

# Dr. Sheppard Trial Jury Requests More Time to Deliberate

## To Start 5th Day Today

**The Weather**  
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today; mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with a few showers Wednesday. Not much change in temperature, with the highest today near 48, lowest tonight near 34.  
Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 34.  
SALEM PRECIPITATION  
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal  
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## Quake in Nevada Left Big Fissures, May Force Geologists to Alter Maps

**By LEONARD LEFKOW**  
DIXIE VALLEY, Nev. (AP)—Geographers may have to revise their maps because of the earthquake last Thursday which caused awesome changes in the terrain of this sparsely settled area. The quake—centering in this remote valley—was felt in five western states.

Scientists who converged on mile-high Dixie Valley found gaping fissures that scarred the base of surrounding mountains for 26 miles. Snow-capped peaks looking down on the desolate valley either were shoved upward a few feet or the valley floor dropped because of the violent quake, they said. Geographers won't know which it is until readings are taken of the mountains.

**Fissures Mapped**  
Prof. David Slemmons, University of Nevada earthquake expert, flew over the area in West Central Nevada about 110 miles east of Reno—mapping the tremendous fissures. "The quake was without doubt one of the most important ever

recorded in the United States," Slemmons said. This, he explained is in terms of ground displacement. Slemmons measured three newly opened faults; one of which ran along the Stillwater Range on the east side of the valley. Another 26-mile slash was discovered at

## '55 Draft Calls Halved, Military Cut Announced

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Wilson said Monday that, partly because of greater "opportunities for peace," draft calls will be halved next year and the armed forces will be reduced by 403,000 men by June 1956.

The reduction will bring total strength down to 2,815,000 from the current figure of 3,218,000 registered last month. Wilson told a Pentagon news conference the decision to cut military manpower was made "in the last few weeks" by the President after a review of all factors. The secretary also announced that the 1st Marine Division will be returned from Korea to the West Coast, as soon as shipping is assembled. It will be replaced by one of two Army divisions in Japan.

The Army, Navy and Marine Corps are all to be trimmed in the next 18 months; only the Air Force will be increased in manpower. Wilson said that among factors influencing the decision, in addition to what he called increased opportunities for peace, were that Japan had started to build up its own defense forces and that the situation in Korea had become more stable.

By Wilson's figuring, the Army on June 30, 1956 will have 1,000,000 men, a decrease of 343,000 from last month; the Navy will have 650,000, a decrease of 42,000; the Marine Corps will drop 32,000 to 190,000, and the Air Force will have 975,000, an increase of 14,000. Total armed forces strength is to drop to 2,940,000 by next June 30. Wilson said the draft call for February, which has been announced at 20,000 men, will be reduced to 10,000 or 11,000. He said the low quota would be continued at least through June.

the southwest part of the Clan Alpine Range. A third fissure about 12 miles long opened just east of the Clan Alpine.

**Frightening Sight**  
A reporter who drove across the desert to the base of one of the faults found a frightening sight: warm water gushing from the mountain and raging along the quake-caused gash. The trench measured from 12 feet deep to 30 feet across.

This is in an area where water has never been found, at least in appreciable quantities. A few ranchers graze cattle on the valley floor, but there is no settlement in miles.

The gashes along the base of the mountain look as if a giant had ripped the terrain with a jagged knife—mile after mile—and then had torn it apart with his hands.

"Had the quake occurred in a populated area," Slemmons said, "I hesitate to think of the death and destruction it would have caused."

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## 'Mata Hari' Faces Trial Today



BERLIN—Irmgard Margarete Schmidt, 25, East German beauty, will be tried Tuesday before U. S. High Commission court in West Germany on three charges of transmitting Allied information to the Russians. U. S. officials acknowledged the Russians paid Irmgard only \$375 for the order of battle for the Allied defense of West Berlin. She was caught only three weeks ago after a year and a half of intimate contact with two top American intelligence agents. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Berlin.)

## Mendes Backed By Vote

PARIS (AP)—The French National Assembly gave Premier Pierre Mendes-France a vote of confidence on his Indochina policies Monday and then plunged into debate on German rearmament.

The Premier won the Assembly's backing on the Indochina issue by a vote of 310 to 172. While the majority was comfortable, it marked a continuation of the steady drop in popularity which Mendes-France has been suffering in the Assembly since the conclusion of the Indochinese armistice last July.

