

EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR

Suchow Falls Before Japanese Onslaught

Harboring of Karpis Leads To 7 Arrests

Ex-Police Officials of Hot Springs Among Persons Indicted

Gangster's Wife Held at Los Angeles by Agents of FBI

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 18.—(AP)—Seven persons, three of them former officials of the Hot Springs, Ark., police department were indicted by a federal grand jury here today on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, former public enemy No. 1.

Six of them, including a woman, were arrested secretly at Hot Springs shortly after midnight by FBI agents. The seventh, Connie Morris, 22, described as a sweetheart of Fred Hunter, Karpis gangster, was arrested at St. Louis.

FBI agents here announced later the arrest in Los Angeles of Mrs. Grace Goldstein, said to be Karpis' wife, on a charge of harboring Karpis at Hot Springs in 1935 and 1936. Was about to sail for Honolulu.

FBI Inspector E. J. Connelly, who answered the arrest, said she was taken into custody as she prepared to sail for Honolulu. She left Hot Springs, where she operated a hotel, 10 days ago.

Mrs. Goldstein, a 32-year-old blonde, was indicted as "Jewell Laverne Grayson, alias Grace Goldstein, alias Mrs. Ed Parker, alias Mrs. Helen Wood."

U. S. Dist. Atty. Fred Igrig said the six taken into custody at Hot Springs were Herbert Herbert "Dutch" Akers, former Hot Springs chief of detectives; Joseph Wakelin, former Hot Springs police chief; Cecil Brock, former lieutenant of detectives in charge of the division of identification at Hot Springs; John Stover, manager of the Hot Springs municipal airport; Morris Loftis, caretaker for a boat landing near Hot Springs; and Mrs. A. C. Dyer, owner of the boat landing.

Akers also was charged with harboring Thomas Nathan Norris, member of the Alfred "Sonny" Lamb gang which operated in Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi. Officers held involved while on duty.

Inspector E. J. Connelly of the FBI in a formal report to Igrig, said Akers, Wakelin and Brock were charged with having harbored Karpis while they were on active duty with the Hot Springs police department, from June, 1935, to May, 1936.

Akers and Wakelin resigned from the department last year because of ill health. Brock was dismissed by Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin in January, 1937.

Karpis now is serving a life sentence at Alcatraz for the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, jr., wealthy St. Paul, Minn., brewer. Norris is serving sentences totaling 337 years in the Texas state penitentiary for murder and armed robbery.

Connelly said Akers admitted harboring Norris and other members of the Lamb gang from March 15, 1937, to August 15, 1937.

Relief to Utilize Resort for Cases

The Marion county relief committee has arranged for the utilization of all or part of the 22 resorts in the Hubbard mineral springs resort for relief cases. Chairman E. L. Wieder announced yesterday. A former Salem man is operating the place. Wieder said the committee was highly pleased at being able to secure use of the resort's facilities because it has become difficult to find suitable places where care for persons on relief needing special attention may be obtained. Bedridden invalid cases will not be sent to Hubbard, however, but only relief "clients" who are able at least in part to care for themselves.

The committee has been renting quarters and paying for food for certain types of clients at old hotels and rooming houses here for several years.

Dugger Is 33rd Goon Conviction

PORTLAND, Ore., May 18.—(AP)—The 33rd man to be sentenced in Oregon's drive on labor terrorism today for assault and battery committed last December 10. The prisoner was Cecil Dugger, AFL teamster, who was convicted of beating drivers of two automobile in labor disputes. Dugger's lawyer served notice of appeal.

NINE DIVERS' HUGE PLANE CRASHES



Photo shows three of the nine victims of the crash and subsequent destruction by fire of giant Lockheed airplane which crashed against a mountainside Monday night only 27 minutes out of Burbank on a ferrying flight to St. Paul, Minn. Left to right, are Lila Totty, Lockheed company secretary; Fred Whittemore, vice-president in charge of Northwest Airlines, and Mrs. Carl B. Squier, wife of a Lockheed vice-president in charge of sales.—IIN photos.

Mail Plane Will Stop Here Today

First Direct Service by Air Offered as Part of Air Mail Week

The first air mail ever carried directly from Salem will clear the ground at the Salem airport at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the special flight arranged for valley town in connection with the observance of national air mail week.

A record amount of Salem air mail will go aboard the plane. Postmaster H. E. Crawford declared last night, as a large stack of letters, designated for this mailing, has accumulated at the postoffice the past few days.

