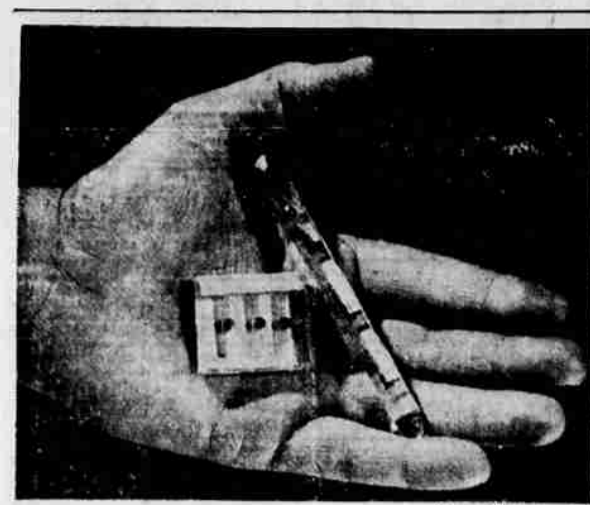


40 CC's Of Air Not Enough To Kill, Mercy Death Jury Informed



ATOMIC DETECTORS—Closeup view shows two inexpensive and accurate radiation detectors which have been developed at the University of California at Los Angeles. The miniature "Geiger counters" work by evidencing a color change when exposed to such rays as come from fluoroscopes, X-ray machines and, of course, atomic explosions. The device comes in two convenient plastic shapes. Small one at left is about the size of a packet of paper matches and could be worn around the neck like a GI "dogtag." The other is in pencil-like form, complete with clip.

Rogue Basin Project Progress Reported

The Rogue basin development project is well on its way toward final approval, it was reported today by Victor Boehl, president of the Rogue Valley Irrigation association, which has been active in support of the project.

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Four Shy, Smiling DP's Begin New Life In Valley

Shyly, but with broad smiles, four displaced persons from Eastern Europe arrived to begin a new life in the Rogue River valley this morning.

Arriving on the southbound 8:12 a.m. Southern Pacific train, they completed a journey which began in European camps, and involved first the Atlantic ocean voyage and then the long rail trip across the nation. They were met at the station by their "sponsors," Ray Baker, manager of the Medford J. C. Penney store, and Attorney O. H. Bengtson.

The Ukrainian couple sponsored by Baker, which is Harkenko. The man and his wife speak no English, and in the excitement of their arrival, it was impossible to determine their first names. They will work on Baker's dairy ranch on the Old Stage road.

The other DP's, a father and 16-year-old daughter, are named Powel and Galina Zapolska, and are from Poland. It is understood that they are the only survivors of a family of eight people. They will assist Bengtson in caring for his house and grounds.

Arrangements for the care and transportation of the four refugees were completed through the Church World Service, and the Rev. Harry Hansen, until recently pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, assisted in arranging details of their care.

Sponsors Responsible Bengtson and Baker are responsible for their care for at least one year, and Baker said "Of course our moral responsibility extends beyond that."

Another DP family will be coming to the Rogue valley soon, according to the Rev. George Shuman of the Ashland Presbyterian church, which is sponsoring them. A five-room house on B street is being prepared, and clothing, supplies and a job will be awaiting the family. Word of their arrival in this country is expected at any time, the Rev. Mr. Shuman said.

London, Mar. 7—(U.P.)—Princess Margaret is ill with influenza, Buckingham palace announced today.

Huge Dust Clouds Rising Over Great Plains Region

Chicago, Mar. 7—(U.P.)—Great clouds of dust arose over the wide areas of the great plains today and a blizzard swept the north central states, but the midwest basked in near-record spring temperatures.

Elsewhere, spring flood threats arose from ice-scoured rivers in Iowa and Wisconsin. Prairie fires which swept hundreds of square miles in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Nebraska were reported under control.

Sun Blotted Out Dust storms whipped up by strong winds blotted out the sun over Kansas and soil conservation experts warned that a dust bowl like the disastrous one of the 1930's might develop unless rains come soon.

