



(Acme Telephoto)
Susanne Degnan

CALVIN BURTIS, JAIL ESCAPEE, TAKEN IN SOUTH

Calvin L. Burtis, who escaped from the county jail Saturday morning, is being held by the Susanville, Calif., sheriff's office on a charge of armed robbery, the Jackson county sheriff's office was advised this afternoon. His sister, Doris, also is being held by Susanville authorities. The message also stated that a car belonging to H. R. Sutton, 203 North Peach street, Medford, stolen following the jail break, was in Burtis' possession at the time of his arrest.

Bobby J. Nelson, the other escapee with Burtis, is still at large.

It was unknown today if California authorities would release Burtis to serve an 18 months' prison term in Oregon for car theft.

Sheriff's officers said today that Edward Mackey, 17-year-old Negro who escaped from the county jail Saturday with Roger Chapman, another Negro, Burtis and Nelson, had made a full written statement telling their manner of escape. Mackey and Chapman were soon apprehended in Medford.

According to officers, Mackey's statement said Burtis' sister had smuggled two hacksaw blades into the jail. The fugitives used the blades to saw jail bars, lowering themselves to the ground with the aid of a flagpole rope. Sheriff's officers have traced the purchase of the blades to the girl at a local hardware store. She also was identified as being with the fugitives when they crossed the state line in the stolen car.

District Attorney George Nelson today signified his intentions of charging the girl with a felony for aiding and abetting a jail escape.

ALLEY MILL AT PROSPECT BURNS

Prospect, Jan. 8.—Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the Alley Lumber company sawmill on the Crater Lake highway two miles east of here, late Saturday night. Amount of the loss, which was not covered by insurance, has not been computed. R. H. Alley, one of the owners, said, yesterday. The fire, discovered by mill employees about 11:30 p. m., was out of control before extinguishing measures could be taken, it was said. The blaze appeared to have started in the central part of the mill.

Alley states that no definite plans have been made to build a new sawmill on the site.

The mill had been cutting 50,000 feet daily and was being operated by Marion Carter.

Only 149 Coyotes Killed Last Year

During 1945 only 149 coyotes were killed in Jackson county, and bounty paid on their pelts, according to records of the county clerk's office. It was one of the lowest totals in years. During the relief days of the depression, a half dozen or so residents of hill districts killed almost as many in a single month.

FELLER SIGNS
Cleveland, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—Bob Feller, Cleveland Indian fireball pitcher, has signed his 1946 contract with the Cleveland Indians. Vice President Peckinpaugh announced today. The exact salary was not announced but was believed to be considerably more than \$30,000 per year.

KIDNAPED CHILD BUTCHERED

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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(Acme Telephoto)
James Degnan, 38, Chicago OPA executive, and his wife, Helen, 36, are shown awaiting word as to the fate of their six-year-old daughter, Suzanne, (left) who was kidnaped Sunday night from her bedroom. The kidnaper left a note demanding \$20,000. The girl's dismembered body was found last night within a block of her home.

VFW TO CAMPAIGN FOR \$4 DAY BONUS PAYABLE IN BONDS

Washington, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—The veterans of Foreign Wars is ready to make its pitch for a \$4 a day and a billion dollar bonus for World War II veterans, it was learned today.

VFW may begin putting on the pressure in a matter of weeks.

Other big veterans organizations, meanwhile, still believe the time is not ripe. So far, the American Legion has not even come up with a bill.

The powerful VFW Legislative committee meets here Jan. 14-16 and a major item on the agenda will be plans to promote the World War II bonus.

\$3 to \$4 Day
Months ago VFW endorsed a bill by Rep. John Lesinski, D., Mich., providing adjusted compensation at the rate of \$3 a day for domestic service and \$4 a day for duty overseas.

The maximum payment would be \$4500, with an extra \$500 thrown in for wounds.

Payment would be in bonds, cashable at the rate of one-fifth a year. VFW estimates the bill will cost \$25,000,000,000. Other sources put the cost as high as \$50,000,000,000.

The Disabled American Veterans has endorsed a measure identical to VFW's in amount, but differing in method of payment. It calls for a ten-year redemption, with the veteran entitled to borrow against his credit for business, educational or home building purposes.

