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Defense Indicates Surprise Move In Mercy Death Trial

Disclosure Comes In Cross-Examination

Manchester, N. H., Feb. 23—(U.P.)—The defense at Dr. Hermann N. Sander's mercy murder trial indicated today it will try to prove that his cancer-ridden patient already was dead when he injected air into her veins.

The startling disclosure came during cross-examination of the first prosecution witness, Dr. Harold I. L. Loverud, an x-ray specialist. He is staff physician of Hillsborough county hospital, where Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto, 59, died last December 4, allegedly after Dr. Sander administered the air.

Begged By Husband
Attorney-General William L. Phinney, in opening the prosecution's case, had quoted the 41-year-old defendant as saying he injected the lethal dose of air to his dying patient only after her husband had begged him to do so to relieve her suffering.

Dr. Sander also was quoted that Mrs. Borroto "would have lived two more days" if he had not injected the air.

It was while white-haired Chief Defense Counsel Louis E. Wyman was cross-examining Dr. Loverud that the new theory—that Mrs. Borroto already was dead when the air was injected—was disclosed.

New Name In Case
"Have you ever heard of a Dr. Snay?" asked Wyman.

(He was referring to Dr. Albert F. Snay of Goffstown, whose name had not figured in the case previously.)

"Yes," said Dr. Loverud.

"Would you say he is competent?"

"Is he on the committee to examine records at the hospital?"

"Yes."

"If Dr. Snay is a member of that committee, and if he were the doctor who saw Mrs. Borroto at 11:10 (a.m.) or 11:15 (a.m.) on December 4—just before Dr. Sander entered the room, and just before Dr. Snay was injected—and if Dr. Snay made an examination and pronounced her dead, would he be able to give pretty reliable information to the committee, would you say?" asked Wyman.

Attorney Objects
Phinney objected, saying: "I assume you can produce evidence that Dr. Snay said that."

"In due course we expect that," said Wyman.

Superior Judge Harold E. Westcott said the witness could answer the question, and Dr. Loverud replied, "yes, sir."

Wyman then asked Dr. Loverud if the term "pronouncing her dead" would be the same as saying "not then living."

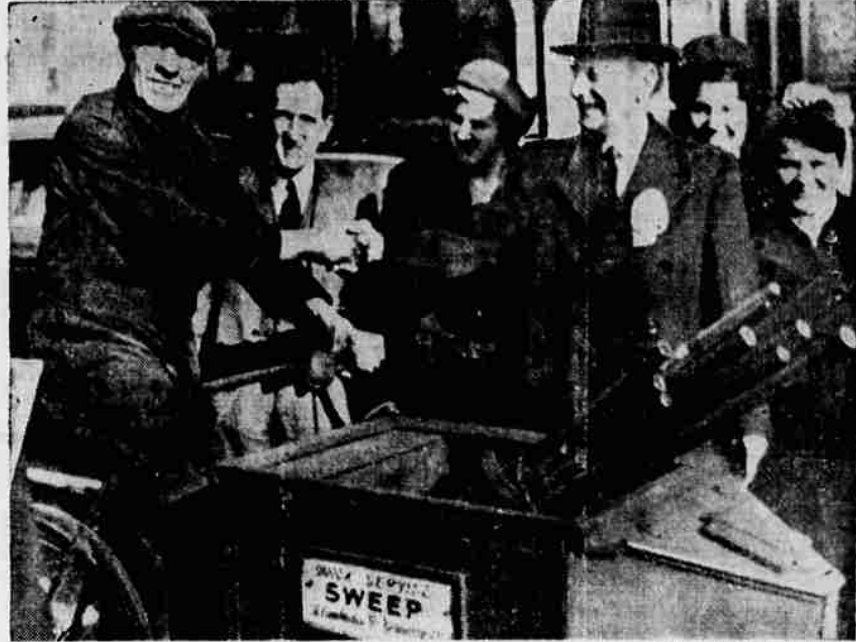
"Yes, sir," replied Dr. Loverud.

In re-direct examination of Dr. Loverud, Phinney asked: "Can you tell us any reason for injecting air into the veins of a person who is dead?"

"No, sir," Dr. Loverud replied.

Wyman then rose and asked Dr. Loverud whether he had any idea how much air it takes to cause death. The doctor said he had no idea.

It was in his opening statement that Phinney, a former schoolmate of the defendant, quoted Dr. Sander as saying Mrs. Borroto's husband urged him to hasten her death.



CAMPAIGNER—Prime Minister Clement Attlee, labor party campaigner for the parliamentary elections being held today, shakes hands with a chimney sweep while making a tour of constituencies in London. Mrs. Attlee is between the two.

