

Casper Overross Surrenders to Police in Alaska

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'Unaware' of Charge In Silverton Slaying

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Casper A. Overross, wanted here to face a first degree murder charge, turned himself in to authorities at Fairbanks, Alaska, Friday after being contacted by his Salem attorneys.

Overross was indicted last Monday by a Marion County Grand Jury for the February 17 slaying of Ervin Kaser at Kaser's home two miles south of Silverton in the Evergreen community. He had been object of a widening police hunt since then, and only a few hours before he surrendered at 5 p.m. Alaska time the FBI had been called into the case.

Overross gave himself up to the district attorney who in turn turned him over to Alaska Territorial police but the murder suspect was not taken into police custody until early today.

Attorney Otto R. Skopil Jr., member of the firm of Williams and Skopil who are attorneys for Overross, said his partner Bruce Williams had been in telephone contact with Overross at Fairbanks. He said Williams had advised Overross to turn himself in to police there immediately.

The attorneys said they learned of Overross's whereabouts Friday after mail arrived, addressed to his daughter at her home in the Evergreen community. They said it was the first news of his destination since he left the area April 17 because he said police had been hounding him.

Skopil said Williams had made the call to Overross from Reno, Nev., where he had gone for the weekend. He said Williams had talked to Overross sometime between 6 and 7 p.m. (PST) and considering the two-hour time differential Overross had apparently turned himself in immediately after.

Skopil said Overross was not aware of the indictment here until Williams advised him of the grand jury action.

California Check It had earlier been presumed that he had gone to California to visit relatives, but police checks with two brothers in Northern California brought denials that they had seen Overross. Police also determined he had not traveled through any of the California border stations.

Overross had been working as a carpenter in the Fairbanks area and presumably staying with a cousin who lived near the city. Whether he traveled to Alaska in the 1950 Ford in which he left the area, or whether he went by air or boat from Seattle was not determined Friday night.

FBI in Case Location of Overross came almost at the same time the Federal Bureau of Investigation was stepping into the case. FBI Agent Verne Davis of Salem said the Bureau was "in" the search Friday afternoon after a fugitive complaint was filed with the U.S. Attorney in Portland earlier by Marion County District Attorney Kenneth O. Brown.

Sheriff Young said search for Overross had been extended to Alaska before news arrived here of his location. He did not say why police suspected the slender carpenter might have gone to Alaska.

Immediate Trial Overross's attorneys said he would be advised to waive extradition to hasten the process in having him returned here to stand trial. They said they would ask for an immediate trial.

The wanted Silverton man was not jailed immediately, according to reports received here late Friday night by Marion County Sheriff Denver Young. Because Alaskan officials at Fairbanks had no information that Overross was wanted, they ask him to jail himself voluntarily until they could make a check. Lt. William Trafton of the Alaska Territorial police reported. Trafton said Overross declined and said he was returning to his Fairbanks residence to await developments.

'Tried in Salem' According to Trafton, Overross said he had been tried in Salem on the murder charge and freed, but had been advised by his attorney to turn himself in at this time. Trafton told Young he was dispatching police immediately to take Overross into custody.

Overross was arrested and charged with murder five days after the night-time slaying of his one-time neighbor. He was freed six days later when the grand jury refused to indict him on the evidence then at hand.

After discovery of a rifle which tests proved was the murder weapon, District Attorney Kenneth O. Brown called a second grand jury on the case and they returned a unanimous decision for indictment last Monday.

Sheriff Young said it would probably take two or three days to complete the preliminary procedures before he could leave for Fairbanks to return Overross. He indicated Overross would probably be returned from Alaska to Seattle by air and said he hoped that a second police officer could accompany him on the trip.

Teamsters Urged To Aid Movement Of Basic Supplies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A potentially paralyzing strike and lock-out forced the West's trucking industry into low gear Friday, as truckers appealed to AFL Teamsters to join them in continuing shipments of hospital supplies, milk and government freight, including mail.

Chairman William H. Allen of the California Trucking Assn., emergency traffic committee telegraphed Director H. L. Woxberg of the AFL Council's western line drivers asking to discuss plans with him as soon as possible.

Earlier a Teamster spokesman said his union would do everything possible to keep emergency supplies and even perishable commodities like vegetables moving to market.

Moving East The work stoppage, which began in the three Pacific Coast states Friday, moved steadily eastward. Already ordered shut down are trucking companies in California, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Idaho and Nevada.

The idleness stems from a strike Thursday by AFL Teamsters against three major firms, Consolidated Freightways, Pacific Intermountain Express and Pacific Motor Trucking Co.