The dust storms already covered portions of six states. At least two persons had died in highway crashes caused by the dust. A pileup involving a truck and four cars near Noyling, Kan., last night killed a bride and injured 12 persons, six seriously.

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Mr. Spatz found that the secretary and his aides were thoroughly familiar with our problems and are now doing everything possible to expedite the project," Boehl said.

"Usual Procedure" The basin report is now in the hands of the interior department committee, and will be handed back to the secretary some time in March as a fully coordinated report. It will then be forwarded to the governor of Oregon and to the bureau of the budget for their approval. This is the usual procedure through which all reclamation project reports must pass," Boehl's review continued.

It is therefore evident that our project cannot reach congress in time for consideration at this session, but will be ready for presentation as a coordinated report at the beginning of the next session. This may seem to be an unnecessary delay, but well informed persons are confident that because all parties to the report will have reached an agreement, it may actually expedite approval of the project," Boehl concluded.

Reports Delayed It was at first hoped that the project would be ready for presentation to the congress at this session, but was delayed by unforeseen developments in preparing preliminary field and study reports.

Spatz reported that his success in obtaining appointment with many high-ranking administration officials was due to assistance offered him by Monroe Sweetland, democratic national committeeman from Oregon.

Sub-Freezing Mercury Recorded In Oregon

Portland, Ore., Mar. 7—(U.P.)—Below-freezing temperatures nipped Portland early today and extended inland to central and eastern Oregon.

Portland recorded 28 degrees at the airport, but the weather bureau forecast tonight's temperatures would be slightly warmer. Occasional rain is expected over most of the area by tomorrow afternoon.

Bend was the coldest reporting spot in Oregon with 16 degrees. Burns and Lakeview each had 18. Baker 20, Klamath Falls 22, LaGrande 24, Ontario 25, Salem 27, Medford 27, Eugene 29, The Dalles 29 and Roseburg 30.

Forest Patrol Pumper Again On Fire Call

Frank Hamilton, district warden for the state department of forestry, said today that the state forest patrol has again placed the large pumper engine here on call to rural residents in case of fire.

This service is offered by the forest patrol in addition to its regular duties, Hamilton explained, and while they have no responsibility to aid in rural house fires, they will attempt to furnish all the aid they can in case they are called.

The pumper has been out of service for several months, he said, due to the freezing weather. Those needing aid in fighting fires should first call the patrol office, phone number 2-2860, and if no answer may call Hamilton's home, 2-4328. The patrol office is closed Saturday and Sunday.

Hollywood, Mar. 7—(U.P.)—Film Actress Judy Garland plans to leave in a week or so for Boston for a complete physical checkup and rest, MGM studio said today.

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COPLON, GUBITCHEV CONVICTED BY JURY

PAIR FOUND GUILTY ON THREE COUNTS OF SPYING INDICTMENT

New York, Mar. 7—(U.P.)—A federal court jury convicted Judith Coplon and Valentin Gubitchev on three counts of a four count espionage conspiracy indictment today.

The jury of six men and six housewives acquitted Miss Coplon on the second count of the indictment which charged her with attempting to pass government secrets to an unauthorized person.

The verdict, read to the court by Jury Foreman John Hopper after six hours and 24 minutes of actual deliberation, was as follows:

First count: Both defendants guilty of conspiracy. Second count: (Naming Miss Coplon only) innocent.

Third count: (Charging Gubitchev with attempting to receive and obtain United States secrets) guilty. Fourth count: (Charging Miss Coplon with attempting to pass government secrets to Gubitchev with the knowledge that they would be used to the detriment of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign country) guilty.

Defense Fights In Vain For Mistrial Because Of Typographical Error The verdict was returned at 11:47 a.m. as the defense was fighting in vain for a mistrial because of a typographical error the jury found in its copy of the indictment.

Miss Coplon faces a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Gubitchev's maximum would be 15 years and \$20,000 fine—\$10,000 on each of the first and third counts.

Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan remanded both defendants to jail immediately and said he would sentence them at 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

The fourth count of the indictment carries a maximum sentence of 20 years for Miss Coplon. She could have been sentenced to death in any case.

