

# LABOR PARTY WINS IN BRITAIN

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### Doctor Realized Law Being Broken, Nurse Testifies

#### Hospital Librarian On Witness Stand

Manchester, N. H., Feb. 24—(U.P.)—A nurse testified today that Dr. Hermann N. Sander had said in her presence "he did realize he was breaking the law but he thought the law should be changed."

The witness was Miss Josephine Connor, record librarian at Hillsboro County hospital. Dr. Sander is accused of murdering a cancer patient, Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto, 59, as she lay dying in the hospital December 4.

#### No Particular Answer

Miss Connor, testifying for the second day as a state witness at Dr. Sander's mercy murder trial, said County Medical Referee Robert E. Biron said:

"Why didn't you change it (the law) first before you did this?"

"Did Dr. Sander answer?" asked Atty. Gen. William L. Phinney.

Miss Connor said there was no particular answer that she remembered.

She said that in the records room of the hospital last December 29 were Dr. Sander, Dr. Biron, Miss Anita Ducharme, assistant record librarian, and herself.

Shortly before, Miss Connor said, she had been going through the hospital records and had called the attention of Dr. Harold L. Loverud, President of the hospital staff, to Dr. Sander's notation about Mrs. Borroto's death.

Dr. Sander had dictated for the record the statement that he had given Mrs. Borroto 10 cubic centimeters of air four times and that "she expired within 10 minutes after this started."

However, Miss Connor said, the cause of death was listed here as cancer. The librarian said she typed in the cause herself because Dr. Sander had listed cancer as the death cause on the official death certificate.

The official death certificate had been made out by Dr. Sander December 5, the day after Mrs. Borroto died, but he waited a week to dictate the notation about the air for the hospital records.

### United States Expects East Asia Cold War

Washington, Feb. 24—(U.P.)—The United States is expecting a major Soviet cold war offensive designed to bring rich and strategic southeast Asia under Moscow's sway, it was learned today.

The United Press was told on highest authority that the possibility of any genuine Soviet "peace talks" with the United States has been ruled out by the administration, at least until this test of strength is decided.

Any "peace feelers" now, if any, would be only propaganda maneuvers designed to create confusion and mask the Kremlin's real designs.

President Truman has rebuffed congressional demands for a "bold new approach" to break the east-west deadlock over the atomic controls and other problems. He told his news conference yesterday the United States is doing its best to reach an atomic agreement, but that Russia has shown no change of heart.

### New Traffic Light Being Installed Today

The overhead traffic light being installed at Central avenue and Jackson street today but completion of the walk-wait lights has been delayed because the wrong brackets were sent here, according to J. A. Wolfe, city electrical inspector.

He said that the overhead light at Jackson and Riverside avenue should be ready early next week. Guides on the Central and Jackson signal will be left off temporarily so that it may be seen by pedestrians.

### Griffin Creek, Oak Trails Grove Win Hoop Tournaments

Griffin Creek defeated Elk Trail 18 to 6 and Oak Grove defeated Wagner Creek 26 to 12 in basketball games of the Oak Grove school invitational tournament played this morning.

Hollywood, Feb. 24—(U.P.)—Former "Dead End" Kid Leo Gorcey and Evalene Kinton received a final divorce decree yesterday. She won the divorce a year ago on testimony he was still putting on his tough kid act.

### UMW WILL FACE COURT MONDAY

Washington, Feb. 24—(U.P.)—Federal Judge Richmond B. Keech ruled today that the United Mine Workers union had failed to "purge" itself of contempt charges by not getting striking miners back to work, and ordered the union tried Monday on the contempt charges.

The government charges the union with both civil and criminal contempt for defying a court order to end the strike of 372,000 soft coal miners.

Motion Turned Down—The judge turned down Assistant Attorney General H. Graham Morrison's motion to hold the trial tomorrow because of the nation's critical coal situation.

