

# CLINE CHARGED WITH FORGERIES AND GRAND THEFT

## Ex-Convict and Choir Singer Formally Cited—Habeas Corpus Ruling Saturday.

San Francisco, Jan. 11—(U.P.)—Alfred L. Cline, 36-year-old former convict and choir singer, whose possible connection with the deaths or disappearance of 11 persons is under nationwide investigation, was charged formally with two counts of forgery and one of grand theft today.

District Attorney Edmund Brown asked that bond be set at \$300,000 or cash bail at \$150,000.

### Claim Deeds Forged

The first count of forgery accused Cline of falsely signing property deeds to four Richmond, Cal., lots owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt Lewis, Oakland, Cal., widow, who died in 1944 in Jacksonville, Fla., assertedly while on a trip with Cline.

He was charged with grand theft in obtaining title to the lots, valued at \$1,110.

He also was accused of forging an affidavit of loss for 25 shares of American Investment Security Co. stock to defraud the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston.

The securities were owned by his wife, Mrs. Delora Krebs Cline, of Chicago, who died a year ago in Dallas, Tex.

Dallas authorities have charged him with murder in connection with the death of Mrs. Alice W. Carpenter, widow of a Bloomington, Ind., veterinarian, but police believe the woman was Mrs. Krebs Cline.

### Poison Reported

Another woman, who was cremated in Portland, Ore., as Mrs. Delora Krebs Cline, was believed to be Mrs. Isabel Van Natta of San Francisco. Toxicologist Joseph Swin of San Francisco reported chemical analysis showed arsenic reactions in the ashes of the body cremated in Portland.

A ruling on Cline's petition for a writ of habeas corpus will be heard at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

# UKRAINIAN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF TOP UNO COMMITTEE

London, Jan. 11—(U.P.)—The United Nations assembly picked Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmitri Manuilski by acclamation today as chairman of the powerful political and security committee.

Manuilski was nominated by Wellington Koo, the Chinese delegate, and seconded by the Belgian, Brazilian, French and Syrian delegates.

The political and security committee is one of the most important of the UNO since it will consider the resolution for an atomic energy commission.

Other chairmen elected were: Economic and financial committee, Polish minister of finance; Waclaw Konderski; social, humanitarian and cultural committee, Prime Minister Peter Fraser, New Zealand; trusteeship, R. E. MacEachen, Uruguay; an ambassador to Britain.

# HOUSING PROJECT PLANNED FOR E.P.

Eagle Point, Jan. 11—A large housing project with construction to start this summer is planned here by George F. Putman and sons Edwin and Francis. Twenty modern frame dwellings of three to five rooms each are contemplated. The Putmans possess 20 acres just inside the north city limits where they plan to erect 19 of the homes.

The homes will be sold, not rented, the elder Putman states. A cold storage plant in east Eagle Point on the Lake Creek road is operated by the Putmans.

# CENTRAL POINT SELLS LAST CITY-OWNED LOT

Central Point, Jan. 11—Sale of this city's last lot yesterday, is announced by Recorder Guy Tex. Purchase of the property on the northeast corner of Alder and Fourth streets was made by Flossy M. Fronzer, WAC dischargee. She intends to build a home there.

# WIND STORM COMING

San Francisco, Jan. 11—The weather bureau ordered small craft warnings hoisted in the San Francisco Bay region at 10 a. m. today, predicting northerly winds with a velocity of from 25 to 30 miles per hour.

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# LONG DISTANCE SERVICE PARALYZED

## SEATTLE BUS STRIKE HANDICAPS 250,000

Seattle, Jan. 11—(U.P.)—Some 250,000 bus riders either walked, had a taxicab, joined a car pool or stayed home today as 570 City Transit company busses burned throughout the city.

Seattle, Jan. 11—(U.P.)—Twenty thousand telephones in Seattle were tied up today by refusal of 2,000 union employees of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company to cross picket lines around sixteen company buildings, officials said.

Paralysis of the bus system left this teeming port city without a public transit system. Streetcars were replaced with trolley and gasoline busses seven years ago.

At 12:01 a. m., the city's 1,100 bus drivers walked off their jobs after a last-hour conciliation attempt failed.

Congestion of taxicabs and automobiles in the downtown area was expected to reach a new high. City Traffic Engineer J. W. A. Bollong estimated a total of 175,000 cars in Seattle.

## WORRIED PARENTS HOPE FOR WORD OF RICHARD SMITH, 12

Because he didn't like his new school and because his pet dog became sick and had to be destroyed, Richard Smith, 12, wanted to go back to his old home at Tacoma. And he wanted to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Smith, 6430 South Montgomery street, in Tacoma.

So Richard struck out by himself Tuesday. His father, Roy E. Smith, 1115 East Main street, while looking for the boy, found that he had been picked up by a soldier and his wife in a northbound automobile at Glendale Junction Tuesday evening. Richard had only two or three dollars in his pockets, his father said, and the parents are beside themselves with worry. The father is devoting his entire time to running down clues on the Pacific highway north, leaving word for anyone seeing the boy to notify the parents.

