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WEATHER

FORECAST: decreasing clouds, less and cooler tonight becoming mostly cloudy with showers Friday.
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Lowest this Morning 36
Prec. to 4:10 A.M. Today, Trace

SANDER FREED IN MERCY DEATH

100 Children Found Starving In Arizona Labor Camp

Phoenix, Ariz., Mar. 9—(U.P.)—One hundred children were found starving to death in a farm labor camp near here and authorities rushed food today in an attempt to save them.

The families in the camp are destitute because a freeze spoiled the crops, throwing them out of work.

One father was selling his blood to get food for his children. Many families were living on a diet of flour biscuits and lard gravy. Juvenile Officer John E. Thompson found six children who hadn't eaten in 10 days.

"This is the worst case of mass destitution I have seen," Juvenile Judge Thomas J. Croaff said, in ordering emergency food and medical supplies distributed in the camp.

"There are almost 100 children in a starvation condition," Thompson said. "Many of them have distended abdomens."

One family of four had no food for most of 30 days, he said.

One father said the last dollar he earned was when he and his two sons spent a day picking up cotton that had fallen from trucks. One walked from farm to farm for 16 miles seeking work. He didn't get any.

Most families don't qualify for state relief. The community relief fund in nearby Tolleson was "swamped." Local merchants carried some on credit but said they couldn't afford to any more.

"The bland and unashamed requests of us for aid are pitiful," Thompson said. "Most of the families have sold everything. They have taken their old cars apart and sold them by parts for food."

"Now they have nothing."

The camp consists of about 100 one-room tin shacks. None have electricity or running water.

"The houses used to have some crude furniture, but that's all sold now. Now everybody sleeps on the floor," Thompson said.

"The kids all run around barefoot, although it sometimes gets pretty cold. They don't go to school, because they don't have the clothes to wear."

"To show you how destitute the place is, somebody stole the camp safe, but it only had \$1 in it."

The camp, 14 miles west of Phoenix, originally was built by the federal government. It now is operated by the Arizona Farm Bureau federation.

Most of the men are cotton pickers who normally spend this season harvesting citrus fruit. A severe January freeze ruined the fruit crop.

Thompson said few had been in Arizona the three years necessary to qualify for state relief.

Croaff ordered a square meal for everybody in camp immediately and called a meeting tomorrow of representatives of the farm bureau and the state welfare agency to find a solution.

JURY REACHES QUICK VERDICT

Manchester, N.H., Mar. 9—(U.P.)—Dr. Hermann N. Sander is innocent of murder, a jury ruled today, finding that he did not hasten the death of his cancer-ridden patient, Mrs. Abbie Borroto.

"I am thankful it is all over," Dr. Sander said. "I am very grateful to Mr. Wyman for the way he conducted the defense and very happy with the press for their kindness and courtesy throughout this ordeal, and last but not least it has been wonderful to have my wife with me throughout it all."

The 12-man jury passed word out at 4 p. m. that they had reached a verdict.

They had begun deliberations at 2:51 p. m.

Jury Roll Called

The jury returned to the courtroom at 4:10 p. m. and Court Clerk Arthur S. Healy asked

them to stand and Dr. Sander to stand.

The 41-year-old physician stood for the moment, then sat as Healy called the jury roll while the jurors remained on their feet.

Dr. Sander and his wife stared at the men as the roll was called.

"Mr. Foreman, have you agreed upon a verdict?" asked Healy.

"We have," replied Foreman Louis C. Cutter, a jobless textile worker.

"What say you, do you find the respondent, Hermann Sander, guilty of first degree murder, or not guilty?"

"Not guilty," replied Cutter in an even voice.

It was 4:11 p. m.

Spectators Cheer

Whoops of joy rose from the 66 spectators.

Dr. Sander and his wife Alice, 37, sobbed. Their 71-year-old attorney, Louis E. Wyman broke into tears.

Superior Judge Harold E. Westcott thanked the jurors and told them not to discuss their deliberations "under any circumstances."

A few minutes after the verdict, the doctor turned to his wife and smiled. Her face remained immobile. As the jury filed out, they clasped each other in their arms.

When they separated, both were crying.

For Wyman, he had tried and won his first murder case in a long and distinguished career.

