

FILIPINO HELD FOR LABISH DOUBLE MURDER

Charge to Be Filed Today

Card Game Ends In Quarrel, Death Of 2 Workers

First degree murder charges will be filed today against Bernardo Jucutan, 45-year-old Filipino who allegedly killed with gun and knife two companions in a card-game argument near Lake Labish early New Year's day, Marion County District Attorney Miller B. Hayden said last night.

Police held a statement said to have been signed by Jucutan, telling how he shot Lucas Galvez and slashed at Marcelino Ducusin in the argument at Ducusin's house. He said the card players had been drinking whiskey. Ducusin was said to have died on his way to Salem General hospital and Galvez's body was found by state police alongside the porch at the Ducusin house.

Card Game

When the argument broke out over the card game, Jucutan, the statement said, left and returned with a .22 caliber rifle. When he saw Galvez he said he fired and missed, then Galvez fired two shots with a pistol also missing. Then Jucutan said, he fired and killed Galvez, picking up the pistol as he entered the house. He tried to shoot Feliciano Gapsan, another Filipino, but the pistol wouldn't fire, the statement said, so he hit him with the pistol, and picked up a knife he saw in the room, to slash at Ducusin to keep him away. Then he said, he went home to bed, where he was found by state police.

Knife Slashes

Galvez's body had several knife slashes in addition to seven bullet holes, according to Sheriff Denver Young. A wrist watch worn by the dead man had stopped at 2:05, probably as the result of a bullet that pierced his left wrist. The sheriff added that the rifle was believed to have fired at least ten shots. He said that Ducusin's body was unmarked except for a knife wound directly over his heart.

Three other members of the Filipino party, brought to Salem General hospital where officials called the Salem police about 2:45 a.m., who held the three men and notified state police.

Jucutan is 5 feet 7 inches tall and told Young that he had worked in the lettuce fields near Beas since 1936.

Reds Pass Up Bretton Woods

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1-(AP)—Russia and eight other eligible nations permitted the December 31 deadline to pass without becoming charter members of the world bank and stabilization fund, the state department disclosed today.

In the three days following the ceremonies which brought the two big financial organizations into formal existence December 28, six additional nations signed the necessary documents to become original members, state department officials said.

These were Mexico, Peru, Cuba, Chile, the Dominican Republic and Iran.

Army to Relinquish Airport January 15

Salem army air base will be turned over to army engineers January 15 for disposal of army properties and the field will revert to the city some time in April, it was announced here Tuesday.

The base was recently declared army surplus. Maj. C. H. Westover, commander at the base since April 1, 1945, has been ordered to Spokane to become commanding officer of section H of the 4134th air base unit. He plans to leave Salem on January 20. The base has occupied the municipal airport since early in 1942.

50% RAISE IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 1-(AP)—A new wage scale for Brazil's civilian and military employees went into effect today, bringing a general 50 per cent salary increase to all government personnel, with lowest-paid workers receiving even greater increases.

PROTEST TRUSTESHIP

SHANGHAI, Wednesday, Jan. 2 (AP)—More than half of Shanghai's 8000 Koreans, carrying flags and banners, held a mass meeting in Henfren park today in protest against allied trusteeship of their homeland.

FOG BRINGS 7 DEATHS

LONDON, Jan. 1-(AP)—Seven deaths were attributed indirectly last night to Britain's worst fog in 20 years which covered 13,000 square miles and doomed surface traffic either to a standstill or a slow pace for at least another 24 hours.

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Bernardo Jucutan, 45-year-old Lake Labish farm worker (left), sat quietly Tuesday in the office of Sheriff Denver Young, where today the district attorney declared he will be served with papers charging him with first degree murder of two companions in a New Year's party fracas. Screen door still ajar, the house of Marcelino Ducusin, where Ducusin was stabbed and Lucas Galvez was shot seven



times, was locked by official order Tuesday. The house is near the northeast corner of Lake Labish. But New Year's day rains failed to wash from the concrete slab at the doorstep bloodstains which marked the place where the body of Galvez was found. Ducusin was carried out the back door in his car, but died en route to the hospital. (Pictures by Bill Scott, Statesman staff photographer).

4-Day U.S. Death Toll Near 500

Oregon Fatalities Stand at 18, 9 Due to Flood

By the Associated Press
The nation's holiday death toll reached 492 last night as the four day tabulation period neared its end.

The traffic count, including hazardous driving conditions occasioned by winter weather, stood at 234. Miscellaneous, covering fires, plane crashes, alcoholism, explosions and the like, was tabulated at 258. The deaths covered the period beginning Friday, 6 p.m.

