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-com-munist 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 bludgeon-ed 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 Har-bor 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 peared 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 might suffer the same fate as Laura Law." 'Who was Laura Law?" a de-

fense attorney asked. "She was a member of the communist party in the state of Washington who was killed by Soviet secret police, according to availbrought out by proper agencies at units brought to full strength.

the proper time."
In Aberdeen, Paul O. Manley,

"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 Gallagher said he would welcome any information which would "lead to actively reopening the

Revenue from U.S. Forests Sets Record

PORTLAND, Sept. 27-(P)-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 servce office reported today.

Income was more than double

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,-614, the forest service said.

Major income came from timber.

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 levels disabled.

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 \$78,982 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 top-ped the nation with \$2,355,407. Olympic forest was second with \$1,606,942. Others in the million dollar bracket were Gifford Pin-chot, Umpqua and Ochoco.

NO ROOM FOR LOOT

BALTIMORE, Sept. 27 -/ - A spokesman for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone company said Tuesday there is little chance that any of its counting house girls will get away with quarters in their brassieres. The local company handles its quarters in 54-pound

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 activiation ceremonies. The 18 Salem area men are the nucleus of the Ofegon 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.)

a will was on her husband's person when the plane crashed into the Yaquina river. She said it was lost with some of Ingram's cloth-

ing when the body and airplane

The will on file, dated Dec. 5,

were recovered.

would be excluded.

Maryland Men Held

After Checks Bounce

George Louis Branzell, 24, Bal-

timore, Md., was held at the city

jail on a vagrancy charge Wednes-

day night for questioning concern-

gram's \$400,000 estate. The Lebanon businessman was killed July 30 when his private plane crashed

His widow, Ema Ingram, claims Traffic Hits

1946, divides the estate between established an all-time high in the

the widow, two children, and Os-car Ingram, father of the deceased. movement of freight shipments to

ing bogus checks, city police re- to 100,000 empty freight cars onto

Branzell was arrested by city order to give Oregon shippers detectives as he left a downtown their full share of available

Record High

PORTLAND, Sept. 27 - In spite

Up to September 1, 150,915 loaded cars had been shipped from

Oregon points on the railroad's

Portland division, he said, where-

as less than 50,000 loaded cars were hauled into the territory.

Because of the disparity be-

tween Oregon's loaded inbound

and outbound traffic, Hale said,

Southern Pacific has brought close

the Portland division in 1950 in

of a country-wide shortage of freight cars, Southern Pacific has

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 Mrs. Ingram has named two witnesses to verify terms of the will she claims is missing. This will, she said, gives herself half the estate and divides the other half between the children. The father would be excluded.

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 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 able evidence," Crouch said. He national guardsmen can expect in-added that "full details will be tensified training at home with tensified training at home with

One reason all guard units couldn't be called into service at special prosecutor who investigat- once was lack of equipment, General Reckord, ex-president of the ed the case in 1940, said the mur-der "could have been Red-inspir- 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 federal law when it activated the Oregon national guard reserve as a security force to replace nation-

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, Ore-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.

Open House at

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 ed a visitor this year, he added.

The public also would become better acquainted with the rehabil-itation program for disc sed veterans by such a program, according to the Salem group.

Lumberman's Widow Asks Will Changed

ALBANY, Sept. 27-(AP)-The widow of lumberman Aaron Ingram started legal action today in probate court to substitute terms of a missing will for one on file

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'Brassiere Brigade' Faces Arrest Again

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 27 -(P)- Justice as elastic as the items in which they carried their loot snapped back today on members of Miami's "brassiere brigade."

Legal haymakers came from two quarters - and not the silver kind the women orally admitted taking out of the telephone company counting room stuffed in their underclothes.

From the office of the county Protest Bus solicitor came orders to re-arrest eight of them, including six women and the husbands of two Route Change of them. The telephone company signed complaints.

From Circuit Judge George E. Holt, who had freed them all yesterday while the phone company hesitated over signing a complaint, came an order impounding all money, automobiles and all other property of 11 persons allegedly involved in the case. This in-cluded \$10,000 now in police hands.

In the oral confessions, later re pudiated and never signed, the girls admitted that some of estimated \$100,000 they toted out of the company in their brassieres went for automobiles, payments on houses and for bonds

Assistant County Solicitor Michael F. Zarowny said the re-arrests were made possible after the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company audited long distance toll records flown here from the Jacksonville office and determined "definite shortages during definite months."

company's Seattle office isn't wor-ried about any of its coin counters sieres.

Gary Ziegler Sent to Childless Private Home

OREGON CITY, Ore., Sept. 27-(P)-The youngster who shot his mother at his father's farm earlier this month was made a ward of the court today. Judge D. A. Long of Portland said the boy would be placed in a childless private home, far from the scene of the shooting.

The boy, Gary Ziegler, 9, fatally wounded Mrs. Mathilde Ziegler Lair as she prepared to take Gary and a sister to a new home.

Scio Residents

ALBANY, Sept. 27 -(AP)- Aban-

county run. He said revenue from Scio last year totaled only \$682.75. William Nickanen, Bend, manager for Pacific Trailways serving the area, said his firm also had

SEATTLE, Sept. 27 -(A)- The walking out with a brassiere full Pacific Telephone and Telegraph of change as per Miomi.

donment of Greyhound bus service between Halsey and Jefferson was protested here today by Scio resflents. A spokesman appeared before a state utilities commission hearing on the bus line's petition.
W. H. Eggers, Greyhound's
Portland district manager, said the firm is losing 26 cents a mile every time its bus makes the east Linn

losses in the area. He supported Greyhound's abandonment. Gardiner Ewing of West Scio said the Greyhound service was

needed in the growing area. No delegations appeared from Leb-anon, Sweet Home, Jefferson and Halsey, also served by the Grey-hound line.

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Mother Held After Slaying Of 3 Children

FOSSIL, Ore., Sept. 27-(P)-A young mother is in custody of Wheeler county authorities here dren over a period of 21 months. Mrs. Juanita Louise Carr, 23, the mother, admitted that she smothered two of them and dropped the other on his head, Dist. Atty.

George Dukek said today. Sheriff Malcolm Keys and state police officers arrested Mrs. Carr tions, Dukek added.

at her home in Mitchell, 45 miles south of here, where her husband, George, is a sawmill worker.

Keys and the state police began an investigation after the death September 15 of Patricia, a 3-yearold daughter whose body was taken to the coroner's office at Prine-ville in Crook county.

Dukek said Mrs. Carr admitted under questioning she had smothered the little girl in bed.

A son, Gary, 2 years old, also was smothered last January 27, in the slaying of her three chil- Dukek said the woman told him, Another son, Donald, about 3 months old, was dropped on his head Jan. 15, 1949, the district attorney quoted Mrs. Czrr as saying. These two also were taken to the coroner's office at Prineville. She could not explain her ac-

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