

# Alleged Capone Mobster Dares Probe To Find Out If He Shared In Pay-Offs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fifth-amendment-pleading Louis Romano, alleged Capone mobster, dared the Senate Rackets Committee Wednesday to go find out for itself if he believes he dealt in labor racket pay-offs.

"The whole bunch of you are wrong," Romano's lawyer said in a stormy clash with committee chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark) and counsel Robert F. Kennedy.

The outburst punctuated a hearing in which McClellan warned the rugged-faced witness that lying under oath is a serious criminal offense.

Kennedy told the committee he has evidence available that will challenge some of Romano's testimony.

Romano was the lead-off witness in the second day of hearings on an alleged Capone mob conspiracy to dominate the restaurant industry in Chicago and the labor unions with which restaurants bargain.

**5th Amendment Used**

Romano ducked behind the Fifth Amendment when asked whether he had been arrested on charges of murder and attempted murder.

Also scheduled to be called was Abraham Teitelbaum, onetime lawyer for the Capone family who became a \$125,000 a year labor counsel to the Chicago Restaurant Assn.

The committee, which heard testimony Tuesday alleging shake-downs and collusion, is investigating what it has labeled a conspiracy by the underworld to control the city's rich restaurant industry.

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**Police Powerless**

As the hearings got under way, Donald Strang, owner of a Niles, Ill., restaurant, testified that Illinois state police told him they could do nothing about union violence.

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**Property Transfers**

A tract of timbered land in Sec. 27, Twp. 29 S, Range 4 W in Douglas county has been sold for about \$33,000, according to a deed filed Wednesday with Charles G. Doerner, county clerk.

The property, formerly owned by A. N. and Fannie L. Pritsker and several other parties, was purchased by the C & D Lumber Co. Date of the transaction was June 30, 1958.

Another tract listed as Stevens Donation Claims No. 40 has brought about \$8,500 in a sale by Victor J. and Christine Micelli to George and Christine M. Luoma. They also purchased lot 11 in the Second Addition to Overlook, lots one, two and three in block D and lots four, five and six in block E and block F of the Hassell's Addition.

James and Hazel Gunn have deeded to F. W. and Julia E. Martin a tract in Sec. 3, Twp. 23 S, Range 4 W for a consideration of less than \$100, and the Martins have deeded the property to John Douglas and Mable Audrey Wasson, according to the clerk's records.

**Washington Man Held For Concealed Weapon**

City police Wednesday night took a 26-year-old Washington man into custody and booked him for carrying a concealed weapon after a search of his person in downtown Roseburg.

He was identified as Larry R. Gaynor who gave a local hotel as his address. Stopped while driving his car near the intersection of Stephens St. and Oak Ave., police found a .32-caliber revolver tucked under a sweater on his left hip.

A local tavern owner tipped police the man had attempted to cash a \$20 check there and was refused. He told the bartender he was an insurance investigator from Texas, according to police reports. People at the tavern said they saw a gun on his hip.

Given a description of the man and car he was driving, police Wednesday afternoon sighted him driving northward on Rose St., followed the car and made the arrest.

**Fire Department Turns To Drive-In Service**

The Roseburg Fire Department hardly is set up on a drive-in basis, but it can operate that way when the opportunity arises.

The opportunity arose early this morning when the Jack Fox family of Ingwood, Calif., drove up with a burning mattress in the family trailer. The smoldering fire promptly was doused by a fire hose.

Time of the fire was listed at 10:05 a.m.

**World War 1 Veteran Dies At VA Hospital**

Thomas J. Murphy, 87, World War I veteran, died at Veterans Hospital in Roseburg Tuesday.

He was born in New York April 14, 1871. He was unmarried. There are no known survivors.

Graveside funeral services were scheduled for 1 p.m. today at the Veterans Hospital Cemetery. Ganz Mortuary has charge of arrangements.