Pennsylvania led in the total number of violent deaths with 43, while Texas had 41. New York, an early leader in the grim competition, was third at 39. Illinois reported 33, and Michigan 30. California stood next with 27.

In Oregon the weekend and holiday death toll stood at eighteen fatalities, nine attributed to the now subsiding Willamette river flood and two deaths to traffic accidents.

There were no fatal traffic accidents reported over the 24 hour New Year eve and holiday period despite heavy motor traffic throughout the state.

Holiday celebrations claimed the lives of four persons involving shootings and stabbings New Year's eve.

A fire, shotgun accident and a suicide claimed the lives of three others.

Flood Waters Drop to 17.8 ft. At Columbia

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1-(AP)—The swollen Willamette river, pacified with its wanton destruction in downstate lowland areas, reached a harmless 17.8 crest here today and melted into the Columbia.

Oregon's main highways were open, except for the slide-closed South Santiam, and train schedules were normal. Many secondary roads, with bridges ripped out, still were impassable.

Back within its banks at Salem today, the Willamette river left a still-unhatched amount of destruction in the wake of its weekend flood. Seventy-five households in the Salem area will need rehabilitation assistance, Grace Jackson, Red Cross disaster relief representative, and members of local disaster relief committees figured here Tuesday. National Red Cross disaster survey specialists are expected here today to take over responsibility for the rehabilitation work now that the emergency is believed past.

Salem Students to Resume Lessons Today

Five thousand Salem school boys and girls will trudge back to classes this morning, the holidays past. Public and Livingston schools and Willamette university resume classwork today after Christmas vacations, which began Friday night, December 21.

Catholic schools of the city and schools at the state institutions will reopen Monday, January 7.

Commutation Petition to Be Filed for Andrew Dennis Soon

Seeking commutation to life imprisonment of the death sentence imposed upon Andrew Dennis, Portland, a formal petition probably will be filed this week with Gov. Earl Snell, friends of the condemned man said here Tuesday.

Dennis was convicted of first-degree murder in connection with the slaying of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna Belle McAlley in a Portland apartment house in January, 1944. He is under sentence to die in the lethal gas chamber at the state penitentiary later this month.

A previous death sentence was set aside by the state supreme court because a formal death warrant was not issued by the Multnomah county circuit court. Acting Governor Howard Belton previously refused to grant a commutation of sentence.

Dennis, upon being resentenced in Multnomah county, was returned to the prison here two weeks ago.

Sponsors of the application for a commutation of sentence will rely largely on letters received at the executive department from Circuit Judge Martin Hawkins and former District Attorney James R. Bain, both of Multnomah county.

Hawkins indicated that there was some doubt as to whether the slaying was premeditated while Bain indicated that the jury award apparently was prejudiced. Bain was district attorney at the time of the trial.

State, City Ask Federal Board For Housing

The state of Oregon, through the state budget division, Tuesday made application to the surplus property administration for use of barracks and other buildings at the Salem airport now declared surplus. The structures would be used by the state hospital here while the institution's building program is in progress, the application sets forth.

At the same time Mayor I. M. Doughton wired to surplus property administration officials the city's application for 1500 housing units to be used by returning veterans. This number may be increased, provided there is demand, Doughton said.

State officials said airport buildings might be required to house returning servicemen and others committed for care to the state hospital which is now crowded to capacity.

A total of 19 buildings is sought in the application. Gov. Earl Snell said he was in sympathy with the hospital program unless the buildings are needed to house war veterans who cannot find homes for their families.

The hospital requires additional room for housing of nurses as well as patients, budget department officials stressed. The buildings would be moved from the airport to hospital grounds, under plans discussed here Tuesday.

O'Dwyer in as Gotham Mayor

NEW YORK, Jan. 1-(AP)—William O'Dwyer, 55-year-old native of Ireland, today was inaugurated mayor of New York -- the city to which he came with \$25 in his pockets in 1910 and whose streets he once pounded as a cop.

From three-term Fiorello H. LaGuardia, who did not seek reelection, O'Dwyer formally took over responsibility of the \$25,000-a-year job in ceremonies in the mayor's flower-decked office in city hall.

He told LaGuardia he hoped he could "do as well in my time as you did in yours" in running the nation's largest city.

Hitler Bewailed U.S. War, Foresaw 'Spirit' Rebirth

By Daniel De Luce
NUERNBERG, Germany, Jan. 1-(AP)—Beaten and bitter, Adolf Hitler prophesied a week before his "death" in flaming Berlin that "my spirit" will arise from my grave and one will see that I have been right. A long-secret letter by Joachim Von Ribbentrop disclosed today.

