New Bid For Freedom

Hugh D'Autremont Acts On Dropping Of 3 First Degree Murder Charges

MEDFORD (AP) — Hugh D'Autremont, youngest of the three brothers whose mail train robbery attempt in 1923 became a national sensation, entered two guilty pleas Monday in an apparent move for freedom.

D'Autremont, now 54, pleaded guilty to a second degree murder charge and to a charge of stopping a mail train with intent to rob it. He got a life sentence and a 20-year sentence on the pleas.

Then three pending first degree murder charges against him were dismissed by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna on recommendation of Dist. Atty. Thomas J. Reeder.

This cleared the way toward freedom should he ever win parole. As long as the old charges remained against him they were barriers to release.

However, one federal charge—mail theft—still is pending against him.

H. M. Randall, director of the state Board of Parole and Probation, said that "as far as the board is concerned, the sentencing Monday will have no effect on Hugh D'Autremont's chances for parole. He has been before the board on numerous occasions and presumably will be again. His case will be considered on its merits as is the case with all other men in the state penitentiary."

The second degree murder charge to which D'Autremont pleaded guilty Monday was reduced from first degree.

Holmes Attitude Factor

Hanna said in accepting the plea to the lesser charge that since Gov. Robert D. Holmes doesn't believe in capital punishment, the penalty—a life sentence—would be the same in either case.

The judge said the life term and the 20 years for attempted train robbery were to run consecutively with the term D'Autremont is serving now.

He started that term nearly 31 years ago.

The district attorney said he had recommended dismissal of the three murder indictments pending because 35 years after the event, prosecution would be a difficult and costly affair.

The train holdup occurred at the mouth of a tunnel on the Southern Pacific's Siskiyou line, in 1923. The two older D'Autremonts, twins Roy and Ray, were said to have masterminded it and their younger brother, Hugh, joined in.

It was an abortive attempt. An effort to dynamite a strongbox blew up the mail car. Trainmen were shot down when they came up to investigate.

The brothers fled empty handed and a search for them was pressed for years. The twins were located, separately, in the Midwest. Hugh was arrested in the Philippines, where he was serving in the Army.

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Roy Lamar Totton Dies At Hospital Here On Monday

Roy Lamar Totton, 54, 745 West Altamont St., died at a local hospital Monday.

He was born May 13, 1903 at Mount Hebron, Ala., and came to Washington in 1926. He was married to Flora Ann Ward at Tacoma on Aug. 22, 1929. He resided at Tacoma and Shelton, Wash., before moving to Roseburg about five years ago. He was employed by Roseburg Lumber Co. plywood division, Dillard. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and of Lumber and Sawmill Workers Local 2949 AF of L.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Flora Ann Totton, Roseburg; a son, Roy R. Totton, a student at Oregon State College; a daughter, Margaret Totton, Roseburg; six sisters, Mrs. S. W. Sasser, Alexander City, Ala., Mrs. R. S. Simpson, Wadley, Ala., Mrs. Lynn Powell, Opelika, Ala., Mrs. Thomas Boyd, Lafayette, Ala., Mrs. Newman Butler, Anniston, Ala., and Mrs. Otis Williams, Opelika, Ala.; two brothers, R. Grady Totton, Eclectic, Ala., and Aubrey Totton, Cherryville, N.C.

Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where regular Mass will be offered at 9 a.m. Thursday. Following services here, the body will be taken to Tacoma for interment in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, friends may make donations to the Cancer Fund.

Arrangements are in care of Long and Orr Mortuary.

Sukarno Names Replacement For Rebel Chieftan

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—President Sukarno's government Tuesday named a replacement for the rebellious military commander of East Indonesia.

The Ankara news agency meanwhile reported from the East Indonesian capital of Makassar that all telegraph service with the rebel-commanded province of North Celebes had been cut off and the government-owned Pelni Line had been ordered to stop sailings to ports there. Lt. Col. Somboa, military commander of North Celebes, last week came out in support of the rebel government in Central Sumatra.

