

DR. FUCHS GIVEN 14-YEAR TERM



CLAM-EATIN' CHAMP—Dick Taylor of Seattle, Wash., eats his way to the clam-eating championship, as more clams are poured on to his tray. The champ managed to gulp down 272 clams in 10 minutes to win the title.

American Airlines Ground Crews Strike

New York, Mar. 1—(U.P.)—American airlines' 4,600 maintenance employees began a coast-to-coast strike today against the nation's largest domestic airline. Pickets of the CIO Transport Workers union began marching before the airline's offices at La Guardia field a few minutes before a 7:30 (EST) strike deadline. The airline said it planned to continue operations using planes in good mechanical condition.

Two Sex Crimes To Be Tried In Circuit Court

Two sex crime cases were placed on the Jackson county circuit court docket this morning and will be the first cases of their type to reach trial stage here in many years. Two men held on sex charges have pleaded innocent to grand jury indictments and will face juries later this month.

Rex Joseph Coy, indicted by a grand jury on a charge of assault with intent to commit rape, pleaded innocent to the charge this morning and his trial was set for March 28. Attorneys Stanley C. Jones Jr. and Manville Heisel were appointed by the court to represent him.

Earl Gorman Edison pleaded innocent earlier this week, and his trial has been set for March 21 with Attorney Edward Branchfield as defense counsel. He is charged with statutory rape.

Geis Three Years
In a circuit court session yesterday afternoon, Thomas John Haecker, 41-year-old father of three children, was arraigned on a non-support charge and bound over to the grand jury in lieu of \$500 bail.

REPORT DEADLINE
Tomorrow is the deadline for filing reports of claims against the federal war claims commission in Washington. Forms for the report of loss or damage to real or personal property or of personal injury, detention, or death arising out of World War II hostilities, are available at the office of the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross. The forms do not, however, constitute a formal claim for benefits. Information is submitted for consideration of the war claims commission and for possible inclusion in its report to the congress.

Red Cross Drive Opens

PROCLAMATION
WHEREAS, the American National Red Cross is a nationally recognized medium for providing aid and assistance to victims of floods, fires and other disasters, and
WHEREAS, the American Red Cross continues to serve our country's armed forces and veterans, as evidenced in this county by its outstanding work at Camp White domiciliary center, and
WHEREAS, the Red Cross, through its health and safety instruction, blood bank program, and other diversified services, makes an outstanding contribution to the general welfare of all communities and particularly this community, and
WHEREAS, in order to carry on these services, the Red Cross is appealing for voluntary contributions amounting to \$67 million nationally and \$25,000 in Jackson county, of which a substantial portion must be raised by this community.

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Mrs. Borroto Dead Prior To Air Injections, Sander Jury Hears

Staff Physician's Statement Read In Mercy Death Case

No Pulse Obtained, Testimony Claims

Manchester, N. H., Mar. 1—(U.P.)—A hospital staff physician's statement that Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto was dead of cancer before Dr. Herman N. Sander injected air into her veins was read into the mercy murder trial record today.

The statement was made by Dr. Albert Snay, 35, a member of the staff at Hillsborough county hospital where Mrs. Borroto, 59, died last December 4.

No Pulse Obtained
The union's last year's contract which expired December 31 provided hourly wages ranging from 92 cents an hour to \$2.14 for the different classifications.

C. R. Smith, president of the airline, said the union's wage demands were unjustified "in view of the declining cost of living." He said the strike was illegal under the railway labor act.

Negotiations between the company and the union broke up at midnight when a two month extension on the contract ran out with no agreement in sight. Picket lines formed.

Mechanics at Los Angeles International airport worked up to the deadline and then formed picket lines in front of the terminal and around the hangars. Airline officials here said planes were arriving on schedule and would be serviced by supervisory personnel to meet government inspections before leaving.

Strike orders were issued to union members employed by the airline in 34 cities.

Limits Removed From Three More Roads

Further removal of load limit restrictions on county roads was announced today by County Engineer Paul B. Rynning who said his daily inspections have revealed adequate improvement in conditions to permit normal traffic on three more roads.

Full loads, within the usual limits of state law, can now be carried on the entire length of the Pleasant Creek road; East Evans Creek road, on Rogue River to Wimer, and on the Evans Creek road from Wimer to Ramsay creek. Removals are effective tomorrow at 8 a.m.

March Weather Starts Like Lamb Here; Areas Elsewhere Less Lucky

John O. Citizen of Medford sniffed the air this morning, looked closely at the first daffodil sprouts, listened to a distant meadowlark, and decided that spring is on the way.

The sun was shining and March arrived with lamb-like mildness. But the rest of the nation was not so fortunate—winter was hanging on like a leech.



MINE WORKERS' TRIAL TO START—Attorneys for the United Mine Workers arrive at Federal Court in Washington to argue charges brought by the government against the union for its failure to get 372,000 striking miners back to work. Left to right are: M. C. Bolarsky, Welly K. Hopkins and Harrison Combs.

