

Hauptmann Reiterates Innocence in "Farewell" to Hoffman

Accuses Many Of Witnesses

Letter to Governor Avers Condon Hiding Much That He Knows

TRENTON, N. J., March 31.—(AP)—Bruno Richard Hauptmann wrote a "farewell" letter today to Gov. Harold G. Hoffman, protesting again he was innocent and said "in a short time I will stand before a higher judge."

"In living my last hours of life, I wish I could bring some light on this case."

He criticized the state's case against him and asked why Dr. John F. (Jasie) Condon, Lindbergh ransom intermediary, "hides so many things he knows."

Doesn't Ask Life But Vindication
The letter as given out by the governor's office, said in part: "Your Excellency:

"My writing is not for fear of losing my life, this is in the hands of God, it is His will. I will go gladly, it means the end of my tremendous suffering. Only in thinking of my dear wife and my little boy, that is breaking my heart. I know until this terrible crime is solved, they will have to suffer under the weight of my unfair conviction."

"For passing away, I assure your excellency that I am not guilty of this crime. Over and over again I was trying to convince the prosecution that they murder an innocent man. I offer myself to any test what science may offer—but I was begging in vain. I did this, not to force the prosecution to put me free, but only to convince the world that I am innocent."

"In living my last hours of my life, I wish I could bring some light on this case. But all what I can do, is to give a description of the friend of Mr. Fisch, whom I say the first time when I met Mr. Fisch. (Description I have given already, also all the circumstances.)"

Doesn't Know Where Lindbergh House Is

"May I ask fair thinking people—would I have been convicted of this crime without the circumstantial evidence, and then false witnesses—no! Never and never. Why did people say on the witness stand they saw me near Hopewell. The motive can be only money and to play an important part in the Lindbergh case. Up to the present day I have no idea where the Lindbergh house in Hopewell is located."

"Why did, and does Dr. Condon hide so many things he knows? It is not for the course of justice that this man says everything. Why did Dr. Condon say in my cell he cannot testify against me? My God, Dr. Condon, any your witnesses, did you ever realize what you did? In a short time I will stand before a higher judge and you will live a little longer, but you and you never can leave this world with a happier inner feeling as I do."

"Gentlemen from the prosecution where are all the direct evidence? Fingerprints, footprints, you all know there are some in existence. Oh yes! For what did the police take right by my arrest all my shoes? Why all them special fingerprints from part of the hand from where the usual never take?"

Didn't Have Large Sum, Ransom Money

"Why was it said to the jury I had \$49,984 dollars of Lindbergh's money. You know it was not true, or half hour after my conviction you self send an officer to me that I should say where are the other \$30,000 dollars. Why did you say to the jury that people saw gold bills in our house but never brought this people on the witness stand? For what did you through all this same in the eyes of the jury, then two persons whom are judging over my life?"

"Who is responsible for building up all the circumstantial evidence? Is there really a man who can believe that I, a carpenter, should have built such a ladder? "I stated that I found the money middle of August, 1934, and that I past the money without knowing it was Lindbergh money."

The Call Board

GRAND
Today—"Your Uncle Dudley," with Edward Everett Horton.
Saturday—"Everybody's Old Man," with Irving S. Cobb.
ELSINORE
Today—Astaire and Rogers in "Follow the Fleet."
Friday—Double bill, Ann Harding in "The Lady Consents," and "Seven Keys to Baldpate," with Gene Raymond.
CAPITOL
Today—Double bill, Jan Kiepura in "Give Us This Night," and "The Healer," with all star cast.
Thursday—Double bill, "Prevue Murder Mystery" with Reginald Denny and "Captain Blood" with Errol Flynn.
STATE
Today only—"Coronado" with Johnny Downs.
Thursday—Double bill, Ricardo Cortez in "Manhattan Moon" and James Barton in "His Family Tree."
Saturday only—Bill Boyd in "Bar-20 Rides Again."
HOLLYWOOD
Today—"Remember Last Night" with Edward Arnold.
Friday—Double bill, "Freakies" with Virginia Weidler and "Music Is Magic" with Alice Faye.

