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### Mickey Cohen Freed by Jury

Los Angeles, March 9 (AP)—Mickey Cohen, four of his henchmen and two police officers are free today of charges they conspired to obstruct justice in the famous police "hush-up" case.

A verdict of acquittal was brought in by a jury of 11 women and one man yesterday. Spectators, presumably relatives and friends, cheered wildly.

Acquitted with Cohen were Jimmy Rist, Eli Lubin, Harold Meltzer and Lou Schwartz, and the two officers, Lt. Clarence Swan and Sgt. W. S. Wolfe. They were charged with conspiring to assault Alfred Pearson, radio repairman, and of conspiring to obstruct justice.

Only recently Cohen was freed of a charge of disturbing the peace by calling police nasty names. He has a long record of arrests but no convictions since a six-month bookmaking rap here in 1941. Four years ago he shot and killed Maxie Shuman in a dispute over a bet, but claimed self-defense and was never prosecuted.

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### Younger Generation Getting 'Candyholic'

Portland, March 9 (AP)—The Oregon State Dental Association began winding up its convention today after hearing a charge that the younger generation is becoming "candyholic."

That was the term used by James Robinson, executive secretary of the Southern California State Dental association, for youngsters' tendency to eat sugar—in gum, candy, soda pop—all day long.

The result, Robinson said, is bad teeth.

He criticized the oldsters, too, who "are going to the dogs. People in the United States spend more money for dog food than they do to keep their mouths healthy. They spend more annually for cosmetics than for all the medical and dental care in the country."

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### Austin Asks Cut in Troops

Vienna, Austria, March 9 (AP)—Austria has asked the four occupying powers to reduce their forces here, pay their own occupation costs and give up most of their rights in this country, Foreign Minister Karl Gruber told parliament today.

The foreign minister said a note listing Austrian proposals has been sent to Moscow, London, Paris and Washington. The proposals envisage reducing the occupation armies to mere token forces with little power to interfere in Austrian affairs.

The United States already is paying her own occupation costs. Austria wants Russia, France and Britain to do the same. Most of the proposals obviously were directed at the Russians rather than the west.

The Austrians want the four powers to return housing which they have requisitioned and to abolish military courts' jurisdiction over Austrian citizens.

### Third Worst Year For Salmon Pack

Astoria, March 9 (AP)—The Columbia river salmon packing industry had its third worst year in history last year, figures released by the Pacific Fishermen's yearbook indicated today.

Only 178,122 cases of salmon were packed last year, far below the 62-year average of 292,334. Only two years—1943 and 1945—were worse.

"The frequent recurrence of such failures," said packers, "is a source of growing alarm."

Smaller fish runs, winter ice in the river, longer closed periods, and a 24-day fishermen's strike were all factors in the low pack.

### 1500 Empty Boxcars End Oregon Shortage

Roseburg, March 9 (AP)—The Southern Pacific railway assured Douglas county lumber shippers yesterday the possibility of an acute spring boxcar shortage had been averted.

The railroad said 1,500 empty cars had been delivered to the Portland division over the past week-end, another 500 added on Monday and more were coming.

The report was an answer to warnings by lumbermen's associations that shortages this spring might critically hamper the region's lumber operations.

### Statue of Liberty For Philippines

New York, March 9 (AP)—Plans to erect in the Philippines an eight-and-a-half foot copy of the Statue of Liberty were announced today by the New York City office of Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, chief of the Philippine mission to the United Nations.

The statue will be a gift from the Boy Scouts of America to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

The Philippines will be the first independent nation to receive such a statue. The American Boy Scouts plan to erect 4,000 similar copies in the United States.

Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America, presented General Romulo with an inscribed miniature of the statue.

In accepting the model statue, General Romulo reminded the presentation committee that he had been a first class scout and that his sons Carlos Llama, Jr., and Gregorio both attained Eagle scout rank.

"I am grateful and I am sure that the Boy Scouts of the Philippines are grateful," he said.

The statue, stamped out of sheet copper in 47 pieces and brazed together, will leave San Francisco on March 25 and will be erected in Manila sometime in April.

### Budworm Spraying Program Mapped

Portland, March 9 (AP)—The aerial spraying of nearly 1,000,000 acres of Oregon forests to control spruce budworm has been mapped by the federal government.

The federal government yesterday called for bids on 550,000

### Workers Back On Railroads

Pittsburgh, March 9 (AP)—The nation's railroads recalled thousands of furloughed workers today as the government removed most of the schedule curtailments ordered during the recent soft coal strike.

Steel and other affected industries also headed their stalled production toward normal.

United Mine Worker members in virtually all the soft coal fields were back in the mines digging needed coal.

The Interstate Commerce Commission said all restrictions on freight service by coal-using railroads will be lifted at 11:59 p.m. (local time) tonight.

Restrictions also were lifted on passenger service effective at 11:59 p.m. (local time) Friday for coal-burning railroads having less than 10 days supply.

Those roads were given permission to return passenger service to 75 percent effective the night of March 10. Passenger service on all coal-burning railroads was cut 50 percent by an ICC order issued last month when the coal shortage became acute.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad ordered 6,161 furloughed workers back to their jobs today.

### Oregon Bandit Dies in Alcatraz

San Francisco, March 9 (AP)—Oregon bank robber Lloyd Barkdoll is dead of a heart attack in the Alcatraz prison hospital. He had complained of chest pains while in the yard, collapsed and died shortly afterward.

Barkdoll had served a little more than 12 years of his 147 year sentence in the July, 1937, John Day, Ore., bank robbery and the kidnapping of the bank cashier.

In 1941 he was one of four life termers thwarted in an escape plot. He and the others seized four guards as hostages, barricaded themselves in a prison cell corner and tried vainly for three hours to saw through a window. They finally gave up.

Lloyd Barkdoll, prisoner who died yesterday at Alcatraz, did time twice in Oregon State penitentiary. He was sent up first in 1928 from Coos county and in 1934 from Douglas county, both times for larceny.

On the bank robbery charges he served in the federal prisons at Leavenworth, McNeil's Island and Alcatraz, being transferred from one to the other.

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gallons of DDT-oil mixture. The state of Oregon earlier had opened bids on 500,000 gallons.

The state operation will spray 170,000 acres near Kinzua; 130,000 acres near Ukiah; 100,000 acres near Starkey and La Grande; 85,000 near Joseph and

Flora; and 15,000 in two small units near Springfield and Roseburg. The federal agencies plan to spray 310,000 acres near Elgin and Meacham; 80,000 near Enterprise; 30,000 near the Warm Springs Indian reserva-

tion; two units of 40,000 acres each near Oakridge and Santiam Pass.

Before John Adams wed Abigail Smith, her clergyman fa-

ther opposed the match with the text, "My daughter is grievously tormented with a devil," according to the Encyclopedia Americana. Adams followed Washington as president; she became a famous writer.

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