

Hospital Case Hearing Sees Many Charges

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Charges and a counter-charges flew Friday as the Oregon civil service commission heard the appeal of Dr. Horace Miller from his discharge as staff psychiatrist for the state hospital.

One "bombshell" concerning the alleged death of a patient, possibly from maltreatment, was left unexploded as immaterial to the case at hand.

This dropped when Superintendent E. C. Bates of the hospital called as a witness a former staff doctor, Dr. William W. Thompson who spoke readily of a letter dealing with the death of a patient.

Dr. Bates, who had asked Thompson about a letter, hastened to declare he had no such letter, but was referring to one dealing with a woman ex-patient who complained of the treatment she had received in ward 10 under Miller's care. Thompson said he recalled such a letter, but stoutly denied Bates' contention that there had been no correspondence about the death of an excited patient shortly after her removal to one of Miller's wards.

Miller spoke twice of that patient's demise as "a case I thought should have gone to the coroner." He said the woman's death occurred an hour after she came into his care.

Dr. Miller Praised

Both Dr. Thompson (who was highly praised by Bates and Miller for his work while at the hospital) and Dr. Brooks spoke in glowing terms of Miller's ability as a teacher of psychiatry and as a doctor dealing with patients.

From Dr. Brooks, directly and indirectly, came the principal testimony attacking the psychiatrist's own mental condition. Dr. Miller in turn indicated he thought Dr. Bates in need of psychiatric care.

First cross of words between Bates and Miller came early in the testimony when Miller demanded that Bates exonerate him from charges which might mean he was a "communist." The use of the word "subversive" about him in newspaper articles had been taken to mean just that by some of his friends, Miller maintained.

Refused to Answer

Bates refused to answer what he declared was an absurd question. Catharine Carson Barsch, attorney from the attorney general's office, sitting in as legal counsel for the superintendent declared the word "subversive" had been in use long before communism was a political formula.

Miller had no legal counsel, although representatives of organized labor sitting in on the hearing declared they had offered to employ an attorney for him. Their interest, they said, went back to Miller's attitude toward employees when he was superintendent at Fairview home here.

Objected to Eviction

The discharged psychiatrist was given eviction notice to move his family from a state hospital staff residence August 5. It came out at the hearing. He said he had declined to do so because it would be tantamount to admitting he had no hope of being exonerated by the civil service commission.

Testimony to the effect that Dr. Miller informed other medical staff members that there would shortly be a change in administration, that he intended he would be the new superintendent, that on the whole the nursing staff liked to work on his wards and that the other doctors respected his ability to deal with patients was presented along with Dr. Bates' charges that he had stirred up the staff.

Too Heavy a Load

Dr. Thompson, who succeeded Miller on two wards where it was considered too much of "the usual restraint of cuffs and belts" had been used, said he could not testify that any patients in those wards had been tied to the benches on which they sat in back rooms. He said he was assigned to make conditions in both wards better (which both Miller and Bates said he succeeded in doing) and that Miller had been carrying too heavy a load to do that task, a statement in which Bates concurred.

Dr. Bates concluded his portion of the hearing with a simple statement to the effect that sometimes the hospital gets "employees that are rugged and when we find them we dismiss them."

No formal charges of brutality were filed, although Dr. Bates did speak of his hatred and disapproval of "tying up patients." And Dr. Miller declared Bates had told him he was accused of being brutal, which, Bates maintained, "was a new charge to me."

Loned Out Money

Interspersed in the testimony was the story of a man in the receiving ward (supervised by Brooks) who, against hospital rules, loaned out several hundred dollars to other patients. Of these sums \$110 went to one described by Miller as an "overt homosexual psychopath," to whom he declared too much freedom for the good of ward discipline had been given.

The "psychopath" did some "investigating," Dr. Bates said (Miller called it "spying") in the kitchen, uncovered various irregularities and so helped improve the diet in the men's receiving ward.

Topping the list of all Miller's unappreciated activities, Bates indicated, was his attempt to persuade Mrs. Marice Geddes, head nurse in the men's receiving ward, to take testimony against Brooks to the board of control.

Spoke of Request

Mrs. Geddes herself on the witness stand spoke resentfully of such a request from Dr. Miller, although she did say she had complained to him of Dr. Brooks' handling of the previously mentioned "psychopath," had termed the young doctor "conceited" and had asked to be employed on one of Miller's wards.

The civil service commission which conducted the hearing included, besides its chairman Chambers, A. C. Cammack of Portland and Mrs. Effie Turnure of The Dalles.

Water-Level Columbia Route Open to Travel

PORTLAND, Aug. 19 -(P)-The Columbia river water-level highway will open to traffic tomorrow — and the first car across will be a 1901 model.

The Historical Automobile club of Oregon will send its vehicles over the new 10-mile stretch of highway, immediately after Gov. Douglas McKay formally dedicates it.

