

CLEARED OF MURDER—WED



Emma Jo Johnson, 35, smiles at wedding ring that Jack Wengert, left, placed on her finger at Las Vegas, Nev., Jan. 24. Emma Jo who was released from the Nevada state prison after serving nearly three years for a murder she did not commit, was married to Wengert "the one man who stood by me when I needed him most." (AP Wirephoto)

Winter Takes Big Punch At the Entire Northwest

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Winter threw a one-two punch at the Pacific Northwest Monday, combining snow and sleet with high winds. More of the same was expected Tuesday. Hardest hit by the storm was the Grays Harbor area of Washington and British Columbia and the prairie provinces.

Deputies Foil Escape Effort

PENDLETON — Two sheriff's deputies suffered minor wounds Monday when a prisoner, being treated at a doctor's clinic, attempted to escape. The prisoner, Jaime Aguilar, a 23-year-old Kennewick Wash. boxer, was receiving treatment for self-inflicted knife wounds when the escape attempt occurred, deputy Leo Von Arx reported. Aguilar, after breaking away from two police escorts, grabbed a nurse as a shield. Von Arx and the other deputy closed in and recaptured him, but in the fight Aguilar cut them both with a scissor blade he had snatched, Von Arx said. The nurse was not hurt.

Aguilar is one of several persons accused of kidnaping State Patrolman Laurence Kezar last October. Von Arx said Aguilar had tried to commit suicide recently and was being treated when he made his unsuccessful break for freedom.

Big Increase in Supports Looms

WASHINGTON — Chairman Aiken (R-Vt) said Tuesday the Senate Agriculture Committee heads will meet later this week to approve a big increase in authority to make government farm price support loans.

The committee members "all realize they've got to have the money," he said in an interview. Aiken added that the only question was whether the committee would vote now for the full 1 1/2 billion dollar increase in borrowing power being asked by the Commodity Credit Corp.

As for himself, the Vermont senator said he favored making it all available in one chunk, and he added: "It looks like it all will be gone, anyway, by next Christmas."

The CCC is the Agriculture Department agency which handles loans made to farmers to assure them of prices guaranteed by the government on a wide variety of commodities.

Department officials surprised the senators Monday with a report that CCC now has used up all but 16 million dollars of its present lending authority of 6 1/2 billion dollars.

President Eisenhower asked for the boost to 8 1/2 billions, a record high, in his farm message. But the department had indicated the extra amount would not actually be needed until summer.

If a pail is hit with a hammer at 50 below zero, the pail and the hammer are both likely to fly to pieces.

Yakima's low reading Monday was an even zero. It was 14 below at Bly, Ore., 12 below at Austin, Ore., and eight below at Klamath Falls. The low temperatures in Eastern Washington caused a huge ice jam to form on the Yakima River just below the little town of Enterprise, two miles west of Richland. Eight families were moved from their homes after water backed up by the jam inched over steps and floors in the homes. Six families were evacuated from their homes there last week by another ice jam. In Canada, the storm dumped snow throughout British Columbia, forming snow drifts up to six feet in depth in some areas.

To the east, the prairie provinces were caught in the grip of a cold wave that sent the temperatures skidding to 26 degrees below at Lethbridge. Temperatures elsewhere on the prairies ranged from 10 to 20 below.

Four Injured In Albany Crash

ALBANY — Four persons were injured and two cars heavily damaged Sunday in a collision on U.S. highway 99E about three miles north of Albany, according to a report of investigating state police.

Hurt were Clifford H. Faust, Gresham, driver of one of the vehicles, and Carl Fountain, Lebanon, driver of the second car. Mrs. Fountain and their 10-year-old son, James Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Fountain's two daughters aged seven and 18 months, were not injured.

Faust was taken to the Albany General hospital. He suffered head and chest injuries. It was reported Monday by his doctor that his condition was "probably not serious."

The Fountains were taken to the Lebanon Community hospital but were released following a doctor's examination.

Faust was driving north on the highway and Fountain was heading south, state police said. Further details were not available.

Columbia Highway Subject to Delays

Travel on the Columbia River Highway between The Dalles and Belle Meade is still subjected to minor delays because of construction, the Oregon Highway Commission said Monday in its weekly maintenance report.

