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ORDER PROBE IN DEATH OF 6 CCC BOYS

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LEHMAN KNOCKING PROPS FROM UNDER DEWEY ISSUES GOVERNOR, RACKET-BUSTER APPEAL TO SAME ELEMENT BETTING HEAVILY ON SIDE OF DEMOCRAT REPUBLICAN IS SEEN MAKING STRONG RACE

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—When the president swallowed his pride to ask Herbert H. Lehman to run again for governor of New York, he was exceedingly shrewd. He not only excluded from the senate an independent conservative Democrat capable of making twice Carter Glass's trouble. He may also have killed in infancy a new Republican party, very different from the shambling, bumbling fall guy which he has always found such an easy mark.

About a month ago, Kenneth Simpson and his junta of Republican Young Turks asked a national sentiment-testing service to poll New York state to learn whether Tom Dewey or Senator Robert F. Wagner would be stronger in a race for the governorship. The youthful racket-buster came out an odds-on favorite, with more than 60 per cent of the votes. Poor Simpson and his friends, expecting Lehman to run for the senate, thought Wagner the most dangerous possible opposition candidate. Now they know they were wrong.

Lehman's acceptance of the gubernatorial nomination has knocked the props from under most of Dewey's issues. As he was the man who appointed Dewey, Dewey can scarcely attack him for lax law enforcement. Worse still, having been an excellent and very careful administrator, Lehman appeals to precisely the moderate-conservative element which should be the backbone of the Dewey strength. A low but often effective touch of a candid's vitality is the willingness of the fat cats to use their checkbooks. And where the Dewey forces would have been showing with money to beat anyone but Lehman, they are now picking and scratching for the most trifling sum.

In fact, at this writing, the betting is very heavily on Lehman. Postmaster General James A. Farley, manager of the Democratic forces, is more optimistic than ever in his private forecasting. And although the Republicans insist that Dewey's chances are better than they seem, the insistence has an air of whistling in the wind.

On Dewey's side, there are several things to remember. In the first place, he is the first Republican candidate in the recent memory of New

YOUTHS TRAPPED WHILE BATTLING FIRES IN FOREST

Incompetent Leadership and Incendiarism Reported in Pennsylvania Tragedy—Rains End Inferno

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Charles H. Taylor, acting CCC director, ordered an investigation today of the deaths of six Civilian Conservation Corps members in forest fires near Emporium, Pa. He instructed C. H. Kenion, assistant to the director in charge of investigations, to make the check-up.

"We have taken unusual precautions to avoid accidents to boys in forest camps," Taylor said. "If there have been any irregularities, or violation of orders, full and swift action will be taken to deal with the situation."

EMPORIUM, Pa., Oct. 20.—(AP)—The deaths of six members of a nearby CCC camp in a series of intense forest fires brought a federal-country investigation today of reports of incompetent leadership and incendiarism.

Gilbert Mooney, 33, of Ridgway, a clerical worker at the camp, and four of the 20 boys he led into the tinder-dry, desolate wilds of second growth timber and scrub-land, were trapped late yesterday by a circle of flames and burned to death.

Col. C. L. King, of Indiana, Pa. district CCC headquarters, identified the dead boys as:

Basil Bogush, 19, Conemaugh, Pa.; John Borling, 18, Johnstown, Pa.; Howard May, 16, Erie, Pa.; and Andrew Stephen, 18, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Barry Hollibaugh, 18, of Rimersburg, Pa., died of burns in the Reno fire today. The condition of George Vogel, 18, another CCC worker taken there for treatment, was serious, and that of Peter Damico, 17, of Wendell, was fair.

Bodies Badly Burned. May had entered the camp two weeks ago. The bodies of May and Stephen were described by Coroner J. D. Johnston as being so badly burned they could not be distinguished.

Dist. Atty. Edwin W. Tompkins said his investigation was designed to establish "the truth or falsity" of reports he heard the CCC boys had been rushed into the flaming inferno without proper supervision and four fires had broken out within an eight-mile area entered by the doomed men under what he termed "most unusual circumstances."

CCC officials, who launched their own investigation, refusing to discuss the situation officially, said Mooney was in the technical service of the department of forests and waters.

Paradoxically, almost as the boys and their leader were dying about 3:30 p. m., rain began falling. A few hours later the heavy downpour had extinguished the fires, some of which had been burning for more than 25 hours.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—A mill employee was shot and killed and his woman companion wounded last night as they sat in an automobile parked before a residence.

Shortly after the shooting a wounded logger, previously arrested on the injured woman's complaint, reported at the police station.