Any air mail in the postoffice before noon today will go on this flight, which connects in Portland at 1:30 o'clock for the regular eastern service.

Postmaster Crawford and Edgar B. Daugherty, superintendent of mails, will make the dispatch today for the Salem office. Present also as the plane lands will be a greeting committee from the Salem chamber of commerce, including Secretary Fred D. Thielsen, Tom Hill, E. H. Bingenheimer and Harry Scott.

Postmasters and officials from surrounding towns including Independence, Stayton and Monmouth, will be on hand for the event today, each of these towns to bring air mail to dispatch on the plane.

Air mail from Salem which goes on the plane today, in addition to carrying the cachet, will be designated as "first flight out of Salem."

The first air mail stamp, which went on sale this week, is available at the local office, and may (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

Cascade Locks Asks for Power

PORTLAND, Ore., May 18.—(AP)—Bonneville dam officials said today that Cascade Locks was the first town to make a positive effort to obtain power.

The city council voted to contract for 100 kilowatt-years of energy. Under a schedule proposed at Washington, D. C., by Administrator J. D. Ross, the cost to the municipality would be \$17.50 per kilowatt year, assuming a 50 per cent load factor at less than four mills a kilowatt hour, officials said.

Congregational Conference To Close Here Today Noon

"Small things become in God's providence great and life-changing things," Dr. Boynton Merrill of Newton, Mass., told an audience gathered for the 19th annual congregational conference of Oregon at the Knight Memorial church last night.

Dr. Merrill, who is lecturer on worship at Andover Newton Theological college and minister of the Second church at Newton, challenged his listeners to trace back their own lives and assured them that they would find some small incident that changed their whole course of life.

2000 View new Chamber Rooms

Modern Furniture, Wall Finishes Are Centers of Visitor Interest

Its old red leather arm chairs gone to a bureau from which there is no return, its former speckled and mottled walls and ceilings gone to a better land, Salem's streamlined chamber of commerce took a fancy bow last night.

There were no mourners for the departed. The chamber of commerce that used to be was not given a passing thought as men and women marveled at the transformation which has made those former musty halls a show place. Over 2000 persons attended the open house.

The chamber rooms are new from office to kitchen. Even the knotty pine furniture in the lounge is unduplicated. It's the first shipment from the new furniture factory at Bend.

Met by uniformed Cherrians and members of the chamber board of directors, the several hundred visitors were escorted through the series of rooms or left to explore and admire by themselves.

Cheerfulness and light were the motif. The old dark paneling was replaced by natural color wood—all the product of Oregon forests. There was more illumination in the new before.

Most of the marveling was at the comfortable lounge even to its fireless fireplace (a flashing red light did the trick).

At the sides of the large center room, formerly inhabited by a pair of dilapidated billiard tables, were commercial displays of Oregon products in niches designed for the purpose. Off this room are the small conference rooms.

Agriculture had its place through the courtesy of the Salem Water Works association. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Cunningham Head NW Sewage Group

SPOKANE, May 18.—(AP)—John W. Cunningham, of Portland, was elected president today of the Pacific Northwest Sewage association, which held its annual meeting as an advance session of the Pacific northwest section of the American Water Works association.

W. P. Hughes, Lewiston, was elected first vice-president; Dr. D. Charlton, Portland, second vice-president, and Fred Merryfield, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer.

President Cunningham, a consulting engineer, told the association "there is an awful lot of guess work in handling different kinds of waste. Each has its own problems."

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Fire Toll now 35

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Defense Witness Backs Estabrook

Says His Car at The Dalles at Time of Alleged Bombing Planning

HILLSBORO, Ore., May 18.—(AP)—Jack Estabrook's automobile was at the Dalles during the 1935 period when he was alleged to have used it in preparations for the bombing of a Reckton store, Jean Adams, 17-year-old The Dalles school girl, testified today in Estabrook's trial.

Estabrook, former official of the AFL Warehousemen's union, is accused of participation in the bombing.

The girl, testifying for the defense, said Mrs. Estabrook, her son and her sister, were sitting at The Dalles during a beer dispute which allegedly led to the bombing. Her testimony, taken from a diary, was substantiated by Mrs. Clara McNab, sister of Estabrook's wife.

Marinoff brewery workers from Portland testified to alleged beer and threats in which they claimed Estabrook participated about the time of the bombing. George Retherford testified (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

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Lyle will serve until the November election, when the voters of the two counties will elect a senator, who will serve until 1939, when Clyde's term would have expired.