Miss Coplon already is under sentence of 40 months to 10 years in Washington for stealing government secrets.

Gubitchev's attorney, Abraham Pomerantz, told reporters following the adjournment of court that he could "make no sense" of the verdict which found Miss Coplon innocent on the second count of attempting to pass secret documents to Gubitchev but found the Russian guilty of attempting to receive those documents.

"It indicates to me a terrific confusion," he said.

Amateur Contest Winners Named; New Audition Set

The first finalists in Medford's competition for the Original Amateur Hour honors are Keith Mirick, Frances Thrum, Richard McCorkle, Sue Murphy, Ronald Peyton and Fred Bruener. They were chosen from 22 contestants at auditions held at radio station KYJC yesterday and will appear in a special broadcast from the stage of the Craterian theater at 8:30 p.m. today.

The six winners were chosen by Judges R. D. Werner, Frank Buchter and Abby Green. Mirick is an instrumentalist on the cornet and McCorkle played a saxophone for his audition. The other winners were vocalists.

Second Audition Set A second broadcast over KYJC from the Craterian stage will be held March 14 for six other finalists selected from auditions scheduled for next Monday. Contestants for the final broadcast March 21 will be chosen by popular vote. The theater audience will be provided with ballots in the lobby and the KYJC listening audience may vote by mail.

The six contestants receiving the most votes will appear on the final local broadcast when the top winner will be chosen by an applause meter. He, or she, will then be sent to Portland to appear on the nationwide ABC broadcast of the Original Amateur Hour.

Last Rites For Lew Lehr Planned

Brookline, Mass., Mar. 7—(U.P.)—Private funeral services have been planned for Lew Lehr, 54-year-old comedian and motion picture executive, who died yesterday in the Christian Science sanitarium after a long illness.

Lehr was known to millions of movie fans by his trademark statement "moneys is the craziest people." He retired several years ago as editor of short subjects for Twentieth Century Fox films' Movietone division and made his home in New Canaan, Conn. A family friend said Lehr had requested cremation.

In Vaudeville Born in Philadelphia, Lehr began his career in vaudeville as Simple Simon in J. C. Mack's "Mother Goose." Later he began writing a recording comment for movie shorts and led a double life as a film executive and a low-comedy artist.

Lehr was the master of dozens of dialects, but he did not use them in show business until 1933 when film officials heard him ad-libbing in the studio and persuaded him to become "Doktor Lew." His putty-fat face, outrageous moustache and zany malapropisms soon endeared him to movie-goers.

Robinson Claims May, Koehn Out Of Senate Race

Two Uptate Men Also Confirm Announcement

Fred Robinson, Medford clothing store proprietor who is seeking the republican nomination for United States senator, said today that the two men who have been most prominently mentioned as also entering the primary race, have decided not to do so.

Walter W. R. May, Oregon City publisher, and George L. Koehn, Portland industrialist, both phoned Robinson last night, he said, and told him that they had conducted an informal poll among friends, acquaintances, and interested friends.

They said, Robinson reported, that Robinson seems to be the favorite candidate to oppose Sen. Wayne Morse in the primary election. Both pledged him their wholehearted support, Robinson said.

The Medford candidate left here today for Portland where he will start his campaign "in earnest." He expects to spend several days uptate.

Political speculation in recent weeks has been that May would run in the primaries against Morse. This guess had been strengthened by the recent merger of the Oregon City Enterprise, May's newspaper, with the Oregon City Banner-Courier, the only competition.

Said Would Withdraw Robinson said several weeks ago that he would withdraw from the contest if another candidate, better known throughout the state, came forward. But his announcement today apparently indicated that anti-Morse forces have decided that Robinson is the best candidate they have.

Portland, Ore., Mar. 7—(U.P.)—Walter W. R. May, editor-in-chief of the Oregon City Enterprise-Courier, announced today that he will not run for the republican nomination for U. S. senator in opposition to Wayne Morse.