Harry Bridges Defense Rests In Perjury-Conspiracy Trial

San Francisco, Feb. 23—(U.P.)—The defense rested today in the perjury-conspiracy trial of Harry Bridges after the west coast longshore union leader testified he did not think the world is threatened now by "so-called Russian imperialism."

Disbelieving
Bridges finished his marathon stint on the witness stand by saying he "didn't believe" the statement made by President Truman at Washington yesterday when the chief executive said communism's chief danger lies in the fact that "it is an instrument of an armed imperialism."

The toll of dead from highway accidents, fires and exposure rose to 37 as the wintry storm piled a mixture of snow, sleet and freezing rain on the Atlantic seaboard from Pennsylvania to Maine and westward to the Great Lakes.

South of the storm area the weather was mild in Virginia, the Carolinas and the Gulf states, and it was so balmy in the intermountain west that golfers were out at Salt Lake city.

Only on the northern plains along the Canadian border did the mercury dip below zero.

Transportation was snarled in New York and New Jersey as snow turned to freezing rain and laid a growing crust of ice and slush on rail lines, streets and airports.

Boats Destroyed In Blaze At Oswego
Portland, Ore., Feb. 23—(U.P.)—Fire broke out today in the two-story Wally's Marine Sales & Service building in Oswego, destroying several pleasure boats and a 60-foot yacht left in the plant for repairs.

The fire was brought under control about 1 p.m., after it had threatened to spread to the adjoining Lake theater.

Furniture and furnishings were carried across the street from business firms in the theater building. These included a dress store, a beauty parlor and a restaurant.

The Oswego fire department battled to keep the blaze from spreading, and the roof of the theater was steaming from heat when the fire was extinguished.

The Marine Service firm is owned by Wally Worthington and is situated on a lagoon of Oswego lake.

Hungary Demands Staff Reduction
Budapest, Feb. 23—(U.P.)—Hungary demanded tonight that the United States and Great Britain reduce their diplomatic staffs in this country.

The demand was made in notes delivered to the American and British legations.

(Washington and London had criticized the methods by which Hungary convicted Robert A. Vogeler, an American, and Edgar Sanders, a Briton, of espionage and sabotage. Vogeler was sentenced on Tuesday to 15 years imprisonment and Sanders to 13 years.)

San Diego, Feb. 23—(U.P.)—A flash fire blackened the side and caused minor damage to the carrier Valley Forge while the ship was tied up to the dock at North Island today, the navy reported.

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Bridges, president of the 75,000-member CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, is on trial on a charge of lying at his naturalization hearing in 1945 when he denied he was or ever had been a communist. J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt, ILWU officers, are co-defendants on the conspiracy charge.

Speech Read
Prosecutor F. Joseph Donohue ended 10 days of questioning Bridges by reading in its entirety newspaper accounts of President Truman's Washington birthday speech in which he denounced communism as an "armed threat" and said its danger lies in the fact it is an "instrument of an armed imperialism which seeks to extend its influence by force."

"Do you endorse the president's statement which states the chief danger of Russia's program is its imperialism?"

"I don't believe in that statement made by Truman or anyone else," Bridges replied.

"If the president means imperialism of any sort, and that he is against it, then I endorse his statement," Bridges said.

"But I don't think the world is threatened now by the so-called

Ashland Officials In Public Dispute
Ashland, Feb. 23—A dispute between one city councilman on one hand and the mayor and another councilman on the other was made public here this week at a regular session of the city council. The dispute, which involved alleged threats and attempts at intimidation, was thought by observers here likely to wind up in the courts.

Councilman Fred Homes, after considerable previous discussion at the meeting, read aloud a prepared statement in which he claimed to have been threatened with exposure of what he said were nonexistent past indiscretions unless he resigned from the council.

Mayor Thomas Williams, accused along with Councilman Elmer Sheldon in Homes' statement, denied in part the allegations contained in the statement. Sheldon made no comment, but hinted that legal action may be taken as a result of the public reading of the statement, and its subsequent publication in an Ashland paper.

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'Russian Imperialism' Never Visited Russia
Bridges, who rose from an ordinary seaman to head of the most powerful waterfront union on the Pacific coast, said he had never visited any Russian colonies during his years at sea but had been to British and Dutch colonies and seen how "down-trodden" the people were.

Milder Weather Boosts Building
With the return of milder weather, the resumption of building activity in Medford is being noted at the city building inspector's office. Nine building permits were asked Tuesday afternoon and up until late this morning. The office was not open yesterday.