His son, Louis C. Wyman, a member of the defense legal team, wept openly — tears streaming down his cheeks.

Trapped By Newsmen

The spectators remained in their seats while reporters and photographers rushed to the Sander's. Their attorneys tried to escort them from the yellow-walled courtroom but they were trapped by the milling mob of newsmen.

Movie and still photographers stood in chairs, their flash bulbs popping as the Sanders posed for pictures.

Neither the doctor nor his wife would say anything to the newsmen until they had spoken over radio microphones in a room across the hall from the courtroom.

Both spoke over the microphone in low and almost inaudible voices.

Wyman, asked if he planned a vacation after the 14-day trial, smiled and replied:

"Oh, I think I'll try something else."

Rathborne May Face Perjury Indictment

San Francisco, Mar. 9—(U.P.)—Defense attorneys in the perjury-conspiracy trial of longshore leader Harry Bridges served notice today that they intend to demand a perjury indictment of Mervyn Rathborne, key government witness.

As a prelude to the rebuttal testimony of Bridges himself, the defense called one of its co-defendants, J. R. Robertson, to the stand to refute statements made by Rathborne last week.

Rathborne, a former intimate of Bridges, testified that Robertson was a member of a communist group called "God's Committee" which met in San Francisco in 1943.

Under questioning by Defense Attorney James MacInnis, Robertson declared he was not a resident of San Francisco in 1943, but was living in Chicago.

Records of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union were introduced to back up his statements.

Dr. W. V. Bradshaw, Fort Worth city health director, said much of the meat may already have been sold to innocent restaurants and butchers.

Only Half Retrieved

He said 6,000 pounds had been shipped from Dallas to Fort Worth, but only half of it had been found. Bradshaw assumed that the unretrieved portion had found its way to lunch counter menus.

Bass disclosed that shipments from Dallas went to Fort Worth, Houston, Austin, Waco and "other Texas cities."

Invoices disclosed the shipment was sent to Dallas by a Kansas City packer, who later said he was innocent.

Cement Company Given Dam Building Approval

Salem, Ore., Mar. 9—(U.P.)—Attorney General George Neuner ruled today that the Beaver Portland Cement company has the right to build a low diversion dam across the Rogue river in Jackson county despite a 1949 law prohibiting construction of dams below a certain point in the river in Jackson county.

In an opinion written at request of the state game commission, Neuner held that the company had a vested right prior to enactment of the law, and therefore, retains the right to build the dam.

Two Hospitalized After Auto Collision

Two persons were taken to an Ashland hospital yesterday afternoon for treatment and observation after a sedan operated by Jack R. Wagner, Yreka, Cal., and a jeep driven by William O. Irwin, Ashland, collided on highway 99 near Talent, state police reported today.

Clyde C. Lybrand, Klamath Falls, was treated for bruises and lacerations to the forehead and Irwin underwent observation. Irwin was dismissed from the hospital this morning.

Two passengers in the Wagner car, Mrs. Clyde Wagner and daughter, Sydney, were uninjured.

Police said that the sedan was headed south on highway 99 and the jeep going north and when the jeep evidently tried to make a left hand turn, the two vehicles collided.

Salem, Ore., Mar. 9—(U.P.)—State Public Utility Commissioner George H. Flagg today authorized the West Coast Telephone company to sell 35,000 shares of its common capital stock with a par value of \$700,000.

Hollywood, Mar. 9—(U.P.)—Sid Grauman, the pioneer showman of Hollywood, will be buried today at Forest Lawn.

Filing Deadline For Candidates Friday; 3 More Seek Positions

One more day—Friday—remains during which candidates for nomination to public office in the May 19 primary election may file their statements of candidacy.

Three aspirants to office in or from Jackson county today made known their candidacy. They are:

For state senator—L. Peers Wilmeth, Ashland municipal judge.

For county commissioner—Albert Straus, Sams Valley farmer.

For justice of the peace, Medford district—Joe Cave, former Medford assistant police chief.

Precinct Workers File

In addition, a number of active political party workers have filed as candidates as precinct committeemen and women in the 84 precincts of the county, on both party tickets.