YUGOSLAV RECOGNITION REMAINS CONDITIONAL

Washington, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—President Truman said today that this country's recognition of the Yugoslavian government remains conditional.

The question of recognition came up in a news conference discussion of the recent Moscow conference of the Big Three foreign ministers and their final communique.

The President said he was satisfied with the communique and the accomplishments of the foreign ministers.

Legion Will Eye Home Blueprints

Blueprints of the new American Legion home will be on display at the regular meeting of Post No. 15 at the Armory Wednesday night. Commander Richard Baize urges every member to be present.

Committees are working on the final stages of a plan which will give local Legionnaires and the auxiliary fine meeting halls as well as a large veterans' club room, according to Merle Jarmin, chairman of the building committee.

O. L. Overmyer, finance committee chairman, reports that at the cost of the proposed home plan will be so low that it will be paid for before construction starts and the post will not be saddled with debt.

Camp Bond Buying Totals \$40,098.25

Camp White, Jan. 8.—Civilian employees and soldiers purchased a total of \$40,098.25 in bonds during the recent Victory Loan Drive just concluded according to Chaplain Carl S. Ohman, war savings officer at the camp.

Final figures showed that civilians purchased \$26,103.75 in bonds during the drive. PX employees buying \$537.75 of this sum, sales to officers totaled \$10,980 and sales to enlisted men \$3,776.75.

Publisher Dies

Chico, Cal., Jan. 8.—Funeral services were pending today for Chester J. Dahl, president of the Chico Publishing company and editor of the Chico Enterprise, who died of a heart attack yesterday while on a duck hunt. He was 49.

TRUMAN DEFENDS SLOW RETURN OF OVERSEA TROOPS

Demobilization Being Carried Out With Efficiency and Justice, Is Statement

Washington, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—President Truman today defended army and navy demobilization procedures, explaining that a "critical need for troops overseas" still exists.

The president issued a formal statement in response to what the White House described as many appeals for the release of various groups from the armed forces.

It came amid angry congressional demands for a full investigation of demobilization spurred by G. I. demonstrations in Manila, France and in this country.

Procedures Reviewed
The president said he wanted to satisfy himself that demobilization was being carried out with all possible speed. So, he reviewed the army and navy procedures.

"I am convinced, as every other American who examines the record must be, that the services are carrying out demobilization with commendable efficiency and with justice to all concerned," Mr. Truman said.

He explained that there are two primary reasons why it is impossible for every member of the armed forces to be discharged promptly.

Huge Task
"First," he said, "there is the enormous size of the task involved."

"Second, there is the fact that our nation must assume its full share of responsibility for keeping the peace and destroying the war-making potential of the hostile nations that were bent on keeping the world in a state of warfare."

Mr. Truman said that a critical need for troops overseas, rather than arbitrary army action, was responsible for a slowdown in the army rate of demobilization.

He said the army had released well over half of the 8,300,000 men and women in service on V-E day.

From a peak strength of 3,500,000, the navy has returned close to 1,250,000 to civilian life.

"These numbers are staggering," the president said. He asked the people to consider the ships, extensive staffs and rail transportation involved.

CHINESE FACTIONS NEAR AGREEMENT

Chungking, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—Leaders of China's warring factions announced that they had reached an agreement on the major points facing them at a "peace conference" with Gen. George C. Marshall tonight.

Settlement of the Chinese civil war appeared near on the basis of statements issued after a meeting of nationalist and communist delegates, with Marshall sitting in as conciliator.

Gen. Chou En-Lai, leader of the Chinese communist delegation, issued a post-conference statement saying:

"A major portion of our problems were settled, and certain details were discussed and disposed of."

LAW BLIGHTS ROMANCE
Hollywood, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—Ann Miller, tap-dancing stage and screen star, ran smack against her studio lawyers and a threatened \$150,000 lawsuit today when she tried to give up her career to get married.

The curvaceous, dark-haired dancer announced yesterday without consulting her studio bosses—that she would quit the movies after her marriage Jan. 20 to wealthy Reese Llewellyn Milner. Then she heard from the legal department.

