

Judge Tells His Success In Mending Marriages

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Divorce is not the easiest way out. This statement, backed by convincing argument, enabled Superior Judge Thomas J. Cunningham to describe his month-old experiment in mending broken marriages as a "success far exceeding expectation."

He has considered the marital troubles of 77 couples during his brief term on the domestic relations court bench. Here are the happy statistics:

Eighteen complete reconciliations, and 35 more couples granted 30 to 60-day continuances to give their marriages another try. Only 24 couples failed to make up. This means the 43-year-old jurist forestalled 70 per cent of the prospective divorce cases brought before him.

The first thing I do when I enter the courtroom," Judge Cunningham told a reporter, "is to ask if anyone present feels a reconciliation is possible. Sometimes the wife, sometimes the husband, and often an attorney will say yes."

"Then I call the couple and their attorneys into my chambers for a conference. Parents of the couple are not admitted. I can tell within 15 minutes whether the couple can be reconciled. "If the chances look good, I explain what will happen if they proceed with their divorce. I tell the wife that she probably will marry again and that her second husband is bound to be jealous of the children of her first husband. "I tell the husband his next wife will resent his having to pay alimony. I point out that if he is having money troubles now, they will be much greater with two households to support."

The jurist, who has three children of his own, stresses the hardships divorce brings to youngsters. "Three out of five couples who talk about give and take of marriage aren't willing to give and take," he declared. "They think selfishly, especially where their children are concerned."

Some 750 pastors, laymen and church women representing 16 denominations approved a series of Christian education, youth and parental service programs for the churches in some 30 communities. Delegates were told to shift the emphasis from group to personal counseling in the evangelical work, to work closer with young parents in trying to solve juvenile delinquency problems, and encourage greater church membership interest in public education issues.

The council will consider setting up a counseling service to help former convicts rehabilitate themselves. Other officers include: vice-presidents—Dr. Roben Maaski, La Grande; Ross J. Griffith, Eugene; Ralph Walker, Portland; Bishop Layne Barton, Bend; J. Boyd Parker, Portland; Mrs. Ralph Mort, Portland; treasurer—Worth Caldwell, Portland; secretary—Ralph Klein, Forest Grove. Mrs. Mort also was reelected president of the Council of Church Women. She reported resolutions of the women's group included support for the bill to abolish capital punishment.

The national Irish potato yield increased from 90 bushels per acre in 1919 to 182 bushels per acre in 1947.

French to Recall Indo-China King

PARIS — (AP) — The French government approved Wednesday a project for ending the war in Indo-China by recalling former Emperor Bao Dai to his throne there.

The cabinet discussed the project as submitted by Overseas Minister Paul Coste-Floret, but maintained an official silence.

Indo-China is a French protectorate in Southeast Asia. Since its liberation from the Japanese, Nationalist forces, led by Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh, have resisted the return of French influence and set up the Viet-Nam republic.

Most observers here, however, thought chances for peace in Indo-China slim even if Bao Dai returns.

Mrs. Roosevelt To Tour Coast

NEW YORK — (AP) — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's household said Wednesday night she will leave this week for a three weeks' private speaking tour of Mid-Western, Canadian and West Coast cities.

Her first engagement will be in Chicago Saturday. She will appear in Winnipeg the next day.

Then she will cross Canada through Calgary, Regina, Edmonton and go down through Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

School Love Notes Strictly Modern Now

DENVER — (AP) — Time and effort-saving modern production line techniques evidently have invaded even the age-old field of puppy-love note-writing in school. A Denver teacher reported confecting this small fry love note from one of her elementary students:

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Gloria Horowitz (right), 20-year-old Philadelphia model, who identified and implicated Gerald G. Dennis as a coast-to-coast "million-dollar jewel thief." Dennis kept love nests on both coasts and when his Beverly Hills, Cal., apartment was raided by police, they found Betty Ritchie, 24 (left), who identified herself as Dennis' mistress. She wept when detectives told her of his arrest in Cleveland.

Acheson Gives China Plans

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of State Dean Acheson hoped to satisfy Republican House members Thursday that America isn't selling China down the river. Acheson was to appear before the worried GOP representatives behind closed doors (10:30 a.m. EST).

The House Foreign Affairs Committee, meantime, called final witnesses on the administration's plan to spend \$5,580,000,000 on second-year Marshall Plan aid. The aid bill carries nothing for China. The administration so far has proposed no more aid for China, either economic or military.

A \$125,000,000 Chinese military aid program is running out. Latest reports showed the fund down to its last \$1,000,000.

Acheson's confidential report on United States policy toward China was intended to be a response to a seven-point query the Republicans fired at President Truman on Feb. 7.

The 51 members who signed a letter to the President said they were "deeply disturbed" at America's apparent surrender of China to the Communists.

Acheson had no formal statement. He was expected, however, to justify America's current "go slow" policy on help to China on the ground that it is the only practical course at this time.

Bellfountain P-TA

BELLFOUNTAIN — The Parent-Teacher Club meeting which was scheduled for last Friday was postponed one week, and will be held Friday evening Feb. 25. A chicken supper, served from 6 to 8 p.m. is planned by the Parent-Teachers Club, with a charge of \$1 for adults and 50 cents for school children. A basketball game is scheduled between Monroe and Bellfountain Grade Schools.

High water and bad roads prevented a large attendance at the Thursday meeting of the Bellfountain Home Extension Unit.

"Table setting and Hospitality" will be the theme of the March meeting at the home of Mrs. A. E. (Ruanna) Hoke in Bellfountain. Mrs. G. M. (Helen) Gragg and Mrs. Minnie LeVaugh will be project leaders for this meeting, which will be Thursday March 18, 11 a.m.

