

## Noisy Mailmen Given Citation For Contempt

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — U.S. District Judge Willis R. Ritter got his ire up Wednesday over a noisy freight elevator in the federal building and cited the postmaster and 25 postal workers for contempt of court.

Judge Ritter said Postmaster David R. Trevithick and his clerks created an "intolerable" racket hauling the mail in the elevator and violated a court order.

Francis Newman, foreman in the Post Office finance section, was fined \$100 for contempt of court but the fine later was suspended. He and two mail handlers dropped a bulky package of stamped envelopes in the courtroom, interrupting a witness on the stand.

Newman explained he was personally responsible for the envelopes and had to bring them to the court room, when arrested by a deputy U.S. marshal.

Judge Ritter dismissed the others without fines and said: "Of course the U.S. court cannot suspend operation of the Post Office... and, we cannot suspend operation of the court. That is why I have a proposal to make to see if the Post Office cannot be run with less noise."

The elevator is used to haul mail to and from the sorting rooms.

The judge kept the postal employees sitting in his courtroom for more than an hour while he disposed of other business, then ordered them to return later in the day.

They were arrested by Deputy U.S. Marshal John L. Babcock on charges of contempt, accused of violating a court order which specified that the elevator should not be operated after 10:30 a.m.

Trevithick commented: "How are we to explain to the public why we can't get the mail out just because Judge Ritter won't let us run the elevators?"

In Britain the automobile transmission is called the gearbox.

## New Arrival on Okinawa



OKINAWA—Capt. Lloyd Chapman of Salem (left), new arrival on Okinawa from Korea, is shown being briefed on the strategic location of the island by the deputy commander of the Ryukyus Command, Col. Warren A. Robinson (seated) along with Capt. John P. Hoover, assistant director of plans and operations. (U. S. Army photo.)

During the warm season the ice near the edge of a glacier may move forward a few inches per day on the average, says the National Geographic Society.

Ranking behind chlorine as the most abundant element in sea water are sodium, magnesium, sulfur, calcium, potassium, bromine, carbon and strontium.

## Capt. Chapman on Duty in Okinawa

OKINAWA—Capt. Lloyd Chapman of Salem has reported for duty with the Ryukyus Command on Okinawa, transferring from Korean service, the Army reported.

His title in the new post is assistant post engineer property officer.

Capt. Chapman, whose wife, Barbara, and son, Scott, live at 225 Miller St., spent nine months in Korea. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Forbis of 3885 Liberty Rd.

## Abe Burroughs Acknowledges Link to Reds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abe Burroughs, a prosperous writer of gags acknowledged Wednesday that he used to associate with Communists but he said it was because he was "stupid" at the time.

Burroughs swore before the House Un-American Activities Committee that he never joined the Communist party or contributed to it from his salary, which he fixed at \$50,000 a year in 1944 and 1945.

Burroughs is co-author of the Broadway musical hit "Guys and Dolls". Owen Vinson, identified by the committee as a one-time Communist, has testified that he knew Burroughs as a party member in Hollywood in 1945 and 1946.

"I was seen with them," Burroughs conceded.

"I don't want to leave the impression with the committee that I deny having been with them. My own sloppiness of action, my own thoughtlessness, gave them the right to think I was a member."

At one point Rep. Velde (R-Ill.) commented that he thought the writer had been "naive," said Burroughs, "and say that I was stupid."

In 1951 farmers made up about 15 per cent of the U. S. population.

## Letter Pictures Giant Atomic Blast in Pacific

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An atomic explosion that mushroomed a white cloud eight miles high and nearly knocked observers down 30 miles away was described by a Salt Lake City seaman, in a letter released Wednesday by his mother.

Seaman Darrell Fullmer wrote his mother, Mrs. Melva Fullmer, that the blast near Eniwetok on Nov. 1 made a large crater out of an entire island.

On a ship 30 miles away, Fullmer said that with his back turned to the blast and his hands over his eyes, "light filtered right through my hands it was so intense."

"Then I opened my eyes and looked x x x," Fullmer wrote.

"The water as far as I could see as well as the clouds and sky were a vivid scarlet."

"The water spout was already at cloudy height and rising rapidly. It was a ground blast. The base of the water spout was about 3 1/2 miles in diameter."

"Then the mushroom appeared above the clouds and went up and up, ever billowing out farther. The height was estimated by our executive officer at 8 1/2 miles."

He said the shock waves hit about two minutes after the blast and "it damn near knocked me down."

"We steamed past the island on which the blast was set off four days later," his letter said. "I know you have seen shell and bomb craters in the movies. Well, the whole island is like a large bomb crater. Only the edges left."

Letters from other Navy personnel describing an atomic explosion on the Pacific island have been received in various cities this week. The Atomic Energy Commission in Washington has refused to comment.

In the past 20 years the amount of money used for agricultural extension service work among Negroes in 17 Southern states has more than tripled.

## Rep. Stockman Sees Chance of Special Session

PORTLAND (AP) — Rep. Lowell Stockman (R-Ore.) said Wednesday night that he thought the chances were good that President Truman would call a special session of congress before January.

The purpose would be to increase congressional salaries, said Stockman, who is leaving office this year after declining to run again.

Any increase must be voted before the end of the year, if it is to be received by the 83rd Congress, the Pendleton representative said.

## U.N. to Consider Lie's Successor

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The U. N. Assembly's Steering Committee Wednesday unanimously recommended, without a word of debate, that the Assembly take up the politically-hot question of naming a successor to Secretary General Trygve Lie.

The Assembly itself is expected to agree with the recommendation.

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## Candidates File Campaign Cost

Six candidates for Marion County offices in the general election last week have filed campaign expense accounts, County Clerk Henry Mattson reported Wednesday.

Roy J. Rice, successful candidate for county commissioner, filed an account listing \$74 in expenditures. His Democrat opponent, Preston W. Hale, spent \$219, according to his filed statement.

Accounts of four other candidates indicated they spent nothing in their campaigns for re-election. All were unopposed. They are Coroner Lester W. Howell, School Superintendent Mrs. Agnes C. Booth, Clerk Henry C. Mattson and District Judge Val D. Sloper.

## Tele-gun by Warren Goodrich

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