In Padang, the chief rebel center in Central Sumatra, an informed source said the rebel regime would declare itself free of all loyalty to Sukarno as soon as it can broadcast the declaration. Indonesian air force raids put the rebels' radio stations at Padang, Bukittinggi and Menado, capital of North Celebes, out of action last weekend.

Previously the rebels had said they were not seeking Sukarno's ouster, only the removal of all Communist influence from his givernment and more autonomy for the Outer Islands.

Storms Batter Pacific Northwest Area Monday

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Seattle were hit by power failures that came when wind-whipped wires shorted or poles were blown over.

Power outages spread all up and down the western sections of the two states, from Grants Pass northward.

In addition to tree blockades, there were some reports of mud slides occasioned by heavy rains in southern Oregon. There was one-way traffic on a short stretch of U.S. 101, north of Gold Beach. The Pacific Highway near Grants Pass, a mile south of Canyonville, had one-way traffic around a slide.

Many telephone lines went down.

A Eugene street was barricaded near the new Lane County Courthouse construction job when sheet metal forms were blown to the ground. Crews were called to secure them in place.

All of Vashon Island was blacked out during the storm's peak.

The Albany fire department was kept busy answering calls occassioned by sparking power lines.

St. Peter Hospital at Olympia turned to its own generating plant when current from the power lines failed.

Spokane, too, felt the blow with gusts of 58 miles an hour, and nearly an inch of rain accompanied it.

At Gold Beach on Oregon's southern coast the rain was less severe than it had been earlier, but all over the southern part of the state the fall was heavy—2.39 inches at Roseburg was typical.

The Rogue at Grants Pass appeared to be cresting below flood stage Tuesday morning, although rain still fell.

The Weather Bureau said Tuesday morning's storm warnings were changed at mid-morning to small craft warnings as the damaging winds continued to taper off. The sun came out at many points along the coast.

34 Passcngers Of Plane Said In Good Health

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — The North Korean Red Cross reported Tuesday the 34 passengers and crewmen of a South Korean commercial airliner were in good health in Communist North Korea.

The plane, piloted by two Americans, landed in North Korea nine days ago after flying past its destination, Seoul, in South Korea. U.N. officials in Korea believe the crew was forced to fly into Communist territory by Red agents.

The report from the North Korean Red Cross was received here Tuesday by the International Red Cross Committee. The Korean Red Cross said the return of the South Korean plane and its passengers must be negotiated directly by the South Korean government of President Syngman Rhee. Rhee refuses to recognize the Communist regime in the north.

The North Korean Red Cross report was a reply to the international committee's offer of its good offices in solving the dispute over the plane. The committee said it passed the North Korean reply on to the South Korean Red Cross.

The North Korean government already has said it will not discuss returning the plane or its passengers unless Rhee's government negotiates directly.

Heavy Rains And Winds Strike Douglas County

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fic about midnight, but the roads were open today, the county road department said.

Melrose Road in Roseburg came in for its customary saturation, forcing its closure throughout the night. It was expected to be open by noon today, according to City Engineer Kenneth Meng. Other than that, most of the city troubles were confined to a few plugged sewers from the heavy hill runoff.

The wind spilled a cedar tree onto the front porch and living room roof of the L. W. Josse home in Riversdale. The Josses are vacationing in Mexico.

The short-lived but fierce winds also caused trouble elsewhere.

Copco Has Trouble

California Oregon Power Co. reported that power trouble occurred in North Roseburg as a result of trees becoming twisted in power lines. Street lights also werre reported out for awhile in South Roseburg along south Main Street. Also, a city fire crew stood by to guard a broken wire for about half an hour until a Copco crew arrived at SE Jackson St. and SE Rice Ave.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. said several lines out of Sutherlin are being restored after they went out Monday night. Three circuits out of 12 on a long distance lead between Roseburg and Myrtle Point were still out this morning after a pole was washed out.

