

13 to Be Sentenced

# Jury Convicts Puerto Ricans

NEW YORK (AP) — Thirteen Puerto Rican members of the Nationalist party involved in two Washington shootings in recent years have been convicted of seditious conspiracy against the United States.

The 13, plus four others who pleaded guilty earlier, now face possible maximum sentences of six years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Federal Judge Lawrence E. Walsh fixed Oct. 26 for sentencing after the jury's verdict Tuesday night.

Four of those convicted Tuesday night are already under heavy prison sentences for shooting into the House of Representatives from its visitors gallery in Washington last March 1. Five congressmen were wounded.

## Prison Inmates End Rebellion

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Their 23-hour riot ended, inmates of the South Dakota State Penitentiary were back to their normal quiet behavior Wednesday.

The revolt stopped late Tuesday, only 25 minutes after the nearly 300 milling rioters in a large cell block were ordered to release the guards they held as hostages or else "face the consequences."

The ultimatum by Gov. Sigurd Anderson and Warden G. Norton Jameson came as some 200 armed National Guardsmen, sheriff's deputies and other officers stood outside the block.

The hostages, George Read and E. F. Lambertson, were freed and escorted to safety by 25 highway patrolmen, who were sent unarmed to the block gate.

The guards said they hadn't been hurt or even seriously threatened.

Gov. Anderson called the outbreak an "unnecessary riot" and said he will order an investigation into its cause.

The revolt started as the prisoners were finishing their evening meal Monday. Using tear gas, guards herded the rioters into the cell block and snapped the heavy doors shut.

At first there were three hostages, but one of them, Guard Melvin DeYoung, was released in the afternoon. The convicts said they freed him to show their "good faith" in their dealings on grievances over prison conditions.

Gov. Anderson, in announcing the riot had ended, said, "We made no concessions."

## 1,000 Pay Tribute To Justice Jackson

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 1,000 of the prominent and the humble paid tribute to the memory of Justice Robert H. Jackson at a funeral service Tuesday in the Washington Episcopal Cathedral.

Three clergymen conducted the rites.

Chief Justice Warren and his seven remaining associates sat before the casket of their colleague who died Saturday of a heart attack at the age of 62.

## DRY FISHING

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Mrs. W. M. Fly caught a nice two-pounder on the way back from a fishing trip. Mrs. Fly left her fishing pole on the car, with bait on it, on the return trip. When she got home she found she'd caught a two-pound chicken.

Another of the convicted Nationalists is Mrs. Rosa Collazo, 43, whose husband Oscar is now serving a life sentence for an attempt to assassinate former President Truman in November 1950.

The Nationalist party seeks total independence for Puerto Rico, now a commonwealth of the United States, even though its people have turned down in referendum voting offers of full independence. Puerto Ricans are citizens of the United States.

The 13 party members were tried on charges of conspiring to bring about Puerto Rico's independence by force and violence and armed revolution.

In his summation, U.S. Atty. J. Edward Lumbard declared, "every one of these defendants has his moral fingerprints on the guns that were used in Washington, and those who participated were praised as martyrs."

## NOT CONSPIRACY

Defense attorneys claimed that the Congress shooting and the attempt to assassinate Truman were actions by individual Nationalists and not a conspiracy. They said the prosecution used the congressional shooting to "inflame the minds of the jurors."

Several defendants had testified during the trial that they had no idea when they joined the party that it intended violence or gunplay.

In his charge to the jury, Walsh said any defendant must be acquitted if the jury believed he did not know that force and violence were to be used.

The trial started Sept. 8.

The four convicted earlier for the Congress shooting were Dolores Lolita Lebron, 34; Rafael Cancel Miranda, 29; Irvin Flores Rodriguez, 29; and Andres Figueroa Cordero, 29.

## OTHERS CONVICTED

Others convicted were Julio Pinto Gandia, 45, who the government said was the head of the party in the United States; Juan Francisco-Ortiz Medina, 39; Jose A. Otero Otero, 34; Juan Bernardo Lebron, 31; Carmelo Alvarez Roman, 45; Jorge Luis Jimenez, 34; Armando Diaz Mato, 39; and Manuel Rabago Torres.

All are from New York except Jimenez, Matos and Torres, who lived in Chicago.

## Actress Married

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Movie actress Mala Powers, 22, and Monte Vanton, 36, North Hollywood real estate dealer, were married Tuesday night.



**WORKING ON THE RAILROAD**—You wouldn't know it, but fire battalion chief William Dinicola is walking on the Milwaukee Railroad tracks which lead into Chicago's Union Station. In background beyond retaining wall is Chicago River. The chief directed crews which worked all day pumping water from Union Station where partial service has been restored.

## Triple Ace of World War II Dies Testing Super Sabre

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — Quiet, soft-spoken George Welch, World War II triple ace who shot down four Japanese planes at Pearl Harbor, lost his life Tuesday while testing a jet plane high above the Mojave Desert.

Just what happened to his F-100 jet Super Sabre isn't known. Witnesses said it exploded with a terrific blast and plummeted to the ground like a ball of fire. But officials at North American Aviation, Inc., where Welch was chief test pilot, said the blast might have been a "sonic boom" caused when a jet pulls out of a dive at high speed.

Welch, 36, managed to eject himself from the plane and para-

chuted, landing about two miles from where his plane crashed. But he was suffering from multiple injuries and was dead on arrival by helicopter at Edwards Air Force Base.

The plane crashed about 45 miles north of Los Angeles. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, Welch, then a 23-year-old second lieutenant, became a national hero. He drove 10 miles from bombed-out Wheeler Field to an auxiliary field, commandeered a P-40, took to the air and shot down four Nip planes before he was forced to land his bullet-riddled ship. Only five other American pilots were able to get into the air that day against the enemy.

## Chicago Faces Flood Cleanup

Job May Take Months to Finish

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago dried out from soaking rains and a \$10,000,000 flood Wednesday, but industries were still crippled and it may take months to finish the job of cleaning up.

On the city's outskirts volunteers and more than 700 National Guardsmen fought flood waters that threatened the rich Hammond-Gary area. But there, too, the waters were falling back.

In the nation's soaking second city an electrical shortage had forced the layoff of about 130,000 industrial employees.

One of the city's major newspapers, the Chicago Daily News, published on its own presses for the first time since flood waters from the swollen Chicago River poured into its sub-basements, ruining \$30,000 worth of newsprint.

The city's largest railroad depot, the huge Union Station, was still partially crippled. One railroad, the Milwaukee Road, continued to use outlying stations.

Thousands of home owners meanwhile struggled with personal flood problems.

## OSC Enrollment Up

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State College this week reported its fall enrollment had reached 5,236.

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