

Police Told Of Auto Thefts

Robert G. Jones, 2031 Olive St., reported to city police Friday theft of a camera, two auto robes, a pair of sun glasses and an auto light from his auto while it was parked in front of his home. Jones said a wind whiff had been forced open to gain entry.

Robert A. Horsford, 7th Ave. W. and Grant, also reported his car was burglarized Thursday night. He reported loss of a new tire, wheel and tube, plus a number of tools.

Wednesday night Jack Schindlerman, 358 22nd Ave. W., reported theft of a radio and a blanket from his car, and Marold Barton, 1367 Columbia St., said two cars were rifled while parked in front of his residence.

Russian Artists Invited to US

MOSCOW —(AP)— Dmitri Shostakovich, famous composer, and five other Soviet intellectual leaders have applied for visas to visit the United States.

An official of the American Embassy said the applications are being forwarded to Washington where fast, favorable action is expected.

The six were invited to New York by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions to attend an International Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel March 25-27.

The applicants besides Shostakovich are:

A. L. Oparin, acting secretary of the biological section of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

Alexander Fadeyev, author of the film "Young Guard," for which Shostakovich wrote the music.

Sergei Gerasimov, film producer.

Peter Pavlenko, novelist who won the Stalin prize.

Mikhail Chlaurel, producer of the Stalin picture "The Oath"—a story of Lenin.

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'Rich' Robber May Survive

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A thrill-seeking "rich kid" who helped hold up a crack passenger train in the West Virginia hills was given a good chance Friday to survive a police-inflicted bullet wound.

He is 23-year-old Luman Ramsdell, who was shot down after being cornered Thursday by police in a pawnshop near the White House. Ramsdell's buddy, "poor boy" George L. Ashton, gave up meekly.

Police fired when Ramsdell drew a gun.

At Gallinger Hospital where Ramsdell underwent a 90-minute operation, Dr. A. J. Sweeney said he is "doing well and barring infection within the next 24 to 48 hours, should recover nicely."

In Youngstown, O., where the pair lived, friends and relatives described Ramsdell as just "a wild kid" who had plenty of money and didn't need the cash stolen from terrorized passengers aboard the Baltimore and Ohio's Ambassador Express.

Ashton, on the other hand, was pictured as poor boy who had been influenced by "bad companions."

According to Ashton's account, the train robbery was a spur-of-the-moment affair that sprang from an idea of sticking up the train's steward.

Driver Charged After Downtown Accident

Damage was estimated at \$600 Thursday in an auto collision at Lawrence St. and Broadway Ave. W. and Russell V. Ayers, 2922 Agate St., was arrested for reckless driving.

Police reported Ayers was driving east on Broadway and made a right turn onto Lawrence. In making the turn he swung too wide and struck a car parked on the left side of Lawrence. The parked car was owned by J. C. Currier, 971 Lawrence.

Brethren Church To Use P.A. System

SPRINGFIELD — Nicholas Gardens Church of the Brethren for the first time Sunday morning will use a new public address system to broadcast church hymns, organ and chime music, and to call the congregation to church.

Rev. Leland A. Nelson Sunday morning will speak on the subject "Things That Can't Be Shaken."

Firemen Answer Calls

Eugene firemen answered two calls Friday morning in half an hour. No damage resulted from either fire.

At 11:01 a.m. a short in the electric range at the home of L. L. Kutke, 540 E. 30th Ave. was checked. A fire in a Wisconsin car was reported at 11:30 a.m. at Broadway and Willamette. The driver's name was not reported.

Rumbaugh Said Not Guilty

In a directed verdict delivered a few minutes before noon Friday, Wayne Rumbaugh, ex-Springfield policeman, was found not guilty of a charge of petty larceny December 26, 1948.

District Judge Chester N. Anderson instructed the jury to deliver the not guilty verdict only a few minutes after the state rested its case against the former police sergeant.