Steel Price Increase May Avert Walkout; Kaiser - Frazer Auto Co. Grants Wage Hike

By United Press
President Truman predicted a small increase in the price of steel today, as strikes threatened to idle more than 1,800,000 workers, among them 700,000 CIO steelworkers.

New York, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—A picket in front of a Western Union branch office in downtown New York carried a large red-lettered sign today reading:

"Western Union workers on strike.
"Don't wire—write!"

Mr. Truman said that the price increase had been under discussion and that he expected some small increase. He declined to discuss the possibility that the increase might avert a strike in the steel industry.

Telegraphers Out
Western Union telegraphers in New York City walked out today, bringing the number of workers idled by strikes and shutdowns to 383,000.

An impetus was provided for settlement of Detroit's motor industry dispute with the agreement of the infant Kaiser-Frazer

YOUNG MEDICS TO GET EARLY CALL

Washington, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—More than 5000 young medical officers trained under the army specialized training program will be called to active duty July 1 to replace medical corps officers eligible for discharge, the war department announced today.

The ASTP graduates are now taking internships and occupying residences in civilian hospitals. Today's announcement said that after July 1 they will not be continued on inactive status for these purposes.

Notice has been sent to the hospitals where they are training so they may make arrangements for replacements.

Tengwald Advanced To Lieut.-Colonel

Carl Y. Tengwald, Medford realtor, has been advanced to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Oregon State Guard by Gov. Earl Snell, the order being effective Jan. 2. Tengwald is commander of the First Infantry Battalion, First Regiment of the guard, this serving Klamath Falls, Medford, Cave Junction and Coos Bay.

The officer has been associated with the State Guard since its inception shortly after Pearl Harbor, transferring from the National Guard unit which he had commanded before the war.

High Court Ponders Yamashita's Appeal

Washington, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—The supreme court, after two days of oral argument, today took under advisement the plea of Japanese Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita that his death sentence for war crimes be set aside.

Yamashita has asked the court to prevent his execution by hanging as ordered by an American military commission in Manila, which tried him for war crimes.

Mill Wage Scale \$1.02 1-2 an Hour

Wage agreements reached by the Southern Oregon Sugar Pine company and employees, who returned to work at the mill yesterday, established a minimum wage of \$1.02 1-2 an hour instead of 87 1/2 cents as incorrectly reported yesterday, this latter figure being the former minimum wage.

Las Vegas, Nev., Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—A roundup of all suspicious persons in this city was in progress today so their finger prints could be checked to rid the city of undesirables.

Mayor E. W. Cragin instigated the man-hunt to clear up robberies committed here recently which he said "bear the stamp of big-time operators who know their way around."

Automobile company and the CIO United Automobile Workers union on a contract, while in Washington government labor sources held out hope for averting the scheduled Jan. 14 strike of 700,000 steelworkers.

The threat of a nation-wide communications tie-up continued grave, but there was new possibility of governmental intervention to forestall it.

Compromise Hopes
Hope that compromise settlements might be in the offing was given a boost in the emergence of some agreements between the CIO and the oil industry calling for 18 per cent wage raises.

The union originally asked 30 per cent. An 18 per cent boost in the steel industry would mean about \$1.20 a day for the worker, Washington believed the union might accept that figure.

Kaiser-Frazer agreed on a basic wage rate of \$1.19 an hour, equal to that paid by Ford at the River Rouge plant, the highest in the industry. When UAW demands against General Motors are decided, Kaiser-Frazer will raise its wages the same per-cent. Additionally, the company will pay \$5 in bonuses on each car into a pool which will be divided among employees.

May Be Model
R. J. Thomas, UAW president, said he hoped the agreement would become "a model for the automobile industry and a basis for settling the industry's labor dispute."

The UAW-General Motors dispute still was stalemated in the 49th day of a strike of 175,000 production workers. UAW Vice President Walter P. Reuther, en route with other leaders to Washington, said President Truman's fact-finding board was expected to release its report Wednesday in the GM strike.

The Dodge division of the Chrysler corporation meanwhile announced the closing of its truck plant in a dispute with AFL truck drivers. It said 3,000 workers would be idle indefinitely.