### Reports Given Of Persons Seeking Entry To Homes

Certain unidentified persons are apparently going about the county representing themselves as appraisers for the county assessor's office but Assessor C. A. Myers says he has no idea what their "racket," if any, could be.

There have been several reports of persons gaining admittance to homes or businesses, asking questions about valuations and furnishings, equipment and buildings. Bellaire addition in Ashland has been plagued by men claiming they are "tax surveyors," and similar instances have been reported in Medford.

Myers pointed out that all authorized appraisers carry identification cards from the assessor's office which they are willing to show at any time there is a question whether they should be allowed on the premises. Their work consists mainly of placing valuations for assessment purposes on new buildings and on some old buildings for which there is no record. They do not make lists of furniture or equipment nor do they ask personal questions.

Myers asked that anyone bothered by so-called appraisers or surveyors without authorization from his office notify him so that the nuisance can be stopped. He also asked the public to cooperate with the official appraisers and to give them the information they need to make a fair and just appraisal.

It was also pointed out that while the federal decennial census is to be taken this year, it has not yet started. Other persons who have reason to enter homes in their business, are almost invariably provided with adequate identification.

### Pear Marketing Order Aired In California

Sacramento, Feb. 24—(U.P.)—Producers and distributors of fresh Bartlett pears were polled today on the question of continuing the present state marketing order governing the crop.

The state department of agriculture said March 18 has been set as the closing date for the filing of ballots. Should a majority of those voting favor continuing the marketing order would remain in force for two more years.

The order as it now stands authorizes an advisory board to recommend the establishment of minimum grade and size regulations for Bartlett pears marketed for fresh consumption within the state. It was first made effective Aug. 9, 1939, and was reactivated April 18, 1947 after a five year lapse.

### Australian Flight Booked When Travel Agent Recovers Poise

George Lewis, manager of the Regu Travel service, usually has to conduct quite a selling campaign before he succeeds in booking passengers for long overseas flights. But there are surpluses in every business—like yesterday when Lyle Pettit of Jacksonville dropped in and said, "Give me a one-way ticket to Melbourne, Australia, please."

Lewis didn't believe it for a moment, but was soon convinced it was not a gag. Then the reservations were cleared and a few hours later Pettit was aboard a plane from Medford en route to the island "down under." He is going to Australia under the commonwealth's assisted passage plan for American GIs interested in becoming Australian citizens.

### Armour Scion Tells Of Kidnap Threats

Chicago, Feb. 24—(U.P.)—Philip D. Armour Jr., member of the wealthy meat packing family, notified police today that he had received a series of telephone threats to kidnap his three young children.

A heavy police guard was posted by Deputy Chief of Detectives William Touhy at the Armour apartment on Chicago's Lake Shore drive, and roving squads cruised the neighborhood scrutinizing any strangers who sought entrance to the building in which Armour's apartment is located. The Armour family lives on the 22nd floor.

### Four Men Killed As Speeder Dives Through Trestle

Longview, Wash., Feb. 24—(U.P.)—Four men were killed and six others injured today when a speeder carrying them to the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company's logging camp 9 plunged about 75 feet through a rain-weakened trestle into the Toutle river.

The accident occurred in the Weyerhaeuser woods operation area, about 18 miles north of here.

### Weyerhaeuser Camp Workers Victims

Coroner Gordon Quarnstrom identified the dead as Don Stewart, 45, Castle Rock; Weyerhaeuser logging foreman; Al Berg of Oregon; Levi Orman and B. B. Grant.

Four ambulances, accompanied by Dr. C. V. Allen, were sent to the scene. One returned shortly before noon with four of the injured. They were Chester Bowers, Rainier, Ore.; Robert Hanson, Longview; B. W. Moorse, Longview, and Donald Tollefson, Castle Rock.

Bowers said the speeder was taking the men to their work when it suddenly plunged through the trestle which had been weakened by heavy rains. Bowers could not estimate how high the span was, but he said none of the men fell into the river.

