

FBI Joins Hunt for Slayer Of Elderly Tacoma Couple

TACOMA, Wash., July 23—(AP)—The federal bureau of investigation tonight joined the search for John L. Summers.

He is charged with slaying an elderly Tacoma couple with their own rifle, after which he rented their home, stole their automobile, sold their rifle, drove the automobile to Portland, Ore., sold it and vanished.

But when he crossed the Columbia river into Portland he crossed a state line with a stolen machine, a violation of the federal Dyer act.

Late today J. B. Wilcox, special agent in charge of the FBI in Seattle, lodged a complaint with U. S. Commissioner DeWitt Rowland, who issued a warrant for Summers' arrest. Wilcox then pledged the whole facilities of the

FBI and utmost cooperation with local authorities in bringing about Summers' apprehension.

Otherwise the trail of Summers cooled today as law enforcement officers spread their web eastward.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tasley were fatally shot in their Tacoma home last Saturday and their slayer took Easley's automobile and gun. He buried the bodies in the Naches Pass of the Cascade mountains, and with no great effort to cover his tracks, sold the rifle in Puyallup and the auto in Portland, using Easley's name.

The Oregon state police reported they halted a Salt Lake-bound bus at Maupin, Ore., on the tip that Summers might be aboard, but the lead failed to develop. Company officials said they had seen

a man answering Summers' description board a bus in Portland. The Portland trail has faded, and in Tacoma, Sheriff's officers probed deeper into the sale of the murder weapon, a .35 caliber rifle, in an attempt to pick up further clues as to Summers' present whereabouts.

V. H. Dudack, a 62-year-old Puyallup berry-picker who bought the rifle, described the man whom he bought it as "a likeable guy" who told him the gun would do a good job. Dudack identified the man who sold him the weapon as Summers. The transaction occurred but a few hours after the slaying.

Summers was last seen in Portland Thursday night near the Trailways bus terminal and police think he may have planned to return to his home in Peoria, Ill.

Congress Told Lie Terrorized by Reds

Mystery Witness Queried

By John Chadwick
WASHINGTON, July 23—(AP)—A mystery witness has told congress that the United Nations secretary-general under Trygve Lie is terrorized by communist agents who force employes to become their tools.

A senate judiciary subcommittee today made public the testimony of "witness No. 8" not otherwise identified. His story was given behind closed doors, in broken English.

The committee gave no indication as to the identity of the witness, but his testimony indicated that he had, at least in the past, worked for the UN.

The witness proposed that the senators seek out Lie, Norwegian-born secretary-general of UN, and urge appointment of a "capable" successor.

At Lake Success, N. Y., Acting Secretary General Byron Price described the witness' testimony as "fantastically untrue."

"This is the nuttiest story I have heard yet," Price said in an official statement issued at U. N. headquarters. He added:

"I am in a position to know that the charges relating to the administrative policies of Secretary-General Trygve Lie and personnel policies of the United Nations are fantastically untrue."

"I am sure that no fair-minded person will attach significance to the statement of a mysterious, so-called 'official' who attempts wholesale character assassination of his colleagues and refuses to give his name."

Andrew W. Cordier, Lie's executive assistant, termed the witness' testimony "utterly fantastic."

Cordier said Lie "has adhered strictly to the policies of the general assembly regarding the recruitment of United Nations personnel."

"Mr. Lie has always carried out the specific policies laid down by the general assembly for him," Cordier said.

In Norway, where Lie now is vacationing, he said through his personal representative, Clyde Nichols, that he did not want to make any comment on the witness' testimony.

Nichols added that Lie has been informed of the testimony and had referred the case to Acting Secretary General Byron Price.

Communist pressure comes from "the top," said No. 8. He charged that high United Nations officials from democratic countries fail to resist it.

He said the Reds seek to use the secretariat and UN service for soviet purposes.

Terrorized?



WASHINGTON, July 23—A mystery witness told congress today that Trygve Lie, (above) secretary general of the United Nations, is terrorized by communist agents who force employes to become their tools.