CVA Study Planned

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman is planning to send a member of his staff to the Pacific Northwest to study a proposed Columbia Valley Authority.

Asked at his news conference Thursday about the matter, the President said he was not ready to announce who will make the study.

The Baya Weaver-Birds of India build nests on tree branches overhanging a stream and then weight the nests down with clay to prevent them from swaying in the breeze.



CONDUCTOR — Eudard Van Belnum (above), 47-year-old conductor of the famous Concertgebouw, of Holland, has been appointed conductor of the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Giustina Lumber to Open Sawmill Work Monday

Sawmill operations of the Giustina Lumber Co. are slated to re-open Monday. Logging started Wednesday near Vida, the company reported.

The sawmill closed after the cold deck was finished Feb. 1. The last day of logging operations was Dec. 2.

Resumed operations will send about 125 men back to work—64 of them loggers.

RKO to Produce 13 New Pictures

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — RKO movie studio, virtually idle since Howard Hughes took control last fall, Thursday announced plans for 13 pictures to start in the next few months.

Heavy production will continue throughout 1949 in the busiest activity in more than a year, officials said.

"I Married a Communist," first of the new series, will begin within 10 days.

Yugoslavia Eases Claims

LONDON — (AP) — Yugoslavia offered Thursday to compromise her territorial and reparations claims against Austria, partly removing two of the major obstacles to the signing of an Austrian peace treaty.

Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister Ales Bebler, testifying before the Big Four foreign ministers, said that Yugoslavia still wanted reparations and territorial gains but he failed to renew his previous specific demands and clearly sought a compromise.

Yugoslavia originally demanded at least \$150,000,000 in reparations and 728 square miles of Austrian territory.

Bebler requested this new four-point program:

1. Alteration of the Austrian frontier in favor of Yugoslavia, the exact line to be determined by a later compromise.
2. Political economic and cultural autonomy for the part of Carinthia which is populated primarily by Slovenes without giving it to Yugoslavia outright.
3. Substantial reparations.
4. Guarantee of the rights of Slovenes and Croats throughout Austria.

Before Bebler spoke deputy foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France and Russia had spoken openly of their hopes that Bebler would offer a compromise plan opening the way for the treaty signing. The foreign ministers gathered here for the treaty negotiations.

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Quick Action Saves OSC Worker's Life

CORVALLIS — (AP) — An Oregon State College janitor was seriously shocked and burned Wednesday by contact with an 11,500-volt current at the new electrical engineering building.

Good Samaritan Hospital reported H. N. Skutley, 61, was burned on his left arm, back and both feet.

Skutley had entered the transformer room of Dearborn Hall with H. B. Porter, campus plumbing supervisor, to adjust a thermostat. They were leaving when

Farmers See Quick CVA

BARLOW — (AP) — Early enactment of Columbia Valley Authority legislation by Congress was predicted Wednesday night by a spokesman for the National Farmers' Union.

Glen Talbott, chairman of the executive committee of the national organization, said the CVA plan has Truman administration priority. He added that there is little evidence of organized opposition to the river basin program at the capitol building in Washington. At the same time, he said, the supporters appear strong.

Talbott urged the Oregon Union convention to get behind 100 per cent parity price support programs for family farm crops. He said the present six commodity program did not provide the flexibility the farm economy needs.

To illustrate, he said that wheat farmers will not shift plantings to beans, for example, although they may be scarce, because this item is not under the price support program.

Committee reports were due to go before the convention Thursday and officers are to be elected later.

Reports already on file, recommended:

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Harmful Salt Charge Made

CHICAGO — (AP) — A salt substitute blamed for the deaths of five persons was tested on only 10 rats before it was allowed on the market. Dr. Anton J. Carlson, president of the National Society for Medical Research, said Thursday.

The salt substitute, consisting largely of lithium chloride, was withdrawn from the market last week after the federal Food and Drug Administration and the American Medical Assn. announced that it had killed some persons and made others ill.

The compound was used in place of ordinary table salt, sodium chloride, by persons suffering from hardened arteries, kidney disorders, and other ailments. Carlson said the salt substitute had been tested on only 10 rats at the time food and drug officials permitted companies to offer it on the market. Meanwhile, however, some members of the administration expressed doubt on whether it was safe, and began exhaustive tests last September.

The new tests showed that lithium chloride was dangerous. And particularly to those persons most likely to use it—the patients whose normal sodium intake had been reduced, he said.

Carlson said that "long-range animal tests" conducted before the drug was placed on the market would have prevented the loss of life and illness reported by the American Medical Assn.

He said that actually, the toxic effects of lithium have "long been known" to medical researchers.

The latest death from the salt substitute was reported Wednesday at Milwaukee. Three previous deaths were reported at Cleveland and another at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Shocks Recorded

NEW YORK — (AP) — Two minor shocks were registered on the Fordham University seismograph Wednesday, the Rev. Father Joseph Lynch, seismograph custodian, said Thursday.

He estimated the earth tremors to be 5800 miles from New York. The first shock came at 11:21 a.m., followed by another at 11:32 a.m.

U O Symphony State Concert Tour

Four concerts in two days been slated by the University of Oregon Symphony Orchestra, according to Dr. Edmund A. Carlson, associate professor of music at the university and director of the symphony orchestra.

The 70 musicians will charter buses Thursday, present a concert in Medford, and another in Ashland on Friday.

A concert at Oregon City school Friday afternoon will precede the final appearance at land's Benson high school that evening.

Sylvia Killman, Portlandist studying at the university, will be featured soloist during the concert tour. Miss Killman, a graduate student in music, will play the orchestra for "Concerto in G Minor" for piano and orchestra.

Typical orchestral works comprise the program. The suite and allegro from "The Swan Lake" by Tchaikovsky, and Brahms' "Academic Overture" complete the program.

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