



'MERCY KILLING' TRIAL STARTS—Crowds of cameramen, newsmen and the curious surround Dr. and Mrs. Hermann Sander (center), as they arrive at the Hillsborough County court house in Manchester. N. H. Dr. Sander is on trial for the "mercy killing" of Mrs. Abbie Borroto.

Jury Selected For Mercy Death Case

Manchester, N. H., Feb. 22.—A 12-man jury of nine Catholics and three Protestants was selected at 11:35 a.m. (EST) today for the mercy murder trial of Dr. Hermann N. Sander.

Earl Isham Sr., 52, Bedford farmer and Protestant, was chosen as 13th juror, to serve as an alternate.

The 12th juror was Leo Harkness, 42, unmarried Manchester shoemaker, war veteran, and Catholic.

Found Unbiased

Completion of the jury came after Superior Judge Harold E. Wescott ended a battle between prosecution and defense attorneys by declaring he found the jurors satisfactorily unbiased.

Chief Defense Counsel Louis E. Wyman complained about certain published jury "tampering" statements attributed to Chief Prosecutor William L. Phinney.

The attorney general, in turn, contended the defense had used improper methods in a pre-trial investigation of veniremen.

The preponderance of Roman Catholics accepted as jurors came as a surprise since their church is outspokenly opposed to mercy killing.

Most of the jurors, who will decide on freedom or prison for the defendant, are middle-aged married men. Only one is younger than the 41-year-old Candia physician accused of hastening the death of cancer-stricken Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto, 59, by injecting air into her veins.

The average age of the jurors is 53.

Jury Sworn In

Judge Wescott immediately ordered the 12 jurors brought

Tito Credited With Victory Over Russia

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Feb. 22.—Diplomatic quarters credited Marshal Tito with a tactical victory over Russia today in his establishment of diplomatic relations with the Moscow-approved Ho Chi-minh regime in the Indo-Chinese state of Vietnam.

The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug announced Yugoslavia's recognition of Ho's regime last night.

"The Moscow-trained Ho heads a clandestine rebel regime in Vietnam. The United States, Britain and other western powers have recognized the French-supported Vietnamese government of former Emperor Bao Dai."

Because Russia and the Soviet sphere countries gradually have been narrowing their ties with Yugoslavia, it was counted significant that Ho himself took the initiative in doing business with Tito's government.

Oleomargarine Bloc Claims Victory

Washington, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—The oleomargarine bloc in Congress claimed another triumph over the dairy states today in a compromise version of the oleo tax repeal bill.

The measure still must be approved by both houses. They defeated most of the major dairy bloc strategy on the bill's first trip through the house and senate.

A senate-approved provision requiring triangular packaging of colored oleo had stalled the bill in conference since February 2. The house-senate conferees junked it late yesterday and substituted language carrying new restrictions on the labeling of colored margarine.

Russia Plans To Increase Policemen

Berlin, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—Russian plans to increase the communist police force guarding railway installations in the western sectors of Berlin were announced today by the Soviet army newspaper Tagliche Rundschau.

The paper said police recruits between 17 and 22 were wanted to increase the railway guard force. No figures on the number to be added were given.

Washington, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—President Truman today nominated Patrick J. Gilmore Jr., for reappointment as United States attorney for the first division of Alaska.

Britain Elections Slated Tomorrow Will Be Close

London, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—This is the day before Britain elects a new five-year parliament and all sources agreed the contest will be the closest in a generation.

The voting begins at 7 a.m. tomorrow but the winners will not be known until the early hours of Friday by United States time.

Both Sides See Victory

Both major parties—conservative and labor—claim they will win a majority of the 622 seats at stake in the house of commons. The party with a majority will form the new government.

The Gallup poll in today's News Chronicle showed the two parties about even, with the conservatives having gained slightly since last Friday.

The poll showed the standings to be: labor last Friday 45, today 45; conservatives last Friday 42½, today 43½; liberal party last Friday 12, today 10½; others last Friday 1½, today one.

Portland Girl Assault Victim

Portland, Ore., Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—Three men were jailed on charges of assault and armed robbery today after one of them was accused of knifing a pregnant 15-year-old girl.

Police identified the victim as Mrs. Shirley Ann Verbeek who said she was attacked while walking alone last night in northwest Portland.