Rumbaugh had been accused by Stanley Wilson, 1180 11th Ave. W., Eugene, of stealing a hand-tooled, gold-trimmed Mexican trower belt valued at more than \$50. At the time of the alleged theft, Wilson was living at the Half Moon Cafe, Springfield.

Attorneys Bartle and Reid, for the defense, asked for the directed verdict and stated that the weakness in the state's case was in identification of the property.

Springfield police officers, appearing as state's witnesses, had never seen the belt before its theft and saw the alleged stolen belt only for a few seconds when Rumbaugh entered the Springfield police station one day in January.

"There's no question—you can't draw an inference on an inference," Judge Anderson instructed the jury. He told them that it would have to be inferred that Rumbaugh was in possession of the stolen belt; and then inferred that he had stolen it from the cafe room where Wilson had been living.

US Calls Dutch On Peace Talk

LAKE SUCCESS —(AP)— The United States called on The Netherlands Friday to put the Indonesian Republic back in power and then talk peace.

The United States voiced its new demand on the Dutch in the Security Council after hearing a Dutch representative say his government has refused to restore the Indonesian Republic to authority because it feared violence and chaos would result.

The council took up the Indonesian case again for the first time after setting up a plan for a settlement in a resolution approved Jan. 28.

Delegates told the council the situation has not improved. They are seeking some way out of the Dutch-Indonesian Republic deadlock.

Dr. J. H. Van Royen, Dutch ambassador to Canada and representative here in the Indonesian debate, told the delegates the Dutch have given freedom to the top officials of the Indonesian Republic. They have been held on the island of Bangka.

Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines, who attacked the Dutch for not carrying out the January resolution, said in the council the Republican leaders have about as much freedom as prisoners have at Alcatraz, the American prison.

Van Royen asked the council to approve a proposed roundtable called by the Dutch government for a conference on settling the Indonesian affair.

New York Railway Men Seek Pickets

NEW YORK —(AP)— Railway expressmen sought permission Friday to picket Grand Central terminal, Pennsylvania station, and other metropolitan depots in an effort to cut off all freight and passenger rail traffic into and out of the city.

Daniel J. Sullivan, general chairman of the AFL Railway Clerks Union, said he would seek permission to begin picketing from national and local union officials as a means of bringing pressure against the Railway Express Agency. Sullivan pointed out that the agency is owned by the railroads.

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Battle Over Water Pistol Brings \$25 Disorderly Fine

A loaded water pistol in the hands of local youths brought Ralph N. Henrikson, 626 Pearl Street, to municipal court Wednesday night on charges of disorderly conduct.

A high school boy brought the complaint against Henrikson. He stated that he and three other boys were coming out of a Eugene theater when the automobile with Henrikson and two other men drove past.

The boys said the three men obviously had been drinking and were calling them names.

Another boy in the courtroom told City Judge John L. Barber Jr. how the men in the auto circled the blocks, taunting the boys with threats.

"They kept using some language I don't care to use here," the boy said. "These guys said if we wanted to use our water pistol we could use it on them. But we only

Hendershott Tells Legislature Bills

Herman P. Hendershott, Lane County representative to the Oregon Legislature, spoke informally on bills before the legislature this session at the Lions Club luncheon Wednesday.

While summing up the activities of both parties, Hendershott said, "The Democrats are busy writing a platform for the political wars of 1952." He pointed out that one of the most verbal Republican opponents in the legislature is Richard Neuberger, former Portland newspaper man.

Fish Bills Discussed

Representative Hendershott discussed several of the fish and game bills that were among the 792 bills to be presented at this session. When asked where he stood on closing certain rivers to commercial fishing, Hendershott replied that he was in a touchy position since he represented the commercial fishermen and his father owns a sporting goods store in Eugene.

Hendershott reviewed the bill to reorganize the agriculture department, the milk control bill which would outdate the act of 1933, the proposed change in community property laws, the veterans bonus bill and the old-age assistance bill passed in the recent election.