Largest project reported was a \$13,000 residence to be built at 2021 Westerlund drive by Rudy Larson. Two new homes, each to cost \$5,250, are being built at 1221 and 1223 Whittington street—one by L. J. Stewart and one by Paul W. Elgin. D. C. Dwyer will build a \$4,000 residence at 872 Taylor street and H. Gordon will spend \$6,000 to put up a new service station at 700 Stewart avenue.

R. J. Crossman, owner of the Medical Center building, 29 North Central avenue, has asked for another permit to continue the extensive remodeling project in the four-story structure. His latest application seeks permission to spend \$15,000 to remodel three office suites.

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SUBSTITUTE FEPC BILL GIVEN HOUSE APPROVAL

Record Turnout Expected At Polls In British Voting

Fate Of Socialism Rests With Results

London, Feb. 23—(U.P.)—Extremely heavy voting was reported today in London and other cities in the first few hours of a parliamentary election which will decide the fate of British socialism.

Disregarding their tradition of voting in the evening, Britons swarmed to the polls this morning in record numbers to choose between Winston Churchill's Conservative party and the Labor party's cradle-to-the-grave welfare program.

May Pass Expectation

Observers said the heavy turnout may send the ballots soaring above the expected 26,000,000 mark. There are 34,000,000 registered voters in Britain.

At stake were 622 seats in the new 625-member house of commons. The victorious party will form a new government and rule for the next five years.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee has promised to nationalize the steel industry and carry on the Labor party's welfare program if he wins.

Churchill's Conservative party has promised to maintain the socialist welfare program, keep steel in the hands of private enterprise and reduce taxes and government expenses.

Weather Cool

The weather was crisp, cool and dry when the voting opened at 7 a. m. (2 a. m. EST) except in some labor strongholds in the west.

Rain which started in Ireland and swept eastward during the night splashed heavily in the streets of Swansea, in Wales. Glasgow, in Scotland, was covered with an early morning fog which threatened to turn to rain.

Most London areas reported extremely heavy polling in the first three hours. Labor party headquarters in the industrial city of Birmingham said "it looks like a record turnout."

Load Limits Off 7 County Roads
Normal loads can now be carried on seven county roads that were placed on the restricted limits list earlier this year because of bad weather conditions, County Commissioner L. G. "Shy" Morthland announced today.

Loads not exceeding the full limits permitted by state law can now be hauled on the West Side Evans Creek road from Rogue River to Fielder creek; the entire lengths of the Fouts Creek, Savage Creek, and Old Stage roads; Elk Creek road from the Crater Lake highway to Flat creek, and on the Butte Falls road from the Crater Lake highway to the top of Rocky hill.

Morthland said those seven roads are considered to be in good enough condition to carry normal traffic without undue damage. Loads on a number of other county roads are still restricted but will be freed of the winter limits just as soon as conditions permit, Morthland said. Daily inspections are made to determine the loads the softened road beds can carry.

300-Pound Woman Rescued From Well
Ethel, Wash., Feb. 23—(U.P.)—A 300-pound woman, who plunged through rotten planks of a pump house floor, dropping 50 feet into a well, was in good condition in a hospital today following a heroic rescue by a fireman.

The rescued woman, Mrs. Charles Rosander, 59, spent two hours in the well's icy waters last night while a Chehalis, Wash., fireman squeezed alongside and tried to throw a half-inch rope down her.

Bud Nacht, the fireman, arrived at the well after neighbors, summoned by the woman's shouts, dropped a rope and ladder to her.

Greta Garbo Voted Best In 50 Years
Hollywood, Feb. 23—(U.P.)—Greta Garbo was Hollywood's greatest actress of the half-century, 200 movie oldtimers decided today. They placed Ingrid Bergman second.

Celebrities who have worked 25 years or more in movies chose Charlie Chaplin as the best actor of the last 50 years. "Gone with the Wind" as the best movie, D. W. Griffith best director and Irving Thalberg top producer.

Runners-up in the poll by Daily Variety, a movie trade paper, were Bette Davis and Olivia De Havilland in the actress' division; Ronald Colman, Laurence Olivier and Spencer Tracy among the actors, and "Birth of a Nation" and "Best Years of Our Lives" among the best movies.

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ARRAIGNED—Comforted by his son, Donald (right), who appears to be on the verge of tears, Long Island R.R. Engineer Jacob Kiefer sits huddled up in courtroom at Mineola, N. Y., where he was arraigned on a second degree manslaughter charge in connection with the head-on collision of two commuter trains at Rockville Center, N. Y. Twenty-nine persons were killed and over 100 injured in the disaster.

