

PRESIDENT ASKS SEIZURE POWER

Patient Dead Before Injections, Supervisor Says

Department Head Unable To Obtain Pulse Of Victim

First Of Witnesses Produced By Defense

Manchester, N. H., Mar. 30—(U.P.)—The defense today produced the first of a series of witnesses who will say cancer patient Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto, 59, was dead when Dr. Hermann N. Sander injected air into her veins.

"I thought she was dead," said Mrs. Cecilia Smith, supervisor of the women's ward at Hillsborough county hospital where Mrs. Borroto died Dec. 4.

Dr. Sander is accused of taking her life by injecting air in a mercy murder.

Unable To Get Pulse

Mrs. Smith said she entered Mrs. Borroto's room about 11 a.m. on the day of her death at the request of Miss Elizabeth Rose, the bedside nurse.

"Did you take Mrs. Borroto's pulse?" asked Defense Attorney Robert P. Booth.

"I wasn't able to get a pulse," said Mrs. Smith.

She returned to the room a few minutes later with Dr. Albert K. Snay, a staff physician. She watched Dr. Snay try to get a pulse and listen with a stethoscope to Mrs. Borroto's chest.

"What was Mrs. Borroto's appearance?" asked Booth.

"She had an awful death pallor . . . and she was cold and clammy to the touch," replied Mrs. Smith.

"What was her condition?"

"I thought she was dead."

"Was she breathing?"

"No."

"Was Mrs. Borroto gasping?"

"No."

"Are you sure?"

"I'm positive."

Did Not Enter Room

Mrs. Smith said that when Dr. Sander arrived she did not go into the room but walked away to take care of her own duties.

"Have you ever heard any sounds coming from a person after death?"

"Yes."

"What were those sounds?"

"The sounds of air escaping."

Attorney General William L. Phinney, who had dramatically read the hippocratic physician's oath to the jury, began cross-examination.

Mrs. Smith said in answer to Phinney's questioning she got the stethoscope for Dr. Snay and that he was in Mrs. Borroto's room about two minutes. She said she saw Dr. Snay and Dr. Sander meet in the corridor as Dr. Snay left the room.

Mrs. Smith said she saw Dr. Sander enter the room but she did not enter with him.

Red Deputies Riot In French Assembly

Paris, Mar. 3—(U.P.)—Communist deputies rioted in the national assembly today, seized the rostrum and held it for hours in defiance of repeated orders to get out.

A dozen other deputies were beaten, some seriously, and benches were smashed in one of the stormiest free-for-alls the French chamber had seen for years. One communist deputy was censured and expelled for one month.

But hours later the ousted deputy, Gerard Duprat, remained in possession of the tribune. He was surrounded by a bodyguard of fellow communists, defying orders by Edouard Herriot, 77-year-old assembly president, to leave the house.

Mother Fearful of Cancer Returns to Home of Family

Rensselaer, N. Y., Mar. 3—(U.P.)—Mrs. Helen B. Overlander, 30-year-old runaway mother, came home today and said she left her husband and three small children a week ago because she feared she had cancer and "didn't want to be a burden to anyone."

She said she still was "not convinced" she doesn't have the dread disease, but added tearfully, as she embraced her husband:

"I will never do it again."

Visited Brother

Mrs. Overlander disappeared last Friday after giving the children some toys and telling them, "You will never see me again."

She returned this morning and said she had been visiting a brother in Stillwater, Okla.

Mrs. Overlander, who had been the object of a 14-state police search, said she left home early last Saturday and, after cashing a check, boarded a train at Albany for Oklahoma.

"I didn't know what I was going to do," she said. "I didn't want to be a burden to anyone. I'm glad to be back and I'll do anything my husband wants me to. I was so mixed up I didn't know what to do."



FILES CANDIDACY—David C. Shaw, above, of Gold Beach, has filed his candidacy for congressman from the fourth Oregon district. He will seek the democratic nomination in the May 19 primary election. Shaw will seek the congressional seat now held by Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg.

Mail Delays Cited By Medford Man At CAB Hearing

Salem, Mar. 3—Mail destined for Klamath Falls and dispatched from Medford has to travel 425 miles by rail and bus via Eugene or Dunsmuir, according to Chester Hubbard, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce president, who testified at the civil aeronautics board hearing here late yesterday.

Hubbard, representing the chamber and the Jackson county court, was appearing as an "interested party" at the hearing, which is for the purpose of studying proposed revisions in United States and West Coast airlines' certificates.

Hubbard's testimony is of interest in additional service between Medford and Klamath Falls, and he did not speak for or against any air carrier.