Richard, who had been ill recently, was described as five feet, eight inches tall, weighing 126 pounds, light complexioned and with light brown hair. He was wearing cream colored cords, navy pea coat and a wine colored knit stocking cap. His father is a saw filer at Medford Corporation, the family coming here from Tacoma recently.

## Severe Earthquake Believed Near Fiji

Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 11—(U.P.)—A "very severe" earthquake recorded at 5:44 and 5:54 p. m. yesterday originated about 5600 miles from Pasadena and possibly in the vicinity of the Fiji Islands, California Institute of Technology seismologists said today.

Dr. Charles Richter, seismologist, said the recording indicated the shocks were centered about 350 miles beneath the earth's surface.

## "Don't Holler Until You're Hurt," Anderson's Advice To Stock Raisers

Denver, Jan. 11—(U.P.)—"Don't holler until you're hurt" was the advice of Secretary of Agriculture Clayton P. Anderson today to the nation's livestock producers.

In a speech prepared for delivery at the 49th annual convention of the American National Livestock Association, Anderson said that it had been the policy of his department to seek elimination of subsidies and their cost to the taxpayer "as rapidly as possible without contributing to inflation."

The agriculture department has proposed a schedule for the removal of subsidies, under which the subsidies on cattle and calves and sheep would be determined by June 30, but Anderson pointed out that "what

## GP OFFICERS TOLD STABILITY NEED IN RECONVERSION PICKET LINES IN MAJOR CITIES BAR PHONE OPERATORS

Farmer Organization Officials Meet With County Leaders; First Since War Tieup Comes After Night of Rapid-Fire Developments; Dial Service Unhit.

A spokesman for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company here said today that the telephone strike has not affected operations at the local office and the office is not being picketed. Long distance telephone calls to points affected by the strike are being cancelled while all other calls are going through without delay, it was stated.

New York, Jan. 11—(U.P.)—Long distance telephone service across the nation was paralyzed at many points today as picket lines were thrown around telephone exchanges of key cities in 44 states.

Full extent of the tieup could not yet be assessed, as picketing across the nation got underway at varying hours. The majority of telephone workers had not been due to report for work at most points until later in the day.

### Major Cities Hit

But in such major cities as New York, Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland and Dallas, only emergency long distance calls were being accepted, and it appeared that by this afternoon telephone communication among most of the nation's cities would be practically at a standstill.

Dial service, which covers the bulk of telephones in most of the larger cities of the country, was unaffected thus far, but manual telephone subscribers at many points were without service.

Such services as information, trouble, and the like, were affected. The tieup came as the striking associations of communications equipment workers (IND.) threw picket lines around the exchanges, and telephone workers, members of the National Federation of Telephone Workers (IND.) generally respected them.

Busy Night Picketing started after a night of rapid-fire developments in which the ACEW action was first on, then off, then on again.

A meeting between ACEW leaders and officials of Western Electric Company, against which the union had struck Wednesday in a demand for wage increases and other concessions, had ended without an agreement late yesterday, although the union made a "compromise offer."

Ernest Weaver, ACEW president, then said that plans for picketing the exchanges would go ahead.

But U. S. Conciliator J. R. Mandelbaum, making every effort to avoid the tie-up, reported to Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach, and the secretary shortly before 10 o'clock last night made an urgent appeal to the ACEW to postpone the picketing move. He asked both sides in the dispute to meet with him at 4 p. m. today in Washington.

Schwellenbach, who had gone to bed in Washington believing the union had postponed its picketing until Monday, said today that Weaver had promised a new attempt to withdraw the picket lines.

He said the 4 p. m. meeting would go ahead as scheduled, and in reply to a question as to whether government seizure was possible, said:

"If they get the picket lines called off, it may not be necessary."

## Soldier Newspaper Muzzled, Is Claim

Manila, Jan. 11—(U.P.)—Staff members of the Daily Pacifican, GI publication for the Philippines, accused the army high command today of muzzling their newspaper to prevent full reporting of the demobilization controversy.

In a public statement signed by 33 Pacifican writers and editors, the staff protested that censorship has been imposed on their news and editorial columns.



WILLIAM H. FLUHRER

## Fluhrer Elected President Jackson County Chamber

William H. Fluhrer, head of Fluhrer's Bakeries and former lieutenant-colonel in the army air corps from which he was recently released, was unanimously named president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at the first meeting of the newly elected board of directors held this noon at the Holland Hotel. He succeeds Herb Grey, advertising manager of the Mail Tribune.

Floyd Hart, president of Timber Products company and also a former lieutenant-colonel in the army, was elected vice-president to succeed H. S. Deuel. Eugene Thorndike was elected treasurer, replacing George Frey, and Frank Hull was again named manager.

The nominating report was presented by Ben Harder and Mark Goldy and Harter complimented Grey and his officers and committee chairmen for the outstanding accomplishments of the Chamber of Commerce during the year just closed.