Negro Minister, 3 Children, Next Door Neighbor Murdered

Cairo, Ga., Mar. 1—(U.P.)—A Negro minister, his three children and his next door neighbor were savagely killed with an axe, razor, ice pick and shotgun last night. The preacher's wife was jailed.

Jim Turner, 76-year-old Missionary Baptist minister, and his children, Jimmie Lou, 10; J. P., 8, and Bobbie Joe, 4, apparently were asleep when death struck and never knew what happened.

Heads Smashed
Their heads had been smashed with the blunt end of an axe. The blood-smeared implement was found at the foot of Turner's bed. Their throats had been slashed with a straight edge razor and Turner additionally was stabbed eight times near the heart with an ice pick.

John H. Arline, 50, who lived next door, was put to death with a 12-gauge shotgun, fired at close range. One side of his head was blown off.

Arline had just started laying material for a fire in his home. Then he had planned to go for his wife, a registered nurse who was to go off duty at midnight.

Jet Fliers Complete First Night Landing

San Diego, Mar. 1—(U.P.)—Navy fliers successfully completed the first night carrier landings for jet aircraft in history last night, the navy announced today.

Cmdr. Harvey P. Lanham, 36, Los Angeles, brought his Grumman Panther jet fighter plane into a perfect landing on the carrier USS Valley Forge at sea off the coast of California to settle doubts of critics of use of jet planes at night.

Limited visibility and poor depth perception at night make a landing difficult. The higher landing speed of approximately 115 miles per hour for jets magnifies this problem.

Lewis, UMW Freed Of Coal Strike Blame

Washington, Mar. 1—(U.P.)—A high United Mine Workers official swore in federal court today that John L. Lewis and UMW headquarters are not to blame for the soft coal strike.

UMW Secretary - Treasurer John Owens testified that the 370,000 strikers acted on their own volition in choosing not to obey back to work orders from Lewis and the court.

As the union defended itself against contempt charges, UMW and industry representatives resumed wage-hour negotiations in Lewis' absence. Federal mediators saw little hope of early settlement. One official predicted that President Truman will have to ask congressional authority to seize the mines if the economy-crushing strike is to be ended.

Chamber Head At CAB Airline Hearing Today

Chel Hubbard, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, is in Salem today to present the chamber's brief at civil aeronautics board hearings on proposed renewal of West Coast airlines' operating franchise in the northwest.

Changes in airline routes in Oregon and Washington, involving transfers of some United Airlines points to West Coast, are up for CAB consideration.

The chamber and the Jackson county court have both been granted leave to intervene in the hearings as parties directly concerned in the outcome of the proceedings. The chamber and the court are chiefly interested in inauguration of scheduled air service to Klamath Falls from Medford and in the improvement of all air services out of the Medford port.

Washington, Mar. 1—(U.P.)—Sen. Sheridan Downey (D., Cal.), today postponed for one week his decision on whether to seek reelection this year.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Fair and continued mild tonight and Thursday.
Temp. 62
Highest Yesterday 62
Lowest this Morning 31

New Seven-Story Apartment Given Approval Of FHA

Commitment OK'd Few Hours Before Deadline

The federal housing administration has approved a commitment of \$376,400 for the construction of a seven-story, 50-unit apartment house here, The Mail Tribune was informed by a wire from Sen. Guy Cordon today.

In a garbled United Press report yesterday, the situation was confused when the approval was attributed to the public housing administration, an office which would not have jurisdiction over the mortgage insurance provision under which the apartment will be built. Approval was given only a few hours before the statute providing the action expired.

Announced in October
First announcement that the new building would be constructed came last October, when Ormond R. Bean Jr., a Portland architect, revealed the plans. It will be located at the corner of 10th street and Oakdale avenue, and is to be put up by the Coates Construction company of Portland.

Approval of the FHA commitment, which had been recommended by the Portland FHA office, was urged by Senator Cordon last week, at the request of City Councilman Frank J. Runtz, as acting mayor. Runtz' wire pointed out that only eight units have been built in Medford under the provisions of title 608 of the housing laws, while 250 in Salem and 300 in Eugene have been given approval. It was felt that this fact should give Medford a priority, Runtz said.

The proposed apartment house, which will cost in the neighborhood of half a million dollars, was most recently in the news when builders asked the city council for permission to build out to the property line with no set-back. The city planning commission last night took no action on the request, and property owners on Oakdale brought a petition of remonstrance to the planning commission's meeting. According to city ordinance, a set-back of about 20 feet is required.

Planning commission members said a new hearing will be held soon.

S. E. Vermilyea, representative of the Coates company, also recently asked the council for a rezoning ordinance amendment to permit construction of the apartment.

