

Rudolph Abel Gets 30-Year Sentence

NEW YORK (AP) — Russian Col. Rudolf I. Abel, the highest ranking Soviet spy ever caught in this country, was sentenced to 30 years in prison and given an \$8,000 fine Friday. He could have received the death penalty.

The 55-year-old spy ring master stood stoically before Federal District Judge Mortimer W. Byers in Brooklyn as the sentence was pronounced.

He displayed the same outward calm shown during the days after his indictment and during his trial. He said nothing, and after the sentence was promptly led away by two officers.

In a statement to the court the prosecutor, Asst. U.S. Atty. Gen. William Tompkins, did not press for death.

Instead, he urged Judge Byers to impose "a substantial and very strong sentence in this case."

Abel's court-appointed attorney, James Donovan, pleaded that his client be spared death, contending the prosecution had failed to indicate any specific instance where Abel had actually transmitted U.S. military secrets to Russia.

Nixon Lists Need For Foreign Aid

DENVER (AP) — A plea for continuation of foreign aid was made by Vice President Richard M. Nixon during a quick aerial trip to Denver.

He said, in an extemporaneous address Thursday night, that the mutual security program "which the President will ask the Congress to approve . . . is just as important, and could be more important, than the military appropriations he will ask."

The vice president spoke at a dinner meeting of a conference on university contracts abroad, sponsored by the Committee on Institutional Projects Abroad of the American Council of Education.

The vice president said it is necessary to strengthen the economy of newly developing nations throughout the world "so they can be independent of any foreign domination — including that of the United States itself." Independence, he said, is the best assurance the nations will not fall to communism.

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Adlai May Talk Further Before Accepting Post

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Harry S. Truman said Friday Adlai Stevenson apparently plans further conversations before deciding on an offer to become an administration consultant at a North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in Paris next month.

Truman said he conferred with Stevenson for an hour Thursday night, and that "I got the impression that there are still some conversations to be had before it is decided."

Truman did not amplify and gave no further details of his talk with Stevenson except to say that "he wanted my views on several things and I tried to give them to him."

Stevenson, twice defeated by President Eisenhower for the presidency, has indicated he might accompany the President to the Paris meeting, which is designed to increase allied co-operation. But he said it depends on the nature of U.S. proposals to be made.

In any case, he said, he would be glad to review and discuss such proposals before they are put in final shape.

Truman, here for a brief visit, did not take his usual morning stroll because of preparations to leave at noon for his home at Independence, Mo. Instead, he spoke with reporters in the lobby of his hotel.

Earlier, Truman had expressed the view that there ought to be an official government document to record the substance of the utterances of the Presidents of the United States.

Federal Reserve Board Cuts Back Discount Rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve Board gave the nation's leveling-off economy an unexpected shot in the arm today by cutting back its discount rates in four sections of the country.

The immediate effect is to make it easier for banks to obtain money for lending to businesses and the general public. And it appeared to herald an easing of tight money policies that have accompanied a two-year business boom.

A spokesman for the Federal Reserve Board said the action was "recognition that inflation, at least temporarily, has ceased to be the dominant factor in the economy."

He emphasized, however, the board's belief that there is no reason for public alarm that a business recession may lie ahead.

The board announced that, effective today, the discount rate would drop from the 24-year high of 3½ per cent to 3 per cent at the Federal Reserve banks in Atlanta, New York, Richmond and St. Louis. Similar action by the eight other reserve banks is expected soon.

Governor Blames Tight Money For Economic Situation

PORTLAND (AP) — Gov. Robert D. Holmes told a Senate Small Business committee hearing in Portland Thursday that "the tight money, high interest rate policy of the national administration," is contributing to the depressed economic situation in Oregon.

"What this policy has done to our timber industry is well known and it has crowded either to the wall or entirely out of business, not only small, independent logging and mill operators, but manufacturers who depend on lumber and lumber byproducts for raw material stocks," the governor said.

The governor also was critical of east-west freight rates which he said were hurting the region's economy.

Most of the 16 small business representatives who testified following the governor also were critical of administration policies.

Leonard Netzer, attorney for the Western Forest Industries Assn., said the Forest Service was setting too high a price on the timber it was offering for sale.