Construction also is causing delays on the Oregon Coast Highway three miles north of Gardiner, and two miles south of Port Orford. The McKenzie, Mt. Hood Loop

Close Probe of Robinson Loan

WASHINGTON — The House Un-American Activities Committee has marked "closed" the case of Edward G. Robinson's \$300 loan to one of its investigators.

The stage and screen tough guy told his story of the loan in a one-hour voluntary conference with the group Monday. Afterwards, Chairman Velde (R-Ill) said in a statement:

"After a careful investigation into the circumstances surrounding the loan, the committee is of the unanimous opinion that it was made for humanitarian reasons."

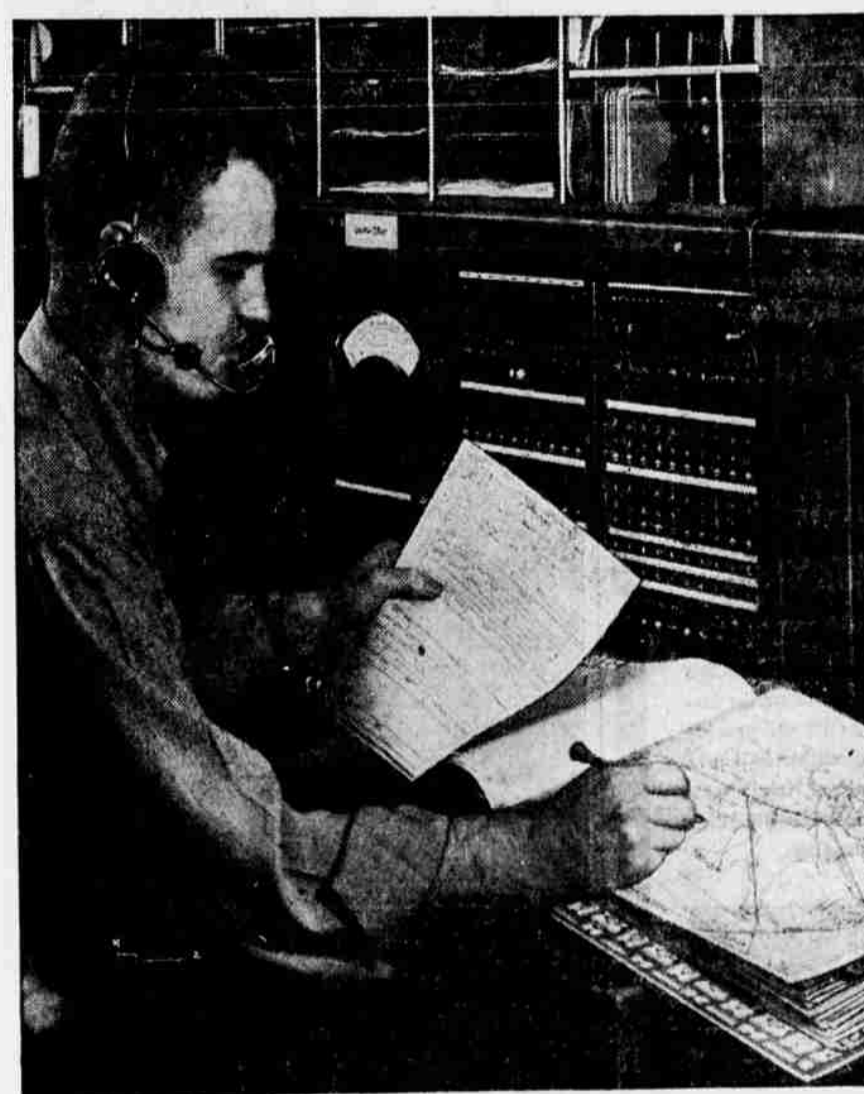
He added the committee is convinced "it was in no way intended to influence any staff member for any improper favors of actions."

"The committee is therefore closing this phase of the matter," said Velde. All of the nine members of the committee attended the closed-door conference.

Velde said Robinson told the committee that Louis J. Russell, whom Velde fired about 10 days ago, sought a \$600 loan last July 11. The actor produced a copy of the letter, Velde said, along with a copy of his reply in which he attached a check for \$300. Velde quoted Robinson as saying Russell asked for the money for hospital expenses.

FRUITLAND MEETING
FRUITLAND — The Fruitland Women's Circle will meet at the church annex Thursday, Jan. 28, at 2 o'clock.

and West Diamond Lake routes are closed by snow for the winter. On the Willamette Highway, there are five short sections of gravel surface between Lowell and Odell Lake.



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