Can't Serve Both

United's certificate prevents it from serving both Medford and Klamath Falls on the same flight, it was pointed out.

A Klamath Falls delegation headed by State Sen. Phillip Hitchcock said that United's schedules in and out of Klamath Falls provide only one flight each day north and south, and that times do not permit businessmen to transact business in Portland or San Francisco and return the same day. Other than this, service is satisfactory, they said.

UAL is being asked at the hearing to show cause why it should be permitted to continue to serve Klamath Falls and other Oregon points, including Salem. The Salem hearing adjourned yesterday afternoon, and will be resumed in Washington, D.C., March 27.

Deadline Nears For Public Office Filing

Persons planning to seek nomination for public office in the primary election of May 19 must declare their intention to run with the county clerk by March 10—one week from today. Terms of three county officials expire this year. They are: sheriff, engineer and surveyor, and justice of the peace. Three of the county's seats in the state legislature, two in the house and one in the senate, must also be filled.

It was on last Saturday that a doctor told Mrs. Overlander's husband, Sherrell, that tests showed she had no trace of cancer. He had reported her disappearance to authorities and said he was convinced she left home because of her fear of the disease.

"I intended to get away from myself and I wouldn't have come back if I hadn't heard reports that the police and my family were looking for me," Mrs. Overlander said.

Told of the doctor's report, she said:

To Continue Treatments

"It's hard to be convinced by the word of one doctor."

Overlander said his wife would continue treatments for a stomach disorder.

Overlander a truck driver, was on a trip to New York city when his wife returned and was not reunited with her for several hours.

Their three children, Sherrell Jr., 10; Carl, eight; and Mary Elizabeth, six, who had prayed every night for their mother's return, had been cared for by friends.

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British War Minister Challenged

Communism Issue In Attack Upon Attlee Appointee

Conservative Press Dares Revelations

London, Mar. 3—(U.P.)—War Minister John Strachey was challenged publicly today to say where, when and under what circumstances he ever disavowed his belief in communism.

Lord Beaverbrook's conservative press dared Strachey to give places and dates of any public affirmation which would bear out an unprecedented defense of the war minister by Prime Minister Clement Attlee.

Confronts Laborites

Beaverbrook's Evening Standard picked up the ball for the second straight day of an offensive against Strachey. It confronted the labor government for counter-espionage against communists such as Dr. Klaus Fuchs, who gave Russia atomic secrets.

The standard opened the attack yesterday by charging in a front page splash that the newly appointed war minister was an "avowed communist."

Attlee's office retorted with an unprecedented statement denying the published charges as untrue and "disgraceful headlines."

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FIVE SHOT IN GUN BATTLE—Suspect identified as Pedro Gonzalez, 25, alias James Ford, is carried from night club in New York's Greenwich Village after gun duel between bandits and police in which five were shot. Gonzalez and two other gunmen, reportedly "hopped up" with marijuana and whiskey, were thwarted in their attempt to hold up the 100 patrons and the proprietor of the club by two detectives on night patrol.

Fireman Saves Doll; Tot Burns To Death

Oklahoma City, Okla., Mar. 3—(U.P.)—The cries of a large "mama" doll sounded so real that a fireman carried it to "safety" while a two-year-old Carolyn Thompson suffocated in a blazing bedroom.

Fireman Bob Coley said he put on a gas mask and crawled back into the bedroom after discovering his tragic mistake, but the child was dead when he found her.

Starts In Closet

The fire started yesterday in a closet of Charles W. Thompson's apartment in a 12-family frame building at a veterans housing unit.

It was almost out when firemen arrived, authorities said, because two persons refused to get off a telephone party line when two women tried to report the blaze.

W. P. Bruce, chief of the veterans hospital fire department, said closed doors and windows prevented Mrs. Thompson from reaching her child.

Coley rushed into the apartment when someone told him Carolyn "was in the west bedroom."

"But she wasn't there, and I had to get out for a second to breathe," he said. Mrs. Thompson was screaming hysterically.

"She told me the baby was on a bed in the other bedroom," Coley said. "I crawled on the floor to the bed. I couldn't see a thing because of the smoke. But I felt something wrapped in a blanket. When I pulled it off the bed, it cried just like a baby."

Returned To Bedroom

Coley was dumbfounded when he learned he had rescued a doll. He put on a gas mask and returned to the bedroom to bring out the child's lifeless body.

Mrs. Thompson collapsed when hospital attendants told her Carolyn was dead. Doctors said the girl had suffocated, although third degree burns covered most of her tiny body.

The father was on duty as an electrician for the Oklahoma City fire department at the time of the fire. City firemen do not serve the veterans housing project because it is outside the city limits.