"It will not be possible for me to be a candidate for the United States senate in the republican primary and start an active campaign soon enough to draw fully the grave party issue presented by Senator Morse's course in office," May said.

Cites Responsibilities "This is because I have some prior responsibilities I cannot set aside. They are contractual and in the nature of a trust. I am deeply appreciative, of course, for the united statewide support offered me by my friends and many others. I do not know personally who believed I would win by giving the republican voters the opportunity to express themselves within the party, which I believe they should have."

Earlier, George L. Koehn, Portland attorney, confirmed that he also would withdraw his candidacy against Morse on the republican ticket in favor of Fred Robinson, Medford.

Daylight Saving May Be Council Subject

City councilmen may discuss the matter of daylight saving time at their regular meeting at the city hall at 7:30 p.m. today, Mayor Diamond Flynn reported this morning.

He said that airline and radio station representatives and a number of businessmen advocating daylight time have approached him. The council a month ago discussed the issue but made no recommendation.

Central Point's request for time extension to complete its pumping station and connecting line to the Medford-Camp White trunk may be considered tonight, according to the mayor. February 22 was the original deadline set.

Matters relative to park completion may be brought up, Flynn stated. Also before the council are proposed garbage rules, a street peddler ban and a meat inspection petition.

Cave Junction Bank Organization Okayed By State Official

Salem, Ore., Mar. 7—(U.P.)—A. A. Rogers, superintendent of banks, has approved the organization of the Illinois Valley bank at Cave Junction, Ore., he informed the state banking board here today.

The bank, with a capitalization of \$50,000 would be headed by Clifford Sparks, who has served with the Security bank of Los Angeles, the First National Bank of Portland, and as manager of the Sweet Home branch of the First National Bank of Portland.

The state banking board is comprised of Gov. Douglas McKay, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry and State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson.

19 Churches To Cooperate In 'One Great Hour' Here

Nineteen protestant churches of the United States, most of which have congregations in Medford, are making plans this week to cooperate with the "One Great Hour of Sharing" appeal to be held in over 100,000 congregations throughout the country on Sunday, March 12.

According to the Rev. George R. V. Bolster of St. Mark's Episcopal church, who is aiding with the appeal plans here, this will be one of the greatest, if not the greatest, promotional efforts ever conducted unitedly by the protestant community.

Slogan for the appeal is "For the Needs of the World." The money given during the campaign will be used for relief, reconstruction and inter-church aid throughout the world, and will be expended through Church World Service and the department of inter-church aid and service to refugees of the World Council of Churches.

In order that every member of each congregation participating may be informed of the appeal, a mass informative campaign is being conducted this week through newspapers, four major radio networks, magazines and journals, according to Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, New York, national director of the campaign.

In addition, the Methodists are having a "week of dedication," and the Disciples of Christ a "week of compassion." The Episcopal church will have a special broadcast directly to its local church the morning of March 12.

School Merger Again Approved By Voters

Central Point, Mar. 7—Voters of consolidated school district No. 6 and Tolo district No. 98 reapproved merger at elections last night.

The vote was 143 yes, 6 no, at Central Point and 29 yes, 7 no, at Tolo. Ballots must yet be canvassed by the county boundary board.

P. Jewett, superintendent of district No. 6 said that the consolidation will be cleared with a Portland bonding attorney and a bond issue reaffirmation election will be called as soon as legally possible.

School patrons previously voted merger of the districts last August, and approved a \$500,000 bond issue for new high school construction in November. Revotes on both matters were made necessary when the bonding attorney ruled that the consolidation election should have been held under first class district regulations rather than second class.

Precinct Workers File

Two republicans yesterday filed for election as precinct committeewomen with the county clerk. They are Yetta A. Flowers for precinct 33 and Anna R. Scott for precinct 84. Deadline for filing, both for nomination to public office and for election as precinct committee men and women, is Friday, March 10.

Washington, Mar. 7—(U.P.)—Rep. Claire Engle (D. Cal.) announced today he will seek reelection to the house.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday with occasional light rain Wednesday. Warmer tonight.

