



London Wedding—South African-born actress Zoe 'Gail and American comic Bert Bernard leave London's Caxton Hall (March 17) after their wedding. The bride is wearing a coolie-style hat made in spotted silk and topped off with a tiny mushroom decoration. (AP Wirephoto)

Old Marriage Ban on Skids

The senate voted 21 to 7 Tuesday to repeal Oregon's 85-year-old law which bans interracial marriages. The bill goes to the house.

The law prohibits white persons from marrying Negroes, Indians, Chinese or Hawaiians. The repealer was asked by Governor Douglas McKay's council on Indian affairs, since Indian leaders said the law discriminates against their race.

The law was passed in 1866. It provides jail sentences of three months to a year for persons entering such marriages. Any person who issues a license to such a couple or performs such a marriage can get the same penalty, plus a fine of \$100 to \$1,000.

Opponents of the bill argued it isn't fair to the children of mixed marriages to allow such marriages to be performed.

But the sponsors contended that marriage is a personal right, subject to the laws of God, and the state has no right to ban any kind of marriage.

Sen. Philip Hitchcock, Klamath Falls, one of the sponsors, said the present law "is a disgrace to the state of Oregon. It is an insult to the other races."

Sen. Marie Wilcox, Grants Pass, said several veterans, who have married girls overseas who belong to races other than white, had asked her to support the bill so they could bring their wives home.

Voting against the bill were Sens. Rex Ellis and Carl Engdahl, both of Pendleton; Angus Gibson, Junction City; Frank H. Hilton and Thomas R. Mahoney, both of Portland; Eugene E. Marsh, McMinnville; and Jussell Gardner, Newport.

Plant to Produce Dried Human Blood

Chicago, March 21 (AP)—Armour and Company, meat packers, has begun building a plant at Fort Worth, Tex., to produce dried human blood plasma for the army.

The plant, which will cost \$850,000 is expected to process up to 15,000 pints of blood a month.

The work will be done under army contract, the company announced today.

Attlee Goes To Hospital

London, March 21 (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee entered a hospital today for a rest and treatment of a duodenal ulcer.

The ulcer, in the duodenum or upper colon, also hospitalized the 68-year-old labor government chief three years ago. Aides said the length of Attlee's stay in the hospital is undetermined, but he will definitely be out in time to make a scheduled political broadcast on March 31.

Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison, who also is foreign secretary, will preside over cabinet meetings in his chief's absence.

Attlee's hospitalization coincided with a warning from the London labor party's executive committee to its followers to be prepared for "the possibility of an early parliamentary election."

Sources close to the party leadership say the labor government intends to fend off a new national election until at least October if possible.

Congress Gives Marine Right to Get Married

Seattle, Wash., March 21 (AP)—A marine sergeant and the Japanese girl he wooed and won in Japan five years ago will be married some time this week, thanks to the U. S. congress, immigration service and the marines.

T/Sgt. James Whitfield of Portland met Kiyomi Kitamura in Kumamoto, Japan. He returned to the states in 1948 and began a campaign to bring her to America. His congressman, Rep. Homer Angell, put through a bill to permit Kiyomi to enter the country.

Yesterday Whitfield met his bride-to-be in Seattle. They plan to be married this week in Portland.

After the Shakespeare Memorial Theater at Stratford-on-Avon turned in 1926, America contributed more than half of a million dollar fund for its rebuilding.

Geographer Says Americans Are World's Worst Pioneers

Chicago, March 21 (AP)—Americans who are fed up with the workaday world and hanker to get away to some palm-fringed tropic isle got a word of advice today from a world traveler.

"Stay home," was Dr. Earl P. Hanson's emphatic counsel. Hanson, a professor of geography at the University of Delaware, is an expert on such far-flung places as Iceland, the Amazon basin, Liberia, and the tropics.

"It all seems so glamorous when you're here at home," Hanson said, "but it isn't at all."

"And Americans are the loudest pioneers in the world. They're used to too many conveniences. Unless they can go to the movies every night or watch television whenever they want to, or unless there are a lot of other foolish Americans around to talk to, before you know it they want to go home."

Hanson was attending the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, sponsored by Northwestern university. He spoke on a phase of "The Problems of the White Man in the Tropics."

He conceded that today's spiraling prices, high taxes and threats of war might make a lot of people think they would like to "go native" and get back to the "simple life."

"But it takes a lot more than just wanting to get away from it all," he said. "At least it does if you're going to make a success of it."

"It takes adaptability. You have to be ready to put up with all kinds of inconveniences — and like them."

"Why, take an American, put him under a palm tree and he thinks he's happy. But the first cockroach that drops into his soup and he's all set to pack up and grab the next boat for home."

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Court of Domestic Relations For Marion County Is Argued

Arguments in favor of establishment of a court of domestic relations in Marion county were made before two members of a sub-committee of the ways and means committee Tuesday.

Speaker of the House John F. Steelhammer, who is author of a bill providing for an additional judge, told the committee that inasmuch as cases involving state departments must be heard in Marion county, the two circuit judges do not have sufficient time to devote to juvenile matters.

W. W. McKinney, who for four years served as municipal judge, said that because of present conditions juveniles are held in jail for as high as three weeks at a time awaiting a hearing. He contended that a committee that had studied the problem for several months had recommended, first, that an additional judge to preside in a domestic relations court should be authorized and a juvenile home established in the county.

Sen. Dean Walker, a member of the committee, said he recognized the problem that Marion county faced but said that Lane county is faced with a similar one.

"If a bill were brought in here providing, first for a presiding judge in Multnomah county to serve in that position permanently and also a presiding judge for the state of Oregon, having jurisdiction over all circuit courts in the state, I would be in a better position to pass on this bill," Walker said.

District Judge Joe Felton called attention to the fact that because most of the institutions are located in Marion county, many families of persons sentenced or committed to the institutions settle in Salem and juvenile problems arise.

Judge Felton said that establishment of a domestic court in Marion county would be a progressive step.

Rep. Francis Ziegler, chairman of the sub-committee, told the delegation that the committee would consider the question at the next meeting when it was expected that Sen. William Walsh, who was at another committee Tuesday, would be in attendance.

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