Judge Wilmeth will seek the democratic nomination for the senate seat now held by William McAllister. Up to noon today, the only other candidate to announce for the post was Ben Day, at



L. PEERS WILMETH
State Senate Candidate

present state representative from Jackson county, and a Gold Hill ranch and farm operator.

Wilmeth first came to Jackson county in 1933, from San Francisco, Cal., where he attended public school and Cogswell college. He has served as a sergeant in the coast artillery and as storekeeper first class in the army transport service. He has also been legislative representative for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and is a veteran employee of the Southern Pacific company.

Only One Interest

A life-long democrat, Wilmeth said in announcing his candidacy that if elected he will have only one interest at Salem—the affairs of the people of Oregon in general and the people of Jackson county in particular.

"As all power is inherent in the people, therefore all power to the people," he said.

Judge and Mrs. Wilmeth reside at 168 Meade street, Ashland.

Urged To Run

As he was filing his candidacy for county commissioner in the county clerk's office this morning, Straus said he is running for the democratic nomination on the urging of friends from all over the county, but he feels that the large population in the northern end of the county in particular deserves representation on the county court.

He emphasized that he will make a careful study of the alleged tax inequities that created such a stir in Rogue River, Gold Hill and Central Point last fall. "I think I know something about land valuations," he said.

Straus farms 500 acres in Sams Valley that are devoted to dairying, beef stock and general farming.

Was Pomona Master

He served four years as master of Pomona Grange, eight years as master of his local Grange in Sams Valley, 15 years with the Sams Valley school board; five years as president of his community telephone company, and four years on the committee of the Jackson County Agricultural Conservation association. He has spent most of his life in the county.

Joe Cave, 62, who will seek the justice of the peace job in the Medford district, is a democrat. At present he is night clerk at the Allen hotel, but is best known for his long service as night police officer and assistant chief. He filed his candidacy Wednesday.

Here 40 Years

Cave has resided in Medford for 40 years, and was on the police force from August, 1921, to January, 1949, when he was retired. A native of Texas, he worked as a cowboy before coming here, and was an orchard worker before joining the police force.

He is married, and the father of four grown sons. He says he feels that the long years on the police desk gave him the experience with which he can qualify for the position.

Senator McCarthy Rapped For Statement

Washington, Mar. 9—(U.P.)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.), accused a senate investigating group today of being "a tool of the state department."

"It is considered important," state department spokesman Michael J. McDermott said, "that any misunderstanding of the Soviet government in regard to the Gubitchev case should not have the consequence of prejudicing the situation of American citizens now in eastern Europe, including diplomatic officers, and other government officials."

Authoritative sources here said the communists were detaining the Americans to make sure that American-owned enterprises in China would continue to function.

Americans refused permission to leave were said to include responsible officers of the Shanghai Power company, the Shanghai Telephone company, Standard Vacuum Oil company, Caltex Oil company, the Chase National bank and the National City bank of New York.

Sen. Brien McMahon (D., Conn.), said he was "profoundly shocked" by McCarthy's statement, and warned angrily: "When you start making charges like that against me, you better reflect on it."

McMahon said McCarthy's remarks were "unworthy of any senator."

The angry exchange followed McCarthy's adamant refusal to name the "high" state department official who, he says, covered up for a bad security risk in the department.

The senate foreign relations investigating subcommittee hearing McCarthy's charges that there are 57 communists in the state department was almost in an uproar following McCarthy's refusal to name the official.

Senate Votes Funds For Rent Control

Washington, Mar. 9—(U.P.)—The senate voted 44 to 28 to give the housing expeditor another \$1,400,000 to administer rent control through June 30. It also granted another \$2,600,000 to be used only to pay terminal leave of rent control employees.

Coplon, Gubitchev Given 15 Years On Spy Charges

Russian's Term To End On Deportation

New York, Mar. 9—(U.P.)—Valentin A. Gubitchev, Russian engineer, was sentenced to 15 years in prison today for attempting to obtain United States defense secrets from government girl Judith Coplon. But the sentence will be suspended on the day he is deported from the United States.

Miss Coplon was ordered to spend 15 years in federal prison as a traitor to her country.

Request By Acheson

Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan agreed to suspend Gubitchev's sentence at the personal request of Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Attorney General J. Howard McGrath. They recommended that he be deported and that he leave the United States within two weeks.

