

Mystery Veils Korean Slaying

Seoul, June 27 (AP)—Korean President Syngman Rhee today promised the "full story" of rightist leader Kim Koo's assassination would be told when an investigation is completed. Mystery shrouded the case.

Kim, 73-year-old chief of the Korean Independence party, was slain in the bedroom of his heavily guarded home yesterday. Police identified the killer as an army lieutenant and member of Koo's party.

The Korean Pacific press agency said today Korean newspapers had been told to omit further military references. For this there was no explanation.

This was the original police account of the slaying of the veteran politician who had been a rival of Rhee, also a rightist, for leadership of the infant republic of Korea.

Four army officers, all members of Kim's opposition party, called on the aging leader at noon yesterday. Guards admitted them without question for Kim had feared only an assassination attempt by leftists.

One of the four officers, a second lieutenant identified only as Ahn, went upstairs for a private conference with Kim. Five minutes later four shots were heard. The other three rushed upstairs and found the lieutenant, a .45 caliber pistol in hand, standing over the dying political leader.

The three officers beat Ahn unconscious with furniture. He still was unable to talk today.

Senate Votes for 26 More Judges

Washington, June 27 (AP)—The senate today approved a bill creating 26 new federal circuit and district judges—one in Oregon.

Senator McGrath (D., R.I.) predicted President Truman will veto the measure because of a provision which he said "discriminated" against federal employees.

The provision places certain requirements on the president in selecting judges for the District of Columbia bench. McGrath contended it would have the general effect of barring appointment of government officials as judges. He tried to knock it out but lost, 41 to 25.

The legislation would create six additional circuit judges and 20 additional district judges.

The senate by voice vote approved a amendments which would create an additional temporary judgeship for the southern district of Texas, and make permanent the two judgeships in the western district of Oklahoma. One now is on a temporary basis.

The additional district judges would include:

- Two in the northern district of California; two in the southern district of California; one in the district of Oregon and one in the southern district of Texas.

Kaiser Planning Assembly Plants

Topeka, Kans., June 27 (AP)—Kaiser-Frazer will build 1,000 small final assembly plants throughout the United States if experimental units now under construction prove satisfactory.

Edgar F. Kaiser said here today. Kaiser, president of the Willow Run, Mich., automobile corporation, said 20-car-per-day assembly plants will be completed in about three months at Portland, Ore., and Los Angeles.

He said the plants will be an experiment in labor relations.

"It is my theory," Kaiser explained, "that we can obtain better labor relations with decentralization since it will enable management to establish closer personal contacts with workers than is possible in a large plant."

He said he thinks better labor relations will result in increased worker interest in his job. This, Kaiser said, would result in increased efficiency and a higher standard of job performance which would be reflected in a better product.

Kaiser, here for a dealers' conference, said the company definitely will build 1,000 of the 20-car-per-day plants if the Los Angeles and Portland branches produce expected results.

Nab Counterfeiters Near World Bank

Washington, June 27 (AP)—The secret service today seized a currency counterfeiting plant next door to the world bank and international monetary fund and arrested four men and one woman.

Secret Service Chief U. E. Baughman said the five were members of a ring which had circulated more than \$100,000 in counterfeit \$20 federal reserve notes.

The plant seizure and arrests came after the arrest in Cleveland over the week-end of a man who allegedly passed counterfeit currency.

Baughman announced that secret service agents had arrested:

- Eugene Hammond Creighton, 25; Walter Wilbur Kidwell, 30; William F. Hughes, 28, and his wife, Josephine Hughes, 25, and Arthur Behar, 35. All listed Washington addresses.

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Rural Phone Bill On Must List

Washington, June 27 (AP)—A bill to bring more telephones to the farms may get through the house this week with the help of a compromise move.

The rural telephone bill is next on the work-sheet after the house gets through the housing scrap. A fight has been building up over the phone measure too, particularly over a feature that would let the government lend money for expanding country phone service at 2 percent interest—less than the rate the treasury pays on some of the money it borrows.

Now the word is getting around from the democratic leadership that it might be a good idea to raise the rate in the bill to 2½ or 3 percent. And the author, Rep. Poage (D., Tex.), has indicated he is willing to go along on 2½ percent.

Poage's bill would let the rural electrification administration, which has spread electricity to thousands of farms, move into the telephone field. The REA would lend money to existing phone systems for expansion. Nobody else could even apply for loans the first six months.

Later, cooperative organizations of farmers could apply for loans.

Testimony Ends In Coplon Trial

Washington, June 27 (AP)—Testimony ended today in Judith Coplon's espionage trial and Federal Judge Albert L. Reeves promptly denied a defense motion for a directed verdict of acquittal.

Judge Reeves also denied a series of other defense motions, all designed to knock out the government's case against the former justice department worker.

It appeared almost certain that the case will reach the jury of eight men and four women on Wednesday.