Building Described
According to the original description of the building, it will house garages and utility rooms in the basement, with heat provided by a water circulating system. Two elevators will serve tenants, and the building will probably be in the shape of a city permitting outside exposure for all apartment units. Rents will range from \$70 to \$75 per month, it was thought. Off-the-street parking will be provided tenants.

Thorvald Norkleby is former owner of the site. A small building at the rear of the property will be removed, and it is hoped that construction can begin within the next month or two.

Fliegel Enters Race For Governorship

Tillamook, Ore., Mar. 1—(U.P.)—Austin Fliegel, state senator from Multnomah county, today was the third democrat in the race for governor of Oregon.

Fliegel will oppose democrats Lew Wallace, twice-defeated candidate, and Walter Pearson, state treasurer who filed for the office earlier.

Only Gov. Douglas McKay has filed so far on the republican ballot.

British Scientist Receives Maximum Sentence As Spy

Confessed Red Agent Throws Self On Court

London, Mar. 1—(U.P.)—Dr. Klaus Fuchs, Britain's third ranking atomic scientist, pleaded guilty at old Bailey today to betraying Anglo-American A-bomb secrets to Russia and was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

The 38-year-old German-born scientist, a confessed Soviet agent for seven years, threw himself on the mercy of the court after admitting his guilt on four specific counts of handing over atomic secrets to the Soviets—twice in the United States and twice in England.

Hack Fair Trial
In a heavy accent, the slender, balding Fuchs said: "I do not want to hurt my friends. I have had a fair trial."

Attorney General Sir Hartley Shawcross told the court that Fuchs' original contact with the Russians was through a "foreign communist who was not recognized by British authorities as a person who would be a communist."

Fuchs' defense attorney, Derek Curtis-Bennett, made an eloquent plea for clemency for Fuchs. He said that Russia was a fighting ally of Britain during the first three of the four instances on which he had passed information to Russia.

Maximum Sentence
Fuchs was given the maximum possible sentence under the security laws on which he was tried. The court held that his crime was only technically different from high treason.

The only redeeming feature, the court said, was that Fuchs since his arrest had given valuable information to the government. It was not disclosed whether this related to further atomic research by Fuchs or information about a Russian spy network.

Leopard Succumbs Of Drug Overdose

Oklahoma City, Mar. 1—(U.P.)—Leo the leaping leopard will be stuffed and put on display to commemorate the state's greatest wild animal hunt, authorities said today.

The rebellious, 175-pound jungle killer died yesterday of an overdose of sleeping pills about 16 hours following his return to the Lincoln park zoo, where he made his terrifying escape in an aerobic leap from a pit last Saturday.

He sneaked back to the zoo under cover of darkness to eat horsemeat bait which had been treated with narcotics.

He had been returned to a cage by Zoo Director Julian Frazier.

Roy Roberts, a zoo attendant, noticed the leopard was dying when he made a routine check shortly before dusk yesterday.

He pulled the big cat from the iron-bound crate-cage and pumped its lungs several times. The leopard died a few minutes later.

Shaky Laborites Face Crucial Session

London, Mar. 1—(U.P.)—The newly-elected house of commons convened today for one of the most critical parliamentary sessions in a century.

Stunned and chastened, the labor government that filed into the historic chamber had only a technical seven-seat majority over all opposition parties.

The formal state opening of parliament will be held next Monday, with King George's speech from the throne sketching the program the labor government hopes to follow.

Today's session to elect a speaker in the ancient ritual of British parliament came after these developments:

1. Announcement by Prime Minister Clement Attlee of a slightly reshuffled cabinet to deal with the crises ahead.

2. Re-election of Attlee as leader of the labor party by the parliamentary labor party, or labor members of the new house of commons.

Mother Fearing Cancer Abandons Family of Three

Rensselaer, N. Y., Mar. 1—(U.P.)—A needless fear that she is dying of cancer kept a mother of three children in voluntary exile from her family today.

Police in eight states searched for Mrs. Helen B. Overlander, 30, to tell her that a doctor's report showed she had no trace of the disease.

A cancer-phobia preyed so heavily on her mind that she wandered off six days ago rather than become a burden to her family.

She left while her husband, Sherrill, was at work. She gave each of her children a toy and a goodbye kiss. They said her last words were: "I'm never coming back." It was believed she took about \$600 with her.

"She often said she would never bother me if she ever had anything like her grandfather," Mary Elizabeth, 6,

Overlander said.

She had "some kind of fixation" about cancer for years, he said, and insisted it would be inherited when her grandfather died of it a few years ago.

If Mrs. Overlander had made only one more check with her doctor, she could have saved her family all its heart-sick worry.

Her husband, a truck-driver, said if she had only obeyed her doctor's instructions to call him on Friday to get the results of a hospital checkup she would have learned then that x-ray photographs had shown no trace of the disease.

The doctor said she had only an intestinal function disorder.

Overlander, 33, invited some friends to move into his apartment, Sherrill Jr., 10, Carl, 8, and Mary Elizabeth, 6.