

Actors Agent Gets Subpena

Lang to Appear
At Wanger Trial

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Actors Agent Jennings Lang was expected to go home Friday or Saturday from a hospital where he was treated for a bullet wound allegedly inflicted by Walter Wanger in a fight over the producer's wife, Joan Bennett.

Mere Formality

The subpoena was issued after chief Los Angeles County jail physician Dr. Marcus Graham reported that Lang was improving rapidly and was expected to leave Midway Hospital Friday or Saturday.

Roll said the subpoena was merely a formality to place Lang under legal jurisdiction, and the agent probably would not be forced to attend the arraignment.

"I want to establish without question the jurisdiction of this office in the case," Roll said.

Admits Shooting
Lang at first appeared reluctant to tell the story of the shooting, but his attorney, Jake Ehrlich, later told the district attorney the agent would cooperate "fully" with authorities.

Lang was shot in the groin in a parking lot across the street from the Beverly Hills police station as he stood talking with Miss Bennett. Wanger allegedly admitted the shooting to police and said he believed the agent was "threatening my home."

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Oxford Scholars Beaten By Convicts in Debate

NORFOLK, Mass. — (AP) — Two fast-talking American convicts defeated a touring debating team from England's ancient Oxford University Thursday night at the Massachusetts State Prison Colony.

It was the first judged debate lost on their American tour by Dick Taverner and William Rees-Mogg, both 23, of Oxford's Balliol College.

However, the English students bore no ill will toward their conquerors, two convicts who could be identified only as Bill, 35, and Murdo, 29.

"It's one of the nicest things that has happened to us in the United States and we shall always treasure it," Rees-Mogg said as he thanked the audience of some 500 prisoners for their friendly welcome and applause.

The Englishmen had no reason to feel ashamed of their defeat since it was the 35th victory for the prison colony's debating team in 49 collegiate engagements.

The subject of Thursday's debate, believed the first international event of its kind ever held behind prison walls, was the desirability of a "Free National Health Service." The English team took the affirmative.

Young Bride Confused Due to Red POW List

ATLANTA — (AP) — The prisoner of war list which brought joy to many homes across the nation left one young bride in a state of tearful confusion Friday.

Twenty-two-year-old Agnes Sasser was reading the POW list Wednesday when her eyes fell on the name of her first husband, Pfc. Walter B. Dixon.

Dixon had been reported killed in Korea in May, 1951. In September, Agnes married Pfc. William C. Sasser at Fort McPherson, near Atlanta.

Then Wednesday, word of her first husband . . .

The first thing Mrs. Sasser did after spotting the name was call her present husband, Bill, who was so stunned he couldn't say anything.

Later, walking up and down and wringing her hands, Mrs. Sasser told reporters, "I just don't know what to do. I haven't been able to think it through. You have no idea how I feel."

Mrs. Sasser said she's sure the Dixon carried on the POW list is her first husband because "the serial numbers match."

And yet, "The Defense Department told me Walter was wounded by bomb fragments at the front and died the same day."

Also, she continued, Dixon's \$10,000 insurance policy was

paid in a lump sum by the government.

The Defense Department says the discrepancy has been sent to Gen. Matthew Ridgway for investigation.

The Sassers left Fort McPherson Thursday for a two-week vacation at an undisclosed spot.

Before they left she was asked which husband she'll stick by.

"I don't know," she answered. "Bill and I may not even be married. Oh, I just don't know what to do."

Jury Awards \$333,000 To Injured Youth

SANTA ANA — (AP) — An Orange County jury has awarded 19-year-old Richard Ferris \$333,000 against the City of Huntington Beach for injuries he suffered in a dive from that city's pier.

Ferris sued for \$400,000, plus medical and hospital expenses. He dived from the pier into shallow water Sept. 10, 1950, and suffered a broken neck and severed spine.

The jury also awarded his mother, Mrs. Madeline Ferris Madison of nearby Rosemead, \$25,000 for expenses in caring for him until he is 21.

Drinking Spree Leads to Death

'Left Wife in Snow,' Husband Declares

JACKSON, Mich. — (AP) — The state studied a possible manslaughter charge Friday against business executive Edward G. Spencer, whose 21-year-old wife froze to death after a drinking spree.

