



**On-Again-Off-Again Blockade**—Trucks halted by guards at Russian check-point near Marienborn await clearance to proceed from Berlin to West Germany after Soviets imposed new restrictions on western truck traffic in their on-again-off-again blockade. Russian gestures toward a new all-out Berlin blockade began after U.S. authorities in Berlin invoked a law permitting idle space to be requisitioned and occupied the vacant 600-room headquarters of the Soviet-controlled railway administration in western Berlin. The Russians removed rail restrictions after the U.S. ordered return of the building to the Soviets. (Acme Telephoto.)

### Oregon Editor Tells Reaction To Verdict in Hiss Trial

(Editor's Note: This delayed dispatch by Robert W. Ruhl, editor of the Medford Mail-Tribune, gives the impressions of probably the only Oregonian observer at the trial of Alger Hiss. Because of Ruhl's reactions, his column in the Medford paper is reprinted.)

"New York City, N. Y., Jan. 22—Well it's all over! "The Hiss verdict is guilty on both counts and we must conclude—somewhat regretfully—that 'Alger Hiss is one of the greatest actors since Edwin Booth and one of the greatest liars since Ananias'.

"We must also grant this: Alger Hiss remained a great actor and liar to the end. "Mr. Hiss maintained the same air of self-assurance, dignity and stoical calm when the jury's fateful verdict was announced, as he had for the 40 days his inquisition lasted. As far as he, his reputation, his future, his place in history is concerned—if—any—it was a death sentence. With that one word 'guilty,' all he had accomplished, all he had done, all he had hoped for, fell around him in ruins.

"Yet as far as anyone in that courtroom could determine, Hiss was no more disturbed or dismayed, no more crushed or cast down than he had been since the trial started. Outwardly he left the courtroom in the same quiet, unassuming way, with the same perfectly self-controlled, fluid-flow drive and self-respecting manner, maintained last November when he entered it.

"Frankly, we are stumped. "The Hiss trial is over, but the mystery lingers on. In one direction your correspondent agrees with Whittaker Chambers

who, when interviewed doing his daily chores on his Maryland farm following the verdict said, with customary complacency: "I do not see what else the jury could have done."

"After the evidence presented and the story told by Chambers—which in its main contentions was never refuted—we agree. "The only hypothesis that made sense in view of the evidence and particularly the typewriter, was the guilt of Mr. Hiss. "Nothing else added up—nothing else was at all convincing. "We admit our SYMPATHIES were with Mr. and Mrs. Hiss—and still are. Throughout the trial we tried to arrive at some reasonable explanation based upon their innocence, but had to admit when the trial ended, the attempt had failed.

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**Hiss Sentenced**—Alger Hiss, former state department expert who advised the late President Roosevelt at Yalta, and his wife, Priscilla, leave subway exit under the Federal Building in New York, where he appeared for sentencing on two perjury convictions. Sentenced for lying about his 1938 co-operation with a communist spy ring, Hiss received five years on each perjury count, the sentences to run concurrently. (Acme Telephoto)

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### Middle Grove Society Guest

East Salem, Jan. 27—An all-day meeting of the Middle Grove Women's Society for World Service was held at the home of Mrs. Emory Goode. Devotions were led by Mrs. Cleo Keppinger, followed by a report on the book "Japan Begins Again," also by Mrs. Keppinger. Mrs. Will Schars gave a talk on "Stewardship."

A covered-dish luncheon was served at noon. Twelve ladies attended including two guests, Mrs. Plane and Mrs. Reynolds. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Hammer on Silverton road.

Auburn — The Monroe Avenue Sewing club met Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. John Meiers on Osborne avenue. Sewing were Mrs. Willis Holt, Mrs. Steve Irving, Mrs. Henry Hanson, Mrs. Wilfred Willer, Mrs. Hugh Williams, Mrs. Stuart Johns, a guest, Mrs. Ralph Steinnett and the hostess.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johns of Monroe avenue were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lenninger and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Willer and Freddy and Dorothy.