Knowland Threatens Fight To Keep A-Bomb Secrets

Panther Defies Efforts To Treat Fight Wounds

SPOKANE, July 23—(AP)—A sleek, powerful black panther, who tore a 300-pound gorilla apart in a long, gory struggle, paced back and forth in his cage today, defying efforts to tend wounds he suffered in the fight.

The panther slipped under an unattended gate at a wild animal show last night and pounced on the ape in an adjoining cage while nearly 400 spectators watched in terror.

They fought for more than two hours and at the end, the gorilla was shot and killed by attendants who were unable to separate them. The panther had gored off the gorilla's right arm and was clawing and chewing at his victim as the ape fought flat on his back.

A huge lion in an adjacent cage slammed against his bars in an attempt to get into the fight. Shrieks of pain and anger from the battle-cage could be heard for almost a mile.

Sheriff Ralph Smith made a personal inspection of all the cages today and said he would permit the show to go on. He said he was satisfied that all were strong enough to keep the animals from getting free.

The show was held at Liberty lake resort, 15 miles east of here. An attendant, who was discharged today, had left a connecting gate open between the cages, permitting the panther to get at the ape.

Ruby Smith, trainer and part owner of the show, said the animals had been "feuding" since the cat tried to claw at the gorilla through the bars three weeks ago.

Legal Control Of Information Raises Issue

WASHINGTON, July 23—(AP)—Senator Knowland (R-Calif.) threatened today to carry to the senate floor a fight to tie the President Truman's hands against giving atomic bomb information to Great Britain or any other foreign nation.

Knowland, a member of the senate-house atomic committee, said in a statement it is his "firm belief" that under the 1946 atomic energy act "the executive branch of this government and the atomic energy commission have no legal or moral right to disclose information regarding our atomic weapons to any other nation without the approval of the congress of the United States."

Knowland said he would introduce legislation to give the president the power to give atomic secrets to Great Britain, but he would also give the president the power to withhold them if he thought it was in the interest of the nation.

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Speedup In Hospital Fund Drive Expected

Why the Hospital Drive?

Population of area served by Salem hospitals.....	100,000
Beds normally needed for such a population.....	350
Normal bed capacity of hospitals in Salem.....	145
Beds jammed into hospitals as of last night.....	176
Serious cases awaiting beds in hospitals.....	125
Who might need hospitalization suddenly.....	ANYONE
Present margin to care for emergencies.....	NONE

More results from women workers in the Salem Hospital Development campaign are expected Monday when field commanders report to Mrs. Ralph Moody and Mrs. Chandler Brown, co-chairmen of the women's division.

The women lagged slightly behind men workers when first reports of public campaigning were tabulated Friday, but the women had secured a \$10 higher average contribution from each person contacted than the men.

Mrs. Moody Saturday expressed confidence in the success of the campaign because of what she termed the "intense personal interest" of each worker.

"What would I do if my family suddenly was plagued with illness?" is a question Mrs. Moody said many workers have asked themselves. The workers regard the campaign as a health insurance as well as insurance for the entire community.

"It's this sincere personal feeling that makes a worker a better salesman or saleswoman," she added.

Mrs. Moody also expressed gratitude to the many mothers with babies and housewives with larger families who are unselfishly devoting their time to improving the hospital situation in Salem.

"With houses to keep, children to care for and the canning season in full swing these women still find time to work in the evenings, and I think it's a fine tribute to their public spirit," she said.

A total of \$256,000, including \$248,000 in advance gifts, was collected by noon Friday toward the total goal of \$1,100,000.

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Phone Rate Boost Okehd For Detroit

DETROIT, July 23—(Special) The Detroit Telephone company received permission to boost business and residence telephone rates from 50 cents to \$1 per month today in an order issued by George H. Flagg, state public utilities commissioner.

Under the new schedule, effective August 1, one-party business service will be raised from \$4 to \$5 a month; two-party business service from \$3.50 to \$4.50; one-party residence from \$3 to \$4; two-party residence from \$2.75 to \$3.50 and four-party telephones from \$2.50 to \$3.

