Comment Mixed On OPA Death

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Cox, secretary-manager of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's Assn., who also declared that "when the people of our country on Nov. 5 gave the death sentence to OPA they were instrumental in returning the forest products industry to nature's law of supply and demand."

Standards Wanted

Cox also pointed out that "this return of the lumber industry to individual merchandising competition will, in addition to price competition, quickly bring a demand from the lumber purchaser for old-time standards of quality and workmanship."

James Rodman, Jr., president of the Eugene Realty Board, called attention to "the class of people in America who are still being discriminated against—the average American landlord who is today receiving less than five per cent more rental than in 1939 while he pays an increased overhead of as much as 50 per cent." (Controls remained on rent, rice and sugar, but there was talk of increasing rents approximately 15 per cent under OPA.)

Harold McCready, owner of Seymour's Cafe, felt that "since it had to come, I think now is the right time, because buying has slowed down so much. People won't pay high prices now so much as they would have six months ago. The timing was excellent."

Construction costs are going to go up. That was the flat statement of all building and construction companies checked, and one man rounded out his statement with, "Things are going to be very, very difficult for awhile."

Building Crazy

Plumbing and heating equipment should be available within 90 days, estimates Oren Beymer, manager of the Eugene Plumbing and Heating Co. "Within that time we should have ample quantities, and prices will reflect competition," he said.

Even with inflation, ladies may still deflate themselves for the same price. Harper's Slenderizing Salon reported it was holding the line on ladies' figures. "Our prices are the same as they were before and all through the war," was the word from the Battle Against Inflation front.

Life-Termer Escapes Prison

SALEM—(U.P.)—John Tuel, 47, a life termer, escaped from the Oregon State Prison sometime between 6:30 and 10 p.m. Sunday night prison officials said Monday.

Tuel, whose home was Coquille, Ore., was working outside the walls when he escaped. His disappearance was not noticed until the 10 p.m. count of prisoners, it was reported.

He was serving a life sentence under the habitual criminal act and is not considered dangerous, officials said.

His escape marks the 29th from prison cutsody so far this year.

Struggle for Thug's Gun Ends in Death

MEDFORD—(U.P.)—A fight over possession of a shotgun with which a masked man attempted to rob a poker party early Sunday resulted in the death of John B. Camden, 29, of Seattle, police said here Monday.

According to the story told police by eight other participants in the game, the red-masked intruder shoved open the door of a garage where the game was being played and announced: "This is a stickup."

Orville White, one of the men in the room, grabbed for the shotgun and in the ensuing struggle, the weapon discharged, killing Camden, police said.

White pursued the gunman into the street but the latter escaped in a waiting automobile.

Camden was visiting an uncle, James Camden, here.

Pet White Mice Lead To Divorce Hearings

SAN PEDRO, Cal.—(U.P.)—Ten white mice, pets of Clinton A. Moore, got the blame for landing their master in the hospital, getting his wife a broken nose and driving her to sue for divorce.

Mrs. Eunabelle Moore, 30, told about the mice in court. She said the trouble began when Moore dropped one down her neck.

She said she ordered him and the mice out of the house, but he grabbed her by the hair and dragged her outside. Then, she said, he hit her in the face, breaking her nose. A neighbor answered her cries and hit Moore on the arm with a chair, breaking Moore's elbow and forcing him to let go, she added.

STEAKS AREN'T PLENTIFUL

SEATTLE—(U.P.) — School authorities said it takes approximately 850 steaks, 500 gallons of milk and several hundred loaves of obread and other foods to serve one meal to 2000 University of Washington students who daily patronize the school-operated cafeteria, the Commons.

Catherine of Russia was neither Russian nor named Catherine. She was born in Germany, and christened Sophia.

THANKSGIVING ROUNDUP — Herding turkeys on horseback in cowboy fashion on a ranch near Phoenix, Ariz., are Mrs. C. W. Davis and Mrs. A. M. Sutton.

Cops, Marines and Special Guards Comprise Human Curtain to Protect UN's New Capitol

By S. BURTON HEATH

FLUSHING MEADOWS, N. Y., —(NEA)—It is easier to get from Pennsylvania Avenue into the office wing of the White House than it is to enter the capitol of the United Nations.

There were four different varieties of guards on the job when President Truman was here to welcome the UN. After the President returned to Washington, accompanied by his Secret Service detail, the delegates were left with only New York City cops, UN uniformed guards and dress-uniformed Marines to protect them against some undisclosed but presumably horrible fate.

Reporters' Credentials

After he learns his way around, a correspondent can hope to get to the working press quarters by showing his credentials only three times. Of course, if he wants to interview or get information from a UN delegate, he may use it several more times before, in many instances, he finds that he cannot do what he wanted to do. Even during the war, it was possible for a reporter to get into the White House press room with only one display of his credentials.

Elmer Davis, internationally known radio commentator who headed the Office of War Information during the war, fared no better than the merest cub when he tried to get in. It took him most of half an hour. Another newsman, who has covered Security Council meetings from their first day in this country, not only took half an hour to get in but almost as long to find a way through which the guards would permit him to leave the building.