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Big Airliner Wrecked Near Field, Found

Nine Occupants Burned in Resulting Fire on Mountainside

Investigators Weighing Word Pilot Told to Fly Near Ground

LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 18.—(AP)—Only 30 miles away from its starting point at Union Air terminal, Burbank, a big airliner crashed into a mountainside Monday, exploded and burned to death its nine occupants.

Shrouded by a dense fog for 40 hours, the wreckage was discovered today and the charred bodies carried out of the mountains by stretcher bearers.

Has Been Air Only 27 Minutes. The clock on the transport's instrument board showed the hands pointed at 2:07 o'clock (PST). This fixed the time of the crash just 27 minutes after the plane left the airport. It also indicated the pilot, Sid Wiley, apparently was lost in the fog and was circling or cutting back on the course, for the big ship was capable of 250 miles an hour.

Investigators tonight considered a report the pilot had attempted to fulfill terms of an insurance underwriter's contract by keeping the big transport within sight of ground at all times on its delivery flight to Las Vegas, Nev. Lockheed president Robert E. Gross, president of the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., manufacturer of the plane, refused to discuss the report. He said the company would issue no statement until after the federal bureau of air commerce had completed its investigation.

A commercial transport, starting its regular run at approximately the same time, flew above the cloud banks and experienced no difficulty.

The terrific impact and the explosion dislodged both motors and the propellers, shredded the fuselage, and scattered the bodies and personal effects along a 1,000-foot trail. A path 50 feet wide and 200 feet long was burned away as the plane cut (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Storm, Floods Strike Midwest

MINNEAPOLIS, May 18.—(AP)—Bridges were washed out, railroad tracks left dangling in mid-air and highways were damaged today by torrential rains which began last night and spread over Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota.

At Hastings, Minn., where the storm, which continued early today, apparently did the most damage, the Milwaukee and Burlington railroads' main lines were washed out and city streets and basements were flooded. Rainfall at Hastings measured 3.47 inches.

Railroad tracks were left suspended, with telegraph poles dangling from a network of wires as the swirling waters gouged out a 30-foot embankment.

At Jordan residents used boats as waters from Sand creek marooned 10 homes. The Mississippi river was at flood stage at Red Wing, Minn., and slowly rising tonight.

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Demand on TVA May Be Granted

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—TVA strongly indicated tonight that it would yield to the demand of its ousted chairman, Dr. Arthur E. Morgan (above), for access to its files. Morgan sought to examine the files in preparing data to support his charges of malfeasance against the agency's remaining directors. Doctor Morgan's demand was lodged earlier in the day with the joint congressional committee established to investigate TVA and get at the bottom of the charges and counter-charges that have passed between Doctor Morgan on one side and Lilienthal and Dr. Harcourt A. Morgan, the new TVA chairman, on the other.

Rehabilitation's Scope Outlined

Handicapped Workers Put Optimist to Shame Says Speaker

Rehabilitation clients over the country are better representatives of the optimist club than the optimist himself, for they put to shame in their inspiration to others and their viewpoint on life many physical normal persons. Frank J. Clayton, regional agent of the national vocational rehabilitation setup, told 150 trainees and visitors gathered at the Oregon Rehabilitation association annual banquet, held last night in the senior high school dining room.

Clayton sketched briefly the rehabilitation work in the country and in Oregon. The work was started in 1920, and from that time until June, 1937, 18,242 persons were rehabilitated; that is, actually placed in vocational pursuits suitable to their disability. At present, 40,000 persons are in training through the rehabilitation service, which in Oregon is carried on through the vocational education department with cooperation of the industrial accident commission.

In this region last year, 1945 cases were rehabilitated, and in Oregon alone last year, 96 cases were rehabilitated at an average cost of \$275 per case. Clayton pointed out that anyone of employable age who has an opportunity to become a trainee in the service.

Present at the banquet, over which President Gale Herbst of the Salem chapter presided, were members from Portland, Eugene (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

Candidates Take to Radio In Last Minute Vote Pleas

A number of radio talks by candidates are scheduled for today and tonight to wind up the campaign.

On station KSLM, Salem, R. J. Hendricks, candidate for republican nomination for governor, will speak at 1:45 p.m.; Charles A. Sprague, seeking the same office, at 7 p.m.; Edith Green on behalf of Governor Martin at 7:15; Ronald E. Jones, for state senator, at 9:15; Leroy Hewlett, for county commissioner, at 9:20 and Governor Martin at 9:30.