Wage Dispute The dispute involves wages and health, welfare and pension benefits for 100,000 Teamster Union members in 11 western states. The membership includes 28,000 drivers, and dock and office workers.

Trucking will be affected as far east as Chicago, Kansas City and St. Louis.

However, the full impact of the tieup will not be felt for another two days, truckers say. Deliveries in transit when the strike was called still are being made to consignees.

What happened in Argentine is not any "spiritual" awakening. The dictator, Peron, is determined to brook no rival in the management of affairs in his country. Some dictators have established good working (Continued on editorial page 4.)

Country Man Glad to Leave Urban Law

A Paisley man was happy to get back to the sagebrush country today after being confronted by a shotgun and two police prowlers in the Keizer area early Friday.

The whole affair started after Mrs. Gilbert Ward, 4369 Toni Ave., arrived home late Thursday with her two children and a woman friend and heard a knock at her door.

Mrs. Ward, suspicious, called the Marion County sheriff's office, grabbed her husband's shotgun and exchanged words with the "intruder" and deputies. The sheriff's office, meanwhile, alerted state police.

The man left after asking directions to a home in the area. A few minutes later, state police picked him up on North River Road.

The man maintained he had lost his bearings and was seeking a home in the area at which he was visiting. State police, convinced, gave him directions to the residence and sent him on his way.

As the man approached the residence, a sheriff's car roared up and the "intruder" was again nabbed.

After repeating the whole story, the man was again sent on his way. His parting comment to deputies was "I'll sure be glad to get back to the sagebrush country where there aren't so many policemen!"

Mrs. Ward said her suspicions were aroused because of a report of a prowler in the area the night before.

BLAST KILLS 3 NAPLES, Italy (AP) — Three persons were killed and ten injured Friday in an explosion that wrecked a small fireworks factory on the outskirts of Naples. The plant makes fireworks for religious holiday celebrations.

ANIMAL CRACKERS BY WAREN GOODRICH

"We have found that punch is the easiest thing to serve at a party this side."

Phone Strike Ends

ATLANTA (AP) — The long, costly and strife-ridden strike against Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. was settled Friday night.

Weary negotiators reached agreement at 8:45 p. m. on terms of a new contract covering approximately 50,000 workers in nine southeastern states.

The end came 68 days after members of the CIO Communications Workers of America walked out of the company's 1,043 exchanges in a contract dispute.

The strike was the longest ever called against any of the 22 operating units of the Bell System. The previous record was the 60-day strike against the Indiana Bell Co. in 1953.

During the walkout workers lost millions of dollars in pay and the company reported more than 3,000 instances of major damage to property. The union repeatedly disclaimed any responsibility for damage.

U. S. Decides Not to Lower Vaccine Dose

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government Friday night decided against reducing dosages of the salk anti-polio vaccine as an attempt to stretch out the scarce supplies.

This threw into further doubt just how soon millions of still unvaccinated children can receive the treatment.

A team of experts met all day here to consider whether smaller dosages, possibly injected just into the skin rather than into the muscles, would be advisable.

But Friday Surgeon Gen. Leonard A. Scheele of the Public Health Service announced this advisory committee has recommended that the present generally accepted scheduled of three doses of one cc each of the vaccine be continued.

The experts recommended the vaccination continue to be injected into the skin rather than just into the skin.

The team of experts also took up another question: whether the vaccination campaign should be suspended in late summer, out of the height of the polio season, out of fear the injection might provoke a type of paralysis.

On this score, the experts recommended: 1. In areas and periods where polio is prevalent, the first shot should be given "only after evaluation of all the circumstances."

2. But the second shots can be given in such areas and periods "without appreciable concern for the phenomenon of provocation." The experts explained that slight immunity resulting from the first dose of vaccine will most likely provide protection against any such effect.

Other than that no other hardship was reported. The teamsters originally struck three carriers — all members of the Trucking Association. Other members said the strike against the three actually was "move against all of us" and so ordered the shutdown in sympathy.

Trucking firms who reported they had closed down Friday included Willamette Valley, Silver Wheel, Pierce, Senator Lines and Larmore's. Remaining closed since the beginning of the strike Thursday were Pacific Motor Trucking, Consolidated Freightways and West Coast Fast Freight.

3.—Bypassing Dayton with realignment of the secondary highway connecting the "three-mile lane" road out of McMinnville with Highway 99-W near Dayton. Hearing set for 3 p. m. at Dayton city council chambers.