Prospect In Finals Of Consolation Round

Prospect high will play Elton in the consolation round finals of the Southern Oregon college invitational basketball tournament Saturday at 2 p. m.

The Cougars entered the championship round this morning by downing St. Mary's (Medford) 39 to 27 while Elton eliminated Valdez, 33 to 28. Prospect led at the half 20 to 15 and Elton was on top at the half 27 to 17.

Talent will play Gold Hill at 7 p. m. and Oakland will meet Westport at 8:15 in the tourney title semi-finals today.

Radio Highlights

Radio station KYJC (1230 kc) will broadcast the 10-round boxing match between Jersey Joe Walcott and Omelio Agronimo from Madison Square garden tonight, starting at 7 o'clock.

KWIN (1400 kc) will broadcast the Oregon State-Washington basketball games from Seattle on Friday and Saturday, starting at 8 p. m.

At about 9:30 p. m. Saturday, by delayed broadcast, KWIN will air the championship game of the class B invitational basketball tournament now being played at Southern Oregon college.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy and mild with occasional light sprinkles tonight and Saturday.

Lowest this Morning 46

Highest Yesterday 54

Lowest this Morning 43

High to 4:30 A.M. Today, Trace

State Department Bans Delegation Of 12 Europeans

Group Seeks End To Arms Program

Washington, Mar. 3—(U.P.)—The state department today barred from the United States a 12-man leftist delegation which sought to come here from Europe to petition congress to ban atomic weapons and end the arms race.

The department refused visas for the delegation, which included the Rev. Hewlett Johnson, the so-called red dean of Canterbury, and Pablo Picasso, the famed Spanish painter.

Subject To Exclusion

"The 12 delegates, on the basis of available information, are either known communists or fellow travelers and are therefore subject to exclusion from the United States under the immigration laws," the state department announced.

It added that it had consulted with congressional leaders and with their support "is refusing to grant entry to the proposed delegation."

The delegation represented "The World Congress of Partisans of Peace," which the state department said is "the leading overall communist front organization in the world." It said the "Partisans of Peace" movement is "a major Soviet instrumentality for propaganda and political pressure."

Citizens Warned

The department warned American citizens that communist front organizations are pressing an extensive propaganda campaign to promote so-called peace movements.

O. John Rogge, former assistant attorney general, was scheduled to call at the state department today to plead for visas for the delegation. During the night, however, the state department instructed its overseas consulates to deny visas to the delegation as such. This left the possibility that the delegation members applying as individuals could receive visas if they sought to come to the United States for some other purpose.

Alaska Statehood Urged On Congress

Washington, Mar. 3—(U.P.)—Alaskan Delegate E. L. Bartlett urged congress today to give Alaska statehood—"the key to unlock our treasures."

"It has what is needed to make a prosperous state of the union," he told the house in opening debate on the statehood bill. "Give us the key and we shall make this rich and great country of ours even richer and greater."

He cited Alaska's untapped mineral, timber and hydroelectric resources and one other—its people who have sought statehood for 34 years.

Alaska's strategic location recently has brought more generous appropriations—mostly for defense—than ever before, Bartlett said. These funds have encouraged population and industrial growth.

TO VOTE ON DST

Grants Pass, Mar. 3—The Grants Pass city council at its next meeting will vote on whether or not the city will go on daylight saving time this summer.

Two Crew Leaders For Census Named Here

Mrs. Dorothy Doty and H. E. Friel will be crew leaders in Medford for the 1950 decennial census, it was announced today by Guy Corliss, assistant district supervisor for the census bureau.

Examinations for the positions were given here last Tuesday.

In Ashland, the crew leader will be Mrs. D. V. Matheny.

Examinations for the selection of the enumerators who will conduct the census in this county will be held Monday, March 6, at the federal circuit in the post office building. Corliss said. Those who have already applied have been notified as to the time and place of the examinations.

Others who are interested in seeking jobs as enumerators may apply directly to Corliss at the post office Monday. The exams are scheduled for 9 and 10:30 a. m., and 1:30 and 3 p. m.

Young Arsonist Taken From Father's Care

The Jackson county juvenile court has ordered that a nine-year-old boy, charged with starting three fires here last week, be taken from the custody of his father and placed in foster home for long-term care.

The father was ordered to contribute to his son's support until permanent disposition of the case is made by the court.

Juvenile Officer John Richard said the boy will be examined in a child guidance clinic to determine if there is any psychopathic basis for his behavior.

The boy admitted starting the fires and had also been picked up previously as a run-away and for alleged burglary.