As for the tree incident, Mrs. Beverly Christian, Riversdale correspondent, said the big cedar blew over about 8:30 p.m. She said it is four feet in diameter and about 140 feet tall.

On the way down, it struck a guy wire. This resulted in a tilted power pole, electrical shorts and ultimate repairs by a Copco crew.

Porch Destroyed

At the climax of its fall, the tree wiped out the front porch of the Josse residence and damaged the roof enough to cause considerable leakage. However, neighbors who peered in through windows reported that furniture and walls seemed to be intact.

The home is located on the banks of the North Umpqua on Quail Lane.

The storm interrupted television in the Roseburg area, although the trouble was at Eugene. A power outage there put KVAL-TV out of commission, and Roseburg's KPIC was unable to pick up signals shortly before 10 p.m.

The final advisory from the Roseburg station of the U. S. Weather Bureau indicated the heavy general rain of the last two days was ended. "There is no further danger of high water on the Umpqua River for the time being," the bureau said.

Precipitation approached three inches in some areas and sent streams over their banks in isolated instances. The greatest rainfall reported to the Douglas County Water Resources Survey office was 2.98 at the Upper Olalla station. This sent Olalla Creek sloping over a county road but didn't stop traffic. Lookingglass Creek also passed the flood stage by about a foot, cresting at 19.2, but it was back in its banks and falling rapidly by 10 a.m. today.

Sutherlin West

Another heavy downpour was reported from the Sutherlin precipitation station were 2.9 fell in the 24 hours before 8 a.m. today. Neither Sutherlin or Calapooia Creek, however, got out of their banks. The water Resources Survey reports that all streams are now back in their banks.

The main streams of the county approached the danger levels but have now all crested well within their banks. The Weather Bureau reports the Umpqua crested at Kellogg at 27 feet at 8 a.m. This is five feet below flood stage. The North Umpqua at Winchester crested at 10.8 at 9 a.m., but flood stage is 18 feet. The South Umpqua at Winston crested at 6 a.m. at 23.05 (flood stage is 26 feet) and was static at Roseburg at 19.5 (flood stage is 22 feet).

Other rain gauges showing more than two inches were Flournoy Valley 2.56, Reston 2.88, Kellogg 2.43, nd Riddle 2.61. Roseburg had 1.69 inches of rain.

The Weather Bureau predicted no more immediate heavy rains.

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U. S. Recognizes Merged Nations Of Egypt, Syria

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States recognized the United Arab Republic merging Egypt and Syria Tuesday.

Ambassador Raymond A. Hare handed a note to the Foreign Office in Cairo extending recognition and expressing good wishes, the State Department said.

The merger was voted by the Egyptian and Syrian people Feb. 22. On the same date a note to the U.S. Embassy in Cairo advised this country of the development and indicated it would be necessary for envoys to present new credentials to the new government, headed by Egyptian President Nasser.

Twenty-four nations took that action immediately and there were reports from Cairo of considerable resentment because the United States was not among them.

Only Monday the State Department said recognition would be extended "in due course."

The White House quickly followed up the State Department announcement Tuesday with word that the nomination of Ambassador Hare to be envoy to the new nation would be forwarded to the Senate quickly.

The White House said Charles W. Yost, ambassador to Syria, will remain in Damascus for a time, then return here for reassignment.

Mrs. Lou Ellison Dies At Roseburg Residence Monday

A life-long resident of Douglas County, Mrs. Lou Ellison, 88, died Monday at her home at 1218 SE Pine St. She had made her home in Roseburg for the past 46 years and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Roseburg.

She was born at Wilbur, Feb. 17, 1870, the daughter of John and Mary E. Thornton Agee, Douglas County pioneers, and was married there, Oct. 6, 1887, to John D. Ellison, who preceded her in death in 1937.