Welly K. Hopkins, UMW attorney, said he would "weigh full aspects" of the case before deciding whether to ask for jury trial of the criminal contempt charge.

Strike Individually—Before ordered by Keech to stand trial, the union told him that its 372,000 coal miners are striking "individually and of their own volition." It maintained that the miners individually had disobeyed two orders by John L. Lewis and top UMW officials to return to work.

Lewis, himself, was not named in the order today to show cause why the union should not be tried for contempt, and he will not be tried.

### Board Created To Stave Off Rail Strike

Washington, Feb. 24—(U.P.)—President Truman today created an emergency board to stave off a strike threatened Monday by the Brotherhoods of Railway Conductors and Railroad Trainmen on the nation's major railroads.

The president's action will have the effect of delaying the strike for at least 60 days. The board was ordered to report back to the president on the dispute within 30 days. Mr. Truman's executive order specified that management and labor should continue to operate under current rules and contracts.

The president has this power under the railway labor act. He acted on recommendation of the national mediation board which said the dispute threatened to deprive the country of essential transportation service.

The White House probably will announce the names of the three board members late today or early tomorrow.

The unions are seeking a 40-hour work-week and other changes in their work rules.

### Fresh Snowstorm Moves Across North

Chicago, Feb. 24—(U.P.)—A fresh snowstorm, followed closely by a cold front, moved across the north today in the wake of a wintry storm that claimed at least 53 lives in the midwest and northwest.

The new storm dumped snow on streets and highways still hazardous from the layer of ice, sleet and snow with which they were plastered earlier this week.

Early today the storm belt extended about 200 miles in each direction from Chicago, a U. S. weather forecaster said.

Behind the snowstorm, a cold wave pushed out of southern Canada and across the great plains. It was expected to shove eastward across the Great Lakes region and on into the North Atlantic states by tomorrow.

### GM Workers Get Pay Cut; Prices of New Cars Lower

Detroit, Feb. 24—(U.P.)—General Motors cut wages of its 290,000 production workers two cents an hour today and simultaneously reduced prices of its cars \$10 to \$40.

It was the third time GM has cut car prices and reduced pay of its employees under a history-making cost-of-living contract signed with the CIO United Auto Workers and Electrical Workers unions 21 months ago.

Savings Passed Along—GM President C. E. Wilson said the price reductions "were passed along to consumers" the savings resulting from both the downward adjustment of wage and salary payments and the lowered cost of certain items, notwithstanding the increased prices now being paid for steel and some other commodities.

Ten dollars was lopped from all Chevrolet models, \$15 to \$22

### Skimpy Majority Of Parliamentary Seats Captured

London, Feb. 24—(U.P.)—The labor party tonight won a skimpy majority of parliamentary seats in a general election that swung the British voting trend toward the right.

With a few districts outstanding, labor had won 313 seats, a majority in the 625-seat house. Winston Churchill's conservatives pounded hard on the heels of the socialists, and the collapsing liberal party won only a handful of the more than 400 seats fought for.

Reds Beaten Badly—The standing of the parties this evening when, just before 8:30 p. m. (11:30 a. m. PST) when the laborites achieved their technical majority, was: Labor 313, Conservatives 288, Liberals seven.

Other parties (speaker) one. The communists and fellow travelers were beaten badly all around.

The only two communists in the old house lost their seats, and none was elected to take their places.

Labor's thin margin could hardly be boosted enough by the final returns to overwrite the further socialization of the United Kingdom. A reasonably safe labor working majority in commons—say 50 or 60 seats—would be required for that.

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As it was, it turned out to be close to a dead heat. The first reaction among political sages was that this might mean another general election in the near future.

Some quarters believed labor might try to go it alone or make a coalition deal with the liberals. But they would have to abandon some of the keystones of their nationalization program if they took the liberals in.

Still another possibility was a caretaker government with a representation of all three major parties. That could last only a few months at most, possibly only until a budget had been presented in April.