'Frisco Bay Region Warehouse Dispute Settled

Calls Singer Love Thief



Added to the woe that has come the way of Ruth Etting since her first husband shot her second mate is the \$150,000 alienation of affections suit filed by the latter's second wife, Mrs. Alma Alderman, shown with her year-old baby, Norma Suzanne Alderman. The suit charges that Myrl Alderman, shot and seriously wounded by Martin "Doc" Snyder, has been living with Miss Etting as husband and wife "under a pretended marriage," pretended because her own divorce from Alderman does not become final until December 2.

EARLY TRIAL PLANNED MAN ARRESTED HERE FOR SINGER'S HUSBAND IN TOILS AGAIN FOR ON ATTEMPTED MURDER COUNTERFEIT NICKELS

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20.—(AP)—"Col. Gimp" of the great white way, Martin Snyder, again occupied a jail cell in lieu of \$50,000 bail today while the state moved to try him quickly on charges he kidnaped and attempted to murder Myrl Alderman, his successor to Singer Ruth Etting's love.

The original charges against "Col. Gimp" were supercharged last night by a grand jury indictment—voted after Miss Etting testified he shot Alderman in the music room of her Hollywood Hills home last Saturday night.

Miss Etting, 42, flaxen-haired and visibly nervous, spoke to the jury in trembling voice of the shooting scrape.

She said Alderman drove up to the house with Snyder holding a pistol against his back. Once inside, she said, Snyder told her, Alderman, and Edith Snyder, his step-daughter, that "I'm going to kill all of you."

One bullet from Snyder's pistol went wild, she continued, but the second struck Alderman in the abdomen as the lights in the room went out.

OFFICERS BREAK PICKETING LINE

STOUC CITY, Ia., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Officers broke the line of union pickets in front of the strikebound Swift and company packing plant here today.

Police Captain Carl E. Wood said "seven or eight" men were taken from the picket lines to jail. The names of the men were not disclosed, but Wood said police arrested those believed to have had a part in the violence which brought national guard troops here yesterday.

Adjt. Gen. Charles H. Grahl conferred with his staff and local authorities, meanwhile, in a lengthy closed meeting.

A total of 155 guardsmen were stationed in and around the Swift plant today.

REDS' INFLUENCE OVER JOHN LEWIS CITED AT HEARING

Former Union Welfare Worker Says Communists Engineered Sit-Down in Detroit Plant in 1936-37

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—James Mitchell, of Detroit, formerly in charge of welfare activities of a local union of the United Automobile Workers, a CIO affiliate, told house investigators today communists apparently "have a lot of influence on" John L. Lewis.

Testifying before a committee investigating un-American activities, he said communists had "engineered" a sit-down strike in the Murray body plant in Detroit in 1936 and 1937.

Chairman Dies (D-Tex.) asked him what efforts were made by responsible labor leaders to rid the U. A. W. of communists.

Reds On Inside. "Homer Martin, president of the U. A. W.," Mitchell said, "tried everything in his power. But it seems they are on the inside of the international union. Apparently they have a lot of influence on Mr. Lewis."

The witness said later communists could control the forthcoming CIO convention at Pittsburgh, "as well as the chairman of the CIO," Lewis is the chairman.

Rising to his feet, Mitchell shook out a red flag bearing the words "communist party" in gold letters. He said he had found it in the desk of Lloyd Jones, president of U. A. W. local No. 2 in the Murray plant. He said Jones told him "keep my damn hands off it."

Previous witnesses have told the committee Jones is a communist and was a former member of the U. A. W. executive board.

Death Threat Told. He said Julia Buchanan, who he said was a communist, told him she would kill him if he ever disclosed anything about Jones.

Earlier, the committee had heard the communists try first to control a union fund, if that fails, to destroy it.

The "rule of ruin" testimony came from Melvin Kells of Detroit, who said he worked with an Americanization committee of the American Legion in uncovering subversive activities.

They wanted to create a struggle among workers and to explain the union," he added, "and the 'they' were leaders of a trade union league in the Michigan auto manufacturing area.

Before Kells began testifying, Chairman Dies (D-Tex.) said he was conducting a list of deportation cases now pending. Dies said the committee proposed to "find out, in a possible, what is preventing deportation of communist aliens."

YOUNG GERMANS FACE SPY TRIAL

CRISTOBAL, C. Z., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Four youthful Germans, accused of photographing fortifications in the vital Canal Zone, were held today for trial in the Canal Zone district court.

Judge Edward J. P. Tatesman, at a preliminary hearing in the magistrate's court, overruled a defense motion for dismissal, and held one of the suspects, 26-year-old Hans Friedrich Schackow, in \$25,000 bail.

The others—Ingeborg Waltrant Gutman, 19-year-old secretary; G. Wilhelm Gross, 26, and Ernst Robert Edward Kurling, 29—were held in \$10,000 bail.