The famous sculptor Jo Davidson, arriving as the guest of an assistant to Secretary-General Trygve Lie, was turned away. The Marine guard recognized him, but somebody had neglected to send through his pass. The Marine was sorry—but —

After trying all the other gates he could find, Davidson drove to the Flushing Meadows police station. A desk sergeant telephoned the United Nations, and was told that a pass would be at the gate by the time Davidson could get back. It wasn't. Eventually Davidson gave up and went home.

Robert Kenny of the UN press division was sent post haste, in an official car, from the secretariat offices at Lake Sucess with a big bundle of official translations of President Paul-Henri Spaak's opening address. The session could not properly begin until each delegate had one of the translations on his desk.

Kenny had credentials of which one of his associates said: "He is supposed to be able to go up on the dais, tap Trygve Lie on the shoulder, and interrupt him in the middle of an oration, if he thinks it necessary."

But these credentials couldn't get his UN car through the official gate. While delegates and distinguished guests twisted, turned, wondered and waited, Kenny was explaining his status, describing the delay he was causing, and begging to be let in. At last he won. The guard permitted him to leave his car at the gate and limp, on a leg injured in World War II, a mile to the building with his heavy bundle of documents.

A news service teletype operator spent $3.85 on taxi fare and waiting time driving from gate to gate before he pursuaded a guard to recognize his credentials—which were in perfect order—and let him enter and go to work.

Bryan Urquhart, aide to Secretary-General Lie, was barred by a guard from the delegate's lounge. Andrei Y. Vishinsky, vice foreign minister and second man in the Soviet delegation, was kept out of the lounge by a guard's wide-spread arms until a secretariat member intervened.

The general public, without passes but hoping to share in the 250 seats supposedly available for their use, fared even worse. That may be one reason why, after the opening day when the President was there, the public stayed away in droves.

GERDA BROWN, ONE of the leading lights of the Eugene VLT, has the part of Ruth in Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit", which opened Saturday at the showhouse in the fairgrounds. She took over at the last moment when Laura Nidever, scheduled to play the character, became ill.

Busy Actress Portrays Maid

Vera Scott, who plays the maid, Edith, in "Blithe Spirit", the Very Little Theatre play now in production at the fairgrounds, is one of the newer members of the group, but an active one.

She has taken parts in three previous shows, the most recent being "Three Men on a Horse," in which she played Audrey Trowbridge. Previously she appeared in "Kiss and Tell" and "Oliver Oliver".

The maid has a surprising effect on the plot of the present play; in fact, she's the one who finally puts things to rights when the spirits get too thick in the home of Charles Condomine (played by Ethan Newman).

Grace Sikes is director of the play, which will be shown each night this week at the theater at 8:15 o'clock. Tickets and reservations may be obtained at the Willamette Street Market.

WINDSORS ARRIVE

NEW YORK — (AP) — The Duke and Duchess of Windsor headed a list of notables, including Hollywood celebrities and members of the British peerage, who arrived Monday on the Cunard Line's giant luxury ship, the Queen Elizabeth, after a seven-day Atlantic crossing from Southampton.

Thief Builds Home of Loot

PORTLAND — (AP) — A man who Sheriff Martin Pratt said described himself as a retired safecracker and admitted building a home from cellar to roof with stolen materials was under arrest here Monday with his ex-wife, while police sorted over $10,000 worth of loot.

Sheriff Pratt said Christina Leonard, 24, and her divorced husband, William Franklin Leonard, 41, admitted more than a score of thefts in connection with hundreds of articles sheriff's deputies spent a night itemizing.

Pratt said Leonard reported building materials that went into a three-room house he built were stolen from contractors he worked for the past year. In the new house were a $1200 mink coat, jewelry, clothing, household furnishings and hundreds of miscellaneous articles.

The sheriff said the couple told officers they were married two years ago and divorced five months ago, but had continued to work together. Deputy Sheriff Lyle Cocking said the woman would drive a truck to homes which Leonard entered, and haul away the loot.

The new home, into which Leonard moved about two months ago, was being finished with the best of electrical and plumbing fixtures.

The sheriff said Leonard told officers he was a "safe cracker by trade," and bemoaned having abandoned it for the lowly craft of burglary. "There's no money in it," he was quoted as saying.

Officers have worked on the case for more than a year. They said the first clue came when a 14-year-old girl glimpsed the license number of a truck leaving her sister's home after a robbery attempt.

BIG FOUR OBSERVE

NEW YORK, N. Y. —(AP)— The four-power Foreign Ministers Council observed Armistice Day with a two-minute silence at 11 a.m. (EST) in honor of the World War dead.

Third Blizzard Threatens in Colorado

WALSENBURG, Colo.—(U.P.)—A race against another threatened snowstorm—the third in little more than a week—was being pushed Monday both by ground and air forces, to bring relief for snowbound ranch families, and for an estimated 40,000 head of livestock marooned on blizzard - swept rangelands.

Included among the ranch families in dire need of assistance was one expectant mother, whose husband appealed for aid in getting her to a hospital.

The rescue crews, in Army trucks and weasels, and AAF planes, were carrying food and fuel for the ranchers of this [illegible] ed-in southern Colorado livestock and farming region, who were [illegible] lated by record storms which [illegible] snowdrifts measuring more than 10 feet in depth in some places.

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