

# Libel Suit Shifts Locale Tomorrow

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Pre-trial testimony in the two million dollar libel-slander suit brought by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) against Sen. Benton (D-Conn) shifts tomorrow to Wheeling, W. Va.

There, lawyers for the battling senators have scheduled an examination of four prospective witnesses, McCarthy accuses Benton of defaming him with false charges of fraud, perjury and deceit in a move to have the Wisconsin lawmaker expelled from the Senate.

# Greeks Begin Sabotage Trial

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Seventeen persons—including 11 Greek Air Force officers—went on trial before a Greek court martial Friday charged with spying and sabotage. All pleaded innocent.

The accused retracted depositions signed after their arrest last spring. The defendants said they had been under emotional strain at the time.

The prosecution's case received a setback Friday when Col. A. Vlantousis — former commandant of the aviation school where the alleged sabotage took place—testified he was unable to identify any of the accused with sabotage incidents.

Vlantousis did testify there were five sabotage incidents last year, in which planes, landing gears were tampered with and gravel put in the hydraulic system. He said the KKE symbol of Greece's outlawed Communist party had chalked on the wing of one plane.

The 17 were rounded up last spring after a non-commissioned officer was caught tampering with a fighter plane. He reportedly turned in the others.

Greek newspapers said last April a large scale Communist conspiracy of infiltration and attempted sabotage had been discovered in the Air Force. The government clamped a ban on such reports, saying appropriate action had been taken to eliminate the Red threat, but called for secrecy pending investigation.

Last month the Aviation Ministry confirmed that the alleged saboteurs were to be brought to trial.

The 11 officers range from warrant officer to captain. The trial was adjourned after Friday's session until Saturday.

# British to Train German Pilots

BONN, Germany (AP) — German pilots for the projected European Army will be trained in the United States and England, especially in handling the latest type jet fighters, officials in the Federal Defense Commission said Friday.

The British and Americans are also expected to train the new German Army officers in the handling of new weapons.

Concrete plans for this training are to be worked out by officials of the six-nation European Defense Community (EDC) in Paris in the fall.

The Germans will start recruiting soldiers and fliers only after the federal parliament ratified the EDC treaty for rearmament.

Then they will call up for their new tactical air force of about 1,500 planes, veterans of World War II and a few new candidates.

They will be trained abroad because adequate flying schools do not exist here and the allied airbases in Germany are already crowded, officials said.

# A SPAT OF TEA

PORTLAND (AP) — Ila Brockman, a waitress, was fined \$50 in municipal court for assaulting a woman customer who refused to pay for a cup of tea.

The customer ordered cream with her tea but failed to get it. When she paid the check she did not include money for the tea. The waitress followed the woman to the street and beat her.

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**THREE HUNDRED TOWNS** in California's Central Valley are warring on mosquitoes which are blamed for an outbreak of Encephalitis, or sleeping sickness. An inspector for the East Side Mosquito district of Modesto, Calif., is shown operating a thermal aerosol generator which fogs both ground and brush with DDT and other chemicals.

# Nominees Agree On Farm Supports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers year—during the next two crop years.

It was passed shortly before Congress adjourned last month, with the approval of Democrats and Republicans alike. It has the effect of setting aside, for the next two years, a system of flexible supports which had been criticized by President Truman and Secretary of Agriculture Brannan.

**LIKE WOULD KEEP SUPPORTS**  
The Democratic platform promises to "continue" the minimum supports beyond the two-year period. Eisenhower's statement that there would be no reduction in price supports could be interpreted as meaning that he too would advocate their continuance.

Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices, declared by law to be equally fair to producers and to those who buy their products.

**BRANNAN PLAN NO ISSUE**  
Stevenson ruled out the controversial Brannan Plan which Eisenhower and the GOP national platform had sought to tie to the Democrats. The Illinois governor at Minocqua, Wis., said in effect that the Republicans, in trying to make the Brannan Plan an issue, were barking up the wrong tree. He said this plan was obsolete, that it had not been endorsed by his party's platform nor recommended by its candidates.

Thus the statements of the rival candidates were open to the interpretation that both endorse the existing farm price support law.

This law requires that basic crops—wheat, corn, cotton, tobacco, rice and peanuts—be supported at not less than 90 per cent of parity—the level in effect this

**WOULD-BE KILLERS  
On Trial in Korea**

PUSAN, Korea (AP) — Eleven men accused of plotting and staging the abortive assassination of President Rhee last June went on trial Friday in Pusan District Court.

The principal defendant was Ryu Shi Tai, 52, who was arrested when his automatic pistol failed to fire as he aimed at Rhee during a public meeting June 25.

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# Sleep Sickness Claims 30 Lives

Disease Creeps Up  
California Valleys

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A sleeping sickness epidemic is creeping northward up California's central valleys, borne on the wings of the tiny female mosquito.

Already the Encephalitis has claimed 30 lives and nearly 500 have been reported stricken, the State Health Department reported.

Twelve died within the last week. Doctors are powerless to check the disease. There is no known vaccine for humans.

**MUST KILL MOSQUITOES**  
The only hope is to kill off the mosquitoes. Hundreds of men are spraying 276 towns in the valley lowlands and then laying down quarter-mile-wide barriers of poison residue spray around them.

The female Culex tarsalis mosquito—common in California—carries the disease from birds and fowl to horses and humans. It is not carried from horses to humans.

total of 499 cases have been reported to the State Health Department, but only 315 have been clinically diagnosed as encephalitis.

**TWO BLOOD TESTS**  
Two blood tests from the patient are necessary to determine absolutely that the disease is encephalitis. In most of the reported cases, the necessary two blood tests were not taken.

Dr. Malcolm Merrill, acting director of the health department, said the disease acts quickly. Those stricken usually recovered quickly or die within 24 to 48 hours.

# Landlubbers Haul Down Jolly Roger

PITTSFIELD, Mass. (AP) — No more will the little "pirate" hand sail the Housatonic River after booty.

Their jolly roger was hauled down Friday by landlubbers—with police. And blame it all on informers.

The "informers" were residents of Wahcomah St., who wondered where there vegetables were disappearing to.

Police posted a guard on the gardens and this is what he saw Thursday night:

Five youngsters, the oldest about 12, sailed down the river in a homemade raft. They beached the craft, loaded it with vegetables and then put out on the water again.

# Fire Damages Lumber Mill

FOREST GROVE (AP) — Loss was estimated at \$120,000 in a fire that damaged the Carnation Lumber Co. mill here Thursday.

A shift in the wind helped firemen save the main plant, Ralph Raines, vice president, said. Destroyed was a sawdust bin where the fire started, stored lumber, the boiler room and the green chain, where logs are taken into the mill.

Firemen from Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Gaston and Cornelius controlled the flames after an hour and 15 minutes.

A three-acre grass fire was set by sparks in a nearby barley field. The plant, which employs 65, has a daily capacity of about 80,000 board feet of lumber.

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