Through reading the Sunday Mail Tribune at his home in Martinez, Cal., L. J. Austin was sold on Medford and the Rogue river valley. Now he, Mrs. Austin and their three daughters are Medford residents.

LETTERS LINKING SPY OPERATIVES READ AT HEARING

Confessed German Agent Identifies Notes As From Co-Workers—Names of Military Men Furnished

By MARY ELIZABETH PLUMMER. NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Letters tending to link a spy operative, former United States army private, with a German spy ring operating in this country were read before a federal jury today at the trial of Glaser and two other persons on espionage charges.

The letters were identified by Guenther Gustav Rummich, United States army deserter who pleaded guilty to spy charges at the opening of the trial and became a witness for the government.

Glaser sat motionless as Asst. U. S. Atty. Lester C. Dunigan read the letters, which were addressed to Rummich and signed "Erich Glaser."

"Dear Gus," read one letter dated January 24, 1938. "Well, old boy, I suppose you'll be surprised to hear from me. . . . have you got any girls you don't need. . . . I think I'll save my say until I hear from you. I have some very (underlined) interesting things to talk to you and I don't want to make up on that. . . . Do you hear anything new from the old country?"

Dunigan questioned Rummich about visits he received from Karl Schlueter, an alleged messenger for the spy ring, and Johanna Hofmann, one of the defendants. He also asked Rummich about subscriptions to the Army and Navy Register, which the witness said Glaser obtained for him.

Continuing, Dunigan said: "You told us you wanted Glaser to furnish names of army and navy men of German extraction. You mentioned that he gave you the name of one Schmidt on the west coast. Did he give you other names?"

"He gave me the name of Zimmerman," said Rummich. "I told him I had been requested by one of the agents who visited me to furnish names of men of German extraction in the military service. I suggested to Glaser it would be a good idea for him to renew his contacts with these people whom he had not seen for some time. He agreed, I remember I wrote a letter to Schmidt."

Rummich testified Glaser turned over to him, without a request on his part, a list of coast guard stations in the United States.

"Once he told me," Rummich said, "his outfit was scheduled to go into maneuvers in the south and it would be a good chance for him to pick up something."

Rummich told of telephoning Miss Senia de Wanger, who has been in protective custody as a possible witness, saying one of the "contact men" had asked him to locate her, adding Glaser was outside the telephone booth at the time.

Rummich said he told Miss de Wanger he was Mr. Koltz who had just come from Berlin and he would like to see her and give her a message.

TEXAS LABOR FAVORS F.D.R. THIRD TERM

BEAUMONT, Tex., Oct. 20.—(AP)—The Texas state federation of labor today endorsed President Roosevelt for a third term "if no other leader is found to carry forward his program to that same high degree that has been exemplified in his administration."

Medford Girl Reveals How White Slaver Trapped Her

PORTLAND, Oct. 30.—(AP)—A 19-year-old Medford domestic with a boyish bob, Anna Mae Meadows, testified in federal court today of being lured to a Fresno, Calif., vice resort on the pretense that she was being driven to Portland, where she hoped to become a nurse dancer.

"This guy," she said, pointing to Phillip G. Specht, 35, charged with a white slave law violation, "drove me to the state line and then stuck a gun in my ribs and says not to say a word."

She claimed to have been introduced to Specht by a boy friend and said

Humorous Editor Would Be Mayor Of Grand Coulee

GRAND COULEE, Wash., Oct. 20.—(AP)—H. A. (Windy) Johnston threw his hat into the ring for mayor of Grand Coulee today with the slogan: "Do unto others as they have done unto me."

Johnston is well known as the good-humored editor of the "Coulee Dam Sneezer-Gabber" at this Grand Coulee dam construction site.

"A bankrupt man for mayor of a bankrupt city, that's me," Johnston declared in announcing his candidacy.

"I'll take good care of people on relief. I'll probably be there myself next winter."

Another platform plank: Put "taxi dancers" as conductorettes on paddy wagons.

"We have the best taxi dancers in the west," the Sneezer-Gabber spokesman commented, "so why not have them make the boys' ride to jail a pleasant one."

G. O. P. WILL SEEK LABOR ACT REPAIR

WARREN, Ohio, Oct. 20.—(AP)—John D. M. Hamilton, Republican national chairman, asserted today Republicans would seek amendments to the national labor act in the interest of "fair play" for workers, employers and the American Federation of Labor.

Republicans, Hamilton added in an address prepared for delivery here, "agree generally" with amendments proposed recently by the AFL convention.

"They agree because they believe government should be an umpire to enforce fair play—not a partisan of one faction of organized labor," Hamilton declared.

He did not mention by name the Committee for Industrial Organization, AFL rival, but declared Republicans agreed with William Green, federation president, that administration of the labor act had been "biased."