Temp.	51
Highest yesterday	51
Lowest this morning	27

Harvard Doctor Tells Of Autopsy On Cancer Victim

Dr. Sander's Wife In Brief Appearance

Manchester, N. H., Mar. 7—(U.P.)—A medical witness testified at Dr. Hermann N. Sander's mercy murder trial today that 40 cubic centimeters of air were not enough to kill a person.

Dr. Richard Ford, pathologist of Harvard university, went to the witness stand after the doctor's loyal wife, in a brief, dramatic appearance, told the all-male jury that her husband had been worried and tired at the time he injected air into the veins of his cancer patient.

Performed Autopsy

Dr. Ford performed an exhaustive 10-hour autopsy on the body of the patient, Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto, 59, several weeks after she died. He struck at the heart of the state's murder case by stating: "forty CC's is not enough to block the arterial system leading to the human lung."

Defense Attorney Robert E. Booth asked him that if a medical record stated a person died easily after an air injection, if that indicated the air actually killed her.

All or None "I have an opinion," Dr. Ford said. "What is it?" "I do not think so."

"It would indicate to me death had resulted from other causes than air," Dr. Ford said. Dr. Ford said that "research conducted on animals indicated it would take 200 to 300 cubic centimeters of air delivered within 25 seconds" to kill a human.

Dr. Ford said "a fatal dose of air is an all or none phenomenon." He explained that the air either kills or doesn't kill regardless of the condition of the person who receives the injection.

Forty cubic centimeters of air, he said, would be the equivalent of about an ounce and one-third, "somewhat less than an ordinary measuring glass for a bartender."

Death From Air Rare Dr. Ford said death from air embolism is "quite rare." He said he had examined the case records of 60,000 autopsies and that only 44 were recorded as due to air embolism.

"There were 12 proven cases of the kind of air embolism in question," he said. "In all of these cases there were large quantities of air present."

Dr. Ford said 40 CC's of air would not displace much of the blood in the heart, which has a 300-CC blood capacity. He said 40 CC's would be shoved along bit by bit to the lungs, "just the same as you sometimes get squirts of air in a kitchen faucet."

House Vote Okays Hawaii Statehood

Washington, Mar. 7—(U.P.)—The house today approved statehood for Hawaii. The roll call vote was 261 to 110.

The bill now goes to the senate, where it joins a measure passed last week by the house to admit Alaska to the union. Senate approval would make the two territories the 49th and 50th states.

As in the Alaskan vote, today's opposition came generally from southern democrats joined by a scattering of "big state" republicans and democrats from the north.

The larger states of the east have complained that admission of Alaska and Hawaii would give the smaller states a disproportionate increase in power in the U. S. senate, where the new state each would have two members.

Both bills face an uncertain Senate fate. The house passed an Hawaiian statehood bill in 1947 but it died in the senate.

Yreka Undergoes 25-Hour Ordeal After Auto Wreck

Yreka, Cal., Mar. 7—(U.P.)—A husky lumberjack, suffering from shock and exposure, told today of a pain-racked 25-hour ordeal during which he crawled three miles in 14 hours with a shattered right leg.

Robert L. McGuire, 45, said his ancient car hit a weak shoulder on Twisting Beaver creek road Saturday and tumbled over a 100-foot cliff. He and his wife, Francis, 39, were returning home from Yreka.

Wife Killed His wife was killed and McGuire was knocked unconscious—his right leg broken. It was about midnight when he woke up. "I was about 30 feet from the wreck and it was awfully cold and wet," he said. "I guess it rained while I was out. The car had burned and was still smoldering so I crawled over to get warm. I could see my wife lying near the wreck. . . . She was dead."

McGuire huddled near the wreck until dawn Sunday before attempting to crawl up the steep embankment to the road. He said it took him until about 4 p. m. to reach the top. On reaching the road, McGuire said it was easier going and he started for a neighbor's home. "I tried to make a crutch out of a piece of tree limb," he said, "but it hurt too much to use it. I thought I would never make it, but I knew I had to. I might have frozen to death if I spent another night in the open."