Surviving are five children, Frank and A. J., both of Roseburg, Elmer of Yoncalla, Melvin of Siletz and Mrs. William (Lota) Davis, Tokeland, Wash.; three brothers Zopher N. Agee of Medford, Owen L. Agee of Portland and Roy Agee of Elkton; a sister, Mrs. Bert (Kathryn) Stephens of Eugene, 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Long & Orr Mortuary Thursday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. John Adams of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Concluding services and vault interment will follow in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

26 Persons Killed, 28 Missing In Explosion

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Twenty-six persons are known to have been killed, 28 are missing and 10 injured in an ammunition explosion Monday at Pathankot railroad station, Defense Minister V.K. Krishna Menon told Parliament Tuesday.

Speaking on his return from an on-the-spot inspection, Menon said the cause of the accident was not known. Pathankot is the railroad head en route to disputed Kashmir. The explosion occurred while ammunition apparently meant for Kashmir was being unloaded.

Adlai Stevenson Challenges Russia To Aid Poor Nations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adlai E. Stevenson challenged Russia Tuesday to join with the United States in a pooled effort to provide economic aid to underdeveloped nations.

Stevenson, addressing the Eisenhower administration's bipartisan conference on foreign aid, also urged a Free World conference to unite and enlarge efforts to build up backward areas.

President Eisenhower will speak Tuesday night and former President Truman at a luncheon session of the conference attended by some 1,200 persons from such fields as education, industry, labor, veterans and civic groups.

Stevenson, Democratic presidential nominee in 1952 and 1956, shared the platform with Secretary of State Dulles.

Aid Important

Stevenson described foreign economic aid as being "just as imperative, in my judgment, more so, than the defense apropriations."

He said military aid alone cannot "create strong, healthy states resolved to keep their independence and capable of resisting" communism.

Stevenson proposed an invitation by the Eisenhower administration to Russia for coordinated U.S.-Soviet economic aid programs.

"We could invite Mr. Khrushchev (the Soviet Party boss) to coordinate his efforts with ours if he is readily interested in the economic development and political independence of these less fortunate countries," Stevenson said.

"And if the Soviets are not interested in joining our international effort, such an offer would at least unmask the motives behind their assistance programs."

Repeats Arguments

Dulles repeated many of the familiar arguments for foreign aid and added a new one: It creates jobs for American workers.

Speaking without a prepared text, Dulles said the Communists started with nothing 40 years ago and now control one-third of the world's population.

He said they did this because they have a dynamic belief, and the only way to combat them is with "a faith held more intensely, a greater and truer faith."

The secretary declared there are four good reasons for supporting foreign aid: It provides jobs for about 600,000 Americans. It assures Free World military bases around the globe. It helps maintain retaliatory forces in strategic areas, and it gives hope to people in underdeveloped countries who are being wooed by economic offensives from Moscow.

Other big-name speakers included Vice President Nixon, Secretary of Defense McElroy, Director Allen W. Dulles of the Central Intelligence Agency and presidential science adviser James R. Killian Jr.

The big rally was stage-managed by Eric Johnson, movie czar and part-time presidential aide.

Food Prices Jumped To New High Peak During January

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government reported Tuesday record high food prices pushed the nation's living cost to a new peak in January.

The jump in grocery prices was blamed on repeated freezes in Florida and excessive rains in Texas, which boosted fruit and vegetable costs, and also on short and consequently expensive meat supplies.

The Labor Department index of consumer prices rose six-tenths of one per cent between December and January to a new high of 122.3 per cent of the 1947-49 average.

This was the largest monthly rise since July 1956. The living cost level has risen steadily in 15 out of the past 17 months.

Means Pay Raises

The latest living cost jump means a pay raise for some 1,350,000 workers whose wages are partly geared to the index.

About one million workers in the auto industry get a three-cent hourly raise. Some 350,000 other workers in the farm implement, electrical and aircraft industries get a boost of two cents an hour or, in some cases, one per cent of present pay.

The total payroll hike will go to about 80 million dollars.

