

American Missionaries Being Held In Kasongo By Congolese Soldiers

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP) — Congolese soldiers are holding 23 American missionaries and seven other white persons under arrest at Kasongo, in the anarchy-torn province of Kivu, the United Nations reported today. A U.N. spokesman said the Americans—believed to be Protestant missionaries of the World Grace Testimony or the Evangelical Society African Mission—succeeded in getting out a message saying they were held under guard and were without food. Malayan U.N. patrols were reported advancing to rescue the Americans from their base at Kindu, more than 100 miles from Kasongo. The Malaysians have been ordered to take them to Kindu so they can be flown to Leopoldville.

An American girl, reported in messages to U.N. headquarters to have been raped by four Congolese at another outlying Protestant mission station in Kivu, now has been brought to safety at Kindu. Malayan patrols reached the girl after a two-day trek through the scrub and jungle. They met no opposition, the U. N. spokesman said. The girl is one of several white refugees at Kindu awaiting evacuation by the Lumumbist government in Kivu requires the refugees to get exit permits.

Smith Bound Over To Grand Jury

Bernard Frank Smith, 48, Sutherlin, Wednesday was bound over to the Douglas County Grand Jury on a charge of assault being armed with a deadly weapon. He appeared before District Judge Gerald R. Hayes at a preliminary hearing. Smith allegedly held his family at gunpoint for several hours on March 6, then fled before officers arrived. He was arrested in Eureka, Calif., a few days later. He is specifically charged with holding a gun to the head of Earl J. Baremore, a nephew of Mrs. Smith.

Smith Wednesday also was found in wilful contempt of court on appearance before Judge Don H. Sanders in Circuit Court. The contempt charge was for failure to comply with provisions of the court order of Oct. 28, 1959, in connection with a divorce action brought by his wife, Jenn Anne. He was sentenced to 15 days in the county jail, but the sentence was suspended.

He currently is being held in jail in lieu of posting \$5,000 bail. Bail was reduced by Judge Hayes from an original \$10,000.

Union Gap Home Razed By Blaze

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cantwell of Union Gap burned Wednesday morning. Mrs. Cantwell and daughter Mrs. Jessie Hash, and Mrs. Hash's small baby were at home at the time of the fire. It was believed to have started on the roof from a spark from a wood stove. Cantwell is currently working in Medford.

A few articles were saved, and the house was believed partially covered by insurance, according to Edith Dunn, News-Review correspondent.

On Shaky Foundation



SLIPPING OF SOFT EARTH on the hillside in the south part of town is threatening the above pictured residence of William P. Donnelly, 1335 SE Marsters St. Heavy rains during the winter months have loosened the earth, causing it to slide down onto the street. The northwest corner of the porch support is now exposed. The soft earth started giving way after part of the slope was cleared of brush and terraced. (News-Review Photo)

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Lloyd Coon

Funeral services for Lloyd Coon, 68, well-known resident of Camas Valley who died at his home last Friday, will be held in the Chapel of Long & Orr Mortuary, Saturday at 2 p.m. Concluding services and interment will follow in the Martindale Cemetery at Camas Valley. He is survived by two brothers, Norman L. Coon, Portland, and J. D. Coon, Glade; and three sisters, Mrs. Robert Sawyer and Mrs. Robert Mead, both of Roseburg, and Mrs. Frank Church, Port Orford.

Year Of Freedom Ends For Big Steve . . .

Sheriff Byrd Sighs With Relief With Capture Of Mountain Man

Three men whose lives were made miserable by the presence of Big Steve Solovich in the North Umpqua woods unanimously heaved sighs of relief at the capture of the grizzled mountain man.

Steve Surprised He Shot Deputy

Steve Solovich Wednesday expressed surprise that a bullet he fired last month almost killed Glade reserve deputy Watson Killecote.

"Is he dead?" Solovich asked in an amazed tone. "I thought I shot him in the leg." Actually, the .22 bullet hit Talcott in the chest. Surgery was necessary to remove the bullet, and he was hospitalized a week.

Fat Man Awaits Verdict On His Mental Condition

SALEM (AP) — Chester Hedrick, the so-called "fat man" assaulter of Portland women, was returned Wednesday from the Oregon State Hospital here to Rocky Butte jail in Portland after undergoing psychiatric treatment.

Hedrick has pleaded guilty to five assaults. Hedrick was returned to the hospital earlier this month from Los Angeles. He escaped from the hospital last December by wrapping himself in a blanket and throwing himself through a plate glass window.

Case For The Wood Schoolhouse Heard At Lumber Group's Clinic

The case for the wood school was presented to a gathering in Roseburg at the Umpqua Hotel Wednesday night, when a team of technical experts from the National Lumber Manufacturers Association held a wood school clinic.

Severance Tax On Timber Labeled Unfair By Industry

SALEM (AP) — A man representing timber companies with holdings both east and west of the Cascades said Wednesday a severance tax is unfair because it treats the good and the bad tree alike.

A severance tax, Dan Goldy told the House Tax Committee, levies the same tax on the dead or marginal board that it does on the highly valued lumber. Goldy testified on a bill that would get rid of the ad valorem principle of taxing timber the same as other property in eastern Oregon and put in its place the severance tax.

Leading the list was Douglas County Sheriff Ira C. Byrd. His actions in leading the search for Solovich brought criticism from all sides. Some people thought Solovich should be captured at any cost. Others voiced the opinion no harm should come to Solovich in being captured, even though lives of deputies might be risked.

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Byrd had high commendation for the three deputies who captured Solovich. He called it "a job well done." The two regular deputies were immediately granted a week's vacation.

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Crown Zellerbach Workers Quit Job
ASTORIA (AP) — Members of the International Woodworkers union walked off the job at the Crown Zellerbach Corp. plant and woods operations here Wednesday. Union officials contended that a signal man had been laid off and his job taken by another worker with less seniority. Management declined to comment on the dispute.