AFL Head Calls For Coal Mine Seizure

Washington, Feb. 23—(U.P.)—AFL President William Green called today for government seizure of the soft coal mines and coal-furnished states exerted new pressure on President Truman for emergency action to end the crisis.

Green said President Truman has "inherent" seizure powers when the public health and safety are endangered. Mr. Truman said recently he does not have such powers.

Production Needed
"What we need now is coal," Green told a senate judiciary sub-committee. "We need the miners at work producing coal, and then they can sit down and negotiate an agreement."

Green said he felt certain the striking miners would go back to work if the government took over the mines. Some miners have said they would return under a "bona fide" government seizure—one in which profits would go into the U. S. treasury instead of to the mine owners.

Seizure legislation is being prepared by Rep. Cleveland M. Bailey (D., W. Va.), who said he expects to introduce the measure in the house today.

John L. Lewis and the coal operators met for 90 minutes this morning and recessed until 3 p. m. but there was no sign of agreement.

Swanson To Oppose Ellsworth On Ballot
Salem, Ore., Feb. 23—(U.P.)—Walter J. Swanson of Springfield today filed his candidacy for congressman from the 4th congressional district, comprising Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane and Linn counties.

He will seek the democratic nomination at the May 19 primary for the post now held by Congressman Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg.

Swanson's platform included "endeavor to meet the problems of the fourth district in Oregon honestly and sensibly with a view to the continued development of Oregon's power resources, and flood control projects. I will keep in mind that the prosperity of the fourth district will depend upon full employment, and careful planning in the distribution of commodities of manufacture; namely lumber, canned and frozen fruits, vegetables, meat and fish."

His ballot slogan will be: "I'll work fearlessly and aggressively to develop the sadly neglected fourth district."

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Truman Proposal Rejected In Vote On Racial Issue

All Enforcement Stripped From Act

Washington, Feb. 23—(U.P.)—The house today passed and sent to the senate an FEPC bill stripped of all enforcement provisions. The roll call vote on passage was 240 to 177. The action was a blow to President Truman's controversial civil rights program. Mr. Truman wanted a mandatory ban on racial discrimination in jobs.

Powers Limited
The house rejected the president's proposal, voting to create instead a fair employment practices commission with power only to investigate, educate and recommend.

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, (D., N.Y.), sponsor of the president's bill, called the house version "nothing but good advice."

Supporters of the watered-down version contended however that race prejudice can not be eliminated by law. They said education is the answer.

The bill as passed was the handiwork of Rep. Samuel K. McConnell Jr. (R., Pa.). He offered it as a substitute for the administration measure.

Amendments Added
In a hectic 15-hour session that ended at 3:20 a.m. members chose McConnell's substitute and added a few amendments.

Then, reconvening at noon, the house rejected the latter two points added by the house during the night in a spree of amendments.

As passed by the house the FEPC bill:

1. Lays down national policy against job discrimination because of race, creed, color, sex or disability—the latter two points added by the house during the night in a spree of amendments.

2. Creates a five-member fair employment practices commission, members to be paid \$12,000 a year.

Studies Ordered
The commission to end discrimination by conducting studies, making plans, distributing information and educational matter, and through investigations and recommendations in individual cases of alleged discrimination.

4. Directs the commission to study discrimination in the federal government, and to recommend to congress how it can be stopped.

The bill's only penalty would be a possible \$500 fine for "forcible" resistance to the commission or its agents in the course of its investigations.

Norblad Asks Reason For Warning System
Washington, Feb. 23—(U.P.)—Rep. Walter Norblad (R., Ore.) today asked Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson why he reactivated the west coast's air raid warning system.

Norblad said he wrote Johnson and the director of civilian defense mobilization for an explanation of the order and an estimate of its cost.

Norblad said he wants to know how housewives with binoculars can spot planes which now travel 700 miles an hour at 40,000 feet. Even if they were able to detect enemy planes in Oregon, Washington or California, it would be too late to do any good, he said.

The time to spot enemy planes is when they're over the Arctic, Norblad explained.

Norblad served with air intelligence of the Eighth air force during World War II.

PIONEER BANKED DIES
Portland, Ore., Feb. 23—(U.P.)—A. M. Wright, 82, former first vice-president of the U. S. National bank and a pioneer Portland banker, died in Providence hospital early today after an illness of about a year.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 23—(U.P.)—E. L. Rogers of Quincy announced today that he will run for re-election as Marion county commissioner.