**Elkins May Be Freed Of All Liquor Charges**

PORTLAND (AP)—All the remaining bootlegging indictments against Portland gambler Big Jim Elkins may be dismissed as a result of a ruling by Circuit Judge James W. Crawford Wednesday.

Earlier the judge had thrown out one of the bootlegging indictments on the ground that it was vague and poorly drawn. Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton, who is prosecuting Portland's vice probe cases, asked the court to reconsider. But Judge Crawford reaffirmed his earlier ruling.

The other nine indictments against Elkins and others are almost identical and it is expected they also will be dismissed.

Elkins touched off Portland vice probe two years ago by saying that out-of-state gamblers were attempting to get into Portland vice operations.

**Gunman Strips Cash Registers At Safeway**

PORTLAND (AP)—A gunman cleaned out eight cash registers at a Safeway store in southeast Portland Wednesday night while 20 persons shopped, unaware of the robbery.

The unmasked gunman, who wore dark sun glasses and a straw hat, forced a clerk to scoop the cash out of each register in turn.

He put the money in a paper sack and escaped in a late model car. The amount of money taken was not disclosed.

**State Hospital Fugitive Held By Roseburg Police**

City police Wednesday night picked up an escapee from the Oregon State Hospital at Salem and are holding him in jail here for state authorities.

The 38-year-old mental patient was noticed by officers as he walked downtown Roseburg streets and asked him for some identification. He had none.

Brought to the police station, a check of records showed he had walked away from the institution a few days before.

**DRIVER PLEADS INNOCENT**

Richard Alvin Davis, through an attorney, Wednesday pleaded innocent to reckless driving before Municipal Judge Randolph Slocum. Bail was set at \$250 and the judge said he would set the trial date later. Davis, who lives at 633 W. Center St., posted bail.

# CAP Support Hassle Spreads To Lane County

EUGENE (AP)—An \$8,800 item in Lane County's 9-million-dollar budget has renewed a feud between state Aeronautics Director Earl Snyder and the Oregon wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

Snyder lashed out at the CAP several months ago over the general conduct of a search and rescue operation in Eastern Oregon. He renewed the feud this week with a statement that Lane County doesn't need to contribute taxpayers' money for support of the CAP.

The \$8,800 is the amount Lane County has budgeted for the four CAP squadrons here.

First word of Snyder's criticism of such budgeting came with the release of a July 3 letter from Snyder to all county civil defense directors.

In his letter, Snyder pointed out that he has received word that representatives for the CAP have applied to the various Oregon counties for financial aid.

Snyder said, "The reported basis for this money request is that the CAP aircraft would be the only civil aircraft allowed to fly over the area because of enemy attack. This is not true."

**CAP Private Venture**

The aeronautics director then referred the civil defense directors to the Oregon Civil Defense Plan, appendix 2 to annex J. He said that the plan places the responsibility for use of all civil aircraft in the hands of the state director.

"Civil Air Patrol is a private corporation whose members pay dues. CAP has no official or other especially recognized role in the state civil defense plan. Because of these facts, it is highly questionable whether or not public moneys can, or should, be transferred to Civil Air Patrol, Inc."

Snyder signed the letter as the chief of aviation for civil defense.

Lane County Commissioner Ralph Petersen, who sponsored the move to place the \$8,800 in the budget here, jumped to the defense of the appropriation as soon as he heard of Snyder's letter.

**Taxation Defended**

Petersen said he sponsored the item because "the people who join CAP shouldn't have to shoulder alone the financial burdens of carrying on the duties performed by the Civil Air Patrol."

He also challenged Snyder's statement that the CAP is not connected with civil defense operations. Petersen said throughout Lane County budget proceedings that the CAP is directly under the Air Force and works closely with all the armed forces.

Col. Charles R. Chick, Portland, commander for the Oregon wing of the CAP, who did battle with Snyder over the last issue, stood ready to do the same this time. However, he said he could make no statement until he had seen a copy of Snyder's letter to the civil defense directors.

