

Violin Maker Claims to Know Masters' Secret

Chicago (AP)—A small, intense man who has given 30 years of his life in the attempt says he has discovered the violin secret of the ages.

Edward Roeder claims he could turn out a violin equal in every way to those made by the old masters. He said his discovery will make a million for somebody, if not for himself.

Roeder's sales talk is handicapped by one fear: he doesn't want to mention the violins of Antonio Stradivarius.

"There seems to be some sort of worship involved with the Stradivarius," he said. "If I said my violins were just as good, then nobody would believe me. They'd think I was a faker."

Restricts Claims

So lest he scare off his prospective customers, Roeder simply claims his violins rate among the world's best. He acknowledges, however, that the world's best include the fewer than 300 Strads known to be in existence, some of which are valued at up to \$150,000.

The secret of Roeder's accomplishment is varnish.

For hundreds of years, he said, violin makers have tried to discover what makes a violin great. "A great many suspected it was the varnish," Roeder said, "and for five years I experimented along those lines. Then I gave up. But a little later my son wanted me to varnish a cheap violin he had picked up. I got out my last batch of varnish—it was in a beer glass—and as soon as I applied it, I knew I had something."

He refused to say if the beer glass had anything to do with his discovery, but he resumed his experiments and now, 25 years later, he is ready to start selling.

Keeps His Secret

No violin is any better than its varnish, Roeder explained. An unvarnished violin sounds, to a certain degree, like an old master's. But a violin must be varnished to protect it, and its tone is influenced with each sweep of the brush. Roeder thinks his varnish is the same as that of the masters.

He won't say what goes into it, but he said he used nothing that hadn't been tried before. The only difference, he said, is that he knows how to mix it.

He keeps the formula in a safety deposit vault in a bank. It is in code.

He said he can't get it patented because if he did, "somebody would snap it right up and put a couple of drops of alcohol in it and claim they had a different formula."

Roeder doesn't know if his violins will catch on with musicians, because "after all this is a very revolutionary thing." If they do find a good market, he thinks he will be a very rich man.

"And if something happens to me in the meantime," he said, "well, I guess somebody else will get rich."

Nation's First Gas Chamber To Be Scrapped

By Robert Laxalt
(United Press Correspondent)

Carson City, Nev. (AP)—The nation's first lethal gas chamber will be scrapped at the Nevada state prison here this year.

The small, single-chamber chamber, built in 1923 after successful experiments with lethal hydrocyanic acid had been conducted by English scientists, will be replaced by a modern two-chamber death house.

A house cat became the first experimental victim of the Nevada chamber late in 1923, and in February of 1924, while the capital punishment world looked on, a Chinese hatchet murderer, Gee John, was the first man to be executed by lethal gas.

Method Copied

The success and the painlessness of the Nevada experiment paved the way for more lethal gas chambers throughout the nation.

In the first years of the Nevada chamber's history, the hydrocyanic gas was pumped in from special tanks. In later years, however, the period of consciousness was shortened by generating the gas in a vat placed beneath the condemned's chair.

Since that time, prison officials have followed a practice of attaching three strings to pouches poisoned over the vat of concentrated sulphuric acid.

Lottery of Death

One of the strings is attached to a pouch of marbles, the second to a pouch of stones, and the third to a pouch containing the cyanide pellets. The warden and



EXPANDING—Three living examples of why the sweater industry is undergoing a tremendous expansion gather at New York City. Pat Patterson, 20 (center), of Houston, Tex., won the title of "National Sweater Queen of 1950." Paulette Hendrix (left) placed, and Lora Bartlett (right) took show money. Looks like a photo finish.



EVIDENCE—U. S. Delegate Warren Austin, while reading report by Gen. MacArthur to the United Nations Security Council at Lake Success, N. Y., was describing a 7.62-mm. PP6H-41 Russian-made submachine gun, vintage 1950, when he suddenly reached down and brandished weapon before surprised listeners. MacArthur's report told of recent contributions by U. S. S. R. to North Korean forces. Later rifle was passed around, and when it came to Soviet Delegate Jacob Malik, he rose and left, explaining that French translation had started and he couldn't understand it.