The company's reasons for the increases were aired in a public hearing at Detroit last June 13.

Flagg pointed out that the increases are necessary to enable the company to rebuild its entire plant to furnish dial telephone service in the area during construction of the Detroit dam.

Evidence presented at the rate hearing showed the company lost \$515.83 in the first four months of 1948 and netted only \$18.75 during 1948. It showed also that R. D. Johnson, company manager, had drawn no salary for his work.

The entire facility will be inundated when the Detroit dam basin is flooded in 1952. The U. S. corps of engineers will compensate the company for the loss of its facilities.

Weather Aids Independence Area Hop Crop

INDEPENDENCE—The favorable weather of the past few weeks has helped the hop crop in this district considerably. The early hops are expected to be lighter than usual but prospects are better for a good crop of the later varieties, which is really the big crop of hops.

The price to be paid for picking has not been set as yet but it is expected that it will be either 3 or 3 1/2 cents per pound.

There has been plenty of help so far. Several of the larger growers will use the picking machines this year but it is expected that there will be plenty of hop picking for all who want to work.

The picking of the early hops is expected to start about the usual time, August 15 to 20, and the late crop should be ready by the last of August or the first week in September.

Salem Merchants Set Fall Opening Dates

Salem merchants are thinking way ahead it appeared Saturday with the announcement that Fall Opening here will be Thursday, September 15. Jim Beard, president of Salem Retail Trade bureau sponsor of the event, did not say whether plans were speeded by recent un-summerlike weather.

Following the highly successful Spring Opening this year, the trade bureau is arranging for several bands to play here for the September celebration, for an automobile show and for another treasure hunt.

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Cohen Shooting Suspects Released After Questions

LOS ANGELES, July 23—(AP)—Three men questioned in San Francisco about the shooting of gambler Mickey Cohen were released today.

They are Jimmy Tarantino, 38, editor of a Hollywood night life publication, Hy Porter, 28, Tarantino's San Francisco representative, and Joseph Tenner, 49, former San Francisco night club owner and an advertising salesman there for Tarantino.

They were picked up "on information" by San Francisco police. Two Los Angeles Sheriff's detectives flew to the bay city to question them.

At first, Tarantino was released on \$1,000 bond with a hearing set for Tuesday. Later, all three men were set free and Tarantino's bail was refunded.

Capt. Frank Moulton and Sergeant Dave Terry of the Los Angeles Sheriff's office said they had no further interest in holding the men.

The two investigators were accompanied to San Francisco by Ray McCarthy of the attorney general's office. All three said they planned to remain in San Francisco to "check out" other information in connection with Cohen case.

San Francisco's chief of police inspectors, James English, said Tarantino was questioned because during an argument there recently, the editor was heard to say "I'll take care of Mickey Cohen."

Tarantino, calling his detention "ridiculous," said it amounted to "revenge" because his magazine had criticized some San Francisco police officials.

Infant Boy Survives Two Operations

PORTLAND, July 23—(AP)—A two-week-old boy who has undergone more major operations already than most people do in a lifetime was improving today—to the amazement of practically everybody.

The boy, born in Oregon City to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mahar of Gladstone, had a break in his abdominal wall, so that his intestines were outside the body. Physicians said he had "one chance in a thousand" to live.

The boy, David, was rushed to Providence hospital here for an operation. He survived it.

But another break occurred. While Mrs. Mahar, four days out of childbed, came to Portland to keep an all-night vigil, another operation was performed. David survived that, too.

Five days later, at Doernbecher children's hospital, a third operation was made, to remove part of the intestines and join the ends. The surgeon warned the parents against optimism: "That's an awful lot for a small baby to take."

But David, kept in an oxygen tent, did well. By today he was drinking milk. "It's a little early to say," the hospital reported, "but we really think he will be all right."

The parents, who have another child, 2, hope to have the baby home within two weeks. The father works in the sulphite division of the Crown-Willamette paper mill at West Linn.

