

RB Maritime Hearing Starts

NEW YORK. — (AP) — The National Labor Relations Board began hearing Monday on charges of unfair labor practices against the National Maritime Union.

The NLMU and the American Association (CIO) were accused of violating the Taft-Hartley act by demanding that the union hire a hall of laborers in contracts now being made.

The board will hear the complaint against the ARA Thursday. T. Douds, NLRB regional director here, said the union had dismissed a motion by the ARA for a 30-day continuance of the hearing because the union

is no win in the midst of a national election. The union was expected to renew its application for an adjournment.

The complaints against the NLMU were based on charges by a committee representing 55 Atlantic and Gulf Coast ship operators. The union which has threatened a strike is under a court order banning a walkout until Sept. 2.

Elliott Gets Ticket

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y. — (AP) — Elliott Roosevelt, son of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was ordered Monday to appear in court next Saturday to face his second speeding charge here in two years.

Police said Roosevelt was arrested Friday while driving 50 miles-an-hour through a 35-mile-an-hour zone.

He was fined \$15 for speeding here in June, 1946, and the same month received a suspended sentence in Poughkeepsie for parking in a restricted zone.

Widow Will Have Christmas In July — Friends Plan House

SPOKANE. — (AP) — A widow whose two daughters and two grandchildren died in a fire which destroyed her home at the Wellpinit Indian Agency last winter is going to have Christmas in July.

Shortly after newspaper accounts of the tragedy were printed in December, a fund was started to build a new home for the woman, Mrs. Cecilia Abrahamson.

Ernest V. Price, a Spokane architect, said he would draw up the plans for the house. John L. Bratton, an Omak building contractor, said he would take charge of the construction.

Now, 30 men who will work only on weekends, are ready to start building. Bratton is sending the large crew to Wellpinit next Saturday and the men expect to have the house ready in four working days.

She'll Cook Mrs. Bratton is going along to cook for the workers.

Mrs. Abrahamson and a third daughter are going to help her. Three teen-age sons will chip in too.

William C. Tandy, an official at

the agency, is providing sleeping quarters for the crew.

Same Site

The modest little one-story will be built on the same site as the one destroyed in the winter fire.

A lumber company has donated the wood, another the nails. The doors, windows and roofing came from others. Two Spokane firms have given the wiring and plumbing and dozens of other contributions will be used to paint and trim the house.

The present, conceived to brighten a mother's tragic Christmas, is about to be delivered.

Student Admits Girl's Murder

SEATTLE. — (AP) — A 20-year-old Seattle University sophomore, confessed slayer of a drive-in restaurant "car-hop," will be asked to pay with his life for the crime, deputy prosecutor J. Edmund Quigley said Monday.

The youth, John Russell Gasser, signed a confession in the presence of six other law enforcement officials that he killed Donna Woodcock, 22, in a fit of rage early Saturday morning, Quigley said.

He has been held without charge since his arrest Saturday night. Police, acting on the tip of a former high school classmate, took Gasser into custody while he was eating his dinner.

The girl's nude, slashed body was found lying in a muddy north end vacant lot. She had been criminally assaulted and gagged.

Describing the student as a "murderer of the coldest, cruellest type," Quigley said:

"The prosecutor's office will insist that Gasser be hanged or the death penalty be taken off the statute books. If ever a crime demanded the death penalty, this is it."

In his confession, Gasser said he strangled the girl while they were sitting in a 1949 sedan he had stolen earlier from a downtown garage. He denied any criminal attack or mutilation.

Communists Accept Relief

SHANGHAI. — (AP) — Chinese Communists are now welcoming non-political American foreign relief agencies, Lewis Hoskins, chairman of the Quaker Friends Service unit in China, reported Monday after a visit to the Honan war front.

Hoskins entered the Communist area two months ago during the Kailfeng battle after doing "some fast talking" to get fast Communist soldiers when they learned he was an American. However, Hoskins said he was welcomed by Red officials.

On issuing identification papers to the friends service unit, they announced there was a "new policy," Hoskins said. Protection was promised for foreign relief bodies who cared for the "common people."

Chinese Foreign Assets Survey Contemplated

SHANGHAI. — (AP) — Chinese legislators soon will discuss a proposal urging the government to negotiate with several foreign countries with a view to preparing a complete survey of privately-held Chinese assets abroad, reports from Nanking said Monday.

Purpose of the survey would be to tax the foreign assets. The proposal also calls on the government to offer foreign banks and police rewards for reporting hidden Chinese assets.

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Police Seeking Store Robbers

PORTLAND, Ore. — (AP) — Portland police Monday sought three men who rifled a dozen offices in the Weatherly Building here, cracked three safes and gagged, bound and forced the janitor to accompany them at pistol-point.

Detectives said the amount of money taken Saturday night by the armed trio was "not too great." E. B. Henderson, the building's janitor, said he wasn't permitted to see much of the three men who forced him to walk ahead of them and look away as they raided the offices with the janitor's keys and crowbars.

Henderson said all three of the robbers wore gloves and called each other "Joe." They entered the building near midnight and as one covered Henderson with a revolver, another gagged him with a piece of flour sack, bound his wrists behind him and marched him ahead as they moved about

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MacArthur Blames Wisconsin Primary

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — (AP) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur believes he lost his chance for the GOP presidential nomination when he lost the Wisconsin primary election, Harlan Kelley said Monday. Kelley, a nearly blind attorney,

the building. They taped his eyes before they left, but he said one was about 35, stocky and wore a dark hat pulled low over his eyes; a second was about 30 and had a speech impediment. The third was considerably younger and taller than the others.

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was chairman of the Wisconsin MacArthur as saying that despite delegation to the Republican National Convention and the man especially after Wisconsin showed the country a disinclination to favor a son for the presidency."

Kelley quoted a letter from

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Members' Credits including interest credited in 1948	\$626,065.06
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