MARINES HAVE LANDED—Lt. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, commander of the Fleet Marine Force in the Pacific, is greeted by Lt. Col. John W. Stevens after landing in this Marine helicopter at Kimpo Airfield near Seoul, Korea. The helicopter was the first plane to land on the field, which was taken by Marines in their drive from Inchon towards Seoul. (Exclusive NEA-Acme radiotelephoto by Staff Correspondent Norman Williams.)

Old Council Tree Still Standing

Fort Payne, Ala. (AP)—The old Council tree, although beaten by time and the elements, stands as a sentinel of history near here.

Underneath the ancient oak, warriors with painted faces once settled tribal matters. Here Cherokee chiefs smoked the peace pipe or exhorted their braves to war.

It was in its shade that the Cherokees signed the treaty giving up their lands to the white man in 1835.

It was just another tree until an Indian girl told its history. Shortly after the Cherokees were moved to reservations in

each of two guards cut a string, thus casting doubt as to the person who released the deadly pellets.

Time of the victim's death is recorded by a stethoscope taped to his chest and channeled out of the chamber by a sealed rubber tube.

Since the chamber was first built, 20 murderers have been executed. A former police officer, 35-year-old Owen Butner of Reno, may be the last person to die in the nation's first gas chamber.

Service Tonight Ends Presbytery

A service tonight at 7:30 will bring to a close sessions of the Presbytery of California, which met at the Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian church Wednesday and today. The speaker will be the Rev. Dr. David Calderwood, pastor of the Greyfriars Orthodox Presbyterian church, Los Angeles.

Thirty-three out-of-town delegates have been the guests of the local church since Tuesday evening, according to Rev. Robert Nicholas, pastor, who pointed out that the presbytery includes churches from the three west coast states. In charge of the devotions period this morning was Lt. Col. E. Lymne Wade, chaplain USN, who recently returned from the Orient and is now stationed at the Oak Knoll hospital in Oakland, Calif.

Women Also Meet

In addition to the regular business sessions of the presbytery, the Women's Presbyterian have had their separate meetings. Mrs. Percy Morrison is president. They have been addressed by the Rev. Edwards Elliott of San Francisco and the Rev. Henry Coray of Long Beach, California.

Women of the host church under chairmanship of Mrs. Elsie Dunn served a turkey dinner Wednesday evening at the church to more than 100 guests and resident members. Brief reports and greetings from the visiting clergymen followed. A luncheon was served this noon on the church lawn by the Fidells class for the out-of-town visitors. Mrs. William James, class president, was in charge of arrangements.

Among other items of business of the presbytery was consideration of the matter of local evangelism and church extension. The presbytery has been supporting a missionary, Dr. James Brown, in the southern California field, and is considering further expansion in the northwest, it was reported. Clerk of the presbytery is the Rev. H. Wilson Albright, of Manhattan Beach, Calif. Rev. Nicholas is moderator this year. He reported the visitors to be enthusiastic about the climate and scenic beauty of central Oregon. The presbytery last met in Bend four years ago.

Further U.N.

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—"are deliberately interfering with the reception by the people of those countries of certain radio signals originating beyond their territories."

The steering committee also voted down Vishinsky's objections to including in the agenda a proposal to lift the UN's diplomatic ban against Generalissimo Francisco's government of Spain; nationalist China's charge that the Soviet Union violated the Sino-Soviet 1945 treaty of friendship and alliance and the UN charter by aiding the Chinese communists; and the twice-debated issue of human rights violations in the Balkans through the prosecution of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty and other Roman Catholic and Protestant clergymen.

U. S. Plan Debated

The American plan to provide armed forces from member nations for use against aggressors was brought forward in the assembly's general debate yesterday by Secretary of state Dean Acheson.

In essence, it provides that each member of the UN should earmark units of their armed forces for use by the world organization in event of aggression. It also would establish a "peace patrol" to inspect areas of threatened aggression and would provide for the calling of the assembly into emergency session on 24 hours' notice whenever action against an aggressor risks being blocked in the security council by a veto.

John Foster Dulles, republican

adviser to the state department who is generally acknowledged as the architect of the plan, hailed it at a press conference as "the most important proposal for international peace and security since the San Francisco conference of 1945."

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Newby Hits

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Welcome to Facts

"You are welcome to all the facts regarding our field offices. The answers to the questions contained in your letter have appeared in the public press on a number of occasions."