Ryan said he bowed to the request and would suspend Gubitchev's sentence the day he left the country. He ordered him to be accompanied to a departing ship by a U. S. marshal.

But there was no leniency for Miss Coplon. Ryan announced that he would deny any request for bail for her pending appeal.

"It is about time that she paid some of the penalty," Ryan said, remarking that she now had been twice convicted of betraying her government.

Other Sentence First

He ordered her to begin serving the 15-year sentence as soon as she completed a sentence of 40 months to 10 years imposed last summer in Washington for stealing U. S. government secrets.

Gubitchev was taken from the court room immediately after his sentence. Miss Coplon then was led up to the bench by two women U. S. deputy marshals. She stood, pale and unsmiling, swaying slightly. Her attorney asked for leniency in view of her previous sentence.

Judge Ryan asked if she had anything to say.

Miss Coplon replied, "Not at this time, Your Honor."

Judge Ryan said that his observation of her during the trial and his knowledge of the facts of the case convinced him "the seeds of disloyalty still find root within your breast."

He said he had no choice but to be severe, "not only for your own treacherous act but as a warning to others."

Washington, Mar. 9—(U.P.)—The state department hinted today that Valentin A. Gubitchev is being offered a chance to leave the United States to prevent Soviet retaliation against American citizens in Russia and other eastern countries.

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ACQUITTED—Dr. Hermann N. Sander, shown above with his wife during his trial for the mercy killing of Mrs. Abbie Borroto, was acquitted by a Manchester, N.H., jury today.

Fire Takes 14 Lives; Military Seeks Cause

Albuquerque, N. M., Mar. 9—(U.P.)—Military investigators poked through the charred interior of the Sandia special weapons base guardhouse today to find out what caused the fire which made it a death trap last night for 14 prisoners.

Fourteen men jailed for minor military offenses were killed and

remained in critical condition today as physicians at the base hospital worked to save their lives.

An investigating board questioned two guards who were on duty at the time of the fire and who were overcome by smoke in their futile attempts to reach the cellblocks where the prisoners were locked. The guards were not able to tell how the fire started.

"The prisoners didn't have much of a chance," said Maj. K. K. Kolster, base public relations officer, one of the first persons to reach the scene.

Physicians said the only two inmates to escape the flaming prison were severely burned and had only an even chance to survive. They were being given transfusions and oxygen treatment.

Two guards, Pvt. Wilbur Henry and Cpl. Rich A. Miller, were injured in an heroic attempt to save the prisoners after the fire broke out at 8:35 p. m. PST.

Driven Back

"The first we knew about it," Miller said, "was when the men in the back started yelling. We tried to get to the cellblocks but were driven back by an intense blast of heat and smoke."

Henry said he ran outside the building and around in back to open the rear door of the cellblock. "But I ran into the same thing," he said, "and couldn't even get past the outside door."

Both guards were given emergency treatment and placed under observation at the base hospital. Officers said they would not permit them to make any further statements until after they had been questioned by an investigating board.

Although the cause of the fire was not determined, the building was heated by oil stoves and Kolster said the fire was fed by fuel oil stored in the back of the prison, making the blaze extremely smoky and hot.

30 Persons Treated

So dense was the smoke that 30 persons who helped fight the fire and rescue the inmates had to be treated at the base hospital. Kolster said their injuries were all slight.

Col. K. F. Hertford, acting base commander, personally took charge of the rescue efforts. When the fire was extinguished, he set up an investigating board on the spot.

The unconscious prisoners were dragged out of the flaming building as firemen played hoses on the fire.

Of the 16 inmates in the three cellblocks, 13 died within 45 minutes. Kolster said. The 14th victim died about two hours after the fire.

Hollywood, Mar. 9—(U.P.)—Sid Grauman, the pioneer showman of Hollywood, will be buried today at Forest Lawn.

Portlander Will Seek Senate Seat

Salem, Ore., Mar. 9—(U.P.)—John McBride, whose residence is in Portland but who has been in government service in Washington, D. C., for several years, filed his candidacy late Wednesday for United States senator from Oregon. He will seek the republican nomination at the May 19 primary election for the seat now held by Sen. Wayne Morse of Eugene, who is also seeking the republican nomination, for re-election.