Poll Phone Workers
While the National Federation of Telephone Workers (Ind.) continued its poll on the question of authorizing a nation-wide strike of 263,000 Bell employees in sympathy with 17,000 Western Elec.

London, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes was arrived by plane today and it was believed the controversy over atomic controls which has troubled the American delegation to the United Nations assembly will be settled quickly.

Byrnes arrived at Bovington airport shortly before 2:30 p. m. (9:30 a. m. EST).

The American UNO delegation met for three hours today but left the atomic controversy for discussion after Byrnes could be consulted.

The discussions centered on nominations for the security council, the economic and social council and other assembly posts. The United States was understood to favor as nonpermanent members of the security council Netherlands or Belgium, Poland or whatever eastern European country favored by Russia, Egypt, Canada, Mexico and Brazil.

The major problem is to place Australia in place of Canada on the security council. The United States may support Australia in place of Canada.

SHARP TREMBLOR JARS SAN DIEGO

San Diego, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—A sharp earthquake today shook office buildings and rattled windows in southern California, bringing numerous telephone calls to newspaper offices and police stations.

Frederick Robinson, seismologist, reported the quake was recorded at 10:53.15 a. m. (PST) and was of number three intensity. It would be easily felt and had a strong east-west motion. It lasted 25 seconds Robinson said.

Sen. Morse Calls on Truman To Name Arbitrator on Wages

Washington, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne L. Morse, R., Ore., called on President Truman today for immediate appointment of a federal arbitrator to settle reconversion wage disputes.

He said in an interview that Mr. Truman should take that step while waiting for congress to act on his legislative program, which includes a finding for government fact-finding machinery in major disputes. Morse is a former member of the War Labor Board.

"I think the president would exercise real leadership," he said. "If here and now he offered to employers and unions to appoint an impartial arbitrator who through voluntary arbitration would settle disputes on the basis of the evidence presented and in accordance with the judicial process."

If Mr. Truman did that, Morse said, it would be "perfectly absurd" for industry and labor to refuse to accept the arbitrator's services. He said a refusal would indicate to the public that the refusing party "is truly acting in bad faith."

At the same time, he said, the government should bind itself to accept the findings and adjust prices to meet them.

Morse said he had no objection to Mr. Truman's proposal for fact-finding boards, "except that in handling the type of emergency cases which now confront us fact-finding is not nearly as effective as voluntary arbitration in reaching a just settlement."

Employees in New York and New Jersey who are striking on 30 per cent wage increase demands, the labor department in Washington was considering creation of a fact-finding panel in that dispute.

A scheduled Jan. 16 strike of meat packing house workers received serious attention from high government officials who hoped to submit definite wage-price adjustment proposals at mediation conferences tomorrow in Chicago.

The board of directors of the National Retail Meat Dealers Association in Cleveland asked President Truman for government intervention in the pending strike of 335,000 AFL and CIO meat workers, asserting the stoppage would cause a famine in the meat states a week after it was called.

Sex Victim
The report said there was evidence that the six-year-old child had been the victim of a sex crime but there was no conclusive evidence that she had been raped.

The results of the examination were announced shortly after police discovered a blood-stained push cart in a basement near the girl's home.

Detectives said they found the cart in the apartment building in which Thomas Lundmark, a butcher, formerly was janitor, Lundmark and nine others being questioned by police were being given lie detector tests.

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BYRNES ARRIVES; EARLY SOLUTION SEEN FOR ATOMS

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FBI agents said at St. Louis they were convinced that Cassey had nothing to do with the slaying.

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At the same time, Police Commissioner John Pendergast called on the police force for a city-wide roundup of all known sex degenerates and all persons with sex crime records in an effort to ferret out the killer.

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PIECES HIDDEN IN CESSPOOLS NEAR ABDUCTION SCENE

Six-Year-Old Degnan Girl
Victim of Sex-Mad Killer;
Ten Suspects Grilled.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—An examination of the butchered body of kidnaped Suzanne Degnan showed today that she died of asphyxiation when choked by the man who stole her from her bedroom.

The coroner's office reported that a post mortem examination showed that the girl's body was dismembered after she was strangled. The severed portions of the body were found in separate cesspools last night less than a block from the girl's home.

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