Fred A. Lewis, Klamath Falls, said not enough advance notice and too much red tape sometimes prevent small businessmen from bidding on government contracts.

The two-day hearing, conducted by Sens. Morse (D-Ore) and Hyde (R-Minn) continued Friday, taking up the effect of federal taxes on small business.

Bakery Workers Union Suspended

WASHINGTON (AP) — The AFL-CIO suspended the Bakery Workers Union from the federation Friday.

AFL-CIO President George Meany said actions of the Bakery Workers executive board constituted "failure and refusal to comply" with an Oct. 25 order of the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

The council had ordered the Bakery Union to clean house or face ouster from the federation, and listed certain specific actions to be taken by this Friday to eliminate what it termed corrupt influences.

In the executive board action which Meany criticized, the Bakery Union agreed to hold a new convention to elect officers. But it refused to debar President James G. Cross from running for a new term and to reinstate Curtis R. Sims, ousted secretary-treasurer and opponent of Cross.

Cross refused to bow out of the picture, announcing that he would seek reelection as head of the 142,000-member union.

BAZAAR WEDNESDAY

Ladies Home League of the Salvation Army will hold a cooked food sale and bazaar Nov. 20 beginning at 9 a.m. at the former location of Bessie's Doll and Toy Shop on North Jackson.

Beef Producers To Vote On Forming Commission

A beef producers' referendum on establishment of a state beef commission will be held as an outgrowth of the recent series of 17 hearings conducted by the State Department of Agriculture, Robert J. Steward, department director, said in Roseburg Thursday.

Steward, speaking at the Western Oregon Livestock Assn. meeting, said the hearings indicated that "there is sufficient need to hold a referendum." He said the state-wide hearings were attended by some 500 producers, 100 of whom testified in favor of a beef promotion and marketing commission. Such a commission was opposed by about 35 persons, he said.

Steward said most of those who opposed opposition to a commission did so not because they thought such a commission is not needed, but because they objected to the idea of a state-controlled body.

But he said that until someone comes up with another idea, a state commission is the only feasible course of action.

He said the commission will attempt to right the situation that now exists in beef marketing, wherein producers are getting only 80 per cent of parity. This, he said, "puts producers in an inequitable position in society."

Dr. G. C. York, state veterinarian, described work in the state brucellosis testing program. He told how a milk testing program has been started to spot reactors in dairy herds more quickly and economically.

Several Oregon counties, including Douglas, have been declared brucellosis-free. The state will start testing in Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties after having received promise from California that several Northern California counties will be certified. Herding of beef is done across the state line at many points.

Work On Scrapie

Another state veterinarian, Dr. Maurice Wolfe, told of the work toward the control of scrapie, a sheep-killing disease so far has virtually bypassed Oregon. The disease, which came into North America in 1949 from England, has been kept out of the western states. In North America, it has attacked the Suffolk and Cheviot types of sheep most frequently.

Production Testing

Production testing of livestock operations on two Douglas County ranches was the topic of an afternoon panel.

L. C. Perrin, Oakland cattleman, said the basis of his program is the replacement of heifers in the Aberdeen-Angus herd.

Kenneth Knechtel, Wilbur sheepman, said it's hard to keep the program going because of the scarcity

Tax Slash Agreement Strikes Legislative Snag

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come over \$8,000 be changed from 9.5 to 9.8 per cent.

Sen. Walter J. Pearson (D), Portland, Senate Taxation Committee chairman, urged Speaker Pat Dooley (D), Portland, Friday to accept the compromise. Pearson says he fears that if the House Democrats don't accept it, the 19-day-old special session might run another week.

Holmes Present

Gov. Holmes was present at Thursday night's caucus when the House Democrats proposed the amendments.

Dooley said the compromise would force the 1959 Legislature to levy at least 39 million dollars of new taxes. But it would have about the same effect even with the amendments proposed by the House Democrats.

Members of the Conference Committee who signed the compromise are Sens. Pearson; Philip S. Lowry (R), Medford; Rudie Wilhelm (R), Portland; and Lee Ohmart (R), Salem; and Rep. Leon S. Davis (R), Hillsboro.