The issue Monday never had been considered a danger for Mendes-France. His enemies are anxious for him to be saddled with responsibility for pushing through the German rearmament agreement.

His biggest bloc of enemies, the deputies of the Popular Republican Movement, announced they were abstaining from the confidence vote so that the treaty debate should not be delayed.

Paul-Henri Teitgen, the party spokesman, warned that the abstention "signifies defiance."

The first part of the Assembly's work on the German rearmament question was formal presentation of committee reports.

After the committee reports are concluded, sometime Tuesday, the deputies probably will be called to vote on some kind of a procedural question which will give the first indication of how things might go.

This might come on a motion for adoption of a national defense committee report recommending postponement of the debate. After that, general debate can get underway. Some 30 to 40 orators are expected to give their views.

## To Start 5th Day Today

CLEVELAND (AP)—Dr. Samuel Sheppard's murder trial jury Monday night asked for more time to deliberate on his life or death, it was learned from a reliable source. The request shelved for the time being any plan to discharge the jury.

Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin sent a note up to the jury room about 10 p. m., EST, it was learned. The substance of it was an inquiry whether the jury thought it could make any progress if it continued deliberations or whether it was hopelessly deadlocked.

The jury sent back word that it wanted more time, according to the qualified informant.

At 10:23 p. m., when the jurors came down in the courtroom, Judge Blythin sent them to the hotel for the fourth night in a row without any comment whatsoever on the message exchange.

At that point the jury had been out 84 hours and 10 minutes. Asked by reporters about the note, Judge Blythin declined comment.

Dr. Samuel Sheppard, the 30-year-old osteopath on trial on a charge of first-degree murder in the July 4 slaying of his pregnant wife, Marilyn, entered the courtroom to confront the jury again Monday night as he must each time the jury leaves the building.

His face was flushed and he clasped his hands nervously in front of him as he sat awaiting the jury's arrival. He licked his lips repeatedly.

Tension had mounted during the evening and the courtroom was packed in expectation of some dramatic development when the jury appeared.

The expectations had been based on a conference earlier in the day among Blythin and attorneys for both sides. It was reported at that time by another reliable source that Judge Blythin would ask the jury Monday night about the prospects of reaching a verdict.

The note the informant said was delivered Monday night to the jury was the first word it has received since it started deliberations at 10:13 a. m. Friday.

Soon after the conference, Judge Blythin was asked how long he was willing to let the deliberations continue. He replied: "I have not set any deadline."

The jury has not dropped a single hint how its deliberations are progressing.

## Sept. 7 Crash Injuries Fatal To Keizer Man

A Keizer man who had been unconscious for 103 days died Sunday night in a Salem hospital. The victim was Oscar Martin Olsen, 70, who was hospitalized Sept. 7 after a collision between his car and an ambulance en route to the scene of another accident.

The crash occurred at the intersection of Pine and Broadway streets. Hospital attendants said Olsen had never regained consciousness. His wife, Mrs. Bessie Olsen, 66, was also injured in the accident but was released after spending two weeks in the hospital.

Olsen's death was Marion County's 21st traffic fatality during 1954.

Born March 20, 1884, in Wilcox Lake, S. D., Olsen moved to Oregon in 1942. He had been custodian of the Keizer School since 1944. His home was at 2485 Chemawa Rd.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Survivors include the widow; two daughters, Mrs. Harvey Holtkamp, Salem, and Mrs. Harold Burr, Faulkton, S. D.; a son, Alvin Olsen, Martinez, Calif.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday in the Clough-Barrick Chapel, with the Rev. John Cuaile officiating. Burial will be in the Restlawn Cemetery. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the St. Mark's building fund.

STILL, MOONSHINE FOUND  
PORTLAND (AP)—A 40-gallon still and 30 gallons of moonshine found at Hermiston Sunday led to arrest of Amos E. Pamperian, 23. Lt. Gordon McReary of the State Liquor Commission charged him with unlawful sale and transportation of whisky.

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## IT SEEMS TOMORROW

By Charles A. Sprague

The Reece committee set up by the 83rd Congress to investigate tax-free foundations has submitted its report, but it is only half a report. Though signed by three members (all Republicans), one of the number qualifies his signature with a dissent from its accusations as to make the report only a fifty-fifty proposition; for the two Democratic members have signed a minority statement which brands the report as "crackpot" made by persons ill with "fear sickness."

Certainly the newspapers assailed in the report—the New York Times, the Herald Tribune, the Washington Post—the goodly company in the minds of most sensible Americans.