Newby told Flegel that if he wanted the facts concerning the branch offices of the secretary of state, he should read the newspapers. He said:

"Should you care to read the newspapers, I hope you will give the true facts as you find them printed therein the widest possible discussion. I hope you will make clear that in the administration of this office I am sincerely trying to do my job as I see it, keeping up with the growth of our state and mindful at all times of the welfare of the people of Oregon."

Last One at Bend

The secretary of state's office has opened several branches throughout Oregon. The most recent one was at Bend, opened this week. Each branch is built to specifications so that all are of the same pattern, one story, white exterior with red-tiled roof. At each one, auto licenses may be bought, drivers' licenses renewed, and tourist information released ultimately, according to tentative plans, the state public utilities commission may have space at each of the branches, and there has been some talk of renting some of the space to the state unemployment compensation commission.

In the meanwhile, Gov. Douglas McKay, republican nominee for reelection—the man whom Flegel will oppose in the November general election—is sitting back and saying nothing about the matter.

RED LEADERS FLEE

Tokyo, Friday, Sept. 22 (AP)—Seoul was a capital without a government today.

United Press correspondent Robert Miller, with marines across the Han, reported that communist leaders had fled north to escape capture by marines closing in on two sides of the city.

adviser to the state department who is generally acknowledged as the architect of the plan, hailed it at a press conference as "the most important proposal for international peace and security since the San Francisco conference of 1945."

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KBND-Mutual Don Lee opens the fall football broadcast schedule with the top game of the week, Oregon State-Michigan State from East Lansing, Mich., this Saturday, with broadcast time set for 11:45 a. m. Numerous program changes will be necessary in order to carry this game and will be noted in the program schedule. Because of the football games from the east, there will be no broadcasting of major league baseball Saturday night. The square dance broadcasts, previously heard at 4:30 each Saturday afternoon, will not be heard at this hour during the football season. The regular Tuesday evening square dance program continues at 7 with next week's broadcast featuring Louis Olson, Wes Welcome and George Churchill as callers.

World Series starts on KBND-Mutual Don Lee on Wednesday, October 4, with the first game from the National league winners, air time here 9:45 a. m. All games during the week will start at this early time, with Sunday broadcasts one hour later.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

5:00—Sports Arrow
5:10—Sky King
5:30—Bobby Benson
5:45—Ladies Night
6:10—Broadway Parade
6:30—Tune Vendors
6:45—Sam Hays and The News
7:00—Bill Henry News
7:15—Song Center
7:30—Central Oregon Hospitals Foundation
7:45—Music For Listening
8:00—Ladies Night
8:30—Love A Mystery
8:45—Remember When
9:00—News
9:15—Fulton Lewis Jr.
9:30—Major League Baseball
11:30—Cameo Score Board
12:00—Sign Off

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:00—Top Of The Morning
6:30—Eddie Arnold
6:45—Farm Reporter
7:00—News
7:15—Breakfast Gang
7:30—Central Oregon Hospitals Foundation
7:45—Morning Roundup
8:00—Cool Brown
8:15—News
8:30—Bible Institute
8:45—Sam Hays and The News
9:00—Style Stuff
9:10—World News
9:15—Top Times
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Fighting Severe In Indo-China

Saigon, Indo-China, Sept. 21 (AP) Heavy fighting between French legionnaires and Vietminh communist troops has broken out in various sections of Indo-China's Tonkin province, French sources said today.

These sources said French troops had inflicted "heavy casualties" on a Vietminh battalion near the town of Thabhin, 48 miles southeast of Tonkin's chief city of Hanoi.

They said French ground forces also "wiped out" another Vietminh battalion 48 miles east of Hanoi, near Dongtrieu, and that communist troops were threatening Phatdiem, 66 miles southeast of Hanoi.

The new actions occurred approximately 150 miles south of the Chinese communist border and invasion route to Indo-China, where other French troops are operating against the communists around Dongkhe, Caobang, Moncay and Inhiap.

Latest reports from the north said that French African goums and paratroopers had driven north from the recaptured fortress of Dongkhe in pursuit of the communists.

These reports said French patrols also blanketed the countryside around Caobang, Moncay, Loakay and Dinhiap, watching for possible fresh communist outbreaks.

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