

Carol Paight Acquitted In Mercy Killing Case

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Stryker

As RKO prepares to distribute copies of the movie "Stromboli" to theatres a mounting chorus of protests against its showing is heard. Church groups in particular urge theatres to bar it; one church appeals to Eric Johnston, movie czar, to stop the circulation of the film. The objections are offered of course because of the scandal involving Roberto Rossellini, who directed the production and Ingrid Bergman who starred in it.

The affair Bergman on top of the affair Rita Hayworth are just too much for stomachs of decent folk to stand. Hollywood has glamorized seduction and capitalized sex in its product; and its flow of news of divorces and remarriages has served to debase morals all over the country.

But the industry is not in position to order "Stromboli" film kept sealed in its tin containers. It has no machinery to try persons accused of moral turpitude. If it did invoke a ban on Bergman's film what would it do about all the other films produced by violators of the seventh commandment? What about films by Charlie Chaplin and Errol Flynn, to mention two whose extra-marital episodes have dotted the news and engaged the courts?

It must be admitted that the conflict between art and morals is long. Applying the anti-"Stromboli" rule would bar Rembrandt's paintings from exhibition, and Byron's poems from the library and Dickens's novels. This doesn't condone Bergman and Rossellini, nor explain their conduct. It merely includes them in a long list of artists who have defied the moral code.

Such is the stench from the Bergman-Rossellini messalliance that thousands of persons will boycott their picture. Attendance is a matter for personal decision, just as showing "Stromboli" is a matter for the theatre owner's decision. Eric Johnston will do nothing to prevent its exhibition — monitoring the conduct of all of moviedom is beyond a "czar's" capacity.

Movies suffer now from too much censorship, political and religious. I do not refer to censorship of the content of films. Many times the bite of great stories is extracted for fear of offending some established group. So much care is taken not to offend any sect or race or group that the movie is often made both innocuous and worthless. Ideas may be dangerous — so dilute them to pallid platitudes.

Willamette U Bequeathed \$10,000 in Will

PORTLAND, Feb. 7-(AP)—A wealthy lumberman who had no children of his own left \$340,000 for the care of orphaned and handicapped little children.

Max D. Tucker, who died here Feb. 2, made charitable and public-use bequests totaling \$665,000 in his will admitted to probate today.

Largest single bequest was \$250,000 to the Maxon Oral school of Portland, an institution that teaches deaf children to talk. Children's homes and hospitals received a total of \$90,000.

His will also set up a \$100,000 scholarship fund and gave \$25,000 to Lewis and Clark college, Portland, and \$10,000 to Willamette university, Salem. The scholarships are for 10 of \$1,000 each annually to be used at the University of Oregon, Oregon State, Willamette or Lewis and Clark. Hospitals got \$60,000.

Tucker, one-time executive of the old Saxon Motor Car Co., Detroit, and later vice president of Evans Products Co., Detroit, Mich., and Coo Bay, Ore., was president of Cascade Plywood corporation at his death. Its Lebanon, Ore., plant is one of the world's largest.

Animal Crackers



"The way you waste things you'd think nuts grow on trees!"

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 7-(AP)—Carol Ann Paight was acquitted tonight in the mercy slaying of her father.

The verdict came less than five hours after the second degree murder case went to an all-parent jury of nine women and three men. Carol, 21, shot her cancer-riddled policeman father while he lay in his hospital bed.

The verdict was returned at 8:07 p.m. The tall blonde college girl collapsed sobbing and was half-carried from the courtroom.

Her mother, Mrs. Mary Paight, widowed in the Sept. 23 mercy shooting of Sgt. Carl Paight, also broke down in convulsive sobbing.

She recovered, however, and told newsmen, smiling through her tears: "Oh, I'm so happy I could die." The jury was out for four hours and 51 minutes.

Defense Attorney David Goldstein at once moved for the immediate discharge of the blonde defendant. Superior Judge John A. Cornell approved. The state said it had no objection.

Judge Cornell had sternly warned the jam-packed courtroom against any demonstration, and demanded absolute silence. However, his warning failed to suppress the throng that had kept vigil for the verdict.

A wave of applause drowned out the pounding of the courtroom gavel. Carol, an attractive six foot tall girl with shoulder length golden hair, admitted shooting her father to death in the Stamford, Conn., hospital after she learned he had cancer.

But she pleaded temporary insanity and testified she did not remember the shooting. The jury had three choices — acquittal, conviction of manslaughter, or conviction of murder.

When Carol and her mother embraced in a sheriff's anteroom after the verdict, neither was able to say much. "Oh Mommy," sobbed the girl. "Oh Carol," cried Mrs. Paight.