Here and There in Oregon

Associated Press Leased Wire Service

Tax Foreclosure Sale at Corvallis Has Few Bids

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Sheriff W. M. Harper sold 45 pieces of foreclosed property but found no takers for 200 other properties offered. Owners redeemed 21 pieces of foreclosed property prior to the sale of the tax delinquent holdings.

Swain Gets Contract for Lebanon School Job

LEBANON, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Charles L. Swain of Corvallis won the general contract for high school reconstruction work today on his bid of \$19,530.

Government Won't Pay for The Dalles Revetment

THE DALLES, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—The Chamber of Commerce received word from Senator Steiwer today that the government refused to bear the extra expenses of constructing revetments to protect all the city's waterfront from the Columbia river backwater.

Direct Relief Refused to WPA Strikers

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—The state emergency relief office informed 50 striking WPA workers today that funds are not available for direct relief of employable men. About 200 WPA workers struck last week for higher wages. Most of them have returned to work.

Soil Program Not Primarily Bonus, Explained

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Curtis Mumford, assistant regional chief of the soil conservation program, told agriculturalists here today that "it (the soil program) is not a means of distributing money among farmers as such, but a start on a long-deferred program of saving the nation's soil resources." A two-day conference ended tonight.

Is there any person who can say that I past one single bill before that date?

"Why did my chief lawyer send important witnesses home without bringing them on the stand. My God, my God, I hardly can't believe on all that what happened by my trial. But it was necessary to convict me and so close the books on the case."

"Mr. Wilentz, with my dying breath, I swear by God, that you convicted an innocent man. Once you will stand before the same judge to whom I go in a few hours. You know you have done wrong on me, you will not only take my life but also all the happiness of my family. God will be judge between me and you."

'Laboratory' Plan Will Be Explained

Salem school leaders expect to receive official notice next week that Salem high school has been designated an alternate institution for a proposed "laboratory" study of the effectiveness of secondary educational systems. Information regarding this project probably will be given at the Northwest Association of Secondary Schools annual meeting at Spokane, Wash., Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Both Superintendent Silas Gaiser and Principal Fred D. Wolf expect to attend these meetings and those of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week of the Inland Empire Teachers association.

Improper License Charge Contested

James Rigel of Brooks, arrested by state police yesterday on charge of having improper license plates on his car, denied the charge and date for his trial will be set later by Justice of the Peace Hayden. Meantime he was released on his own recognizance.

The complaint alleges that Rigel rented the truck to another person and permitted Iris Kenneth Isham to haul onions with the truck, and that the truck had a farmer license when it allegedly should have had a different license inasmuch as it was being used for commercial purposes in transportation of property by a third person.

Spaulding Slated For Talk Tonight

CLEAR LAKE, March 31.—Joint Community-Townsend club, Salem No. 9, will meet Wednesday evening, April 1, at North Howell grange hall. Charles K. Spaulding will be the speaker. Lunch will be served after the program.

Concrete Building For Safeway; Permit Issued

A \$5565 one-story fireproof concrete building will be erected for Safeway Stores, Inc., soon at the southwest corner of 13th and State streets, according to a building permit issued Monday to Paul M. Long, owner of the lot. Construction will be in charge of Ward & Wilbrandt, Portland contractors.

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Income Taxes To Show Gain

Returns Must Be Filed by Tonight; Improvement in Business Shown

An increase of fifty per cent in the taxes collected on personal and corporate incomes is anticipated this year by the state tax commission based on the returns received here as the final date for filing reports approached. Last night cash paid on personal and corporate income taxes totaled \$1,230,000 against \$977,000 received at the same time last year and heavy mails were being handled by the commission as rapidly as special and regular staff members could handle them.