**Highway Dept. Awards Given 12 In Roseburg Area**

Awards representing 245 years of service to the Oregon State Highway Department were presented to 12 Roseburg area employees recently by F. D. Morgan, division engineer.

The gold pins, all denoting 10 years or more of service with the agency, are the result of a new policy adopted by state highway commissioners.

Heading the list for time in service is C. C. Gall, resident engineer at Myrtle Creek, who has completed more than 38 years with the department.

A 35-year pin was awarded W. G. Krueger, local bridge maintenance superintendent, and a 35-year pin was awarded George Sothman, district maintenance superintendent, who received a pin for his 32 years with the agency.

L. R. Chandler, assistant division engineer, has had 29 years of work with the department, and recognition for 26 years of service went to Ray R. Olsen, and division soil engineer.

Others receiving awards, all residents of the Roseburg area, are: Pat Gregory, transitman, 17; Mike Crocker, draftsman, 16; D. B. Seely, inspector, and Alvin Bruden, chainman, both 11 years; and 10-year service awards to Harry Bronson, inspector, Bill Brown, division office engineer, and Gordon Spaulding, resident engineer.

**Auto Blow Breaks Hip Of Eugene Woman, 96**

EUGENE (AP)—A 96-year-old woman suffered a broken right hip Tuesday when she was struck by a car at a downtown intersection.

Emma B. Pearson, Eugene, was later reported to be in fair condition at a local hospital.

Police said the woman was crossing the street against a red light when she was struck by a car traveling about 20 miles an hour.

No citations were issued.



**PLANS ON FISHING** — Fishing and a winter in California are on the agenda of O. H. (Mutt) Nelson who retired Wednesday after 45 years service with the Southern Pacific Railroad. A company picnic will be held in the 67-year-old railroad worker's honor at Umpqua Park July 20. Here, he makes a "switch list," one of his many duties as a yard train clerk. Nelson was transferred to Roseburg from Sutherlin in 1925 and has worked here since that time.

# Myrtle Creek Council Bans Camping In Evergreen Park

By RUTH EVANS

Overnight camping at the city's Evergreen Park and the condition of the old Umpqua Plywood Corp. mill were discussed Tuesday night by the Myrtle Creek City Council.

The council ordered that signs be posted telling the public that no overnight camping would be permitted in the park and that the gates close at 11 p.m.

Forrest Loghry, chairman of the Park Committee, reported that some overnight camping was being done in the park.

The old mill came in for long discussion. Councilmen, who said that the mill is an eyesore in its half torn-down condition, contended that more adequate fire protection should be available to protect the plywood building still standing. The council decided to learn how much time remains on the contract for razing of the mill.

Loghry reported that the old Ground Observer Corps tower at the park is a hazard to younger children and asked that it be torn down. The council, however, ordered that the tower be covered with a light wire netting to prevent children from climbing on it.

In other business, the council authorized the recorder to call for bids for a new police car. No date has been set for the bids to be turned in.

Refused Green Valley Lumber Co. permission to drive logging trucks on First St. and recommended that drivers stick to Division St., the regular truck route.

Completed a zoning resolution that will allow rezoning to provide a new trailer park south of the city, near Stockton's Market.

Directed architect Ned Norton to submit workable plans for the new city hall by the Aug. 3 council meeting.

# Embassy Raps Two More Fake Letters To Reds

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. Embassy has denounced as fakes two more letters to the Soviet Embassy purporting to reveal details of an American bomber crew's plan to drop an atomic bomb off Britain's North Sea coast.

The Soviets said one of the new letters attacking American nuclear defense plans came from the same writer who a week ago wrote that he would pilot the bomber.

This time, they said, he wrote that the bomb would be dropped by July 12 and that "we hope this will be sufficient to show the Western capitalists the terrible thing with which they are playing."

The writer of the second letter said he was a member of the bomber's crew, according to the Soviets.

The Soviet Embassy released only photo copies of the letters, refusing to let Scotland Yard examine the originals for clues. The Soviets have conceded the letters probably are a hoax but publicized them nevertheless.