FBI Chief Says 540,000 Reds Now in Country

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7-(AP)—FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover was reported to have told senators today there are about 540,000 communists and fellow travelers now in the United States.

The figure is about one-tenth were described as card-carrying members of the communist party. Commenting on Hoover's reported disclosure, Senator Capehart (R-Ind.) told a reporter:

"I am flabbergasted. It is the most alarming thing I have heard in a long time. Just think what a powerful fifth column that would make if we ever got into a war."

Meanwhile, senators indicated strong approval of Hoover's reported request for 300 new FBI agents to help tighten security lines around the nation's atomic secrets.

For the third time in five days, Hoover talked with senators behind closed doors about developments in the London atomic espionage case involving Dr. Klaus Fuchs, 38, a top British scientist, who is accused of passing American hydrogen bomb data to Moscow.

Hoover is said to have presented the figures on communists in this country to support his request to a senate appropriations subcommittee for funds to hire 700 more employees, including 300 new FBI operatives.

Announced at Leak
A committee member, who withheld use of his name, said that under the circumstances of the Fuchs case, Hoover can get "just about anything he wants."

Hoover was closeted with the committee for more than two hours. Committee members were unusually close-mouthed about the Fuchs case after Hoover's latest appearance. Two of the lawmakers said the FBI chief apparently was annoyed because the gist of what he told the committee at a secret session last week turned up in the newspapers.

SUFFICIENT REASON

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 7-(AP)—John A. Greider was dismissed from jury duty in a contract suit case in Passaic county court today. He turned out to be the defendant.

Transferred



DETROIT—Lt. Col. John W. Miles, resident U. S. engineer for the Detroit dam project since March, 1949, who has been transferred to new duties in Okinawa. He will be replaced by Lt. Col. Clarence C. Davis, former civilian engineer in Portland.

Colonel Miles Transferred to Okinawa Post

Statesman News Service
DETROIT, Feb. 7.—Lt. Col. John W. Miles, resident engineer for the U. S. Corps of Engineers at the Detroit dam project since March, 1949, today was assigned to duty with the 20th air force in Okinawa.

The announcement was made by Col. Donald S. Burns, Portland district engineer, who revealed that Miles will be succeeded by Lt. Col. Clarence C. Davis. Davis, a former civilian engineer with the operations division of the Portland office, will take over at Detroit Saturday, February 11.

Miles is enroute from Boston where he has been on active duty with the corps of engineers reserve. Lt. Col. Miles, recognized as a leading authority on the entire Willamette river basin project, was assigned to the Detroit dam project by Col. O. E. Walsh, now north-west division engineer, and then Portland district engineer.

Previous to that time he served as special assistant to Walsh in charge of all flood control design and construction programs in the Portland district. Miles was a resident engineer at the Portland air base before assuming active duty in 1942. He served in Mexico, England, France and Belgium during the late war and is also a veteran of World War I.

Helped Plan Dam
"I deeply regret leaving the Detroit dam project at this time," Miles said Tuesday. "I've been associated with it so long I have learned to think of it as my 'baby.'"

Lt. Col. Davis was recalled to active duty in October, 1946, when he reported at Fort Belvoir, Va., and was assigned as executive officer of the Albuquerque, N. M., district. He was later operations and executive officer of the Okinawa district before being transferred to Boston.

As a civilian, he was engaged in construction planning of the Detroit and Lookout Point dams. During the late war he served as lieutenant colonel in the Mediterranean and European theatres.

Miles announced he would spend about a month in Portland before leaving for Okinawa.

Kleinsorge Will Be Re-appointed

Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge of Silverton, member of the state board of higher education whose term expires March 2, will be re-appointed, it was indicated by the office of Gov. Douglas McKay Tuesday.

DAM BIDS OPENED

PORTLAND, Feb. 7-(AP)—The Willamette Iron & Steel Co., Portland, today submitted a low bid of \$356,938 for four outlet gate assemblies at Detroit dam.

The work involves design, manufacture and delivery of the assemblies. There were 11 other bidders. All are incumbents.

Four More Candidates File for House Posts

Filings of four candidates for state representative at the republican primary election in May were received at the state department Tuesday.

They are: Giles French, Moro; Raymond C. Coulter, Grants Pass; Pat Lonergan, Portland, and J. S. (Jack) Greenwood, Wemme. All are incumbents.