The KOIN, Portland, schedule shows Carl Donough, democratic candidate for US senator, speaking at 9 p.m., and Governor Martin at 9:45.

Mr. Hendricks will speak over KEX, Portland, at 7 p.m.

Pro-America Protests

BILLINGS, Mont., May 18.—(AP)—Officers and directors of National Pro-America, an organization of republican women, attacked proposed reductions in appropriations for the federal bureau of investigation at the conclusion of their one-day meeting today.

Fierce Fight for South Section Is Still in Progress

Chinese Resistance Is Stubborn but Invaders Rushing Reinforcements and Say Success Is Certain

Victory Will Give Nipponese Control Over Juncture of Lunghai and North-South Railway Lines

SHANGHAI, May 19.—(Thursday)—(AP)—Japanese reported officially today that they had occupied all the strategic city of Suchow except the southern section where a fierce struggle was going on.

A Japanese communique said both sides were rushing reinforcements to the contested area. Furious hand-to-hand fighting was said to be going on in the city's streets after tremendous assault forces fought their way through a hail of stubborn Chinese fire.

Japanese officers declared they expected to have complete control within a few hours of the juncture of the Lunghai railway and the north-south Tientsin-Pukow line which China has defended bitterly through more than three weeks of heaviest fighting.

Japanese assault troops launched their first attack early today against the walls of bitterly-defended Suchow, junction of China's vital central railways, Japanese dispatches reported. Artillery plays large part in attack.

The opening attack came at the southeast corner of the west wall after long hours of heavy blasting by Japanese artillery mounted on Paungshan mountain commanding the besieged city.

Japanese reported almost a dozen separate forces were encircling the city for a concerted thrust against the walls. Assault forces had dashed up Paungshan late yesterday under cover of artillery fire and dug in only two miles from Suchow waiting daylight to begin the attack.

Wide advances both east and west of Suchow were claimed simultaneously by the Japanese. (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

US Flier Tells Of Jap Threats

Questioned at Yokohama for Part in Aiding Chinese Defense

SEATTLE, May 18.—(AP)—Elwyn Gibson, 27, former army flier and Sacramento, Calif., newspaper man, told reporters tonight on his arrival from the Orient that Japanese secret police constantly threatened him with death for his activities with China's air force.

Gibson was returning to the U. S. aboard the liner Empress of Asia when removed from the ship at Yokohama by Japanese officials. The incident caused international complications.

"The Japanese were merciless in their grilling and they kept repeating their threats. I was questioned on one occasion for 15 hours straight," he said.

"They showed me article 81, section 6 of their criminal code (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

Wheeler Turns Vote on Guffey

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) had this to say about the result of the Pennsylvania primary: "After the licking the Guffey ticket got in Pennsylvania, I doubt if Senator Guffey will try to read any more western senators out of the party in the future."

Mayor Carson Father

PORTLAND, May 18.—(AP)—Mayor and Mrs. Joseph K. Carson, Jr., became the parents today of a six-pound, seven-ounce girl born at Emanuel hospital. The child will be named Joan Cradick Carson. Mother and daughter were progressing satisfactorily.

Solons Probe Ohio Relief

Committee Seeking to Determine Cause of Cleveland Costs

CLEVELAND, May 18.—(AP)—Eleven Ohio legislators began taking Cleveland's relief machinery apart today.

They sought to find what brought the system to the brink of a smashup, left many needy without relief and finally drew a crowd to city hall to sit for hours under a cloud of cigarette smoke in quiet resentment.

The legislative committee, after watching the spectacle in city hall briefly, dug into the city's financial and relief files, visited relief stations and interviewed clients.

"We want to know why it costs more per case to handle relief here than in any other county in the state," said Rep. Samuel A. Anderson.

Twenty special investigators and a staff of statisticians and examiners assisted the committee. One examiner, Daniel McGowan, said "We have found a great many people who are not entitled to relief who are on the rolls."

General assistance, halted because the city's relief administration exhausted its funds, cannot be resumed until the state furnishes financial aid—possibly a week hence or perhaps not until June 1.

Protesting pickets gathered at six stations. Some carried signs reading: "Soak the rich and feed the poor" and "Don't starve, fight." Glumly they read placards setting forth:

"Closed until further notice. Service restricted to emergency medical care (if needed, telephone) and surplus commodities."

Some 170,000 persons received their regular checks for May before the treasury was empty.