"Each and every motion is denied," Judge Reeves said when Defense Attorney Archibald Palmer had finished talking.

Prosecuting and defense attorneys will make their final arguments tomorrow.

March of Dimes Made Over \$25 Million

New York, June 27 (AP)—The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis reported yesterday that a record total of \$25,728,000 was raised in the 1949 "March of Dimes."

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Bids Opened on 14 Highway Projects Costing \$3,100,000

Portland, Ore., June 27 (AP)—The Oregon state highway commission today opened bids on 14 highway projects in one of the busiest contract-letting meetings of the commission's history.

The bids today were part of a \$3,100,000 outlay the commission will make today and Tuesday. There were 16 additional projects on the Tuesday agenda.

The largest job included in today's bids was for grading and paving 5.2 miles of the Pacific highway west between Newberg and McMinnville. J. R. Taggart, Co., Salem, was low bidder at \$414,246.

Ten bids were submitted for grading, surfacing and oiling of 2.222 miles of the Columbia river highway east of The Dalles on the big Eddy-Dune section. This was part of a program to widen and straighten the road.

Newport Construction company and Kern and Kibbe, Portland, submitted a joint low bid of \$200,000.

Other low bids:

- Benton and Polk counties—Pedee-King Valley section of the Pacific highway, 6.78 miles of re-rolling. J. C. Compton, McMinnville, \$39,080.
- Lane county—Veneta-Fisher road section of the Richardson-Eugene secondary highway, 5.32 miles of pavement. Acme Construction company, Eugene, \$78,325.
- Lane county—Eugene (High street-Judkins Point) section of the Pacific highway, irrigating planting and seeding parkways. Stone's Rock and Landscaping company, \$25,920.
- Mahone county—Jamieson-Vale section of the John Day highway, 1.0 miles of surfacing and 17.36 miles of oiling. D. E. McKenzie, Silet, \$108,440.
- Polk county—Construction Ash Creek bridge on Monmouth-Independence highway. Werner and Jenke, Eugene, \$22,965.
- Washington county—Murray road-Multnomah county line section of the Sunset highway, 3.8 miles of bituminous seal. R. O. Dail, Portland, \$60,444.
- Yamhill county—Newberg (First street-Willamette street) section of the Hillabro-Silverton secondary highway. J. C. Compton, McMinnville, \$38,870.

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Ate Live Crab Shell and All

Chester, Pa., June 27 (AP)—Lawrence Johnson, 34-year-old stevedore, is apparently none the worse today after eating a live hard shelled crab he says weighed a pound and a half.

Johnson gobbled up the live crab on a dare Friday night in front of a Chester hotel and collected \$20 from Albert Richel, who did the daring.

Word got around Chester that Johnson had swallowed the crab whole and considerable interest developed over the possible after effects.

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Fight for Control Of Atomic Costs

Washington, June 27 (AP)—Two congressional committees appear headed for a fight over which is to control the atomic energy commission's spending.

The rumble of battle was heard over the week-end when a senate appropriations subcommittee voted, in the words of Chairman O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), to "establish a brake on expanding expenditures" of the atomic agency.

Hitherto, the senate-house atomic energy committee has been considered as having exclusive rights over atomic legislation.

Whether the full appropriations committee approves the subcommittee's action, the dispute is likely to boil over to the senate floor when senators are asked to approve the independent offices bill containing AEC money for the 12 months starting Friday.

The subcommittee plan would require the AEC to get budget bureau approval to (A) start new projects, or (B) raise the

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cost of those already started, where more than \$500,000,000 is involved.

If the budget director gave approval, he would be required to furnish a detailed explanation to the house and senate appropriations committees.

The subcommittee acted a week after Chairman McMahon (D-Conn.) of the senate-house atomic committee had announced a different approach to check AEC spending.

He drafted a bill requiring the AEC to come to an "agreement" with the joint committee before undertaking any projects costing \$1,000,000 or more.

The two approaches may well lead to a full-dress senate battle.

The joint committee's atomic investigation pushes into its fifth week tomorrow with good prospects that Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) will wind up his case before congress starts its July 4 recess.

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Fine, Prison for Tax Evader

Tacoma, June 27 (AP)—Leslie L. Francis, Spokane baking company executive, today was fined a total of \$9,000 and sentenced to six months imprisonment, for evasion of federal income taxes.

Federal Judge Charles H. Leavy fined Francis \$1,500 and sentenced him to six months in federal prison for each of the six counts on which he was recently convicted. The prison sentences are to be served concurrently.

Francis was sentenced after Leavy denied a motion for a new trial. He stood before the judge with eyes closed and massaged his head continuously as the sentence was read.

The former state athletic commission head is still subject to penalties and assessments running well over \$100,000, federal attorneys said. He was convicted of evading taxes totaling more than \$60,000 during the years of 1943-44-45.

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