Search Plane Missing in Wilds of Yukon

Dakota's Signals Heard

By Graham Trotter
Canadian Press Staff Writer

WHITEHORSE, Y. T., Feb. 7 (CP)—Two planes and ground radio posts tonight were checking signals heard from a United States air force Dakota which failed to return to base while searching for a missing American transport with 44 persons aboard.

The Dakota, carrying 12 Canadian and American personnel, was heard from only once today after taking off for the search but tonight SOS signals were picked up from it on the 8280 distress frequency.

Search officials said the signals tonight were not the same as those reported early today along the Pacific coast area. Radio signals have been heard from time to time since the search for the missing transport began Jan. 27.

Four planes were diverted to the Aishihik area, about 100 miles northwest of here, to cover a 900-square-mile area where the Dakota started searching today. But two were forced to return to base when a heavy overcast formed and light snow started.

There are two landing strips and two lakes in the area. Lakes Klauane and Aishihik, on which the missing Dakota could have landed but poor visibility made a thorough check of them impossible tonight.

Planes Circle Area
Radio posts at search headquarters here were unable to get an accurate bearing on the signals picked up tonight but they will remain on the distress frequency in an effort to get a "fix."

A B-17 and a C-47 still were circling over the Aishihik area in hopes of spotting flares or a fire from the missing Dakota. A nine-mile-an-hour breeze drove light snow across the mountainous country and temperatures dropped to 22 below. However, the search craft was equipped with emergency Arctic survival equipment.

The Dakota was the second to become missing since the huge aerial search began. A week ago, a United States air force Dakota crashed on a mountain peak 21 miles south of here but all six aboard were rescued.

Search officials said that the signals heard tonight were identified as not the same as those heard earlier in the day. From their general locality, it was fairly certain they came from the Dakota.

Meanwhile, repeated SOS signals were picked up by radios in aircraft and at ground stations from the United States to Alaska, providing possible clues to the whereabouts of the missing transport.

U. S. coast guard stations from California to Alaska were alerted to attempt to locate the source of the SOS calls, which came in a series of two followed by a long pause and then a third. The signals started during the noon hour and ceased shortly after 3 p.m. (PST).

A coast guard plane with special direction finding equipment was directed northward from Port Angeles, Wash., but was forced to turn back because of weather.

Reporters Photos Find Produces Portland Sensation

PORTLAND, Feb. 7-(AP)—A routine raid on what police said was a bawdy house today turned into a local sensation.

Inside, officers found photographs of 29 Portland newspaper reporters, mounted on a large card. These were quickly identified as duplicates of photos made in the sheriff's office for press passes.

'Deals' Force Postal Aide to Resign

AEC Member Quits, Hints Conflict

Adm. Strauss' Resignation Accepted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7-(AP)—Rear Admiral Lewis L. Strauss resigned from the atomic energy commission today with a broad hint that there had been conflict among AEC members over development of the hydrogen super-bomb.

In a letter to President Truman, Strauss said pointedly he had decided to leave now that the "issues" have been decided "as I had hoped and recommended."

Just a week ago, Mr. Truman gave the "momentous order" to add the H-bomb to the nation's arsenal, and congress generally applauded the decision to get the jump on Russia in development of the new atomic weapon.

There have been numerous reports of an AEC split on the super-bomb question, with Chairman David E. Lilienthal reportedly heading one faction urging caution while Strauss led the other side.

A congress member who declined to be quoted by name said Strauss fought "sometimes almost single-handed" to speed the H-bomb into reality.

Strauss is the fourth member to resign from the original five-man panel named by Mr. Truman in October, 1946, when the army's wartime control of atomic energy was shifted to civilian direction.

Fourth Resignation
Chairman Lilienthal resigned some weeks ago, but has agreed to stay on until Feb. 15. Two others resigned earlier. Now, with Strauss about to leave, Sumner T. Pike will be the last of the original five.

A member of the congressional atomic committee, who asked that his name be withheld, said Strauss had been suggested to President Truman as a successor to Lilienthal as AEC chairman.

Howard Morgan, former state representative from Multnomah county and now a resident of the Monmouth area, will file for the democratic nomination for state labor commissioner, it appeared Tuesday.

Morgan last night declined to confirm or deny the report, saying any definite information would be "premature." But authoritative sources said his candidacy was assured. Present labor commissioner is W. E. Kimsey, republican.

Morgan served in the last session of the legislature, resigning as representative several months ago to accept a brief naval assignment.

The office of labor commissioner is one of three state-wide posts to be filled at this year's election. The other two with terms expiring this year are now filled by U. S. Sen. Wayne Morse and Gov. Douglas McKay, both republicans.

