



Winter Wonderland—Visitors to Niagara Falls brave a cold wind to view Prospect Point Gorge in winter dress from the ice-crusted parapet alongside the American Falls.

Charges Defense of Bridges Aided by U.S. Communist Party

San Francisco, March 17. —(AP)—Prosecutor F. Joseph Donohue charged Thursday in an objection-riddled final argument that the defense of Harry Bridges is being aided by "national officers of the communist party."

His allegations met with a shout of protest from defense attorney James MacInnis who demanded Judge George B. Harris find Donohue guilty of misconduct. But the judge let the prosecutor's remark stand.

Donohue also drew a strong protest from the defense when he posed this question to the jury:

"Is Mr. Bridges more afraid of the communist party than he is of the results or effects of your verdict?"

His remark was made as he pointed out for the jury the fact the defense did not cross-examine George Wilson, Los Angeles newspaperman.

Bridges is on trial on charges that he lied at his naturalization hearing in 1945 when he swore he was not and never had been a communist. The case has been on trial for more than four months and may go to the jury within two weeks.

"The defense has been aided by the considerable resources of the ILWU and by the national officers of the communist party," Donohue said.

Then he went on to quote from a portion of the 1,500,000 word transcript questions the defense put to Lawrence Seton Ross, a government witness, in which Ross was asked about his alleged application for membership in the communist party in 1927 in New York City.

"Where did they (the defense) get this information?" he asked the jury of eight men and four women.

MacInnis jumped to his feet and again objected, but Donohue went on:

"Isn't it apparent that the defense, with the communist party at its elbows, is more able to get information on former members of the party than government agents?"

Then Donohue attacked the defense's oft-repeated claim that the government witnesses—nine of whom said they once were communists—were "friends and pals" of the prosecution.

In reality they were Bridges' comrades in the communist party," Donohue said.

He went on to explain to the jury that it could not be established that Bridges was a member of the communist party from testimony of persons who were not in the party or from persons who still are in the party "because we know if the latter were called, they would testify falsely."

"Who better than John Schomaker (an admitted ex-communist who was a star prosecution witness) would know that Bridges is a communist?" Donohue asked.

Donohue was expected to finish today summing up for the prosecution. Then MacInnis and Hallinan take their turn—and they have asked for five full court days to sum up for the defense. Donohue gets a chance at rebuttal, then the explosive case will go to the jury after Harris' instructions.

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Ingrid's Husband Charges She's Unfit to Have Their Child

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON

Hollywood, March 17. —(AP)—Attorney for Ingrid Bergman's husband charged today that the movie star is "unfit" to take custody of their 12-year-old daughter Pia.

"Miss Bergman has apparently abandoned the child," the attorney said. "We will assert that she is not a fit and proper person to have custody."

Ingrid Coming Back to Fight

Los Angeles, March 17. —(AP)—Ingrid Bergman is coming back to the United States and her husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom, is preparing to meet her head on in the fight for custody of their 12-year-old daughter Pia.

It will be the first face-to-face showdown between the couple since the actress went to Stromboli, fell in love with Roberto Rossellini and had a child by him.

The actress also was faced with the possibility of having to battle to re-enter the country. In Washington, Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.) put a letter in the senate record saying neither Miss Bergman or Rossellini should be permitted to enter the United States.

Johnson, head of the senate commerce committee, wrote to Chairman Wayne Coy of the federal communications commission, urging that the actress and her Italian director-lover be barred from American television as "immoral characters."

New Cattle Disease Appears

Veterinary authorities today warned cattle owners to be on the lookout for leptospirosis, a dangerous cattle disease which first appeared in this county six years ago and appears to be spreading.

"Symptoms of the disease vary so widely that cows may be stricken without the owner's knowing it," an American Foundation for Animal Health bulletin reports, but sudden illness, loss of appetite, fever, depression and thick milk are all suspicious signs.

"Owners may think some light cases are only indigestion, particularly since the cow may recover without serious illness. In other cases, however, the disease strikes hard, killing many animals."

"Recovered animals may act as disease carriers for a considerable length of time, so even 'light' cases may be dangerous."

"The only sure way of determining if leptospirosis is present is through blood tests and isolation of the disease-causing organism. If cattle owners suspect an outbreak of the disease, they should obtain a veterinary diagnosis immediately, since the sooner blood transfusions and medical treatment are started, the better the chance of saving the affected animals and preventing the disease from spreading."