The three men jailed are Benjamin F. Baker, 29; Eugene Johnson, 22; and Rufus D. Adams, 18, all of Portland.

Mrs. Verbeek told police a car slowed down behind her and one of the occupants jumped out and ran toward her. She swung at the man with her purse when he made a grab for her. She said she slashed at her with a knife several times then grabbed her purse and ran back to the car.

The woman ran to a house and called police.

The three men were captured after an 80-mile-an-hour chase through Portland streets.

Mrs. Verbeek identified Baker as the man who assaulted her.

Kogap Lumber Firm Picketed By Council

Pickets bearing signs of the Medford Building Trades council appeared at the Kogap Lumber Industries plant on the south Pacific highway at 8:15 a.m. today.

Representatives of the company said that apparently the pickets were assigned because Kogap has refused to accede to demands of the council that work being carried on in construction of dry kilns and lumber storage sheds be conducted under an agreement proposed by the council.

Much of the work has been done, they reported, by employees of the company who might have been otherwise laid off due to slow production.

Robert Peebles, of the Building Trades council, said he had no comment to make on the picketing.

Low Graves Files Candidacy For County Commissioner

Low Graves, Shady Cove retired businessman who last week said he was considering running for county commissioner, filed his candidacy with the county clerk's office here yesterday afternoon.

Graves said he has received endorsements and evidence of active support from many different sources, who, he said, feel that the fact that he has had 31 years of business experience, and will be able to devote full

REDS GET WARNING

Delay Asked In Telephone Strike

President Requests 60-Day Postponement

Washington, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—President Truman asked the CIO Communications Workers union today to postpone for 60 days its Friday strike deadline to provide more time for contract negotiations.

The union has scheduled a nationwide strike for Friday.

Mr. Truman acted after receiving from Mediation Director Cyrus S. Ching reports indicating that "insufficient progress" has been made in negotiations. In some areas negotiations have been in progress for several months.

Mr. Truman appealed to both sides "to continue work and operations without any interruptions of telephone communications in the nation, under the wages and terms now in effect, for a period of 60 days from Feb. 24, 1950."

He made his appeal in telegrams to officials of the union and the Bell System and its subsidiaries.

Previously Postponed

The strike, originally scheduled to begin February 8, previously had been postponed until 6 a.m. February 24 at Ching's request.

In his telegram, Mr. Truman said "I need hardly describe or emphasize the great damage to the public interest and welfare which would result if these disputes are not settled by agreement."

Mr. Truman noted that there is a "special obligation and duty which applies to public utilities and the unions with which they deal."

That obligation, he said, cannot be satisfactorily discharged in the face of the Friday strike deadline.

Special Responsibility

"I feel very strongly that employers engaged in the operation of utilities and unions representing their workers have a special and extraordinary responsibility to settle their differences by agreement and without resort to economic action which may deprive the public of the benefits of essential services."

The telegram went simultaneously to 25 representatives of the employees and 19 spokesmen for the telephone company and its component parts.

Federal mediators have been trying desperately to avert a walkout.

13 Persons Injured As Fire Levels Hotel

Glens Falls, N. Y., Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—A pre-dawn fire destroyed this city's second largest hotel today, injuring 13 persons, including one fireman who was buried under a collapsed wall.

Approximately 36 guests escaped from the Towers hotel, a 75-room structure, by sliding down makeshift bedsheet ropes or being carried down ladders by firemen.

Police said all guests and hotel help had been accounted for.

Four firemen were buried under a pile of debris when one wall of the five-story building collapsed. All were rescued within an hour and only one was injured.

Police said fire damage was estimated at \$500,000.

There was no indication how the fire started. It was discovered by a night watchman who summoned police and firemen. Five companies from Glens Falls and three nearby communities fought the blaze for more than three hours in near zero temperatures and a snow storm.

Washington's Home Prepared For Guests

Sluagrove, England, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—The stars and stripes and the union jack billowed over the doorway of Sluagrove manor, ancestral home of George Washington, on the anniversary of his birth today.

The rooms of the centuries-old manor house, home of Washington's great-grandfathers from 1539 to 1659, were prepared for expected American and British tourists.

"We have no special ceremony planned but we are expecting a few visitors to come and see us on this red letter day," said C. W. Carter for four years curator of the manor.