POLITE BANDITS OBTAIN JEWELS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Two polite spoken gunmen staged a daring daylight holdup in a jewelry shop just off the crowded main lobby of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel today and escaped with \$10,000 worth of jewelry after binding and gagging three men.

In their haste, they overlooked \$150,000 worth of jewelry in an open safe in the rear of the shop.

The men entered the shop, asked to see some wrist watches, and then drew revolvers.

The owner and two clerks were herded into the rear room and their hands and feet bound with rope.

AGED MAN VICTIM IN ROOMING HOUSE FIRE

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Charles Blackford, aged about 70 years, a resident of the Little river district, east of Roseburg, died this morning from suffocation in a fire which gutted a Roseburg rooming house owned here by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Vinson.

Firemen searching the building following the blaze, which resulted from explosion of an overheated oil stove, found Blackford's body, fully clothed, sprawled across the bed of a room adjoining his own.

EXPECT REOPENING FREIGHT ACTIVITY BY NEXT MONDAY

Efforts of Paul Smith As Mediator Successful—Basis for Amicable Settlement Not Given Out

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Settlement of an extended labor dispute which closed 138 bay region warehouses and threw 2,500 men out of work was achieved, announced Paul C. Smith, mediator early today.

A basis for amicable termination of the controversy was reached by union and employer representatives at 2:10 a. m. after almost continuous meetings which started early yesterday, said Smith, a San Francisco newspaper executive, who stepped in as mediator a fortnight ago when peace efforts were apparently stalemated.

To Open Monday. "An accord settling the dispute has been reached," Smith announced. "The agreement now goes to the union membership and the members of the association of San Francisco distributors for ratification. If the settlement is approved the warehouses should open Monday."

Terms of the settlement were not revealed. The chief stumbling block in negotiations had been a distributors' demand for a long-term master contract for the entire industry.

Eugene Paton, president of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union said separate agreements would have to be made to end strikes at the Hiram Walker and P. W. Woolworth warehouses where the dispute had its beginning 102 days ago.

He indicated he anticipated no difficulty on that point.

Throughout the day and night yesterday the negotiators met, sometimes separately to discuss vital points and then together. At 9 p. m. Smith called both factions together for the meeting which resulted in the agreement.

Bridges In Conflict. Harry Briggs, CIO west coast director, returned from a business meeting in New Orleans in time to join the negotiators in their successful joint session.

Another major labor dispute in San Francisco, the retail store strike which involved 35 of the city's leading stores and left an estimated 5,000 clerks unemployed, was believed nearing an early settlement. Pickets continued to march in front of the stores, which remained open.

Meyer Lewis, personal representative of William Green, AFL president, said he had conferred "with parties concerned" and felt there was "considerable prospect for an early settlement."

CUT WILLAMETTE ELECTRICITY COST

SALEM, Oct. 20.—Rate reductions from nine to 30 per cent, affecting 3,400 commercial customers in the Willamette valley division of the Mountain States Power company, were announced today by Public Utilities Commissioner N. G. Wallace.

These customers will save about \$40,000 a year. The company's street lighting rate to municipalities was reduced by \$5,500 a year.

The Willamette valley division includes Polk, Lane, Marion, Lane and Benton counties.

Wallace said further reductions would be established if the company used Bonneville power.

FRANK REUM DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Frank H. Reum, owner of the Valley gladioli gardens near Central Point and well-known in Medford, died of a heart attack in his home at 923 South Oakdale avenue at 1 a. m. today, following a lingering illness. Funeral arrangements and a complete obituary will be announced tomorrow. The Reum funeral home is in charge.

Mr. Reum, with his family, came to Medford about seven years ago from Canada, and was active in civic affairs. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, and by two sons, Charles and Richard, both living at home.

LA CROSSE CHAIRMAN ROGUE SCHOOL BOARD

An announcement received from Portland PWA headquarters and published by the Mail Tribune yesterday relative to bids on the proposed Rogue River high school erroneously stated that C. H. Hatch was chairman of Jackson county school district 35. Mr. Hatch was formerly district chairman but has been succeeded by C. H. La Crosse.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Carroll Gray taking this week off to rest up for a vacation he's going to take next week.

Florence Scherrer insisting that her new cologne was not an off-the-shelf hair-do.

Sam Houston hot-footing it around town with his mail carriers to see that the mails went through at all costs, though he admitted being handicapped by the uncertainty of Escape chow-chow.

Frank Tierney expounding many interesting ideas, his repertoire including everything from the advantages of long distance phone calls to wrestling matches and the benefits of eight hours of sleep.

Bunny Tolfeem feeling a bundle of nerves less she land in this pillar of pluckfulness over her new upswing the up-hill being cute despite her frightened look.