Opposing it are Reps. Clarence Barton, Coquille; Guy Jonas, Salem; and Robert B. Duncan, Medford. All are Democrats.

The result of the disagreement now is that Senate Democrats are taking the opposite view from House Democrats.

Umpqua Plywood Pays Appraised Price For Tract

Umpqua Plywood Corp. of Roseburg paid the appraised price of \$185,555 for 14,700,000 board feet of Umpqua National Forest timber at a sale in Roseburg Thursday.

The timber is located on 274 acres in the Cow Creek Ranger District 30 miles northeast of Tillamook. The tract contains 12,600,000 board feet of Douglas fir, western white and ponderosa pine, appraised at \$11.55 per thousand and 1,100,000 feet of sugar pine appraised at \$2.30 per thousand.

Umpqua Plywood was the only bidder.

The next Umpqua National Forest sale is scheduled Tuesday at Roseburg.

Seas Reveal Clues To Cause Of Disaster

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from the Romance of the Skies, which vanished with 36 passengers and a crew of eight.

With small boats from all ships in the area working under helicopter guidance, the Navy said it expected "to exhaust the possibility of survivors and recover all available bodies and significant material from the area" by 5 p.m. today.

All the bodies found were shrouded; most wore lifejackets and all had "external injuries and multiple fractures," the Navy reported. "The cause of death is considered to be the extensive injuries and fractures," the Philippine Sea radioed.

DILLARD OPEN HOUSE

Open house at the Dillard Elementary School will be Monday at 7 p.m., followed by a regular PTA meeting at 8:15. Fifth graders will give the program and fifth grade mothers will serve.

SHOTGUN STOLEN

Theft of an automatic 12-gauge shotgun from Montgomery Ward & Co. was reported by Robert Smith, sporting goods department manager. The theft was reported by Lee Elmquist, assistant manager.

Buying Pushes Stocks Higher

NEW YORK (AP) — A buying rush pushed stocks sharply higher Friday, adding an estimated \$4,500,000,000 to the quoted value of all issues on the New York Stock Exchange.

The value increase was based on the Associated Press average of 60 stocks, which was ahead \$3.70 at \$156.00 at noon. The Dow Jones industrial index was up 9.22 at 437.16.

In the market's first response to news four Federal Reserve Banks had lowered their discount rate, key stocks jumped \$1 to \$4. Some of the best gains were shaved later. Long term U. S. government bonds also made wide gains.

In another development, the massive 250-million-dollar block of American Telephone & Telegraph Co. debentures sold out Thursday night after announcement of the Federal Reserve Bank action in reducing the discount rate from 3½ to 3 per cent at the New York, Atlanta, Richmond and St. Louis member banks.

The issue was quoted at a premium Friday of 102¼ bid, 103¾ asked. The original offering price was 101.461 to yield 4.90 per cent.

Among big gainers on the stock exchange by noon Friday were Lukens Steel, up \$4; Gulf Oil, up \$3.12; and Union Carbide, up \$2.87. U. S. Steel was ahead \$2.50, Chrysler \$1.75, American Telephone \$1.62 and U. S. Borax \$2.

Engineers Racing To Close Big Hole

SEATTLE (AP) — Engineers raced Friday against the threat of more rain to bypass a trunk sewer break that has caused a massive hole in a residential boulevard and created a civic emergency.

There was no additional caveat at the gaping hole in the north end's Ravenna Boulevard, where the main trunk sewer is 145 feet deep under a hill.

But more rain, predicted for Friday night and Saturday, would add to the danger of a wider collapse that could topple houses into the break that already has swallowed pavement, sidewalks and trees from the boulevard's center strip.

Police set up a 24-hour patrol of the area, north of the University of Washington Campus. Health authorities warned parents to keep children and pets away from the area, but said there was no general hazard.

The size of the huge opening, upon the lips of which a dozen houses crouched perilously, didn't change materially after it reached dimensions of 200 feet long, 120 feet wide and 60 feet deep. But engineers said the stoppage might not last long.

City officials said it was likely the city would have to pay damages for the home owners' losses. Most of the homes are valued in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 class.

Green Lake, a mile to the west and one of the city's most popular swimming and fishing places, ceased a steady rise when alternate storm sewers were pressed into service to handle its runoff. Sanitarians were concerned, however, that the lake may have become contaminated by backing sewage.