Frigid Temperatures Grip Northeast U. S.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—A wintry storm plastered the northeastern part of the nation with snow and ice today, and frigid temperatures split an oil tank and an army transport's deck.

The storm dumped snow on New Jersey and New York, and weather forecasters said the fall in the New York metropolitan area might measure up to five inches.

From southeast Iowa to New England stretched a belt of freezing drizzle and sleet. To the south of that belt, rain fell over the Ohio and Mississippi valleys.

Roseburg, Ore., Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—Roseburg plans to go on daylight saving time April 30 to September 24, but only if surrounding communities do likewise.

Hollywood, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—Tyrone Power and his wife, Linda Christian, are preparing to welcome a baby in October.

Movement Of Coal Drops To Trickle; More Men Strike

Independent Group In Illinois Quits

By United Press

The movement of coal from mines to bins dropped to a trickle today as 10,000 more miners joined the 372,000 already on strike in the soft coal fields.

In Illinois, the Progressive Mine Workers, an independent group whose members have stayed on the job during most of the United Mine Workers' walkout, failed to show up at their jobs today. They permitted maintenance workers to report. Their walkout hurried plans for a brownout in Illinois and elsewhere in the Midwest.

Progressives rejected a mine operators' offer of a 45-cent daily wage increase and a five-cent per-ton increase in welfare fund payments. They want raises of 95 cents a day and 15 cents a ton respectively.

Many communities ordered coal rationing as the nation's average soft coal stockpile sank to near the five-day level.

The New York state legislature prepared to give Gov. Thomas E. Dewey emergency powers to seize private coal supplies and fix prices.

In Washington, Rep. Cleveland M. Bailey (D., W. Va.) said he plans to introduce legislation giving President Truman power to seize soft coal mines.

Spanish Fork, Utah, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—A non-union coal truck driver was shot last night as he tried to run a load of coal from strikebound Carbon county under cover of darkness.

Two other drivers brought bleeding and beaten Steve West, 27, Riverton, to a highway patrol checking station at Thistle shortly after midnight. He was treated at Spanish Fork hospital for a bullet wound just above the right wrist.

West told Troopers C. H. Allred and Arthur Colard he was driving his 10-wheeler from Deer creek mine about 10:15 p.m. when a car pulled up in front of him.

West said he stopped because he thought the car was in trouble. The men ran back from the automobile and one climbed on the truck's running board and struck him in the face, the driver told officers.

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Southern Demos Start Filibuster On FEPC

Washington, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—Southern Democrats today began their long-threatened house filibuster against FEPC.

They didn't even wait for the traditional reading of George Washington's farewell address, which usually gets top priority every February 22.

The southerners started their delaying tactics against the fair employment measure, scheduled to come up for debate today, as soon as Speaker Sam Rayburn had called the house to order.

Rep. John E. Rankin (D., Miss.) and Tom Murray (D., Tenn.) demanded a quorum call. Quorum calls take about 25 minutes.

Supporters of the bill, key-stone of President Truman's civil rights program, were determined to get the bill before the house, however, and to fight it through "if it takes all night."

Bridges Again Will Take Stand Thursday

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—Harry Bridges will take the stand again tomorrow for further re-direct examination as his lengthy perjury-conspiracy trial nears its end.

Attorney Vincent Hallinan said he planned to ask Bridges "about a half-hour's worth" more questions. He said he did not yet know whether the defense would call any more witnesses.

Horse Is A Horse, State Forester Finds

Eugene, Ore., Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—State Forester Ray Oglesby paid a \$1 fine for improper parking today.

Oglesby in a test case parked in a space reserved for "horses only" and argued as defense that under Oregon law a horse is a vehicle after sundown and should have tail lights visible 500 feet.

But the court ruled a horse is a horse and in Oregon has right of way over a motor car.



WALTER J. PEARSON
Seeks Governorship

Pearson Announces Candidacy For Oregon Governor

Salem, Ore., Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson, Portland insurance executive, today announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor of Oregon.

Low Wallace, defeated by Douglas McKay in the 1948 election, already has announced his democratic candidacy for the May 19 primary election and there may be more to come.

Favorable Response

William L. Josselin, chairman of the Oregon state democratic central committee, said he has been receiving some favorable responses to his suggestion that he be "ordered into battle" for the gubernatorial race.

