

Riesel Attack Mastermind's Trial Delayed

Judge Orders 4-Month Deferment to Let Anger Subside

NEW YORK (AP)—Trial of Johnny Dio, who the government contends masterminded the near-blinding of labor writer Victor Riesel, has been postponed until next spring. Selection of a jury was to begin today.

Federal Judge William B. Herlands yesterday ordered adjournment of the trial until April 24 over bitter objections of defense counsel on the court's own motion for adjournment.

Herlands' ruling, which came at a pretrial hearing, surprised both defense and prosecution counsel.

Riesel, whose column is syndicated nationally, was permanently blinded by a bug who threw acid in his face outside a Broadway restaurant April 5. Three other men were given prison sentences last week as conspirators.

The government charges the attack on Riesel was aimed at intimidating him in connection with a racket investigation into the garment and trucking industry.

Dio, whose real name is John Dioguardi, jumped up and ran over to talk to his attorney, William Kleinman, when Herlands made his announcement of adjournment.

The others accused with Dio, 41, of Point Lookout, N. Y., are Theodore (Teddy Ray) Rig, Charles Tuso and Charles Salvatore Carliano.

Half of State's Land Used for Farms, Chamber Speaker Says

Agriculture Second Largest Industry In Oregon

Fifty per cent of Oregon land is used for agriculture, including range and pasture lands, and listed between lumber and tourist business, it is the state's second largest industry, Dean Earl Price of Oregon State College told a farmer day audience at the Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Marion Hotel Monday.

The head of the agricultural department at the college said also that the more than 34,500 farms in the state yield a total income of over \$400 million.

But, he said, the acreage of land that is dropping away from agriculture in the nation as a whole should be viewed with some concern. He said about a million acres a year are dropping out of

\$25,000 Sought In Alienation of Affections Suit

A suit involving alienation of affections and \$25,000 damages has been filed in Marion county circuit court.

The plaintiff in the litigation is Carl J. Benson, who charges Robert Chidister as being responsible for divorce proceedings which Margaret H. Benson instituted. The divorce was granted. The couple was married Nov. 30, 1947.

CITY ENGINEER RESIGNS
HOOD RIVER (AP)—Hal Puddy, Hood River city engineer the past four years, has resigned effective Dec. 31. He will return to the General Construction Co., Portland, as assistant dredge superintendent, a position he held on coming here. No successor has been named.

Freeze Costs Nevada City's Water Supply

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP)—Gov. Charles Russell has declared Virginia City an emergency area as the first step in seeking federal aid to halt the historic town's week-long water crisis.

The wooden flumes carrying water from a mountain reservoir froze because severe cold weather came ahead of snow cover to insulate the flumes.

If the Department of Interior approves, the government's office said Stead Air Force Base will be asked to lend the state its weasels to help jar loose the ice.

And Federal funds would be asked to pump water from nearby Silver City and American Flats.

In the meantime, many Virginia City residents go to Carson City to take baths and bring home buckets of water. The water company is helping by trucking water in.

RESCUE TRUCK BOUGHT
PENDLETON (AP)—A disaster and rescue truck, bought with city, state and federal funds, is expected here in January. Arlo Fjelland, Pendleton civil defense director, reports. Although owned by the city it will be available for use throughout the county.

HATCHERY MEET NEARS
PORTLAND (AP)—The Western division of the American Poultry and Hatchery Federation will meet here Wednesday and Thursday with discussions of improved management methods and new marketing plans on the program.

NEW ROAD TO REDUCE MILEAGE BY 3 MILES
ROSEBURG (AP)—The Pacific Highway distance between Roseburg and Myrtle Creek will be reduced three miles by a new section of the route nearing completion.

Frank Morgan, division engineer for the Oregon Highway Commission, said Monday the new section would be opened early in January.

Country Very Rugged Where Airliner Lost

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP)—The rugged, snow-covered mountains near Chilliwack, B.C. where searchers are looking for a missing Trans-Canada Airlines North Star with 62 persons aboard have been known to hold their secrets well.

Fourteen years ago, on Dec. 20, 1942, residents of the Chilliwack area heard an airplane droning up and down the Fraser Valley in pitch darkness, fog and cloud as the pilot vainly tried to find his bearings.

Nine months later a search plane spotted the wreckage of a Canadian Pacific Airlines Lockheed Lodestar which had crashed with 13 persons aboard. It was on the peak of 7,200-foot Mt. William Knight, 73 miles southeast of Vancouver.

None of the 13 bodies ever was brought out. A cabin and plaque marks the spot where the wreckage was scattered.

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Negro Officer Given HD for Topsy Driving

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Force has decided to give an honorable discharge to Lt. Titus A. Saunders, a reserve officer who resigned amid disagreement over a 1954 conviction on a drunken driving charge.

When Saunders chose to resign Nov. 27, the Air Force said he would be given a general discharge. That connotes honorable conditions, but it is less desirable than an honorable discharge.

Secretary of the Air Force Quarles announced late yesterday that Saunders, a Negro, is being given an honorable discharge after study of his case by a discharge review board.

Saunders has said the Air Force was pressured by Sen. Stennis (D-Miss.) to get rid of him—a contention disputed by Stennis and the Air Force. At his home in DeKalb, Miss., Stennis said he had no comment on the new action.

6 Votes Okay Paris Budget

PARIS (AP)—Premier Guy Mollet's deficit budget for 1957 has been approved by six separate ballots in the French National Assembly.

In its final ballot last night, the Assembly approved 215-104 the record 4½-trillion-franc (\$12,857,166,000) budget for metropolitan France. An additional 510 billion francs (\$65,715,800) probably will be approved for Algeria and military operations against the nationalist rebellion in that North African area.

It is estimated that the total will mean a deficit of nearly 683 billion francs (\$2,828,567,000).

The Socialist Premier made all six ballots votes of confidence in his government.

The Air Force has maintained it followed normal procedure in telling Saunders he had to resign or be dropped from the service because of his conviction on a drunken driving charge in Mississippi.

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