After hearing citizens' reactions, the highway commissioners are expected to consider the relocation plans at their regular monthly meeting in Portland Wednesday and Thursday.

Salem Chamber of Commerce is planning to send a delegation to Rickreall to endorse the proposed coast highway cutoff which last month won approval from the chamber's executive committee.

Other business next week before the commission will include bids on some 40 highway projects valued at over \$3,000,000.

Patient Collie and His Feathered Friends



SWEGLE — Here's a trick that would make Lassie jealous. But Dusty, collie dog of Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Hanson, 4427 Market St., appears to be wishing those robins would go sit on somebody else's noggin. Mrs. Hanson adopted the three robins two weeks ago when their nest fell out of a tree near Swegle School, just east of Salem. They are nearly full-grown now and Mrs. Hanson reports they are as tame as dust, on whose back they sometimes ride around the yard. She expects they will fly away soon, however. (Statesman Photo by John Erickson).

Independence Gulch Hides Fatal Accident

INDEPENDENCE — A gulch near the City Park hid the wreckage of a fatal auto accident for nearly 12 hours here Friday after a car drove off a dead-end street.

Dead is Maxwell Robert McLean, 34, Monmouth logger, lone occupant of the car. He was Polk County's sixth traffic victim of the year and the 13th in the Marion-Polk County area.

The wrecked car was missed until 11:30 a. m. Friday, but Deputy Coroner Earl Thomson estimated McLean had been dead since "1 or 2 a. m." He said the victim suffered a crushed chest and possible skull fracture.

Police Chief Ray Howard said McLean was headed west on C street and continued on for 165 feet through the edge of the City Park after the street ended.

The chief said the car barely missed a small building, then shot down a 30-foot bank into a dry creek bed where it struck a stump.

C Street is a north of Monmouth Avenue, the highway that links Independence with nearby Monmouth where McLean lived.

A resident of the area noticed the wreckage and notified police. (Additional details on page 2, sec. 1.)

Teen-Agers' Safe Driving Rodeo Sunday

Approximately 50 students of Salem schools will show their driving skills and road courtesies at the Teen-Age Safe Driving Rodeo Sunday in the parking lot at the Capitol Shopping Center.

The contest, which tests various driving techniques, is sponsored by the Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce. Several hundred dollars worth of prizes, donated by the Salem New Car Dealers Association will be awarded.

Two winners in a written test given previously to the driving test, will be announced. They are Jim Fortmiller of South Salem High School and Ken Simila of Parrish Junior High. Both attained a score of 96.

The driving contest starts at 2 p. m. but contestants are to be registered and briefed at 1:30 p. m. All contestants must turn in their entry blanks, signed by their parents, before the driving starts, according to Jaycee Douglas Sheldon, general chairman.

Parade, Feed Mark Scout Circus Today

Circus clowns, trapeze artists, "wild animals" bands, cowboys and Indians and other circus figures will cavort through Salem today and at Waters Park tonight as the annual Cascade Area Scout Circus comes to town.

The theme of the circus is, appropriately enough, "Circus." Some 2,000 Cub and Boy Scouts are to participate.

Gathering at the Capitol Mall at 1 p. m. the boys will step out at 2 p. m. The parade will go west on Chemeketa, south on High street and east on State back to the Capitol area.

Boys will then go to Waters Park where they will be fed. At 7 p. m. the merit badge exposition and vocational exploration show will open to the public. The circus proper will begin at 8 o'clock. It will include three rings of stunts, shows, demonstrations, music from six bands and will last about one and a half hours.

Tickets will be available at Waters Park. The circus is sponsored annually by Salem Lions Club and proceeds are used to build facilities at the council's Camp Pioneer in the Cascades.

French Agree To Remove Saigon Troops

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — Premier Ngo Dinh Diem won an important victory Friday in his drive to lessen French influence in South Viet Nam. His deputy defense minister announced France had agreed to withdraw its troops from the capital city of Saigon.

The minister, Tran Trung Dung, said that eventually the entire 75,000-man French expeditionary force will be shifted from the big southern cities to two or three coastal embarkation points. Diem's government contends the troops in their present concentrations have angered the Vietnamese people and fired up Communist propaganda.

Dung's announcement followed disclosure that Gen. Paul Ely, French commissioner general in Indochina and commander of the French armed forces here, had asked Paris to relieve him of his post. Dung and Ely are working out details of the troops' regrouping. Ely's move came as a surprise. But it obviously was an outgrowth of his clashes with Diem on military and political policies, and of American support for Diem.