Phone Workers Postpone Strike

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7-(AP)—The threat of a nationwide telephone strike was put off today until Feb. 24 to make way for federal mediation efforts.

The CIO communication Workers of America had set the walkout for 6 a.m. local time tomorrow but U. S. Conciliation Chief Cyrus S. Ching obtained a 16-day postponement on a plea of public interest.

Ching at the same time called on the CWA and the Bell Telephone System to "intensify bargaining."

He got a measure of agreement on that too, but each side kept on taking verbal jabs at the other. Both sides were put under additional pressure by an apparent hint from Ching that congressional action might be aimed at them, and other unions and employers, unless sound labor-management relations are demonstrated in their industry.

Lewis, Coalmen Confer With Fact Finder Board

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7-(AP)—President Truman's fact-finding board in the soft coal crisis conferred informally today with John L. Lewis and the mine operators with whom he is locked in a contract dispute.

Formal hearings will start tomorrow. The three-man board is racing to meet a Monday deadline fixed by Mr. Truman for a report. After it is made, he can seek a court order directing the striking miners to return to work.

It was learned on good authority that both sides agreed to cooperate with the three man board. That meant that Lewis planned to appear without a court subpoena such as was needed to bring him before a similar board in the pension strike of March and April, 1948.

Coal operators George H. Love of the Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co., Joseph E. Moody of the Southern Coal Producers association and Harry M. Moses of U. S. Steel corporation's coal mining subsidiary, the H. C. Frick Coke Co., all were contacted by the board in preliminary sessions.

None of the parties would discuss what they told the board. Lewis himself declined to say whether he would accept the board's invitation to explain his side of the situation.

4-Story Fire Tower Going Up



Salem's fire ladders will soon be holding their practice drills on the fire tower now being constructed at the city's utility lot on South 20th street. The tower, equivalent of a four-story building, is being fabricated by Timber Structures, Inc., Portland, and will have windows, stairs and other features found in standard buildings which present specific fire fighting problems. Work on the tower was delayed during the cold weather. (Statesman photo).

Scheme to Buy, Sell Rare Stamps Aired

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7-(AP)—Postmaster General Donaldson said tonight his special assistant in charge of public relations has resigned by request in connection with reports of proposed deals in special stamp issues.

Harold F. Ambrose, the public relations chief for the department, was asked to resign on Jan. 11 and did so the same day, Donaldson told a reporter in response to an inquiry.

The postmaster general said that no charges have been filed. He added that the entire matter is "still under investigation by the postoffice inspectors."

Captain Brown Relieved as Missouri Chief

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 7-(AP)—The Battleship Missouri came out of drydock today as her commanding officer, navigator and operations officer sat as defendants before a naval court of inquiry.

Workers have repaired the bottom damage the Big Mo sustained when she ran aground in Chesapeake Bay January 17. She will sail tomorrow for two-day post-repair sea trials, with a new commanding officer on the bridge.

He is Capt. H. P. Smith, who will replace Capt. William D. Brown as skipper. Atlantic fleet headquarters announced, "at least until legal proceedings are completed." Smith had preceded Brown as skipper.

Capt. Brown and the ship's navigator, Lt. Cmdr. Frank G. Morris, were named defendants at the court's opening session last Friday. Today the court named as the third defendant the Missouri's operations officer, Cmdr. John R. Millett.

Relative of Senator
Ambrose, who had held the \$10,000 a year job for several years, could not be reached for comment. He was reported enroute back to Washington from his family home in Massachusetts.

Ambrose, long prominent in the post office department, is the husband of a niece of Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo). The senator's wife confided to newsmen tonight that Ambrose has resigned.

She said that Ambrose had come to the senator and told him he was "in a jam," and that the senator advised him to go to the postmaster general, tell the whole story and resign.

No Charges Filed
An informed source said no charges have been filed, but that the investigation is being pressed by the postal inspectors division. This source said that the Ambrose resignation had been turned in "by request" following a series of conferences with Donaldson.

Weather Damage to Linn County's Roads Heavy

ALBANY, Feb. 7-(AP)—Preliminary inspection indicates street damage in Albany is more severe from this winter's storms than last year. Oiled streets particularly suffered, the city street superintendent said.

County officials expressed fear county roads also were broken up badly, and added that no repair funds are on hand.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	49	36	19
Portland	47	37	10
San Francisco	59	41	00
Chicago	38	24	00
New York	41	23	trace

Willamette river 1.3 feet

FORECAST from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Cloudy with showers today and tonight. Little change in temperature with high today near 48; low tonight near 33.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
This Year Last Year Normal
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