State Senator Austin Flegel Jr., also was considered a potential democratic gubernatorial candidate.

Pearson's announcement was not unexpected. It had been known for some time that he was interested in the contest.

Responds To 'Urgings'

He said he was entering the race "in response to urgings by members of both major parties, who realize Oregon voters want a change in their state government."

Pearson was elected state representative from Multnomah county in 1943 and served in the senate in 1945 and 1947 before being elected state treasurer.

Wallace Asked For Red Support, Is Word

Washington, Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—Matthew Cvetie, FBI undercover agent who posed as a communist for seven years, testified today that Henry A. Wallace made a bid for communist support in the 1948 presidential campaign.

Cvetie told the house un-American activities committee that he was approached by Wallace and his progressive party campaign manager, C. B. Baldwin, early in the campaign. He said he was asked how many Slav votes the American Slav congress could deliver to the progressive party ticket on which Wallace was the presidential candidate.

"Were Wallace and Baldwin aware that you were a communist?" Cvetie was asked.

"I assume they were," he replied, "they're both intelligent men."

Fire Destroys Wiring In Cyclotron At Princeton

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—A fire at Princeton university today destroyed the wiring in an 18,000,000-volt cyclotron used in the Los Alamos bomb project.

The blaze was extinguished at 10:30 a.m. today some eight hours after it was discovered.

University authorities immediately launched an investigation into the fire which destroyed everything but the large horseshoe magnet in the \$400,000 research machine.

A university spokesman discounted any possibility of sabotage. He said the cyclotron was used for purely fundamental research, not classified.

The cyclotron was one of the first atom smashers but it no longer was connected with national security. It had been used recently for research in nuclear physics as related to high energy particles. During the war it was used for research on the Los Alamos A-bomb project.

Damage to the 35-ton machine was described as extensive. Officials said it would have to be rebuilt, a project that will take about six months.

President Pledges Country To Use Of Force If Needed

America Willing To Support Atom Plan

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—President Truman today warned world communism that this country will use "force to defend democracy" if it must.

The president pledged this country to strive ceaselessly for peace. He said the United States is willing to support—through the United Nations—any genuine atomic control plan that would be effective and not a "sham."

Must Pool Strength

But he declared in a Washington's birthday address here that the free nations must pool their strength to meet communist force with force. Asserting that our task is "fundamentally the same" as George Washington's, he said the first president "stroved to make democratic institutions more effective."

"He knew, too," Mr. Truman said, "that they had to be defended—that there were times when the use of force to defend democracy could not be avoided."

Hinges On Resistance

Mr. Truman said bluntly—in what he called a "straight from the shoulder" foreign policy speech—that man's hope of future peace hinges more on successful resistance to communist aggression and on the spread of freedom than it does on atomic controls.

Mr. Truman spoke at the George Washington National Masonic memorial here in ceremonies dedicating a new statue of the nation's first president.

"We are convinced," he said, "of the necessity for an international agreement to limit the use of atomic energy to peaceful purposes, and for a workable international system to assure that such an agreement is effectively carried out."

"We believe that the United Nations is the proper forum in which to reach such an agreement."

Latourette Plans To Oppose Morse

Portland, Ore., Feb. 22.—(U.P.)—Portland Attorney Howard Latourette said today he will be a candidate for democratic nomination for the United States senate seat now occupied by republican Wayne L. Morse.

The 66-year-old ex-democratic national committeeman for Oregon said he intends to file tomorrow. He called himself a "Jeffersonian democrat for sound and decent government."

Latourette is the first democrat to announce his candidacy for the senate position.

The former Oregon City resident is a graduate of the University of Oregon. In 1935 he was speaker of the house in the Oregon legislature during its special session. He lost the 1942 democratic nomination for governor to Lew Wallace.

PART HOLIDAY TODAY

The anniversary of Washington's birthday was being observed in Medford today with special programs and activities in the schools and with closed doors in city, county, state and federal offices. The anniversary is designated a legal and judicial holiday. There will be no mail deliveries, no criminals prosecuted, no divorce decrees granted, no building permits granted, and no drivers' licenses issued. Stores and one Medford bank are open.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Clear to partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Continued mild.

Temp.
Highest Yesterday 39
Lowest this Morning 29