When the first letter was made public, the U.S. State Department called them Soviet propaganda forgeries. An unemployed British farm worker who was discharged by the Royal Air Force for mental instability said he wrote the first letter but later denied it.

# Passport Denial To Communists Urged On U. S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Roman L. Hruska (R-Nebr) called today for quick action by Congress to empower the secretary of state to deny passports to Communists.

"It's an urgent situation," he said.

Hruska told a reporter that testimony of Robert D. Johnson, chief of the Legal Division of the State Department's Passport Office, pointed up a need for legislation such as President Eisenhower has recommended.

At a Senate Internal Security subcommittee hearing Wednesday, Johnson said that passports already have been issued to about 60 persons who would have been processed under "our Communist regulations" had it not been for recent Supreme Court rulings.

Their applications were pending at the time, he said.

The court, in three cases decided June 16 held that the secretary of state has no legal authority to deny passports to Communists or others because of their associations or beliefs.

Johnson said that since the court's ruling, about 70 passport applications have been received from persons "we'd normally process under our Communist regulations."

He said passports also will have to be issued to these applicants.

In answer to questions, Johnson said that the State Department could not now deny passports even to persons it knew to be espionage agents, so long as they were American citizens and had not been convicted of espionage.

Earlier this week, Eisenhower sent a message to Congress urging legislation to permit denial of passports to persons whose activities have aided communism in the past 10 years.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has scheduled hearings on the measure starting July 16.

# Tree Farm Near Elkton Recently Dedicated

Snellstrom Lumber Co., Eugene, recently dedicated a new 3,000-acre tree farm near Elkton.

The farm is to be operated on a 90-year rotation basis. Thinning for poles and piling as marketing conditions permit will be practiced. The company also will reclaim marginal land once harvested and cleared for farming.

Included in the acreage are 1,200 acres of recent cutover and restocking under 10 years old; 200 acres of second-growth 30 to 160 years old; 855 acres of old-growth, and 75 acres of reproduction stock 10 to 30 years old.

The area was certified as a tree farm in April.

# Army's Plan Spells Cut In Oregon National Guard

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's 6,000-man National Guard faces a cut of 1,000 men under the Army's plan to reduce the size of the Guard, Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, adjutant general, said Thursday.

He said he and Gov. Robert D. Holmes would fight the cut.

# Heart Attack Fatal To Klamath Falls Camper

Klamath Herbert Ketsdever, 58, Klamath Falls, died today of an apparent heart attack while camping 12 miles north of Diamond Lake.

He was camping with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ketsdever. The coroner's office said death came about 7:30 a.m.

The body was removed to Ward's Klamath Funeral Home. The coroner's office is investigating.

# Geographic Center Of U. S. May Be Shifted To Canada If Alaska Becomes State

By FRANK CAREY  
Associated Press Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — If Alaska comes in as the 49th state, the geographic heart of the United States may no longer be in the United States at all.

It may be in southwestern Canada—or even in the Pacific Ocean, somewhere off the coast of Washington state.

These are preliminary guesses today of officials of the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Present position of the center is somewhere near Lebanon, Kan.

The geographic center is defined as "the point at which the United States would balance if it were all the same thickness and were suspended on a pinpoint."

One way of figuring it is simply to take a map of the United States, paste it on a cardboard and then find the center of gravity by placing your map on a pinpoint.

Sounds easy, but Alaska presents complications for such a stunt, because there is no continuous land connection between Alaska and the rest of the United States. A portion of Canada pops up in between.

A government expert told a reporter one conceivable way of finding the geographic center of a United States with Alaska would be to attach the Alaskan area to your U.S. map by means of a light, aluminum wire and then do your balancing.

"You could also figure it out mathematically," he said, "by taking what we call coordinates of points all along various coastlines. But that would take a long time by ordinary mathematical methods, and might even take days and cost thousands of dollars even with modern high-speed computing machines."