McKay will use a historic touch, too. The scissors with which he cut the tape at the Sandy river bridge were brought to Oregon in 1852.

The newly-completed highway stretch runs from Troutdale to Bridal Veil. Another seven miles, on eastward to Dodsod, will be finished about December 1.

Families Left Homeless by Cabin Fire

INDEPENDENCE — Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Thompson and five children lost all of their possessions, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Parren and three children lost part of their belongings when fire swept one row of nine cabins at the Gordon Hadley boy camp Tuesday afternoon.

The fire is believed to have started with an overhead stove in the Thompson cabin, and their 17-year-old daughter was the only one nearby. The family had just sold out in Fruitland, Wash., and everything they owned was in their cabin. This was their first time in a hop camp.

All of the nine cabins were occupied but most of the other families salvaged their belongings. The Red Cross is helping the Thompson and Parren families.

TRUMAN ON YACHT TRIP

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 -(P)-President Truman left this afternoon for a weekend cruise on the Potomac river aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg.

Senators End Hearings on Europe Arms

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 -(P)-Senators ended hearings on the administration's \$1,450,000,000 foreign arms aid bill today and prepared to write their own version of the measure, which was slashed by the house last night.

Administration backers hope the senate version would be more to their liking than the battered house bill. But they had new fights on their hands as senatorial critics of the Truman measure got set to offer restrictive amendments.

The bill as it emerges from the senate probably will be considerably different from the house measure, and the final version will be drafted by a senate-house conference committee.

Sum Deleted

The main change made by the house in approving the bill was in whacking out \$580,495,000 and cutting the life of the program in half to make it end next June 30 unless renewed. The house also called for sending half the goods in American ships.

Influential senators seek to hand western European arms distribution over to the defense committee under the North Atlantic treaty when it is operative. Strenuous efforts also will be made in the senate to reduce the amount asked by Mr. Truman for re-arming European members of the North Atlantic alliance. The bill, which is designed to staff off Russian power moves, also provides for military aid to Greece, Turkey, Iran, Korea and The Philippines.

Took Beating

The administration took a terrific beating in the house where the \$1,450,000,000 asked for western Europe was cut in half.

The senate hearings, held before the combined foreign relations and armed services committees, ended with a round of attacks on the program. Henry A. Wallace, progressive party candidate for president in 1948, said he was following Mr. Truman on a path "leading us to ruin and war."

Proposes Repeat

"The arms program proposes to repeat in Europe our tragic mistake in China," Wallace said.

Wallace again proposed converting the European recovery program into a world program under a United Nations agency as a step toward peace. Again he advanced the belief that Russia does not want war.

Instead of the arms program, Dr. Robert Yarnall, Philadelphia manufacturer and member of the American Friends service committee, proposed "a really determined attack on the program of adequate world organization and of limiting and reducing armaments." He contended the arms plan would not be practical in preventing war.

PHONE FIRM VOTE DUE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 -(P)-The national labor relations board today ordered secret elections within 30 days for the employees of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in Oregon to determine collective bargaining agents.

U.S. Bonds Sale High in Dallas

DALLAS, Aug. 19 -(Special)-July sales of E bonds in Polk county were exceptionally high, according to Charles Thomas, county drive chairman. Sales for the month amounted to \$32,306.

Thomas attributed much credit for the bond activity to the recently concluded opportunity bond drive, which kept desirability of thrift before the people.

Arrest Halts Peru-to-U.S. Cocaine Trade

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 -(P)-Narcotics agents seized a ship's steward today and labeled him the "brains" of a huge illicit drug ring plying a \$500,000-a-month cocaine trade between Peru and the U. S.

Authorities said that cracking the international ring here and in Peru has laid bare a fantastic story of political intrigue and plotted revolution, with control of Peru as the prize.

And the ring, an assistant U. S. attorney claimed, apparently has attempted to spread its operations to Italy through attempted contact with Charles (Lucky) Luciano, exiled one-time vice czar.

Sought by Authorities

The steward was identified as Eduardo Balazero of Great North River, Long Island, a naturalized U. S. citizen of Peruvian descent, and sought by authorities for eight months.

Balazero, Assistant U. S. Attorney Joseph P. Martin said, was arrested today aboard the liner La Guardia, which runs between New York and Italian ports.

Capt. Alfonso Mier De Teran, chief of the Peruvian department of investigation, has been in New York for two months assisting in cracking the ring.

Political Party

The captain told of how Balazero allegedly was taken from here to Peru by a Peruvian warship in March, 1948, as the guest of Victor Haya De La Torre, chief of the now-outlawed aprista political party.

Balazero, Capt. Mier said, took with him \$60,000 in cash and a quantity of ammunition.

The aprista party plotted revolution with Balazero's supplies, and he was to be rewarded by appointment as Peruvian chief of customs if the plot worked.