Ewan Clague, labor statistics commissioner, told newsmen he could hold out no hope for any drop in living cost in the next few months. He pointed out that there have been new crop freezes in Florida since the January data were collected.

Clague, however, said declining prices for materials such as wool, hides, leather, gaseline and fuel oil, rubber and metals eventually will mean lower prices to consumers in the summer or fall. He said the food price situation ought to straighten out somewhat, too, by then.

The January living cost level was 3½ per cent higher than a year ago. The food index was nearly 5 per cent above a year ago and three-tenths of one per cent above the previous high for food alone in August 1957.

BUS PLUNGE KILLS 64

MADRAS, India (AP) — Sixty-four persons, including women and children, were reported killed when a bus plunged into a roadside well in the Anatapur District of Andhra State Monday night.

Reports reaching here said 70 passengers were aboard the bus.

Mrs. Krewson Dies At Roseburg Home

Mrs. Thomas (Ethel May) Krewson, 55, 2157 NE Fieser Ave., died Monday at her home.

She was born in Cedarvale, Kan., Sept. 20, 1902 and came to Douglas County in 1929. She was married to Thomas Krewson at Tacoma, Wash., on Feb. 20, 1943. She has made her home in Roseburg for the past four years, having previously resided at Dillard and Myrtle Creek. Mrs. Krewson was a member of the Baptist Church and was past president of Veterans of World War I Auxiliary.

Surviving are the husband, Thomas Krewson, Roseburg; two children, Donald Kruzan, Willamina, and Harold Kruzan, Santa Cruz, Calif.; two stepchildren, Gene Krewson, Roseburg, and Keith Krewson, Sutherlin; one brother, Francis Schinkle, Reedsport; three sisters, Mrs. Tina May, Winfield, Kan., Mrs. Opal Sheppard, Reedsport, and Mrs. Lucille Lent, Roseburg, and one granddaughter.

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

Sen. Byrd Changes Mind; To Seek Re-election

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Sen. Harry Flood Byrd (D-Va) agreed Tuesday with full consent of his wife to seek a fifth six-year term in the United States Senate.

Byrd, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, had announced Feb. 12 he would not seek re-election.

His statement Tuesday, addressed to the General Assembly of Virginia, contained a statement from Mrs. Byrd, an invalid, releasing him from his promise made six years ago to retire at the end of his term in January 1959.

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Michael Joseph Geier Funeral Set Thursday

Funeral services for Michael Joseph Geier, 81, who died at a local hospital Monday, will be held in the chapel of the Long & Orr Mortuary Thursday at 11 a.m.

He was a resident of Roseburg for the past 24 years. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Lena H. Geier, Roseburg; a brother, John Geier, Deer Lodge, Mont.; a sister, Mrs. Frank Merrill, Spokane, Wash. and several nephews and nieces.

Officiating at the services will be the Rev. John Adams of the First Presbyterian Church. Following services his body will be taken to the Rest Haven Memorial Park in Eugene for cremation rites.

Sec. Dulles Celebrates 70th Birthday Today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dulles celebrated his 70th birthday on the job today.

Dulles confirmed that he feels fine although it is only a little more than a year since he underwent surgery for removal of an intestinal cancer.

Mrs. Dulles, giving some personal glimpses of the secretary in an interview, said he has no thought of retirement.

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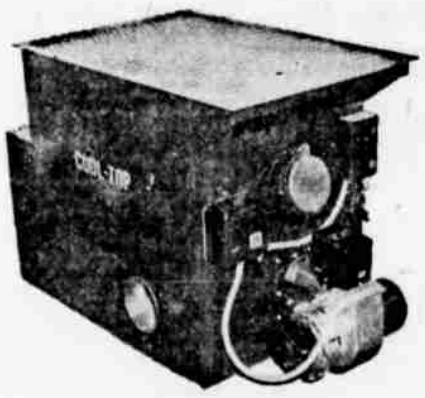
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