Air Force Relieving Volunteer Observers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Because of advances in radar warning systems, the Air Force is relieving its volunteer civilian ground observers of their skywatch for unidentified planes.

The Air Force will put the entire Ground Observer Corps on a ready reserve basis Jan. 1.

Col. Owen F. Clarke, GOC project officer at Air Force headquarters announced the move at a meeting of the National Assn. of State and Territorial Civil Defense Directors. Civil defense officials have recruited volunteers for the observer corps.

The Air Force stressed it is not disbanding the GOC.

Officer Allowed To Give Kidney To Twin Brother

HONOLULU, Tex. (AP) — A happy lieutenant, who could say little except he was flabbergasted, has an official go-ahead for previously disapproved surgery transplanting one of his kidneys to a gravely ill twin.

Lt. Samuel Merriman, 26, got the news last night. Regulations notwithstanding, he won't have to give up pilot training at Honolulu Air Force Base because of the operation. Doctors have advised it offers the only chance of survival of his brother Billy.

Livestockmen Conclude Roseburg Conference

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ation and control of sore mouth of sheep and foot rot and pink eye of sheep and cattle.

8. Commending OSC on the work being done, in the field of internal parasite control and urging acceleration of research.

Want Annual Field Day

9. Favoring an annual livestock field day at OSC.

10. Favoring establishment of a state beef commission and asking the governor to appoint at least one member recommended by the association.

11. Favoring amendment to the state Dog Control Act to license dogs which have acquired permanent canine teeth, rather than licensing at 6 months of age.

12. Favoring increase of wool incentive payments from 106 per cent of parity to the maximum of 110 per cent.

13. Favoring the action of the Oregon Auction Board and Oregon Brucellosis Board in recommending that cattle herds having reactors in auction yards be followed up for tests with the new owners.

14. Favoring the assessment of farm and grazing areas for tax purposes on the basis of their productivity as farm land and carrying capacity in all cases.

Favors Committee

15. Favoring appointment of a committee to study agricultural zoning, annexation of agricultural lands by cities, and assessment of agricultural lands on the basis of productivity, to draft a law governing annexation of farm land by cities.

16. Favoring appointment of an association committee to study livestock assessments for tax purposes and calling on the OSC agricultural economics department to aid in arriving at an equitable formula.

17. Favoring review of fire patrol taxes and regulations with view of changing the laws to permit proper burning and to increase the representation of ranchers on the State Board of Forestry.

18. Favoring establishment of experimental areas for land management tests to insure stability of the soil, water and vegetative cover in cooperation with federal and state agencies.

19. Favoring the cooperation of the state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee in recognition of Western Oregon as a range area for construction of fences to protect vegetative cover.

Youth Confesses Murdering Child; Caught In Reno

RENO, Nev. (AP) — John Lawrence Miller, 15-year-old reform school fugitive, was captured by Reno police early Friday and admitted, Capt. Daryl Read said, that he suffocated a 22-month-old girl at Los Angeles Monday.

"I felt like I wanted to kill somebody and she was around so I killed her," Read said Miller admitted in a signed statement.

Read said a hitchhiker, Lloyd Difant, was given a ride from Klamath Falls, Ore., recognized the fugitive and notified police when they arrived in Reno in a stolen car.

Miller was surrounded by policemen at a service station shortly after 2 a.m.

Read said the youth surrendered without resistance, but said he would have shot someone if he knew how to use the stolen pistol he carried. Miller was booked on a charge of wanted for murder in Los Angeles.

Read said Miller readily admitted and signed a statement admitting he killed 22-month-old Laura Wetzel.

Miller told of going into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Thurmond in the Rolling Hills Estates after escaping when being returned to the Fred C. Nellis School for Boys last Sunday, Nov. 10.

Elderly Couple Struck

SALEM (AP) — An elderly couple was struck by an automobile here Thursday night, and the woman later died in a hospital.

She was Mrs. Mary Kenlee, Salem. The widower, Benjamin, was reported in critical condition at a Salem hospital.

Police said the driver of the car was Elmer Christ Stepper, 26, Salem. He was not cited.

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