

Producer Claims Proposal To Pay To Hold Out Story

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Producer Paul Gregory testified in the Confidential magazine trial Friday that he was told he could have kept a story out of the scandal magazine by paying between \$800 and \$1,000.

Gregory said the offer was made to him by Mrs. Marjorie Meade, one of the operators of Hollywood Research Inc., and a defendant in the trial along with her husband, Fred, and Confidential and Whisper magazines.

He said Mrs. Meade told him an article had been written about Charles Laughton, Robert Mitchum and Elsa Lancaster.

"She said I could buy off the writer for \$800 to \$1,000," Gregory testified.

"She said it was scandalously injurious and would put me out of business."

Gregory had testified earlier that he and Laughton were associated in theatrical ventures for five years.

Gregory said he told Mrs. Meade that her offer was "blackmail," that he wasn't going to buy off anybody and that he was going to report the matter to authorities.

He said his first contact with Mrs. Meade was Aug. 22, 1955. Earlier Gregory told reporters that the Robert Mitchum story in Confidential, alleging the actor showed up nude at a party given by Gregory, was entirely false.

"There were 10 people at the party who are willing to come and so testify," Gregory said.

Gregory was the last prosecuting witness. After hearing his testimony and reading to the jury two more articles from Confidential the prosecution rested its case. The defense when it takes over possibly could call a parade of reluctant movie star witnesses.

Olalla Man Killed In Unset Of Pickup

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was born March 2, 1909, at Springerville, Ariz., and was a member of the Winslow, Ariz., Elks Lodge.

He was a member of the Winston Christian Church and had been employed by Roseburg Lumber Co. He was a member of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers, AFL, Local 2948. Brady was active in Scouting and was a Scoutmaster and Explorer advisor to Troop and Post No. 126.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; two sons, John, who is on a Boy Scout tour in Europe, and Joe of Olalla; his mother, Mrs. Lillie Mae Carduff of Winston, and a brother, Carl, of Winston.

The body was removed to the Chapel of Roses. Funeral services will be announced later.

CHAIR LOST

Loss of a platform rocker somewhere on Highway 99 between Grants Pass and Roseburg was reported to State Police Thursday by Fay Willard, Idlewild Park. He told officers he thought the chair had been lost on Sexton Mountain.

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DRUNK JAILED

Pleading guilty to being drunk on a public highway, Clyde Mark Smith, 45, Sutherlin, was fined \$25 in district court Thursday. He was committed to the county jail in lieu of the fine.

VAGRANT JAILED

Elbert Curtis, 69, Camp White, was lodged in the Roseburg city jail Thursday when he was unable to pay a \$25 fine levied after he pleaded guilty to a vagrancy charge.

House May Break Civil Rights Bill Deadlock Shortly

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Friday moved toward a break in the deadlock over the civil rights bill and Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) predicted House passage, possibly next week.

That probably would clear the way for Congress to adjourn this month.

Republican leader Martin (Mass.) announced after a strategy session of GOP leaders that "we are open minded" about the form the disputed measure takes.

"We want a workable bill as quickly as possible," he said.

With Republicans believed about ready to stage a strategic retreat from their all-or-nothing stand, the House Rules Committee was reported ready to take up the matter early next week, perhaps Monday.

The Rules Committee thus far has been blocking House action. But with four Republican members and four Northern Democrats voting together on the 12-member committee, the bill could be sent to the floor.

But Martin signified that the Republicans will not accept without a contest a modification of the bill that is being proposed by House Democrats. That could mean the Democrats will have to give in some or there could still be no bill this session of Congress.

After the House originally passed the bill, the Senate added a disputed jury trial amendment with broad application. Rep. Celler (D-NY) is pushing for House acceptance of the Senate bill with the jury trial amendment narrowed down just to cover voting rights cases. The Democrats say the Senate would go along with that but nothing more.

Court Martial Board Acquits Young Officer

FT. SILL, Okla. (AP)—An Army court martial board Friday acquitted a 22-year-old second lieutenant of four charges of negligent homicide in the deaths of four infantrymen June 22.

The verdict was returned shortly after 9 a. m. after only about 20 minutes' deliberation by the nine-member board. The case went to the board after final defense and opening statements.

The four soldiers were killed and 13 others injured when mortar shells fell among them as they advanced up a hill during an attack demonstration on a Ft. Sill range before several hundred civilian and military onlookers.

The defendant, Lt. Rossier L. Moody, Toano, Va., a studious-looking graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, spent only 10 minutes on the stand Thursday.

Moody, one of two officers blamed for the tragedy, nervously clinched his hands as he admitted making a mistake in transcribing firing data which caused six to nine rounds of 4.2 inch mortar shells to fall among the infantrymen.

"I checked the data to make sure I had it right," Moody testified, "but unconsciously I apparently, picked up the wrong sheet first." He said the data was on two sheets.