Father Uses Son As Bullet Shield; Shot Wounds Lad

SOMERSET, Ky. (AP) — Sheriff Gilmore Phelps said a father used his 10-year-old son as a shield Friday in a gun battle that left four persons wounded.

The son, shot in the head, was reported near death.

Phelps said Deputies Raymond Meece and Claude Daulton and two other officers went to the home of Otis Whitaker, 37, to serve a warrant charging him with having untaxed whisky.

He said Whitaker called to the officers to "come on up" when they arrived, and, pulling the son, Otis Jr., in front of him, began firing a shotgun.

The sheriff said the officers returned the fire, hitting the boy once and dropping the father with shots in the leg, shoulder and twice in the abdomen. Daulton and Meece were hit by Whitaker's fire.

The father and Meece were critically wounded.

On Forecast Fair Weekend

Salem area residents planning fishing trips, picnics and other outdoor ventures over the weekend will be blessed with good weather, said weathermen at McNary Field early this morning.

The forecast calls for fair, sunny skies today and Sunday, though some early morning cloudiness is expected. Today's high reading is predicted at near 75 and the mercury is not expected to drop under 42 tonight.

The weather outlook at North Oregon beaches is for fair conditions through Saturday at least, with late night and morning fog and clouds. Temperature range will be about 45 to 58 with winds 10 to 20 miles an hour afternoon and evening.

MULTNOMAH APPROVES LEVY PORTLAND (AP) — Multnomah County voters Friday approved a four-year, 4 1/2 mill tax levy to forestall curtailment of county services.

Consolidation of Brush College School district with Salem also gained approval in both Salem and Brush College by large margins, 97 to 69 in Brush College and 1,322 to 863 in the Salem district.

Of Salem's 10 school voting precincts all but one approved the \$5,177,321 budget of which \$1,166,809 is outside the six per cent limitation.

The budget was turned down by precinct number three, Grant School, where 119 no votes and 102 yes votes were counted. Voters there also turned thumbs down on the Brush College consolidation by 113 to 105.

Superintendent Walter Snyder commented he was "pleased that the public expressed its confidence in the school system and the budget."

"The large turnout in voters," he said, "shows a growing interest in school problems."

The unofficial vote tabulation on the budget:

	Yes	No
Highland School	97	85
Washington School	114	55
Grant School	102	119
Englewood School	201	125
Admin. Building	126	106
Richmond School	151	103
Leslie Jr. High School	205	155
Morningside School	192	75
Four Corner School	68	36
West Salem School	88	32

Approval of the budget means a 6.5 millage increase for the school district.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	78	48	.00
Portland	64	43	.00
Baker	78	49	.13
Medford	76	59	.00
North Bend	65	47	.00
Roseburg	70	53	.00
San Francisco	68	51	.00
Chicago	71	54	.00
New York	78	55	.00
Los Angeles	78	56	.00
Willamette River	78	56	.00

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fair today, tonight and Sunday, except for early morning cloudiness; high today 75-77, 78-80 Sunday; low tonight 42-44, Temperature at 12:01 a. m. today was 45.

SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal 20.72 41.31 37.21

A-Powered Liner Eyed

SEATTLE (AP) — A new atom-powered running mate for the big liner United States is possible within the next six years, a U. S. Lines official said Friday.

Raymond M. Hicks, executive vice president of the steamship company, said in an interview that a replacement is needed soon for the 980-passenger SS America, built in 1941.

"Of course we are considering atomic propulsion," Hicks said. "You cannot consider any long range ship replacement in these days without looking at atomic power."

Students Strike Against Exams

LIMA, Peru (UP) — Students in Peru's two major universities struck Friday against pre-medical examinations they claim are too strenuous.

Students at San Marcos, oldest university in the Western Hemisphere, first walked out in support of five students who went on a hunger strike last Monday. Students of Arequipa University followed suit.

Hearings Planned Tuesday on Three Coast Roads Projects

Three State Highway Commission public hearings affecting several Polk and Yamhill County communities and much traffic to the coast will be held Tuesday at Rickreall, Sheridan and Dayton.

All three concern controversial proposals for bypass or cutoff highway routes. These are: 1.—Straightening out the coast highway from Salem with a new, straight section of highway between the Dallas road just north of Oak Knoll golf course and Dolph Corners, about four miles north of Dallas on the present route. Hearing on this will be at 1 p. m. in Rickreall grange hall.

2.—Bypassing Sheridan and Willamina with a new section of the Salmon River Highway, Route 18, between McMinnville and the coast. This hearing is at 10 a. m. Tuesday in Sheridan.

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