



Found Guilty—Judith Coplon is consoled by her attorney, Archibald Palmer, after a federal court jury in Washington, D. C., found her guilty on two counts of stealing government secrets and intending to pass them on to Russia. (Acme Telephoto)

Judith Coplon Gets 40 Months

Washington, July 1 (AP)—Judith Coplon, still protesting her innocence but asking no mercy, today was sentenced to 40 months to 10 years in prison for stealing government secrets for Russia.

Federal Judge Albert L. Reeves could have given the former government girl a maximum penalty of 13 years in prison and a \$12,000 fine.

Just before the judge pronounced sentence, Miss Coplon stood and read a statement reaffirming her innocence. But she said she would not plead for mercy because that would be interpreted as a sign of guilt.

But the judge told her he could not imagine "a greater offense under the espionage act."

"I couldn't imagine a more extreme case except that she's a woman," Judge Reeves said.

The judge imposed the maximum sentence under the first count—the espionage count—and a sentence of from one to three years under the second count of taking secret government papers.

The white-haired jurist ordered, however, that the two sentences should run concurrently. This saved her from a still longer actual sentence that would have been possible.

La Vista Robbed

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The blond man then re-entered the Georges' bedroom and made a quick but thorough search of all dresser drawers. He took about \$85 from the pocket of George's pants, hanging beside the bed. George said later that he never carried more than a couple of dollars in his billfold, but that he had been paid the previous day and had not yet banked his money.

While the dark gunman kept his gun pointed, the blond bandit entered the basement. The robbers repeatedly asked if there were any guns in the house, and were told there were not.

It was dark in the basement, but the blond found a flashlight belonging to Baker and used it in the search.

The dark man ordered his prisoners downstairs. "They're coming downstairs, Rusty," he yelled.

That was the only clue left as to their names. When all six were in the basement, "Rusty" discovered a gun case, containing about a half dozen rifles and one pistol. Mrs. George later said that when he opened the gun closet, the bandit said:

"What? No guns? I just found a whole arsenal."

He was persuaded by his victims to leave them. Mrs. Baker pleaded with him to leave them because many were brought from overseas by her son.

Once the bandits showed their pistols directed against Baker and George, and warned them not to try "anything foolish."

Mrs. George was whispering to her husband when one snapped: "If you have anything to say, speak so we all can hear."

The bandits left, after directing the four to remain in the basement. About a minute later, one of the gunmen reappeared, saying he "just wanted to make sure you were still here."

They left by a door at the top of the stairs. State police found skid marks on Vista avenue, possibly from the bandits' car.

Neither man wore a mask and both wore heavy gloves. One wore an army jacket. Both used good English and no profanity.

Officer Glenn Foster brought a suspect to the cabin two hours later, but proof was definite he was not one of the robbers.

There were 15 guests at the auto court.



He Still Has These—Curtis Baker, proprietor of La Vista Auto court, 2990 South Commercial, holds his collection of rifles, for which he did some fast talking Friday morning. Baker and three others were held up by two armed robbers who took over \$100. The bandits found the guns in the basement, lifted them out of the gun closet and were about to carry them away when Baker dissuaded them. Baker said he had a special affection for the rifles because he had owned some of them since a boy. The robbers left the guns after ridding them of their shells.

Truman to Spend Fourth on Potomac

Washington, July 1 (AP)—President Truman will spend the Independence day week-end aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said today Mr. Truman will leave tomorrow morning for a cruise on the Potomac river and Chesapeake bay, returning Monday afternoon.

The president's daughter, Margaret, and some friends of hers will go along. Ross said the president does not plan to go ashore during the cruise.

Gen. Rilea's Mother Ill
Astoria, July 1 (AP)—Mrs. Mary Rilea, 77, mother of Maj. Gen. Thomas Rilea, Oregon's National Guard commander, is in a hospital here following a stroke suffered at her Camp Clatsop home. Her condition was reported somewhat improved.

Science Becomes Big Factor In Farm Production in U. S.

Washington (AP)—Threats of new farm surpluses, with prospects of a return to government production controls, raise this question:

Can government planning of farm output keep pace with science?

With foreign markets for many agricultural products falling off and with imports of some competitive products increasing, the agriculture department faces the problem of cutting domestic production of a number of commodities.

Yet day by day science is showing the farmer how to produce more and more on less and less land and with fewer hours of labor.

This tug-o-war is leading many farm leaders to debate the effectiveness of one of the major measures now authorized by law for holding down farm output. That measure is the acreage allotment.

When the government decides there is need to reduce production of a crop, it sets up a system of acreage allotments. Under it, the agriculture department sets a production goal for the particular crop. Then it says that on the basis of past average yields per acre, it would take so many acres of land to produce the goal.

But the government has no assurance that the crop will be kept within the goal, even if every farmer stays within his allotment. It is possible for farmers to boost the yield above the past average by using more fertilizer, new and higher-yielding varieties of seed, and improved harvesting machinery.