A. C. Pierce presented a formal vote of appreciation to the retiring president on behalf of the board members and Manager Hull presented Grey with a desk lamp. The annual financial report was presented by Dwight Houghton.

Guests were Col. J. Merriam Moore, new commanding officer for Camp White who stated that Ninth Service Command headquarters expected to assign a combat division to Camp White in the near future. Another guest was Lt. Col. John W. Horsley, who has been serving as camp commander and who will remain at the post for the time being as executive officer.

## AGREEMENT NEAR ON WAGE HIKE IN STEEL INDUSTRY

New York, Jan. 11—(U.P.)—Settlement of the wage dispute in the steel industry appeared near today as negotiations continued here between United States Steel Corporation and the United Steelworkers Union (CIO) which had scheduled a strike of 700,000 workers for Monday.

Indications mounted that an agreement on a wage increase approximating 20 cents per hour may be reached, as it was revealed that Philip Murray, CIO and USW president, had informed the Timken Roller Bearing Co., of Canton, O., that such an increase would be acceptable to the union.

May Set Pattern This offer, although made to company employing only 12,000 workers, appeared likely to set a pattern for an industry-wide agreement.

The USW originally had demanded a flat increase of \$2 a day. The 20-cents an hour compromise offer to Timken would mean an increase of \$1.80 per day.

Timken Roller Bearing had offered an increase of 17½ per cent. Based on the average wage rate in the steel industry, this would amount to an average increase of 19½ cents an hour.

Thus it was obvious that the parties were not too far apart in the negotiations. But the union's objection to the 17½ per cent offer was based on the fact that a percentage increase would mean only 14 cents an hour more for some workers in the lower brackets, who make as little as 78 cents hourly.

## HOSPITAL CLOSING

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 11—(U.P.)—The seventh service command announced today that the army's general and convalescent hospitals at Camp Carson, Colo., will be closed not later than March 31. The hospitals will be offered either to the veterans administration or the surplus property administration for disposal.

# FASTER RETURN PROMISED YANKS TO CALM UNREST

## War Secretary Patterson Says More Than 400,000 To Be Back Before May 1

By United Press Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, seeking to calm worldwide demands by American soldiers for faster demobilization, announced in Tokyo today that more than 400,000 men will be brought home from the Pacific before May 1.

Patterson told a press conference that more than half the 807,000 service men in the Pacific on Jan. 1 would be relieved within four months. No replacements will be sent for them. He said he found troop morale in the Pacific good.

Demands Presented Three thousand soldiers in Hawaii presented demands to Washington today for "a clear foreign policy" and faster demobilization.

At the same time, Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commander of the fleet marine forces in the Pacific, issued orders forbidding marines in his command from holding mass meetings. He told them to submit their complaints through normal command channels.

A five-point demobilization plan was adopted in Schofield Barracks Bowl, Hawaii, last night and sent to Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., mid-Pacific army commander, for relay to Washington. The American veterans committee sponsored the rally.

## Soldiers Give Plan

The soldiers' plan proposed automatic release of two-year men on March 20, a monthly drop of 10 points in discharge requirements, point credit for service since V-J day, full use of available transportation and "a clear foreign policy."

Geiger ordered marines in his command not to attend meetings except for regularly scheduled military, religious and recreational purposes.

His order, issued in Hawaii late yesterday, was the first serious check on the world wide flurry of demobilization protest meetings. The order caused immediate cancellation of a marine mass meeting called for last night at Camp Catlin, Hawaii.

## May Call 'Ike'

In Washington, it was learned that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower may be called before the full congress next week to explain the army command's side of the demobilization controversy.

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D., Colo., said that many congressmen favored an appearance by the chief of staff before the whole congress possibly next Tuesday, followed by a discussion of details between him and a special senate military affairs subcommittee. Eisenhower already has been asked to appear before the subcommittee.

## THREE OFFICERS KILLED AT PASSAU

Nuernberg, Jan. 11—(U.P.)—The army newspaper Stars and Stripes reported today that the blackened bodies of three military government officers were found in their burned house at Passau, near Regensburg, on Monday.

The dispatch said there were indications that the three men had been beaten to death, their house soaked with gasoline and set ablaze.

All three, a major, a captain and a lieutenant, apparently had been murdered by repeated axe blows while they slept in separate rooms on the second and third floors of the house.

A major who was sleeping in a ground floor bedroom when the murders occurred managed to escape, but Stars and Stripes said military investigators swore him to secrecy and refused to make his story public.

## PHONE FROM JAPAN

Tokyo, Jan. 11—(U.P.)—Trans-Pacific telephone service between Japan and the United States was inaugurated today when Pvt. Vinson P. Pettit, 313 Center St., Alva, Okla., called Wichita, Kans. He paid about \$39.

## NEW RICE PREXY

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 11—Dr. William V. Houston, 45, head of the physics department at California Institute of Technology, today said he will leave March 1 for Houston, Tex., to become president of Rice Institute.