'CAN WAIT NO LONGER' TRUMAN TELLS CONGRESS IN SPECIAL MESSAGE

Washington, Mar. 3—(U.P.)—President Truman asked congress today for authority to take over the coal mines and operate them temporarily "as a public service."

In a special message to the house and senate he said he hoped soft coal operators and the United Mine Workers would reach a strike-ending agreement "before it actually becomes necessary for the government to take possession of the mines."

"But we can wait no longer to prepare ourselves with the necessary legislative authority," he said.

The president called for seizure powers after all other government efforts to end the four-week total strike by mediation and court injunctions had failed. Union and management negotiators were unable to agree on a new contract and the miners themselves refused to obey back-to-work orders from the courts or John L. Lewis.

Democratic Leader Scott W. Lucas of Illinois promised that the president's request would get the fastest possible action. He said a Saturday session may be held, and that a seizure bill could be passed by tomorrow night.

But Speaker Sam Rayburn told reporters there would be no action in the house before Monday.

Mr. Truman throughout his message referred to the bituminous crisis, and it was expected that if he seizes mines, he would seize only the soft coal mines. The anthracite miners have continued to work a three-day week.

With his message Mr. Truman sent a proposed draft of legislation. He asked congress to act "as quickly as possible."

Impartial Boards

He proposed the establishment of two impartial boards—one to recommend "fair and just compensation" to the operators for use of the mines, and the other to see that the miners receive "fair and just compensation for their work."

(Mr. Truman gave no detailed description of the bill in his message. Copies of the bill were not available immediately.)

The chief executive stressed that he did not propose the legislation as a means of dictating settlement of the eight-month contract dispute between the operators and the United Mine Workers.

Settle Own Problems

"They will have to settle their differences through their own collective bargaining, just as though government operation were not in effect," he said. "I do not propose to substitute the government's representatives for the private operators at the bargaining table."

He said that the government would not establish wages, hours or working conditions that would bind either the miners or the operators upon resumption of private operations.

He specified that the mines would be "promptly returned to private hands" once the country can be assured of sufficient coal supplies.

High Court Rules On UN Memberships

The Hague, Netherlands, Mar. 3—(U.P.)—The international court of justice ruled 12 to 2 today that the United Nations general assembly cannot admit states to UN membership without a recommendation from the security council.

In effect the ruling upholds a veto on memberships by the Big Five powers represented on the council—Russia, Britain, France, China and the United States.

The advisory opinion was asked by the general assembly after repeated Soviet vetoes in the security council prevented numerous prospective UN members, including Italy, from obtaining membership.

The dissenting votes were cast by the judges of Chile and Brazil.

The court ruling upheld the position of Russia, which has maintained that the security council must agree on all memberships.

TO REPAIR STREETS

Mayor Flynn said today that spring street repair has commenced in Medford. Two trucks with patching crews are out now and yesterday filled chuck holes at the Main street bridge. Both city graders are now in operation, Flynn reported.

Medford's 'Joy Scout' In Portland to Sign Up 10,000 of City's 'Sourpusses'

Portland, Ore., Mar. 3—(U.P.)—"Joy Scout" Joe R. Neil today has what he thinks is the answer to unhappiness in the city—collects no dues or assessments, and avoids elections by making everyone an officer.

Neil is here to conscript 10,000 Portland "sourpusses" into his "Are You Happy" club that got its start Feb. 14 in Medford, Ore., "the city of smiles."

The organization's 700 members are scattered as far east as Missouri, and Neil said the idea is catching.

The for-men-only club got its start when Neil stopped a Medford furniture dealer on the street and asked:

"Are you happy?"

The dealer thought it over for a while before deciding in the affirmative.

Neil proposed, "Let's start a club."

The conscription began, and 60 members with happy faces were enrolled on Valentine's day. Since then, members who joined the club have received membership cards when they wrote Neil (6th and Bartlett, Medford) and sent 10 cents to cover mailing and handling costs.

The female sex is the only thing taboo in the miles-of-smiles club.

"I don't know why women aren't in the club," the joy scout mused, "but we're undertaking some research to find out. Maybe they're already happy, or maybe they're hopelessly unhappy."

The happy-go-lucky club has two officers. Neil is president, and all members become automatic vice-presidents.

Most recent development in the club's growth is the official designation of Medford as "the city of smiles," by Mayor Diamond Flynn and Chamber of Commerce President Chester Hubbard.

Neil is to visit Portland's Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee in behalf of "city of smiles," but he said the visit will take some diplomacy.

"She's a woman and our strongest rule forbids female members," he explained.

"I'm in Portland to spread good cheer," Neil continued. "The club picks a community. You can see the results in a town the size of Medford. It's fun, and it does a lot of good."