Unionvale—A serenade was held at their home complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Harness, recently married. There were 25 relatives and friends attending. The customary treats were served.

Potato Stocks on March 1 Record High

Washington, March 17. —(AP)—Potato stocks from the 1949 crop in the hands of growers and dealers on March 1 totaled 87,690,000 bushels, a record high for that date.

Agriculture department officials predicted the government may have to take about one-third of the total off the market under its price support program. As of March 1, the government had purchased only 30,000,000 bushels of surplus potatoes.

About 1,300,000,000 pounds of butter are produced in the United States annually.

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Safeway Stores, Inc., today had a writ of review of recent proceedings that resulted in the firm being denied an application to sell Portland-processed milk in its Salem store.

Circuit Judge James W. Crawford granted the writ in Portland after the firm filed a petition aimed against a ruling by Thomas L. Ohlsen, milk marketing administrator. The writ means that the court will review records of Ohlsen's proceedings.

Safeway asked for permission last November to sell milk and cream processed and paper-packaged in its Lucerne plant here for sales in Salem stores. The milk and cream would be purchased from producers already holding a Salem market quota.

Ohlsen ordered a hearing on the request because he considered it to be an attempt by Safeway to get an extension of the firm's processor-distributor license to cover the Salem sales area.

Safeway contended that it was not trying to extend its license

Tall Politician Under Arrest

Santa Fe, N. M., March 17

(AP)—Ingram B. Pickett, seven-foot tall political rebel who is running for governor of New Mexico, was arrested Thursday on a warrant charging him with mis-use of state property after he used an official automobile to attend his own wedding.

An agent for the district attorney served Pickett with the arrest warrant in his office at member of the state corporation the state capitol where he is a commissioner. Pickett said he would report to the district attorney at 1:30 p.m.

The arrest does not interrupt Pickett's night-and day vigil outside the door of the statehouse which began March 7. His son, Ingram Pickett, Jr., is holding the spot to guarantee that Pickett is first in line for filing as a candidate in the democratic primary.

Pickett admitted freely earlier today that he drove an official state car from Santa Fe to Albuquerque last Saturday for his wedding. And he said he had hoped that the "big shots and king-makers" in the state administration would try to take the car away from him.

"If they refuse to let me use

a car for personal business," he declared, "then I can insist that no state car be used by state officials and employees for political work against me during the campaign."

Pickett said he would make his arrest a "test case" to determine the strength of the law which forbids use of state-owned cars for personal business.

Sohn in Hospital
Sejo—Gary Sohn was taken to Lebanon recently and had an appendectomy. He returned to his home this week. Gary is in the third grade.

Bottleneck—If you're a puzzle expert, here's a bottleneck for you. The story that came with this picture from Sydney, Australia, was this: the mouse squeezed himself through the neck of the bottle, then began to eat the birdseed in it. The more he ate, the lower down into the bottle he went—and the bigger he became. He spent a whole day in the bottle, the story goes, until someone found him and set him loose. How? That's the bottleneck. Nobody explained that. (AP Wirephoto)

No Admirals In the Marines
Washington, March 17. —(AP)—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson sometimes gets his generals and admirals mixed up. When they're marines, anyhow.

Members of a house appropriations subcommittee informed Gen. C. B. Gates, marine corps commandant, that his boss called him "Admiral Gates" twice at a previous hearing.

"I thanked him for the compliment," said Gates.

Whether "what has happened" would be mentioned in the suit Pacht couldn't say. Miss Bergman left Hollywood a year ago to romance on the Isle of Stromboli with Italian movie director Roberto Rossellini, who claims he is the father of her son born Feb. 2. A week later she got a Mexican divorce and they plan to be married.

Miss Bergman's statements about the Mexican divorce in her suit are an "impertinent affront" to California courts, Pacht said. And he said a federal court decision only Wednesday holding Mexican divorces invalid would certainly be part of the case.

Rossman Urges Uniform Laws
An article on 'Uniformity of Law' written by Supreme Court Justice George Rossman is given lead position in the March issue of the American Bar association Journal.

The article deals with the reason for diversity of laws in the various states and recommends adoption of the proposed uniform commercial code by the legislature when it is submitted. Only through adoption of such a code, Justice Rossman says, can uniformity in laws throughout the nation be achieved.

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