bloodied pair of pants he was wearing at the time of his arrest. He will be sentenced Thursday morning.

One of the most interesting facets of the trial was the legal duel of wit between Dist. Atty. Robert M. Stults and his former deputy, Donald Kelley. The two are meeting again today in circuit court, since Kelley also represents Eaves.

A high point of the trial was an impassioned, 36-minute closing argument by Kelley in which he claimed the state was making an effort to convict LaBonte "whether guilty or not."

In his rebuttal, Stults crossly retorted that Kelley may have operated that way when he was in the district attorney's office, but such was not the case now.

Kelley's comments also ranged over the subjects of massive state organizations brought to bear against the youth, similarities with the sensational Georgia Lang murder case, the Christmas spirit and the effect a conviction would have on the youth's mother, Mrs. Esther LaBonte, who also appeared on the stand.

Specifically, however, he contended the four men, including the plaintiff, had all been part of a drunken brawl, in which the defendants had no thoughts of robbery. He claimed that if robbery had been the motive, LaBonte would have taken Altschaff's wallet. (The wallet was found later at the scene of the alleged robbery with \$3 still in it.)

Kelley said it was likely the wallet had been dropped after it had been taken from Altschaff and didn't contain enough money to make it worth the men searching for it. Finally, he said, it was the purpose of the law to protect the innocent, but if the facts show guilt, society should be protected and the guilty should be deterred from further such acts.

LaBonte, in his testimony, divorced himself completely from the action. He said Altschaff and Eaves had been arguing in the tavern at Winston and later as they drove along the road south of the Lookingglass store. He said Eaves stopped the car and he and Altschaff started fighting. He said he tried to separate them.

Recounting his version of earlier incidents, LaBonte said he had drunk about 20 beers between 6 p.m. and 1 a.m. Harris in Monday's trial called it "a running drunk."

Testimony was basically the same in this second chapter of the robbery action. Altschaff contended he had been in town to visit friends, had gone to Winston to drink a couple of beers with three defendants and then had been attacked on the lonely Lookingglass-Brockway road. He said he was struck on the back of the head by what he thinks was a beer bottle and then beaten. He said something sharp had been pressed to his back and he thought it was a knife, so he quit fighting. He claimed the men took his wallet and wristwatch.

LaBonte has already been in the state penitentiary once in his young life. He was sentenced in circuit court when he was 17 for grand larceny by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly. He was granted probation, which later was revoked.

BYF OFFICER

Ruth West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. West, 473 Riverside Drive, Roseburg, is one of 11 students at Linfield College, McMinnville, who is an officer of a state Baptist Youth Fellowship organization. Miss West is secretary of the Oregon BYF.

States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho are represented by these student BYF officers.

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Emmett F. Hall Dies Wednesday

Emmett F. Hall, 74, of 856 NE Nash St., died at a local hospital Wednesday morning, following a long illness.

He was born at Garwin, Iowa, Aug. 18, 1882, and came to Oregon in 1919. He resided at Umpqua until 1941 when he moved back to Iowa. In 1952 he returned to Douglas County to make his home in Roseburg.

Hall was married at Stephens, Ore., April 14, 1911, to Edna Turner, who preceded him in death in 1951. He was a member of the Brethren Church.

Surviving are two children, Gerold Hall of Garwin, and Mrs. Maynard (Dorothy) Byrd of Roseburg; one granddaughter, Mrs. Ellis (Yvonne) Rodgers, Roseburg; and three great-grandchildren.

His body has been removed to Long and Orr Mortuary and will be sent to Tama, Iowa, for services and interment there.

Accused Kidnap Given Leave For Hospital Stay

DALLAS, Ore. — Circuit Judge Val Sloper Tuesday ordered Dallas logger William Joseph Vandervort sent to the state hospital at Salem until he feels ready to stand trial on a charge of kidnaping and robbery.

The committal order came after Vandervort, nearly collapsed at his own arraignment, and under questioning by the court, indicated he would be unable to help in his own defense.

Vandervort is accused of the robbery of a grocery store in which the store manager and his family were forced to drive him to the scene.

When Vandervort was arrested here Dec. 6, he said he had lost nearly all the money gambling at the Bay Meadows race track near San Francisco.

Survivors include: four daughters, Mrs. Lois Palmer, Coos Bay, Mrs. Claire Palmer, Elkton, Mrs. Merle Seeley, Portland, and Mrs. Bernice Haines, Eugene; two brothers, Roy Lamb, Portland, and Percy Lamb, of Monmouth; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Davis, Portland, and Mrs. LaElla Horrell, Prescott, Ariz.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Methodist Church at Elkton. Rev. Howard E. Baker will officiate.

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