Then it could be turned out by a vote of misconfidence, which the precarious working majority would make possible at any time.

### Truman Considering 'Whistle Stop' Trip

Washington, Feb. 24—(U.P.)—President Truman may make another transcontinental "whistle stop" train trip this spring.

He told his news conference yesterday he is considering a west coast trip to dedicate the Grand Coulee dam in Washington.

If he goes, he said, he would make speeches both on the way out and on the way back.

Although Mr. Truman has said the trip would be non-political, it was understood he would leave the capital well before the end of May. This would mean he would be passing through states before democratic nominees are chosen in primaries.

Mr. Truman long has insisted that he would keep hands off all primaries except in his own state of Missouri. But politicians wondered how he could make many "whistle stops" without becoming involved to some extent in intraparty races.

### Brother Of Lewis Victim Of Suicide

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 24—(U.P.)—Thomas Lewis, 69, brother of United Mine Worker President John L. Lewis, shot and killed himself at his home here today. Deputy coroner Catherine Ruthertford reported.

She said there was "no question" that he had shot himself. She said his wife, Lenora, found him fully clothed in the bathtub.

Lewis was a retired immigration service employee. His wife told police and the coroner's office that he had suffered a severe heart attack last yesterday and was seriously ill through the night.

Lewis was the second eldest of eight children of Thomas and Ann Louisa Lewis. The United Mine Worker president is the oldest of the children.

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### 3-Year-Old Survives Midnight Hike In Rain

Forest Grove, Ore., Feb. 24—(U.P.)—Three-year-old Rodney "Butch" Pentico today was back with his family apparently none the worse for wear by his midnight hike during a steady rain and sleet.

Butch, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pentico, was left Thursday night in the care of his sister Barbara, 14, and a friend, Noreen O'Reilly, 15, while his father went to a lodge meeting.

His mother had been taken to the Jones hospital Thursday morning.

The girls put him to bed and checked on him when they retired at 11 p. m.

Police Notified—When his father returned shortly after midnight Butch was missing from his room. Pentico immediately called police.

City, county and state police and even the Forest Grove volunteer fire department joined in the search.

About 1:30 a. m. Butch was returned by Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Townsend. He had wandered in bare feet and pajamas nearly a mile from his home finally curling up on the doorstep of Bob Mitchell, a neighbor of Townsend's. Mitchell brought him to them, thinking they might know where he belonged.

### WEATHER

FORECAST: Showers tonight and Saturday. Continued mild. Temp. Highest Yesterday 47. Lowest this Morning 44. Prec. to 4:30 A.M. Today .15



SANDERS JURY—This newly-completed jury of nine Catholics and four Protestants including an alternate, will decide the fate of Dr. Hermann N. Sander in his mercy murder trial in Manchester, N. H. The jury left to right: (front row) Moise Z. Marcoux, Albert DeSosses, Joseph McNeil, O. John Forbin, George A. Wingate and Harry Wright. Rear row, left to right: Earl Isham, Leo Harkeen, Arthur Edward Auger, Alexis Morin, Louis Cutter, Philemon D. Houde and Dana Clark. Jury foreman is Louis Cutter with Earl Isham as alternate.

### Body of Naval Attache Found In Austria; Murder Suspected

Vienna, Austria, Feb. 24—(U.P.)—The mutilated body of Capt. Eugene F. Karpe, American naval attache in Romania, was found in a railroad tunnel near Salzburg yesterday and reliable U. S.

### Jury Exonerates 2 Talent Youths On Rape Charges

A Jackson county grand jury yesterday fully exonerated two Talent youths of statutory rape charges. The jury declared the charges lodged against James Ernest Lewis, 21, and Dan Roland Shugart, 19, on February 8, were "not true bills."

In two other sex crimes cases, the grand jury returned indictments against Rex Joseph Coy, 28, of 839 Wabash avenue, and Earl Gorman Edison, 51, of 1180 Crater Lake avenue. Coy is charged with assault with intent to commit rape on an 11-year-old girl the evening of February 8. District Attorney George Neilson said a conviction on that charge carries a possible sentence of from one to 20 years or life in the penitentiary.