Von Ribbentrop, then Nazi foreign minister, wrote the letter to Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden just before he was captured in Hamburg last summer. He said Hitler made the prediction in their final conversation in Berlin, and described his letter as Hitler's "last political will."

Von Ribbentrop's handwritten letter was put on the secret list by army intelligence when he was captured, and this is the first dispatch to quote from it textually. The letter declared that the jittery Hitler entrusted to Von Ribbentrop the delivery of an appeal to British statesmen for real friendship between their empire and Germany as a "fundamental necessity if both nations will live in the long run."

Hitler also was quoted as saying he "regretted" the war with the United States. Further, the Fuehrer could not help expressing his wonder at the power of the Soviet union and called Marshal Stalin's creation of the red army a "grandiose deed," Ribbentrop added.

Of the war with the United States, the letter said: "Hitler regretted the war with America because we had no possible divergencies with this big nation. We had always regretted this war from the beginning and have done everything we could to prevent it even when our ships were being attacked."

Nip Surrender England Plans Anti-Atom Navy

MANILA, Wednesday, Jan. 2-(AP)—Twenty Japanese soldiers and sailors who have been hiding out in the caverns of Corregidor island in Manila bay since its recapture, in February, 1945, surrendered today to an amazed American graves registration detail.

Waving surrender flags and carrying a surrender document, the group made startled Yanks think they were having New Year's heebie jeebies.

The Japanese had not learned of the surrender until several weeks ago when they found an old newspaper. The group had led a mole-like existence in deep recesses of a cave amply provisioned with rice and dehydrated vegetables. Japanese went out nightly to obtain water.

ENGLISH FOG CLEARS

LONDON, Jan. 1-(AP)—The worst British fog in 20 years lifted today, but it was succeeded by one of the season's most severe cold waves.

NEAR RECORD DEATHS

PORTLAND, Jan. 1-(AP)—The 70 traffic fatalities here during 1945 represents the second all-time high officials said today. The 1944 toll was 45.

Governor Snell Looks to 1946 as Prosperous Year Despite Reconversion, Housing Problems

Referring to 1945 as "probably the most outstanding year in Oregon's history from both financial and military standpoints," Gov. Earl Snell declared Tuesday that "there is every prospect that the year 1946 should be one of the most prosperous years in the history of this state despite the serious problems confronting its citizens."

Principal problems he listed as business reconversion, re-initiation of a state building program interrupted by the war and the provision of housing for veterans and civilians.

The governor said he looked large enough to absorb many thousands of returning veterans and men and women released from war industry. He made particular mention of encouraging reports by his postwar readjustment and development commission.

"The executive office, along with other state agencies, is doing everything possible to provide necessary housing facilities for both veterans and civilians," Snell averred. "To this end mayors of a large number of Oregon towns and cities, at my request, are now conducting surveys to determine what housing facilities are available or will be available soon. Some of these reports already have been filed with me."

Governor Snell said the state building program, to cost approximately \$13,500,000, would be prosecuted as rapidly as possible but was largely dependent upon the ability of contractors to obtain materials and manpower. Recent information received by the state board of control showed that construction costs have increased more than 60 per cent since the year prior to the war.

"I am convinced that the citizens of Oregon understand the present economic problems and will cooperate wholeheartedly in the reconversion and housing programs," Snell declared.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The year opens with attention still focused on troubles on the labor front. The chief trouble now is the deadlock between General Motors and the United Auto Workers. Threatened is a strike of steelworkers, already set for January 14th. Electrical workers are grooming themselves for striking and telephone workers are very restless. In the face of this turbulence it would be easy to frame a jeremiad on the times.

Those whose memories go back to the first world war and after - especially those resident then in the northwest - are less disturbed over the situation and the outlook. They will recall the famous shipyard workers' strike in Seattle in 1919 which developed into a general strike. That was when the communist element was trying to seize control after the pattern of the bolshevik revolution. The leader in the Seattle strike proclaimed that that general strike would lead, "we know not where." However he had his own sense of direction and knew where he wanted it to go - straight to soviet-style communism.

Seattle and the northwest were plenty worried. The remainder of the country became immediately concerned over the implications of the general strike. But strong hands took over - Ole Hanson. (Continued on Editorial Page)

U.S. May Grant Soviet Claims

By Graham Hovey

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1-(AP)—Diplomatic officials expressed belief today that the United States and Britain during 1946 would officially concede that Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia are a part of the soviet union.

These officials, who cannot be quoted by name, also said it was "good speculation" that the big three in Europe will be following a common policy on diplomatic recognition before the year is over.

If true, this would mean that the U. S. and Britain, in addition to conceding that the three Baltic states are now soviet republics, would break with the Franco government of Spain, which Russia never has recognized.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Poor chap - he's got the D.D.T's"