A boost of two bushels an acre in the yield would, in this case, produce a surplus of about 133,000,000 bushels of wheat above the goal.

This inability to forecast yields per acre has been a major headache in government efforts to cope with costly potato surpluses of recent years. Last year, for example, the harvested acreage was the smallest in nearly seven decades. Yet the crop almost equalled a record set in 1943.

What happened? Farmers applied more fertilizers. They used the newest insecticides.

Big problems appear to be rising in connection with corn surpluses. Recent studies on use of fertilizers on this vital livestock feed crop show that vast increases are possible in yields per acre.

Last year, for example, 44 per cent more corn was produced on 23 per cent fewer acres than the average for the 1929-34 period. Farmers are quickly learning that they can increase yields—and returns—tremendously by applying fertilizer side-dressing to corn during the growing season.

As more and more farmers learn of the possibilities of thus boosting yields, the production pattern of the country will be upset and government planning to curb surpluses will become more and more complicated.

Court Street Again Open to Traffic

After being closed for about two months, while the under-street tunnel was being built between the new state office building and the State House, Court street was reopened Friday afternoon.

During the construction of the tunnel Highway 99E traffic has detoured from Court at Summer to Chemeketa to North Capitol.

Hop Contracts Signed

Purchase of 30,000 pounds of fuggles hope at 48 cents a pound by John I. Haas, Inc., Washington, D. C., brokerage, is announced by Oregon City where contracts were recorded this week. Fifth sales were for hops grown in Clackamas county by V. H. Jacobson, Woodburn Rt. 2, who sold 10,000 pounds from his 15 acres 10 miles north of Mt. Angel and Peter Scymanski, Silverton Rt. 1, who sold 20,000 pounds growing on a 21-acre tract four and a half miles east of Mt. Angel.

Granddaughter of Herbert Hoover Weds

Pasadena, Calif., July 1 (AP)—Margaret Ann Hoover, 23-year-old granddaughter of former President Herbert Hoover, honeymooned at an undisclosed spot today with Richard Tatem Brigham, 23, of Newton Highlands, Mass.

Dr. C. Pardee Erdman performed the marriage ceremony last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Jr., the bride's parents. Among the socialites attending were Brigham's uncle and aunt, Gov. and Mrs. Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey.

The couple will live in Newton Center, Mass.

Eastside, Westside Fight for Building

Portland, July 1 (AP)—The state board of control has the old east side-west side argument in its lap now.

The board, which inspected sites here yesterday for the new \$2,500,000 state office building, was urged by the city planning commission to choose a west side location, nearing existing government buildings.

But Harry Pedersen, planning commissioner and president of the East Side Commercial club, submitted a minority report saying the new building should be on the east side.

The state board will consider the matter.

New Modern Service Station Is Completed

Stayton—Saturday will mark the grand opening of what is said to be the most modern service station between Salem and Bend when the new Richfield station which Charles S. Morgan of Stayton has recently completed on Highway 222 at the east city limits of Mill City will begin serving customers.

Ed Krohn, Jr., of Liberal has leased the station from Morgan and will operate it. Opening at 7 a. m. Saturday, there will be free balloons for the children and gardenias for the ladies. Prizes will be awarded during the day.

Comrade Konstantinov Runs Out Of Postcard Space to Air Complaints

New York (AP)—This is the story of V. Konstantinov and his piano, as related in the Literary Gazette of Moscow:

"I like the piano very much in the store. But as soon as the instrument was delivered to my apartment, disillusionment and chagrin set in.

"First of all, the key was badly fitted to the lock and only yielded to very strong pressure. The woodwork facing of the left leg fell off. Examining the body of the piano in bright light I discovered small cracks and uneven lacquer.

"In the course of a week several keys began to stick and others utterly ceased to produce sound.

"The piano tuner warned that the piano would 'play tricks' for another year and only after this period would work properly."

The piano, it seems, was manufactured by the Red October factory in Leningrad.

Konstantinov again: "Accompanying the piano was a return reply card in which the factory management requested information on any shortcomings in the instrument. Unfortunately, this modest postcard is too small for all my grievances against the comrades of the Red October factory."

The Literary Gazette has been conducting a campaign against "unattractive and poorly made goods." Konstantinov's plaint, printed among letters from readers, was translated by the current digest of the Soviet press.

Forgard President Woodburn Merchants

Woodburn—E. M. (Bud) Forgard of the M & F grocery was elected president of the Woodburn Merchants' association at the second meeting of the group held this week. Other officers named are Walter Scarborough, Jr., vice president and E. E. Piper, secretary-treasurer.

A constitution and by-laws was adopted by the association and regular meetings set for the first and third Wednesdays of the month. All Woodburn merchants are eligible to membership.

The next meeting will be held July 6 at 8 o'clock at the Woodburn branch of the First National bank.

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