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we can't—emotionally—now. It all remains unbelievable. "And that is what convicted Hiss—the doubt that Chambers in this particular instance was lying. And the strength of that doubt made any REASONABLE doubt of Hiss' guilt, difficult if not impossible. "So at last we find ourselves in agreement with former Senator John Foster Dulles—a rare experience.

Dulles, who appeared against Mr. Hiss near the close of the trial, on being informed of the verdict said: "The conviction of Alger Hiss is a human tragedy. "It is tragic that so great promise should have come to so inglorious an end. "But the greater tragedy is that seemingly our national ideals no longer inspire the loyal devotions needed for their defense."

### Young Gambler Startles Crowd By Handing Out \$3000 in Tips

Cannes, France, Jan. 27 (AP)—A tall, thin gambler from Argentina left fellow gamblers and croupiers of the municipal casino here goggle-eyed early Thursday when he handed out more than \$3,000 in tips and gave away millions of the francs he had won.

The man registered at the Carleton hotel as Alfonso Renald Rosen, 24, of Buenos Aires.

He sauntered into the Casino, played number 32 at three roulette tables simultaneously and within three hours had won 2,500,000 francs (about \$7,000).

When he came back after dinner he lost \$10,000 right off the bat. Playing the maximum sum on the last 12 numbers of the roulette wheel, on three tables simultaneously, he recouped in the next two hours.

Then turning to his companion, Madame Alvarez Salvador with a smile, ordered number 26 played on all tables.

In one spin of the wheel he won about \$3,500.

Turning to the croupiers, he said in French: "Play 26 again

### Gunshot Fatal To George Love

George E. Love, who served as state commander of the American Legion in Oregon in 1927 and 1928, died in a Portland hospital Thursday as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

He is reported to have been despondent over ill health resulting from a back injury last March. He underwent a spinal operation January 9, leaving the hospital a few days ago.

Love took over the home sales department of the World War I veterans state aid commission Portland office in 1936, a position he held four years. Later he operated his own home-selling office and then joined the staff of the Metzger-Parker Real Estate company in 1939. He was appointed one of the 16 senior appraisers in the Portland chapter of the Society of Residential Appraisers in March, 1948.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Margaret E. Love, and a son, Rollin George Love, both of Portland. Funeral services will be held from the J. P. Finley & Son mortuary in Portland at 11 o'clock Saturday.

### Teacher Quits Again

Lyons—Mrs. Leora Stevens, principal of the Mari-Linn school in Lyons, has announced her intention to quit teaching at the expiration of the present term. She has given this early notice to permit others to apply early. Mrs. Stevens has been announcing her intention to stop teaching year after year but has

### Four Corners Grade Pupils Present Program at School

Four Corners, Jan. 27—The second grade students with Mrs. Katharine Toycken as teacher presented the first of a series of programs at the Lincoln school (Four Corners) before the school, parents and guests. Flag salute was led by Bill Grief, with Miss Shirley Payne leading the singing, accompanied by Mrs. Toycken. Piano selections were given by Linda Lee Capps, Sherrill White and Rita Holman; readings by Lois Smith, Patty Backe, Kent DeBerry and Kenneth Brant; a skit, "Clementine," was given with Danny Yarnell as the miner and Arlyce Slack as Clementine.

Arthur V. Myer, principal, welcomed the parents and visitors. New Monitors appointed for the entire school are "Butch" Kleen, Tony Carnine, David Larsen, Faye Futrell, Judith Ediger, Edward Williams, Paul Schaberg, Janice Phillips, JoAnna Weekly, Jean Chrisman, Marilyn Snook, Twila Rickman, Jo Gannon, Ruth Stryker, Darrel Stafek, Denise Miller, Carl Edwards, Mike Whitman, Paul Stone, Patsy Etzel, Randal South, Carol Evans, Ronald Coulter, Eric Pedersen, Gary Pedersen, John Zimmerman, Roger Wells, Clifford Granski, Donna Meyer, Barbara Kleen, Olha Rouse, Vernon Vogt, Judy Scott, Mary Salisbury.

