

7 in Seattle Held For Robbery

Seattle, April 1 (AP)—A police roundup last night and early today netted seven persons for questioning in connection with a series of Seattle and Portland robberies.

The six men and a woman were arrested in widely scattered raids in hotel and apartment buildings.

The arrests followed a tip from Portland police. Detective Sgt. I. A. O'Mera ordered the full homicide and robbery force into the dragnet operation which led to the arrests.

The room of one of the arrested men yielded three pistols and a paper sack filled with half dollars, quarters, dimes and nickels.

Police said two of the arrested men admitted robbing a Portland night club of \$1,000 before coming to Seattle yesterday.

All were held this forenoon without charge.

O'Mera said all members of the group were being questioned about the March 21 robbery here of the Sander fountain lunch office by a gang which tied up Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sander in their home while robbing their office safe.

Steel Plants Forced to Close

Pittsburgh, April 1 (AP)—The steel industry counted 38 blast furnaces banked today as the 18-day-old soft coal walkout bit deeper into national production. Another five will be closed within the next few days if the shutdown continues.

The 400,000 members of the United Mine Workers, idle to back up their demand for \$100 monthly pensions, today celebrated John L. Lewis day—also known in some areas as Mitchell day, in honor of the sponsor of the eight-hour working day.

Meanwhile, throughout the country more than 30,000 other workers were idle in steel, railroading and other industries closely allied to coal.

Coal-carrying railroads were hard hit. The Chesapeake and Ohio had furloughed 13,400 employees and the Baltimore and Ohio an estimated 6,000.

Other railroads reported these workers laid off: The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 670; the Virginian, 900; and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific, 200. The New York Central planned to lay off 723 at its East Buffalo yards and 800 at Cleveland by Saturday.

Birmingham, biggest industrial center of the south, reported steel production cut to approximately 68 percent of normal and about 3,000 workers were idled by the coal shortage.

'Klondike Kate' Weds Third Time

Vancouver, Wash., April 1 (AP)—Klondike Kate, queen of the Yukon, was married today for the third time since the turn of the century when she tamed a frontier full of not-so-dangerous Dan McGrews.

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Airplane Used for Capturing Smelt

Easy "fishing" in the Sandy this week has streamlined procedure for Salem's smelt fans.

There's no wasted time; no trouble. Here's how it can work: Four anglers—Ted Cotner, Howard Rice, Melvin Holt and "Mac" McClothlin—boarded a Stinson voyager at McNary field, landed at Trout-dale.

A short hike across a field brought them to the Sandy and they bucketed their limit within a half hour. The trip back was ended exactly an hour and a half after the takeoff.

McClothlin piloted the four-place ship.

Rainfall for March 5.01 In.

Rainfall for March was 5.01 inches or 1.13 inches above normal for the month with the wettest period between the 12th and 23rd when 4.16 inches were recorded at the U. S. weather bureau at McNary field. The greatest precipitation in any 24-hour period was 1.67 inches on the 21st.

Temperature for the month was 44 degrees or 2.5 degrees below the normal for the month. The mean maximum was 52.6 degrees and the mean minimum 35.4 degrees. The highest reading was 69 degrees on the 28th with a low of 27 degrees on the 4th and 23rd.

There were only two fair days during the month, with the two partly cloudy and the remaining 27 cloudy.

Greatest precipitation for March was 10.13 inches in 1894 with 1916 bringing 9.96 inches. Other above normal readings were 9.04 inches in 1904; 8.24 inches in 1938 and 8 inches in 1928.

Only twice since records have been kept has the rainfall dropped below the one-inch mark, the driest being 1911 with .59 inches followed by .64 inches in 1926. There were 5.72 inches in 1946 and 6.67 inches in 1945.

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Cherryland Board Meets

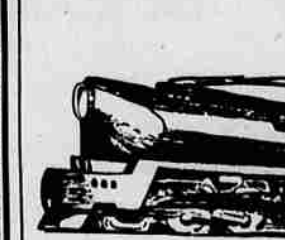
Meeting Wednesday night at the Chamber of Commerce members of the Cherryland Festival association board set the dates for the various events connected with 1948 festival and planned the program for the four-day celebration.

It had been decided to have nine members in the royal court this year, instead of the 11 of last year, with Marion and Polk counties divided into districts from which a princess will be selected. Princess selection night was set for the night of May 7 in Waller Hall on the Willamette university campus.

Queen selection night will be

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ITU Strikers Seek Contracts

Indianapolis, April 1 (AP)—The International Typographical union today ordered its striking locals to start new negotiations for contracts.

In a bulletin titled "instructions and advice," ITU headquarters warned that strikers' benefits would be withdrawn from locals failing to comply.

The bulletin announced ITU will "fully comply" with an injunction granted the government in federal court here last Saturday.

In that decree, Judge Luther M. Swygert forbade ITU officers to carry out the union's "conditions of employment" bargaining policy. Specifically, it prohibited discrimination against non-union printers.

The injunction, however, is temporary, hinging on the outcome of a current hearing before a national labor relations board examiner.

The ITU bulletin orders its striking locals to "notify their employers that they withdraw all previous offers and demands." These locals are instructed to "negotiate new agreements consistent with terms of the decree."

yesterday. The second plane, piloted by L. S. Kuriger, San Diego, Calif., had turned back because of bad weather.

Navy Helldiver Falls; One Killed

Rockaway, Ore., April 1 (AP)—A navy Helldiver plummeted to earth on a coast mountain east of here yesterday, killing the pilot soon after the plane left the Tillamook naval air base.

Loggers witnessed the plane's troubled flight, saw it fall and were the first to reach the scene. They said it appeared to have struck in a dive.

Navy officials at 13th district headquarters in Seattle withheld the name of the pilot pending notification of next of kin.

They reported the plane was one of two that left the Tillamook base at 1:30 p.m. (PST)

Privileges Enjoyed Make Obligations

The scales must balance, we must give as much as we receive, asserted Dean Seward P. Reese of Willamette university's law college as he urged reeducation to uphold the ideals of this country during a talk before the Salem Lions club Thursday noon.

The privileges we enjoy as American citizens must be balanced with the fulfillments of obligations that are essential to the success of a democracy, Dean Reese reiterated. He admitted that our government was not perfect but added that it has brought more freedom and greater privileges to the individual citizen than any other system throughout the world.

Dean Reese deplored the "debunking" so prevalent during the 20s and early 30s of certain individuals and groups who thought the entire country was

rotten because a few grafters had been brought to light. The Washington Monument cost \$1,187,710.

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