Funds from Liquor

Asked how the state could afford to pay out the pension as

First Forest Fire In NW Reported

VANCOUVER, Wash. —(AP)— The year's first forest fire in the Pacific Northwest—at what may be a record early date—swept over an estimated 200 acres 24 miles north of here Thursday night.

The fire, fanned by a strong east wind, apparently started in dried ferns, moved into brushland and then began destroying timber patches on Bald Mountain near the community of View.

A volunteer fire-fighting crew was organized hastily in an attempt to keep the blaze from climbing over the mountain top and rushing down on several farm homes on the other side.

Navy Ships Arrive For Greece Visit

ATHENS —(AP)— A squadron of 13 ships of the U. S. navy arrived in Phaleron Bay and Piraeus Friday.

Vice Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, in command, visited Premier Themistokles Sophoulis and other cabinet ministers.

The bulk of the fleet, including the aircraft carrier Philippine Sea and the cruisers Albany and Spokane, will remain until March 21. Five of the vessels will leave earlier, but eight more are due to arrive within a week.

said we wanted to go home and didn't want to fight.

"They chased us a block. Henrikson caught Robert and was beating him and Robert's lip was bleeding. We ran to a house and called the cops."

Tells His Side
Henrikson told the court the boys had shot the men with the water pistol.

Officer Cheek, who answered the boys' call, said all three men in the car had been drinking.

"I've seen your kind before," Judge Barber told Henrikson, "and you were just looking for trouble, weren't you?" He fined Henrikson \$25.

Dewey C. Green, Prairie Rd., was fined \$200 and Judge Barber recommended that his driver's license be suspended for one year, following a finding of guilty against Green for driving under the influence of intoxicating

liquor and being involved in an accident.

Charles V. Beller, 739 5th Ave. W., was cited for driving through a stop sign and for driving with one arm.

He was fined \$7.50, with a warning not to make it a practice to drive with one arm.

John H. Bostwick, Rt. 5, was cited for driving 40 miles per hour in a 25 mile zone. Bostwick denied he had travelled 40 miles per hour.

"I have a left front tire that's bad and when I go over 35 miles an hour the wheel shimmyes so badly I can't drive," he said.

Questions Method
The judge asked him if he timed his speed in relation to the shimmy instead of the speedometer.

"If you have a car that's in such bad condition, you'd better get it fixed," Barber said.

Bostwick told the judge he also watched his speedometer, and the policeman, prior to his arrest.

"Naturally I'd have my eyes on the speedometer if there's a cop within three blocks of me; anybody will," he said. The case was dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence.

Allan D. Hodge, Rt. 1, Springfield, admitted going through a red traffic light, but didn't know how it happened.

"I saw the light and it was red," he told Barber. "I stopped, but suddenly I just kept going as though someone were pushing me."

He paid a \$10 fine.

Ho May Be Appointed

NANKING —(AP)— Acting President Li Tsung-jen was expected to submit the name of Gen. Ho Ying-ching to the Legislative Yuan Friday for approval as premier to succeed Sun Fo.

Acceptance by Ho is believed certain. Ho, formerly minister of national defense, is expected to serve in that same capacity concurrently with the job as premier.

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Cemetery Strike Ends At Catholic Church

NEW YORK —(AP)— Francis Cardinal Spellman, who had put

seminary students to work digging graves, announced Friday a settlement had been reached in the two-months-old strike of grave-diggers at Cavalry Cemetery.

The cardinal said the workers would receive a wage increase of 8 1/2 per cent.

That amount was the cardinal's counter-offer to a union demand for a five-day week at the same wage previously paid for six days, plus time and one-half for Saturdays.

The issue of cutting the work week from six to five days will be settled later by a three-man board composed of representatives of the church and the union and an outsider.

Assassination Plan In Greece Fails

ATHENS —(AP)— Minister of Public Order Constantine Rentsis said Friday Communists had planned to assassinate Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, American commander in Greece.

Rentsis said the alleged plan failed because the Communists could not arrange a means of escape. He said Communists arrested in Athens confessed knowledge of the plan. The Communists intended to blame rightists for the assassination, Rentsis declared.

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