

Old Murder Laid to Soviet Secret Police

SEATTLE, Sept. 27—(AP)—Soviet secret police killed the wife of an Aberdeen, Wash., labor leader 10 years ago, an admitted ex-communist has testified. Her murder was never solved.

Paul Crouch, Miami, Fla., said Laura Law was slain because she intended "to go with her story to place it before the newspapers and the public — the inside story of communist party activities in the state of Washington."

Attorneys disclosed today that Crouch had given this testimony during deportation hearings for 10 Seattle aliens, underway since August. Crouch appeared as an expert witness for the immigration and naturalization service.

Laura Law was found bludgeoned and stabbed to death at her home Jan. 5, 1940. No one was ever charged with the slaying.

She was the wife of Dick Law, a former leader of the Grays Harbor International Woodworkers of America (CIO), at Aberdeen, one of the largest timber centers on the west coast.

"She was murdered . . . coincident with the return to this country of George Mink, the chief executor for the foreign division of the OGPU," Crouch testified. The Seattle office of the federal bureau of investigation identified Mink as a "communist agent" who disappeared about 1942 or 1943.

The Laura Law case popped into the hearing when Crouch, a former district organizer for the party, testified that he decided to leave the party in 1942 but was "afraid I might suffer the same fate as Laura Law."

"Who was Laura Law?" a defense attorney asked.

"She was a member of the communist party in the state of Washington who was killed by Soviet secret police, according to available evidence," Crouch said. He added that "full details will be brought out by proper agencies at the proper time."

In Aberdeen, Paul O. Manley, special prosecutor who investigated the case in 1940, said the murder "could have been Red-inspired."

"That was one of the theories advanced following the murder," said Manley. There were some facts which tended to substantiate such a theory. However, there was nothing definite as to who actually killed Laura Law or by whose order the murder was committed."

Aberdeen Police Chief A. M. Gallagher said he would welcome any information which would "lead to actively reopening the case."

Revenue from U. S. Forests Sets Record

PORTLAND, Sept. 27—(AP)—Revenue from 19 national forests in Oregon and Washington reached a record high of \$13,732,174 in the last fiscal year, the regional forest service office reported today.

Income was more than double operation and protection costs for the region, the office announced.

Forests in the two states were largely responsible for a gain of eight per cent for the entire country to a new high of \$33,594,814, the forest service said.

Major income came from timber sales with a net gain of \$1,500,000 over the previous year. Grazing receipts totaled \$245,391, land use revenue \$78,962 and water power rights rental \$6,969.

Counties will receive one-fourth of the revenue in lieu of taxes, distributed in proportion to the national forest land in each.

Willamette National forest topped the nation with \$2,355,407. Olympic forest was second with \$1,806,942. Others in the million dollar bracket were Gifford Pinchot, Umpqua and Ochoco.

Open House at Vet Hospitals Recommended

Holding open house at veterans' administration hospitals at regular intervals has been recommended to the Veterans Administration by Salem chapter 6, Disabled American Veterans.

Citizens of this area would be encouraged to visit lonely disabled veterans if such a policy were adopted, a spokesman for the Salem chapter said Wednesday. Many hospitalized vets have not received a visitor this year, he added.

The public also would become better acquainted with the rehabilitation program for disabled veterans by such a program, according to the Salem group.

Lumberman's Widow Asks Will Changed

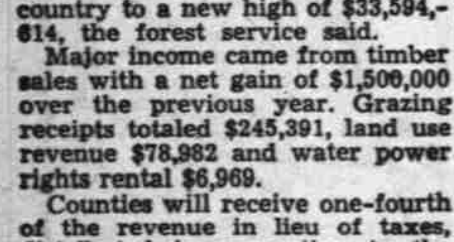
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Guard Reserve Headquarters Formed



Maj. Gen. Harry C. Brumbaugh, left, receives his first official salute from headquarters and headquarters company of the 7th Oregon infantry reserve Tuesday night following activation ceremonies. The 18 Salem area men are the nucleus of the Oregon national guard reserve which is being formed to take over the emergency duties of the regular guard in the event it is called to active duty. The three officers in front are, from left, Col. Armin Burger, regimental commander; Col. E. T. Sims, and Maj. E. L. Freeman. (Statesman photo.)

General Claims All National Guard to Serve

PORTLAND, Sept. 27—(AP)—Maryland's adjutant general said today he believed all national guard divisions in the country would ultimately be called into federal service.

Four units of the 25 infantry and two armored divisions already have been called up.

In any case, Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, the adjutant general, said national guardsmen can expect intensified training at home with units brought to full strength.

One reason all guard units couldn't be called into service at once was lack of equipment, General Reckord, ex-president of the National Guard association and now chairman of its legislative committee, said.

The national guard, he added, is in the best condition in its history.

Oregon, Reckord said, violated a federal law when it activated the Oregon national guard reserve as a security force to replace national troops when called to federal duty. Several other states did likewise.

But congress rectified the matter before adjournment by re-enacting the state guard law, Reckord said.

He was here conferring with Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, Oregon adjutant general. They visited Gov. Douglas McKay in Salem this afternoon and returned here tonight for a conference with top guard commanders of the state.

Maryland Men Held After Checks Bounce

George Louis Branzell, 24, Baltimore, Md., was held at the city jail on a vagrancy charge Wednesday night for questioning concerning bogus checks, city police reported.

Branzell was arrested by city detectives as he left a downtown store.

SP Freight Traffic Hits Record High

PORTLAND, Sept. 27—In spite of a country-wide shortage of freight cars, Southern Pacific has established an all-time high in the first eight months of 1950 for the movement of freight shipments to and from Oregon.

This fact, indicating Oregon's expanding economy, was made public in Portland today by W. W. Hale, vice president in charge of the railroad's system freight traffic.

Up to September 1, 150,915 loaded cars had been shipped from Oregon points on the railroad's Portland division, he said, whereas less than 50,000 loaded cars were hauled into the territory.

Because of the disparity between Oregon's loaded inbound and outbound traffic, Hale said, Southern Pacific has brought close to 100,000 empty freight cars onto the Portland division in 1950 in order to give Oregon shippers their full share of available equipment.

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