Hayesville Voters Plan New Petitions For Consolidation

HAYESVILLE, July 23—A meeting of registered voters in this school district will be held Monday night at Hayesville school to draw up new consolidation petitions.

The original petitions, seeking consolidation of Hayesville district with Salem district 24, were presented to Marion county school office last week. They were invalidated, however by a new law which went into effect recently.

Certain conditions of consolidation are to be mentioned in the new petitions. The meeting has been called by the Hayesville school board for 8 o'clock.

Scores Killed In Violent Turkey Quake

ISTANBUL, Turkey, July 23—(AP)—Scores of persons were reported killed today in a violent earthquake in the vicinity of Izmir, Turkey's second largest port on the Aegean sea.

The quake started at 5:08 p.m. (7:08 a.m. PST) and lasted five seconds. Karaburun, at the entrance of an estuary leading to Izmir, was reported to have been the worst stricken community in the area. Telephone lines and other communications between Izmir and Karaburun were disrupted, preventing an accurate check on casualties.

More than 100 houses were reported razed at Karaburun, which has a population of 7,000.

In Izmir the shock cracked the walls of buildings, and hundreds of residents fled their homes in panic.

Judges Review Miss Oregon Contestants

SEASIDE, Ore., July 23—(AP)—Fifteen candidates for the role of Miss Oregon in the national event at Atlantic City, N. J., were being reviewed by judges tonight.

The bevy of blondes, brunettes, brownettes and various shades were displaying their physical charms and dramatic and musical talents leading toward tomorrow's finals.

Non-Union Men To Load Sugar

HONOLULU, July 23—(AP)—Hawaii Stevedores, Ltd., new non-union firm, announced today it would start loading sugar probably Monday, aboard the Isthmian freighter Steel Flyer.

This will be the first effort to ship sugar—Hawaii's principal crop and industrial mainstay—since stevedores of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union went on strike May 1. Sugar mills have continued to operate, and thousands of tons of raw sugar is stored throughout the islands.

If the sugar is successfully loaded, the next question will be how to sail the ship. Thirty-three of its crew, members of the AFL International Seafarers union walked off when non-union unloading began last week.

Hop Crop Limits Recommended by New Control Board

PORTLAND, July 23—(AP)—The new hop control board today recommended that the four far western states market only 195,000 bales of their expected 250,000-bale harvest this year.

The 20 per cent cut was recommended after a three-day meeting of hopmen here. The proposal will go to the U. S. secretary of agriculture for approval.

The states involved are Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho, which produce most of the nation's hops.

Dean Walker, Independence, is chairman of the newly established 18-man control board to administer federal marketing agreements. The board's office will be in Salem.

500-pound Sturgeon Caught in Columbia

HOOD RIVER, July 23—(AP)—The largest sturgeon catch made here in many years was on record today.

A 10-foot sturgeon which tipped the scales at 500 pounds was hauled from the Columbia river by John Schaefer, a commercial fisherman. He expected to net \$130 on its sale.

Killed by Dump Truck

CORVALLIS, July 23—(AP)—A dump truck crashed down unexpectedly at a rock quarry today and killed Ivan Wilson, 29-year-old truck driver.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Because trustees of San Francisco's war memorial opera house refused to permit Mme. Kirsten Flagstad, Norwegian soprano, to appear in operatic roles, San Francisco will have no opera this year. The opera association had engaged Mme. Flagstad, recognized as the world's leading performer of Wagnerian opera roles, and said without her appearance the opera season would not be a financial success. The association's appeal for a reversal of the decision of the trustees was rejected. The ban stands. Opera is lost to the Bay city, and presumably to the coast, for the San Francisco opera has gone on tour, giving Portland a season of high-class music.

The objection to Mme. Flagstad was due to the fact that her late husband had been accused of being a naz collaborator during the war. She was in America when Norway was invaded. When her husband became ill she obtained a permit from German authorities to return to Norway to join her husband. She is not accused of any collaboration with nazis. She made no professional appearances before naz or collaborator groups. Her own government has laid no ban against her, so far as has been reported. She suffers an attacker because of her late husband, and that not in the country of which she is a citizen but in another country.