### Hobby Club Meets

The "Hobbyists," a club fea-



**Family at Trial**—Carol Ann Paight (left), 21, is on trial in Bridgeport, Conn., for second degree "mercy" murder of her policeman father, who was ill with cancer, in a Stamford, Conn., hospital. The penalty on conviction is life imprisonment. During recess her mother, Mrs. Mary Paight, holds her daughter's hand. Brother Carl W. Paight, Jr., at right. (AP Wirephoto.)

### Blonde, 21, Keeps Stony Calm In Her 'Mercy Killing' Trial

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 27 (AP)—Blonde Carol Ann Paight, 21, who killed her cancer-doomed father because she felt sorry for him, listened with stony calm Thursday while the state's first witness at her murder trial testified that the fatal bullet was fired from a distance of only "between two and five feet."

The state's case is the first "mercy killing" trial of this New England manufacturing town, began with the testimony of Dr. John G. Snavely, pathologist at the Stamford hospital. He performed an autopsy on the body of Stamford Police Sergeant Carl W. Paight, 52, soon after his daughter fired a bullet through his brain with his own service pistol.

A superior court jury of nine middle-aged mothers and three middle-aged fathers was completed an hour and 40 minutes after court opened for the third trial day.

Two alternates, both middle-aged mothers, were selected. The jury was sworn in five minutes later, and then State's Attorney Lorin W. Willis called his witness.

Snavely said Paight's death was caused "by a bullet wound of the head with fractures of the skull and traumatic lacerations of the brain."

The pathologist said a "subsidiary diagnosis" was that Paight had a cancer of the peritoneum which was impossible to remove surgically. The peritoneum is the sac which holds the internal organs of the abdomen.

Carol killed her father after a surgeon told her he could not be cured and had only six months to live. She will plead temporary insanity.

A conviction on the second degree murder charge on which she was being tried, would make it mandatory for Presiding Judge John A. Cornell to sentence her to prison for life.

**Kiwanians Pick Seattle**  
Seattle, Jan. 27 (AP)—The 1952 national Kiwanis convention will be held here June 8-11, Seattle Kiwanians were informed yesterday.

### Gardeners to Meet

The Four Corners Garden club will meet on February 2 in the Community hall at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. David Behm will present the program. Hostesses: Mrs. Andrew Messman, Mrs. George Bixler, Mrs. Roy Case, Mrs. Frank South.

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### Proud Sons of Texas Just About 'Killing' Newest Star

By JOHN ROSENBERG  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Jan. 27 (AP)—The proud sons of Texas are killing lovely Kate Murtah, Broadway's newest star. She said today that after each performance at the Mark Hellinger theater, they knock down her dressing room door, playfully crack knuckles with a handshake and roar:

"L'il gal, ah just know you're going to learn the truth."  
"But," she said, "I'm from California. Furthermore, I invented my accent the day I tried out for my part. I tried to protest, but after the first 14 failures I gave up. Those Texas boys are so proud!"

Miss Murtah, a busty brunette who stands six feet in her nylon, said her size also led the Texans to believe she was from the Lone Star state. Then too, the title of her vehicle "Texas L'il Darlin'" lends authenticity to the illusion.

If the title carried the name of any other state, like New York, or California, or Delaware, it would be all right," she said. "But no. It had to be Texas!"

The name alone, she said, was too much to cope with. She gave this example: "A stagehand whistled 'The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You' just before the curtain went up one night. You know what happened? Everyone in the house stood up."

But the clincher to Miss Murtah's antecedents—as far as her Parisian audience is concerned—is her role. She plays the part of a Texas temptress who makes passionate love to the leading man so he will forget the heroine.

As one of her admirers put it: "Shug-uh chille, they ain't no love like love of a Texas gal." Miss Murtah said she didn't mind the misrepresentation for a while, but now she's getting worried.

"You know," she said, "I've never had so many dates in my life. And these Texas boys are so—so, well, nice."  
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