Prosecutor George Campbell said he was not decided on the exact charge. But he said it would involve "some form of manslaughter."

Spencer, 44 years old and the father of three children by a previous marriage, changed his story to the prosecutor Thursday morning after first maintaining he was not with his wife the night before she died.

He said he and the attractive Mrs. Spencer, the former Loretta Naylor, had spent Tuesday evening making a round of taverns. When they headed home their car stuck in a ditch.

Spencer told the prosecutor they left the car for a wrecker to pick up and get a ride home to the entrance of their property.

Spencer said his wife was "too drunk" to walk the 200 yards home, so he tried to drag her.

'Tried to Drag Her'
"She fell in the snow," the prosecutor quoted him as saying. "I tried to drag her but my fingers were too cold."

"I left my wife lying in the snow."

Spencer said he went into the house and fell asleep.

At 8 a.m. the next day an employe of Spencer, called to drive him to the office, found Mrs. Spencer lying in the driveway.

Vandals Plague Soviet Embassy

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The second incident, but this was not confirmed by the police who refused to say anything about their investigation.

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Springfield Kiwanis Hears School Chorus

Thirty Springfield High School students sang Christmas music Thursday noon for Kiwanis Club in Springfield Memorial Bldg.

The boys and girls chorus, under direction of David Van Zandt, SHS music instructor, received hearty ovations from Kiwanians.

President Dean Stevens reminded members of the officers' initiation banquet to be held in Springfield Legion Hall the evening of Dec. 27.

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First National Boosts Interest Savings Accounts To Pay 2 Per Cent

The First National Bank of Eugene Thursday increased the interest rate which it will pay on savings accounts to 2 per cent annually, effective Jan. 1.

President Lynn S. McCready made the announcement following a meeting of the board of directors Thursday afternoon.

The rate has been 1 1/2 per cent on savings accounts up to and including \$10,000 and 1 per cent on any amount over this. The new rate applies to accounts of any size, McCready said.

He estimated that the new rate will mean \$50,000 more annually to the holders of the \$11,600,000 in savings accounts at the First National Bank of Eugene.

The increase in interest rates followed similar action Wednesday by the directors of the First National Bank of Portland.

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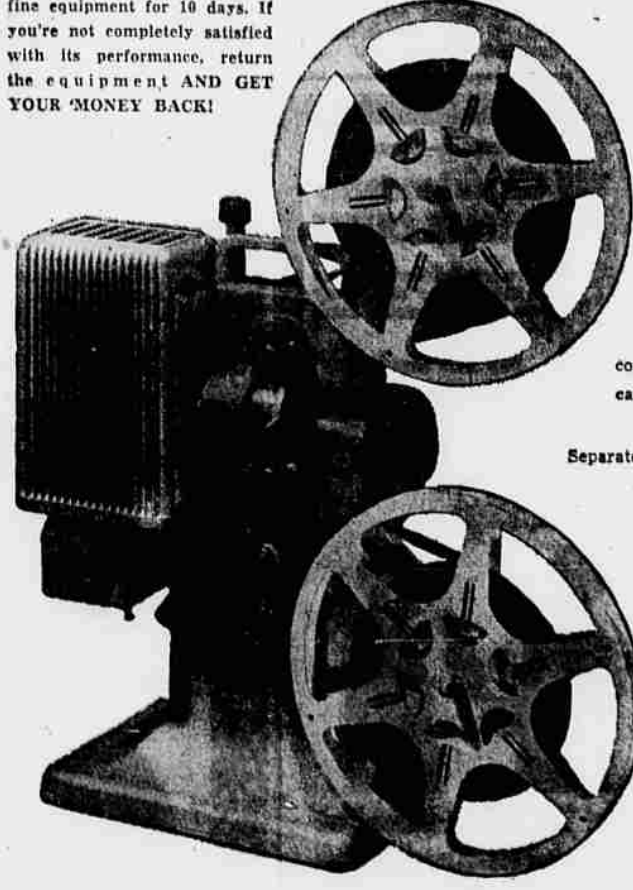
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