In 1952 the 82nd Congress established a committee, with Rep. E. E. Cox of Georgia as chairman, to investigate tax-free foundations. Its report was moderate in its tone, generally complimentary to the foundations. It recommended that all such foundations be required to give a public accounting, and that laws be reexamined to the end that corporations may make gifts to "our free schools, colleges, churches, foundations, and other charitable institutions."

The next Congress at the insistence of Rep. B. Carroll Reece of Tennessee, renewed the committee, with Reece as chairman.

Apparently Reece was out to do a hatchet job, for the man employed as counsel was as violently biased as can well be imagined. He prepared a "bill of particulars" which put the foundations under accusation. His method prompted resistance from Rep. Wayne L. Hays (D-Ohio). A climax was reached when Hays read extracts from

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## Slightly Warmer Weather Forecast

Temperatures will remain above freezing in Salem all day today, the McNary Field weather station predicted early Tuesday. Expected low temperature is 34 degrees tonight, well above the season's low of 22 registered here Sunday.

Light snow fluttered down over much of the East and Great Lakes region Monday, the Associated Press reported. Snow flurries extended as far south as Eastern Tennessee.

UO GETS BONES  
EUGENE (AP)—The University of Oregon Museum of Natural History has received an early Christmas gift—the bones of Tusko, once the largest elephant of the Al G. Barnes Circus.

## Paper Moves Tragedy Off Front Pages

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—The Klamath Falls Herald and News moved to inside pages Monday all news of tragedy and strife, starting a week-long program of "a cheerful and Christian page one."

It was offered as a Christmas present to readers, giving them "a well earned rest from the everyday diet of doom and despondency."

The top position was given to a local story of the maturing of U. S. government bonds held by the local park department. There were stories of the Pope preparing his Christmas message; of a local Navy man phoning his parents he would be home, unexpectedly, for Christmas; of special Yule events here and in California and Colorado; and of fine weather and snow-free highways over the state.

Missing from page one were six Oregon highway fatalities, talk of strained British-Soviet relations, the Cleveland Sheppard murder trial and other news of difficulties. The only stories in the usual spot news category appearing on the front page, aside from those having a direct Christmas connection, dealt with local business and Canada's talk of diverting Columbia River floodwaters to British Columbia's Fraser River.

Photographs on the page, illustrating local news, were dominated by one five columns wide showing a church choir in a Christmas program.

## Newberg Driver Killed in Arizona

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. (AP)—A head-on automobile collision killed Harry A. Perkins, 78, Newberg, Ore., Monday and critically injured his widow.

Highway Patrolman C. D. Tyre said a car driven by Jose Lopez Villa, 48, Stanfield, Ariz., was in the left lane, passing another car, when the collision occurred.

Among Mrs. Perkins' injuries were two broken legs.

NEW COMMANDER IN EUROPE  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army announced Monday that Lt. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, famed combat leader in the Battle of the Bulge, will be made commanding general of U. S. Army forces in Europe.

## Gleason Signs TV Contract For \$6 Million

NEW YORK (AP)—Jackie Gleason, the TV funnyman who plays a bus driver, got a new ticket to fortune Monday, a fat two-year contract for six million dollars.

The hefty comedian, in one of the biggest deals in television history, will be taken over by Milton Berle's present sponsor, Buick, next fall.

The contract also will provide an option to allow Buick to continue the program for a third year at an additional cost of 3 1/2 million.

"I'm flabbergasted," Gleason quipped to newsmen. There was no comment from Berle.

The show will remain on CBS Saturday night but will be cut from one hour to a half hour. The amount Gleason will receive personally under the new contract wasn't disclosed, but it was reported to be more than his present five-figure weekly take.

In another CBS development, the network announced a multimillion dollar contract for a two-year extension of "I Love Lucy," starring the husband and wife team of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz.

The amount involved in the new contract, which runs to 1957, was not announced. A source close to the negotiations reported, however that it would be at least as much as the eight million dollars involved in their present 2 1/2-year pact.

## James Hilton, Author, Dies

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—James Hilton, screenwriter and novelist who wrote such books as "Goodbye Mr. Chips" and "Lost Horizon," died Monday night in Seaside Hospital after a long illness. He was 54.

Hilton had been critically ill for several weeks. He succumbed at 11:45 p.m. His former wife, Alice, who had maintained a vigil for days, was still at the bedside.