This is carrying patriotism into prejudice. It is far more extreme than in the case of Walter Gieseking, German pianist, who was driven out of this country by the violence of protests against his performance; but Gieseking had a record of cooperation with nazis. Another victim of American antipathy was Wilhelm Furtwangler, German conductor, who turned in his contract with the Chicago orchestra after a group of artists protested his appearance here. But he too had been in friendly association with the nazis. Mme. Flagstad had no such record.

On the other side of the fence we had the state department refusing to permit Dmitri Shostakovich, noted Russian composer, to make a tour of the United States after his attendance at a gathering of...

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Top Klansman Out on Bond

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 23—(AP)—Alabama's top Klansman, William Hugh Morris, tonight was released from jail on \$500 bond.

The heavy-set director of the Federated Ku Klux Klans, Inc., had been in jail for contempt. He was sentenced July 7, when he refused to bring Klan records before a grand jury.

Hugh Locke, attorney who has defended Morris at court hearings, was present at the Klan leader's release. He told newsmen that Morris "got a bonding agency to put up the \$500."

The release, according to Locke, was effected in accordance with a decree of July 9, when Circuit Judge Robert J. Wheeler set bond for Morris provided he would agree to bring the Klan records to court.

Morris declined to sign the bond and was kept in jail.

He was released tonight upon agreement that he would make an effort to find the records, which he has claimed have been stolen.

Asked what prompted the Klan leader to change his mind, his attorney said "I don't know the reason."

Norway Boat In Trouble Off Pacific Coast

SEATTLE, July 23—(AP)—The 5,00-ton Norwegian motor vessel Skaubo, still plagued with engine trouble, was proceeding with "hardly any speed" and with water rising in her bilges 330 miles off Cape Flattery tonight.

The Skaubo had flashed an S. O. S. early this morning while inbound from Manila with a heavy cargo of copper and chrome concentrates, copra and mahogany logs. She is bound for New Westminster, B. C.

The Coast Guard reported tonight the Skaubo had messaged the ship halted three times while limping toward port but that no Coast Guard assistance was desired "unless our trouble increases."

The freighter had listed more than 25 degrees at one time. Cause of the listing was blamed on a shifting of the copper concentrates cargo.

WAREHOUSE DESTROYED

GRANTS PASS, July 23—(AP)—The Bill-Rite corporation's warehouse was destroyed and its planning mill damaged by a \$35,000 fire early today.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precep.
Salem	70	61	tr.
Portland	68	61	.04
San Francisco	72	54	.00
Chicago	80	62	.00
New York	80	62	.00

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy this morning becoming fair tonight and Monday. Highest temperature today, near 74; lowest tonight, near 64. Outlook favorable for most warm activities.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to July 24)
This Year 41.83
Normal 37.30

ESTIMATES POPULATION

PORTLAND, July 23—(AP)—City Commissioner Fred L. Peterson estimated Portland's population today at 428,447—up from the 305,394 recorded in the 1940 census.

INDEPENDENCE—This city's new wading pool in the city park is getting much attention these days from the younger set. Though only a little over ankle deep the pool offers a cooling play area for children who are still too young to take advantage of nearby Willamette river.

Above, left to right, Lyle Dean Betts, 5, son of Mrs. Frances Betts; Bob Loomis, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Loomis; Rickey Boardwell, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Boardwell, and Michael Spencer, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spencer. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)



BASEBALL

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
At Salem 2, Bremerton 7
At Victoria 2, Victoria 6
At Wenatchee 1, Vancouver 6
At Yakima 6, Tacoma 5

COAST LEAGUE
At Seattle 7, Portland 4
At Oakland 4, San Francisco 3
At Sacramento 3, San Diego 3
At Hollywood 14, Los Angeles 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At New York 10, Chicago 6
At Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 1
At Boston 3, Pittsburgh 3
At Brooklyn 4, St. Louis 5

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At Detroit 2, New York 1
At Cleveland 5, Washington 4
At Boston 3, Boston 18
Only games scheduled.