McBride stated as his platform that he will "support and defend the constitution, the bill of rights, and state rights; and work tirelessly to restore a government of law to replace the present government of irresponsible, power-greedy men who are debasing our currency, draining away our wealth, destroying our domestic economy, and rushing us headlong down the highway to chaos, war, socialism, and economic collapse. World peace and economic stability can be achieved only by the adoption of a sound monetary system which will guarantee the redemption of paper currency at face value, on demand. I pledge to fight for sound currency and sound domestic economy."

McBride will have as his ballot slogan: "For constitutional government, sound money, protective tariff, free competitive enterprise."

Radio Highlights

Radio Station KYJC (1230 kc) will re-broadcast last Tuesday night's amateur hour program which was held at the Craterian theater, tonight at 9 o'clock. The re-broadcast will be for voting purposes.

Man Heeds Death Request Of Cancer-Ridden Brother

Allentown, Pa., Mar. 9—(U.P.)—Harold Mohr, 36, yielding to the persistent pleadings of his blind, cancer-ridden brother, killed him with a rifle bullet in their home last night, police said today.

"Last night, just after supper he asked me to shoot him," District Attorney Kenneth H. Koch quoted Harold. "I pondered it. He had often asked the same thing. I finally decided to do it."

Harold fired a .30 caliber bullet into the back of his 55-year-old brother Walter as he lay in bed on the second floor of their twin home at nearby Copley, Koch said.

"I'm satisfied," he told police when asked how he felt about his brother's death.

Harold is being held on a homicide charge. Koch said that

Appearances Set Here By Senator

Six personal appearances and a radio address will feature the Rogue valley visit Monday and Tuesday of Sen. Wayne Morse, who is coming here on a tour through southern Oregon which will include Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland and Klamath Falls.

At noon Monday, the senator will speak to the Ashland Kiwanis club, and at 2:30 p. m. will speak at an assembly at Southern Oregon college. That evening he will speak to a quarterly stag dinner of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at the Rogue Valley Country club. The dinner is open, and interested men may obtain tickets at the chamber of commerce office. His speech at the chamber dinner will be in the nature of a report on the work being done in congress.

Tuesday noon he will address Medford Rotarians, and at 2 p. m. will speak at a Jacksonville high school assembly. From 4 to 5 p. m. the Eugene man will answer questions in a radio broadcast over KYJC, and will give a political talk to be sponsored by Jackson County Republican women at the Medford high school at 8 p. m. This meeting is open to the public.

He would endeavor to have the younger brother released in bail pending a court hearing "if the facts are as he told me."

The district attorney said that Dr. William Fox had been treating Walter Mohr for cancer of the face for the past six years. He was unable to say whether this had caused his blindness.

The Mohrs are brothers of Ralph Mohr, police chief of Coplay, a borough of 2,500 population six miles north of here.

The shot which police said killed the cancer-patient was heard by another brother, Raymond, who lives next door.

Raymond told police he ran into the house and found Harold sitting quietly in the dining room. Upstairs he found Walter sprawled across his blood-soaked bed.

Duane Buries Diablo Today; Pet's Body Found In Creek

Today after school Duane Denny was to bury his pet blue terrier, Diablo, in the yard of the home, 504 1/2 North Grape street, where the 11-year-old boy and his mother live. Diablo was drowned in Bear creek Sunday afternoon when he chased after a rock thrown by Duane when the two were playing on the banks of the creek in the city park.

Tuesday the small boy made an appeal through The Tribune in an effort to find his pet's body, and Wednesday morning a school boy phoned to say that he could see the dog's body lodged against a pipe jutting into the stream under the Jackson street bridge. Later in the day it was recovered.

Expresses Gratitude

In a second note to The Tribune, Duane expressed his gratitude to the paper and to others who helped him recover the pet's body.

"I would like to thank The Tribune for helping me find my little dog," he wrote. "Also thank the school boy that phoned me Wednesday morning, telling me where Diablo was and I also want to thank Mr. Bill Millett, route 1, box 443, who waded under Jackson street bridge and brought Diablo out to me where I gave my little pal his last ride in the basket on my bicycle where he had enjoyed riding so many times before."

"I thank you, one and all for your kind words."