The other accused officer, Lt. Col. Walter P. Berger of Philadelphia, will face trial on four counts of negligent homicide and dereliction of duty in a week to 10 days.

Three Roseburg Boys Released To Parents

Three young Roseburg boys were released to their parents Thursday following their arrest for allegedly tampering with a collapsible swimming pool.

The boys, two of them 10 years old and the other 9, were arrested on a warrant based on a complaint filed by Jack O. Hausotter. Their parents are to appear in municipal court this afternoon.

According to police, the boys allegedly let the air out of the pool.

Former New York Teamster Head Claims He Was Ousted By Fraud And Deception

WASHINGTON (AP)—Tea rars streaming down his cheeks, grizzled Teamster Martin T. Lacey testified Friday he was ousted as the union's New York city boss through fraud and deception.

The 74-year-old Lacey, a veteran of 50 years in the union, said this was done with cooperation of the office of Dave Beck, union president.

Lacey applied the words "fraud and deception" to the chartering without his knowledge of seven hoodlum-led Teamsters locals.

These locals helped vote Lacey out of the presidency of New York Teamsters Council No. 15 in 1955 and put in John O'Rourke, backed by Midwest Teamsters boss James R. Hoffa.

Lacey said his protests to Beck and Einar O. Mohn, the union's administrative vice president, against seating the phony locals fell on deaf ears.

The picturesque old union leader seemed unaware of the tears streaming down his cheeks until they splashed on the witness table of the Senate Kackets investigating committee. He showed no other indication of emotional upset.

Vigorously, Lacey denied that convicted bribe taker Sam Goldstein, an alleged lieutenant of racketeer Johnny Dio, or anyone else had offered him \$10,000 to get out of the race and leave the field to O'Rourke.

"Who the hell is Sam Goldstein to buy me?" Lacey demanded of the committee when asked about that.

Some of the senators had drawn an inference of a bribe intent from the playing Thursday of a telephone conversation between Goldstein and Tony (Ducks) Corallo, described as the secret boss of several hoodlum-run New York locals of various unions.

Lacey blocked O'Rourke's election temporarily in court proceedings but ultimately bowed out to him. O'Rourke now council president and titular New York City Teamsters head, invoked the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer committee questions Thursday.

Chairman McClellan (D-Ark.) said Leonard Geiger, the New York council's recording secretary, is "now on the lam" and can't be found at his New York home or office to be served with a subpoena to testify.

The committee says creation of the paper locals—so dubbed on contention they existed only on paper—were part of a scheme by Hoffa to gain a stranglehold on labor affairs on the East Coast.

And, it contends, Hoffa had an alliance to this end with Dio, who it says helped set up the locals.

Hoffa is the odds-on candidate to succeed Beck when the Teamsters elect a president next month to replace their discredited chief.

Lacey, a big, gravel-voiced Irishman, told the senators that Geiger has refused to give him the minutes of a Jan. 26, 1956, meeting of the New York council's executive board.

At the meeting, Lacey said, five of seven board members suddenly switched their stand and decided to vote to seat the phony seven locals.

The committee says New York goons and hoodlums were officers of the membership locals, and they ultimately sent voting delegates to the council to vote out Lacey and put in Hoffa's man, O'Rourke.

Harris Whitaker Sues To Recover Tavern Payment

Harris Whitaker filed suit last week in circuit court to recover \$21,247.50 which he claims he paid to Leonard S. Zacher for his interest in Lennie's Friendly Tavern and Elbow Room in Roseburg on March 22.

The plaintiff claims that Zacher misrepresented the expenses of operation of the business. He alleges that Zacher and his wife did more of the work at the tavern than they told him, that earning and expense statements they gave him did not show the cost of hiring weekend cooks, and that an income and expense memorandum for January 1957 was not on an accrual basis and did not show some normal operating costs.

Whitaker asks to have the contract rescinded and to recover his payments plus fair value for improvements put in the tavern before July 1. He estimates the value at \$1,500 for the improvements.

The complaint claims that the plaintiff asked to rescind the contract on July 1 and that the defendant refused. It states that Whitaker has continued operation of the business in the meantime.

Florida Judge Will Keep Seat

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—Circuit Judge George E. Holt, junior over his acquittal on impeachment charges and with his back pay in his pocket, left for Miami today to reclaim his seat on the bench.

The Senate, winding up the first impeachment trial in Florida's history, restored Holt to office yesterday when 14 members voted to acquit and 20 to convict.

The articles of impeachment charged that Holt accepted gifts and favors from attorneys practicing before him, permitted friendship to improperly influence his judicial appointments and the allowance of fees, borrowed money from an attorney practicing before him, awarded excessive and unnecessary fees and flagrantly violated the code of ethics for judges.

Confidential Defense Says Stars To Testify

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The defense expects to start tossing its promised shock-filled grenades today in the libel trial of Confidential and Whisper magazines.