Although he had been writing for the motion picture industry, he had lived here in Long Beach for 10 years.

## 'Santa Claus Gang' Arrested in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP)—Police Sunday arrested a gang of four enterprising thieves. The thieves were promptly dubbed "the Santa Claus men."

The reason: They made their entry and exit with their loot via chimneys.

FARMERS TELL OF POISONED GAME BIRDS  
Statesman News Service  
RICKREALL—A warning went out late Monday that all hunters in the Rickreall and Perrydale areas should be wary of eating any game shot in those sections because of the possibility of the game being victims of poisoning.

Farmers in the area have been placing poisoned grain in their fields to rid them of the troublesome field mice. Some game have been reported eating the grain and may be infected with the poison. Until further notice, it has been advised that birds shot in the areas not be eaten.

## Mississippi to Vote on Public Schools' End

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Mississippi faces the question of giving its Legislature power to abolish public schools in Tuesday's special election.

The "last resort" constitutional amendment facing the people's vote was designed to keep Negroes out of white schools despite the U. S. Supreme Court ruling that segregation in public education is unconstitutional.

The loss of public schools would not be too great a price to pay, amendment sponsors contend.

Opponents argue the amendment is unnecessary. Both sides insist segregation must remain in Mississippi.

Gov. Hugh White predicted a light voting turnout. Polls open at 7-8 a. m. and close at 6 p. m.

The amendment needs only a majority vote to pass. Opponents charge that the power to abolish public schools would be the "first and only resort" pushed by "black" counties with heavy Negro populations.

These counties, mostly in the rich, agricultural delta, would rather abolish public schools than pay the cost of equalizing Negro and white schools as present laws require, they said.

## Japan Monk Has Sideline

KYOTO, Japan (AP)—Temple officials in this ancient capital of Japan have unfrocked a Buddhist monk who worked in a pinball parlor on the side.

They also accused him of pawing several of the temple's Buddhist images.

"Even a monk has to eat," was his excuse.

## 'Prophet' Says West Coast to Sink Today

CHICAGO (AP)—Mrs. Dorothy Martin, prophet of doom for millions, remained calm Monday on the eve of the cataclysm she says will befall the continent.

Mrs. Martin, who lives in suburban Oak Park, predicted last September that water would engulf much of the land between the Arctic Circle and the Gulf of Mexico Dec. 21. She said also that the West Coast will be submerged from Seattle to Chile.

"There has been no change in my original prophecy," she said. "But we are awaiting further word."

Mrs. Martin declined to predict what she will be doing Tuesday. But, she told a reporter, "I will be tomorrow. I have assurance of being. I am making no plans and formulating no ideas."

Visiting Mrs. Martin Monday was Dr. Charles Laughhead, whose acceptance of her prophecy led to loss of his job on the student health staff of Michigan State College.

Dr. Laughhead made only this comment to a newsmen who telephoned him. "I have nothing more to predict. If I have anything else to say, I'll send it over to you."

Anthony J. Mullaney, Chicago civil defense chief, reminded Chicago residents that the city's 86 air raid sirens will go into their weekly test wails at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday regardless of cataclysms.

There was no slackening of the pre-Christmas shopping rush in downtown stores as Mrs. Martin's deadline approached. The restaurants reported no noticeable slackening of diners' appetites.

Coast Guard, fire department, police and utilities officials said that they expected the usual run of emergencies and were ready for them. Reminders of Mrs. Martin's prediction, however, brought reactions ranging from the non-committal to the indignant.

One waitress, asked what she thought of the prediction, responded: "You don't see me climbing no steeples."

What will Mrs. Martin feel if the cataclysm fails to come off? "My faith will not be shaken," she said.

## Also Reports on Trip Behind Red Lines in Indochina

Correspondent Joseph Alsop, whose columns along with those of his brother Stewart appear regularly on the editorial pages of The Statesman, recently spent three days behind the "Bamboo Curtain" in Indochina observing how the Communists are running their most recently conquered country.

In an article on the editorial page of today's Statesman, he tells how rapidly the Reds are consolidating their gains.

## THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	48	27	.00
Portland	42	23	.00
Baker	38	8	.00
Medford	53	28	.00
North Bend	59	39	.00
Roseburg	52	32	.00
San Francisco	59	35	.00
Chicago	28	18	.01
New York	34	25	.08
Los Angeles	62	53	.00

Willamette River 6.1 feet.