### Load Limits Off Two More Road Stretches

Reduced load limits have been removed to milepost 42.58 on Tiller-Trail highway, James Bromley, Grants Pass, resident highway engineer, announced today through a state police post.

The point is 2.8 miles past the concrete bridge.

Bromley said that restrictions on Crater Lake highway will be lifted effective Monday, February 27 to milepost 47.1, which is a mile above Prospect.

### Radio Highlights

Radio Station KJJC (1230 kc) will broadcast the Paddy Young-Tuzo Portuguese boxing match from Madison Square Garden tonight, starting at 7 o'clock.

At 8 p. m. KWIN (1400 kc) will broadcast the Oregon-Oregon State basketball game from Corvallis and at 9:30 p. m., by delayed broadcast, will air the Medford-Eagle Point game from Eagle Point.

Saturday at 8 p. m. KWIN will broadcast the Oregon-Oregon State game from Eugene and at 9:30 p. m., by delayed broadcast, will carry the Medford-Grants Pass game, to be played at Grants Pass.

### GOP Committeewoman Gives \$2000 to Democrats

Denver, Colo., Feb. 24—(U.P.)—Democratic leaders today were puzzled but pleased by a \$2,000 gift from a republican committeewoman who said she "doesn't understand about politics."

"I don't know about politics," said Byron G. Rogers, Denver county democratic chairman, "but it sure was lovely."

The gift was made by Mrs. David T. Chalmers. "I was just trying to help out," she explained.

"I like to help people. I help the Red Cross. I help the Community chest. Why shouldn't I help the democrats and republicans?"

"I didn't realize people took politics so seriously," she said. Mrs. Chalmers said she had not even known that she was the GOP committeewoman. "I just took over some work to help Mrs. Edgard McComb," she explained, "and I guess they decided I had replaced her."

When she was asked if she were a republican, she replied:

army sources said today he appeared to have been slain. Karpe, 50, of Washington, D. C., was a close friend of Robert A. Vogeler, the American businessman who was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment by a Budapest court last Tuesday on spy charges.

### Klamath Negro Kills Self After Battle

Klamath Falls, Ore., Feb. 24—(U.P.)—Robert McIntire, 35, Klamath Falls Negro, killed himself in a woodshed after a gun battle with police who sought him for a knife attack, authorities said today.

Alma Day, 30, said McIntire broke into her house by breaking windows with stove wood and then attacked her with a knife. She ran screaming toward the door as McIntire fired at her twice but missed, she said.

Police called to the scene chased him into a woodshed and riddled the frail structure with bullets after McIntire shot through the door. Sgt. Odel Olson of the Klamath Falls force said they apparently missed.

A tear gas bomb was fired into the shack. Police said when they went in after McIntire he shot himself.

A .38 calibre police revolver was found by his side.

### Mormon Missionaries Ousted By Czechs

Prague, Feb. 24—(U.P.)—Two young American Mormon missionaries were released from prison and expelled from Czechoslovakia today, the U. S. embassy announced.

Stanley E. Abbott, 23, of Lehi, Utah, and C. Aldon Johnson, 22, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, were released at noon and an hour and a half later were on a plane to Geneva, Switzerland.

An embassy spokesman said the Czech foreign office informed the embassy of the action by telephone.

The two men had disappeared early this month in the vicinity of Olomouc, Moravia, while making regular visits to Mormon converts in the area.

### Power Tools Stolen From East Side Jobs

City police said today that contractors have reported power operated tools were stolen from two construction locations on the east side last night.

They said that the window of a house under construction at 2217 Hillcrest road was forced open and a Skill saw, jointer, sawier and set of bits valued at \$194 were taken. On Crown avenue a Skill saw and blades valued at \$169 were taken from a tool shed. The shed door hasp was broken.

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