Defense Attorney Arthur J. Crowley says he is going to bring movie stars into court to testify whether stories about them in the magazines are true.

The magazines and their alleged Hollywood agents, Fred and Marjorie Meade, are being tried on charges of conspiracy to commit libel and publish lewd and obscene matter.

The defense has scattered 117 subpoenas among Hollywood celebrities and is trying to slip 40 more into the hands of unwilling stars.

Two Roseburg Marines Take Part In Maneuvers

Two Roseburg Marines landed recently on Katmon, with the First Marine Brigade which was participating in a five-day amphibious sea and air assault.

The two are Marine Pfc. Charles L. Hayman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Hayman, 1749 NE Sunset Lane, Roseburg, and Marine Pfc. David A. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neale J. Bishop, 841 SE Jackson St., Roseburg.

Four Men Plucked From Water As Boat Capsizes

TAFT, Ore. (AP)—Four Portland men were plucked from the water when a 14-foot boat in which they were riding capsized Thursday at the mouth of the Siletz River.

The men were rescued by Ricky McKinzie, an employee of the Bailey Moorage here.

Rescued from the water were Charles Kroff, 40; Dale Lansbury, 31; William Denfeld, 65; and Fred Denfeld, 35.

FAT DANGERS CHALLENGED

NEW YORK (AP)—The Nutrition Committee of the American Heart Assn. has challenged the assumption that too much fat in the diet is a major factor in heart attacks.

The five-man committee reported yesterday that hardening of the arteries—fore-runner of heart disease and strokes—could result not only primarily from diet but from heredity, blood pressure and body chemistry.



SAM J. SHOEMAKER, formerly of Roseburg, a special agent with the FBI at Los Angeles, is pictured above with his perfect score, shot on the range of the Pasadena Police Department. A perfect score reportedly is a rarity, even with the FBI. Shoemaker was the only contestant to make such a score in the match in which he participated. Requirements consist of 50 rounds of which 10 are fired from the hip at seven yards and in 25 seconds; the next 40 in five minutes, five prone at 60 yards; five each from prone and sitting positions, and five each with left and right hands, all from behind a barricade at 50 yards; five kneeling and five each from left and right hands from behind a barricade at 25 yards. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker are vacationing at the North Umpqua summer home of his mother, Mrs. S. J. Shoemaker, Roseburg. He has been with the FBI since completing his studies after military service in World War II.

Salem Visitor Dies In Local Hospital

Berle Aaron Sparnon, 63, Salem, died at a Roseburg hospital early Friday. He had been visiting in Roseburg at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. McWilliams.

He was born at Logan, Ohio, Jan. 24, 1894, and was married to Eva Warren at Bellingham Wash., in 1916. He moved to Tillamook from Blaine, Wash., in 1918 and was employed at Tillamook as a lumber grader until about three years ago when he moved to Salem.

Sparnon was a member of the First Christian Church at Tillamook and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers, AFL at Tillamook.

Surviving are: His wife, Mrs. Eva Sparnon of Salem; three daughters, Mrs. (Doris) McWilliams of Roseburg, Mrs. Darrel (Dorothy) Persons of Salem, Mrs. L. L. (Victoria) Babb of Mountain View, Calif., and nine grandchildren.

His body has been removed to Long and Orr Mortuary and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Campbell Fails To Break Own World Water Mark

CANANDAIGUA, N.Y. (AP)—Britain's Donald Campbell gunned his jet-powered hydroplane to 220.83 miles an hour on Canandaigua Lake Friday but failed to break his own world water mark of 225.63.

His Bluebird struck a pleasure boat's swell on the second run and sailed 200 feet out of the water about two feet above the surface. Minor damage was done to the boat.

It was the speedboat king's final attempt here to break the record he set last year at Lake Coniston, England.

Campbell reached 220.83 on the first of the two runs necessary in a record attempt. The return trip over the one-kilometer course was cut to 198 miles an hour by the pleasure boat incident.

Military Manpower May Feel Economy Move Affect

WASHINGTON (AP)—Current military planning calls for further manpower cuts to offset the rising cost of weapons.

Secretary of Defense Wilson told his news conference Thursday a force of 2 1/2 million men, 300,000 below the present level, is a possibility by July 1959. He called that a minimum planning figure. But he said limited drafting of men will have to be continued to maintain a force of that size.

Wilson, resigning the post he has held for 4 1/2 years, will be succeeded in October by Neil H. McElroy. Proctor & Gamble Co. president, whose nomination was approved yesterday by the Senate Armed Services Committee. Senate confirmation is expected next week.

SHOTS PROVE FATAL

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Clyde Grayson, 17, was shot to death yesterday while rabbit hunting with two friends, but Sheriff Harlow Wright said no effort will be made to determine which boy fired the fatal shot.

"The boys are torn up enough about it now and if we find out now it would just make the one that did it feel worse," Wright said.

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