# Paroled Cardinal Has Operation For Afflicted Leg

BELGRADE (AP) — Using instruments sterilized in a pot of boiling water on the kitchen stove, a Yugoslav doctor performed an emergency operation on Alojzije Cardinal Stepinac's right leg Wednesday to halt a blood clot from threatening his life.

The operation was performed by Dr. Branslav Bogicevic on a makeshift operating table in one of the rooms of the cardinal's little house. Dr. Bogicevic said he worked only in the dim daylight coming through the windows. He used a local anesthetic.

The doctor reported that it was too early to tell whether the operation was a success, but he added: "We certainly believe it was."

He said the operation was performed to check a thrombosis condition.

"If it were to spread it would prove fatal," he said.

Dr. Bogicevic said the cardinal appeared to be in good spirits almost immediately after the operation.

# Major Earthquake Shakes Alaskan Area

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p.m. (PST) Wednesday night and shook all of southeastern Alaska. A later report from an airlines station manager at Yakutat said the postmaster and his wife, John and Dora Williams, witnessed the death of the three berry pickers on the long-narrow island one mile offshore in Yakutat Bay.

Williams told the airline official there was terrific suction in the water after the end of the island fell away and violent turbulence churned the bay.

Only a few paper plates from the picnic and strawberry picking outing were found after the severe currents subsided.

The Temblor shook buildings and rattled windows in Sitka, Juneau, Ketchikan, Skagway, Yakutat and other southeast Alaska communities and was also felt in Whitehorse, Y.T.

Some damage to oil lines, water tanks and docks was done in Yakutat, but apparently the loss was minor elsewhere.

# Soldier Speeder Killed In Chase; Another Injured

ELMA, Wash. (AP) — A police chase at speeds up to 110 miles an hour brought death early Wednesday to a Ft. Lewis soldier and serious injuries to another.

The car carrying the two servicemen sailed off the Aberdeen-Olympia Highway on a curve 3 1/2 miles east of here and cartwheeled 370 feet through a farmer's field. Both men were thrown out.

The State Patrol said Harold D. Ralston, 21, the driver, was killed outright and Robert Whiteman, 21, the owner and a passenger, was injured seriously. Whiteman was taken to Madigan General Army Hospital where his condition was reported as fair.

Aberdeen police started pursuing the car inside the Aberdeen city limits and chased it at break-neck speed about 24 miles before it left the highway.

The patrol car radioed ahead to police here and at Montesano, but the soldiers' automobile raced through both towns before roadblocks could be set up.

# Hospital News

**Mercy Hospital**  
Admitted: Mrs. James Gilbert, Fred Harrison, Mrs. John Schvan-eveldt, Roseburg.  
Surgery: Mrs. Eldred Jones, Roseburg.

**Discharged**  
Mrs. Rex Jones and baby, Leslie Alice; Mrs. Percy Pendergrass, Mrs. Lynn Cooper, Laveta Ball, John Robertson, Roseburg; Mrs. Roy Spalding, Drain; Theresa Stewart, Sutherlin.

**Douglas Community Hospital**  
Admitted: Richard Morrell, Louie Smith, Michael Gilman, Mrs. Ernest Smith, Roseburg; Mrs. Vern-wood Wood, Myrtle Creek; Gregory Ralston, Camas Valley.  
Medical: Ervin Herridges, Bess West, Roseburg; Peggy Clifton, Canyonville.  
Discharged: David and Michael Kendall, Albert Clark, Mrs. Kesh Crabtree, Jimmy Campbell, Joseph Hobday Jr., Roseburg; Nancy Liles, Umpqua; Mrs. Ray Sellers, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Delmer Brown, Sutherlin.

# CAR WASH FRIDAY

Camas Valley Boy Scout Troop 23 will have a car wash at the Fred Ashton Service Station, Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. It is hoped necessary funds will be raised to send a few of the Scouts to camp, reports Mrs. W. L. Banks, correspondent.

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