The revolution came last October, Capt. Mier said, and was put down speedily.

ENDS TODAY! (SAT.)

William Powell
"TAKE ONE FALSE STEP"
Stephen McNally
"City Across the River"

Finn Leaders Crack Down on Red Strikers

HELSINKI, Finland, Aug. 19 -(P)-Communist leaders were arrested today in a speedy government crack-down on the nationwide strike offensive which flared into violence yesterday.

A government spokesman has declared the wave of strikes is a planned communist maneuver to seize power and establish a Red government in Helsinki.

The government, its army alerted, took fast action after the first blood was spilled yesterday in Kemi, where one man was killed and nine were injured.

The country's Central Trade Union Federation also swung into action issuing an ultimatum to the communist-led unions ordering them to cancel their strike call. It threatened to split the federation wide open.

Finnish troops were rushed to Kemi, in northern Finland, yesterday after police and an estimated 1,500 lumberjacks fought a brief pitched battle at a lumber sorting dam. An estimated 45,000 workers are on strike.

The chairman of the Kemi city council was among the communist leaders placed under arrest.

Mother Kills Baby, Blames Money Worry

CHICAGO, Aug. 19 -(P)-A young mother who ran screaming from her south side apartment that a negro prowler strangled her newborn baby, related to police today that she did it herself.

"There was no money coming in and I just couldn't stand seeing the baby go through what I've gone through," she said.

A coroner's jury recommended that the woman, Mrs. Dorothy Skeoch, 22, be held on a charge of murdering her six day old daughter, Susan. The infant was strangled with a diaper.

Mrs. Skeoch, a former payroll clerk at the University of Chicago, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lamont of Astoria, Ore. At Astoria, her parents said they learned of the baby's birth only yesterday and that they did not know their daughter faced financial difficulties.

Mrs. Skeoch's husband, Thomas, 21, a dock worker, lost his job two weeks ago and has been unemployed since then.

The strangling occurred last night, only a few hours after mother and infant were brought home from a hospital. Skeoch had left the apartment to take his mother to her home.

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Motorcyclist Hurt in Salem

Edwin Barnard, 27, 295 Fisher rd., was injured when his motorcycle skidded out of control and overturned at Silverton road and Lana ave. at 9 a.m. Friday.

First aid men took him to Salem General hospital where his condition was reported fair with extent of injuries not fully determined Friday night. A witness told city police he saw Barnard lose control of the machine and strike the highway head first while turning a corner.

Peace Talks Suspended in Hawaii Strike

By Douglas Lovelace

HONOLULU, Aug. 19 -(P)-Negotiators suspended peace talks today in Hawaii's 111-day dock strike and called on Washington for help.

The union and employer representatives sent off a message to Cyrus Ching, head of the U. S. mediation and conciliation service. They asked Ching to come to Honolulu "as quickly as possible." Ching has indicated he may be unable to come here because of the press of other duties.

The renewed peace talks, which began only three days ago, went into recess pending a reply from Ching.

At the first meeting of the day, Harry Bridges, president of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, told employers the strikers would settle for a raise of less than 26 cents an hour. Neither he nor the employer negotiators would name a figure, however.

The 2,000 CIO stevedores struck May 1, demanding a 32-cent raise in their \$1.40 hourly wage. Employers once reluctantly offered a 14-cent raise but withdrew it when the union rejected it.

Bridges said employers were holding out for the right to hire what he called strikebreakers. An employer spokesman said they had to reserve the right to hire nonunion stevedores now employed by the territorial government and by a new nonunion firm if ILWU stevedores were not available.

Gen. Arnold Doubts Politics In B-36 Choice

By P. D. Eldred

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19 -(P)-Assurance that no one man, by political design, can influence the selecting of a combat plane such as the Inter-Continental B-36 bomber came today from General H. H. (Hap) Arnold.

The retired air force commander, who probably had more to do than any other individual in developing the planes the United States used in World War II, declared that "there is no chance at all for politics or favoritism to enter into it."

Arnold, testifying before a house subcommittee investigating rumors that there might have been conniving in choice of the mighty, six-engine B-36, placed great emphasis on the air force.

"They all were my lieutenants and I personally selected them for their outstanding ability and integrity," Arnold said. "They have measured up under fire. I have unqualified confidence in them."

In addition to reiterating his approval of General Hoyt Vandenberg and other high ranking officers, Arnold placed great stress on what goes into the development of a combat plane.

He said that in the B-36 the United States has the best Inter-Continental bomber of any nation.

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Patton and his son Bob drove in from Boise last evening in time for a dinner and informal greeting party with Oregon Farmers union leaders at the Gold Arrow restaurant.

Patton said he was glad to meet again with his Oregon friends and anxious to bring his report on national and international farm matters to the annual Farmers union picnic at Champoe Sunday.

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