Officials of the state tax commission estimated that income and intangibles taxes would probably aggregate \$3,500,000 when the year was completed.

By 5 p. m. tonight income tax reports must be in the hands of the commission here or at one of its branch offices or must be in the mail with a postmark indicating that the return had been filed before that hour.

New Names on List
Many persons who have never before filed income tax returns have changed their minds and filed. Officials of the tax commission stated. Merchants generally are reporting considerably better business and their net taxes will far exceed the report made on 1934 business.

The heaviest mail for the year is expected today. Twenty-three hundred reports were filed with the Portland branch office Monday.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Mark Wald, auditor of the Portland office of the state income tax department, said "we are way over the million mark here."

Yesterday's total of \$44,614.23 was the largest single day's collection in history, he said. Wald also said he anticipated an exceptionally busy day tomorrow—the last day income tax can be paid without penalty.

Sponsor of Queen Contest Is Sought

Efforts are being made by the Waldport and Yachats chamber of commerce to line up some local business club to sponsor a queen contest in connection with the Alsea bay bridge dedication event May 8 to 10. Many Oregon towns have been urged to sponsor a queen contest for the dedication.

Voters are earnest through purchase of the official festival button, the proceeds going to defray expenses of the celebration. The queen is to be awarded a trip to the San Diego exposition. Further information is available through the Queen contest committee, care Waldport and Yachats chamber of commerce, Waldport.

Tauscher Award Upset on Appeal

Damages of \$5500 awarded to Ambrose Tauscher against the Doernbecher Manufacturing company and others as the result of alleged injuries in an assault June 5 in front of the company's plant in Portland, were overruled yesterday by the state supreme court and the case was remanded to circuit court in Portland. The defendants asserted that Tauscher provoked the assault. The case had been tried before Circuit Judge Winter and Tauscher had been awarded \$5000 compensatory damages and \$3,500 punitive damages. Chief Justice Campbell wrote the opinion of the court here.

Find Body, Rainier

RAINIER, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Workmen near here found the body of J. E. Merlett, who disappeared last September. Near the body they said a window cord was tied to a tree.

CAPITOL TWO ACE FEATURES!

YOU'LL THRILL!! YOU'LL CHILL!!

SWASHBUCKLING ADVENTURE and ACTION!
Rev. Red-blooded Romance that sweeps across the screen like the "talk of the town!"

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ADDED "Primitive Pitcairn"

Added Joe Cook Comedy Tom Howard Comedy Fox News

LAST DAY GLADYS SWARTWOUT 2 HITS "GIVE US THIS NIGHT"

Ellsworth Returns to U. S.



Cheers of hundreds who gathered at the pier to welcome him greeted Lincoln Ellsworth, noted explorer who was lost in the Antarctic for 51 days, when he disembarked at Los Angeles with his wife, Mary Louise Ellsworth, who met him in Honolulu.

Baptists to Talk Building Project

Meeting Wednesday Night of Calvary Group Is to Hear Report

Members of the Calvary Baptist church will meet in special business session Wednesday night to hear a report and recommendations from the lot and finance committees regarding the purchase of a site upon which to erect a church building in the near future.

The Calvary Baptist church, which was organized in the fall of 1928 with 235 charter members, has worshipped in temporary quarters only. Immediately after organization they worshipped in what is now the Grand theatre, later they moved into their present location at High and Ferry streets which has been made quite comfortable for their work. Through these years they have carried on successfully, adding to their numbers and resources until today they have a membership of approximately 400.

The church, with its pastor, Rev. Arno C. Weniger, is active in denominational affairs, leading other churches in the Willamette valley in missionary giving and promotion of the state work. With the coming of Mr. Weniger to the pastorate, new interest and increases in all departments have been in evidence, especially in the matter of a permanent church home.

Members of the church will meet at 6:30 for a fellowship dinner, immediately afterwards going into business session.

Her violin music signalled the approach of—DEATH



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