



WHITE GUILTY IN NEGRO MASSACRE—Ex-convict Leon Turner (arrow) accused of killing three Negro girls in a "revenge" attack on a sharecropper's cabin last Jan. 3, rests his head in his hands as Thomas Harris (stretcher), wounded father of the slain girls, testifies in the courtroom at Kosiuko, Miss. An all-white jury found Turner guilty of murdering Ruby Nell Harris, one of the three children slain, and he was sentenced to life in prison. He was the second white man convicted of killing the children, and a third awaits trial.

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WEATHER
FORECAST—Cloudy with rain
rain this morning becoming
showery late today and Mon-
day. Little change in tempera-
ture.
Highest Yesterday 49
Lowest Yesterday 31
To 10 p.m. Yesterday 42

SEVEN AVIATION FIRM EMPLOYEES DIE CONVERTED BOMBER CRASH

Late Sports Bulletins

Hutchinson, Kan., Mar. 25—(U.P.)—City College of Los Angeles defeated Northeast Mississippi of Booneville Saturday night, 67 to 63, to win the national junior college basketball championship.

Garden City (Kan.) JC won third place, defeating Weber college of Ogden, Utah, 57 to 35.

Denver, Mar. 25—(U.P.)—The mighty Phillips Oilers regained the National A.A.U. basketball championship here Saturday night with a stunning 67-42 victory over an outclassed Oakland Blue and Gold team.

The Denver Chevrolests won third place in the tournament by taking a 58-50 victory from the Stewart Chevrolests of San Francisco tonight.

New York, Mar. 25—(U.P.)—City College of New York's roaring race-horses, bent on collegiate basketball's first grand slam, bitterly protected a scant lead for most of the second half Saturday night to beat North Carolina State, 78 to 73, in the eastern finals of the NCAA playoffs.

Kansas City, Mo., Mar. 25—(U.P.)—Bradley university went to work for the blue chips Saturday night and unleashed a late scoring burst to win the western NCAA playoffs from a surprisingly tough Baylor university team. The score was 68 to 56.

Columbus, O., Mar. 25—(U.P.)—Ohio State's powerful Mermen splashed to their second consecutive title in the 27th annual National Collegiate Athletic association championship that ended Saturday night.

South Oregon Plane Search Fails

Craft, From Medford, Searched for 10 Days
No Trace of Aircraft
Sinc. 10 Week

Klamath Falls, Ore., Mar. 25 (U.P.)—As planes returned from a scouring search of a triangular area in southern Oregon today, none had spotted any trace of a yellow Beechcraft biplane in which four Portland, Ore., residents disappeared Tuesday.

Search headquarters here assigned sectors in the area marked off by Lakeview to the south, Bend to the northwest and Burns to the northeast.

Last Leg Of Trip
The plane, piloted by Lee Blackkolb, 47, was on the last leg of a jaunt from Havana, Cuba. The four participants in the mass Havana-Portland flight a few months ago and stopped at various southeastern cities on the return trip.

Aboard with Blackkolb and his wife, 39, were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lundstrom, 39 and 21. Lundstrom is associated with Blackkolb in the Western Forest Products company.

A half-dozen Oregonians reported seeing or hearing the plane Tuesday afternoon after it took off from a refueling stop at Lakeview. One woman said today she saw the craft late Tuesday night, parked in a field next to a road 10 miles south of Bend.

Investigating officials found no plane in the field today, but saw tracks which indicated it might have landed and taken off Wednesday morning.

Over 50 private and military aircraft participating in the search will circle central Oregon again Sunday. Weather conditions today were slightly improved but certain areas were still inaccessible from the air. Pilots hope to cover them tomorrow.

Hunt For Vancouver Girl Still Fruitless
Vancouver, Wash., Mar. 25—(U.P.)—An all-out air and ground search of Clark county by more than 400 officers and volunteers failed to turn up any tangible clue to the fate of JoAnn Dewey, 18-year-old hospital worker who was apparently abducted last Sunday night.

Specific search assignments were given to parties of 10 this morning from headquarters here. Saddle club members, private pilots, farmers and Vancouver townspeople joined in the hunt.

It was under the joint direction of Police Chief Harry Diamond, Sheriff Earl N. Anderson and Sgt. J. D. Coshaw of the Washington State patrol.

Gore Funeral Rites Private On Monday
Private funeral services will be held at Perl funeral home Monday at 2 p.m. for John Gilmore Gore, who passed away at the family residence 809 East 9th street, on Thursday.

The Rev. E. J. Clark, pastor of the Phoenix Presbyterian church will officiate, and interment will take place in the family plot in Phoenix cemetery.

Ballbearers will be J. O. N. Poling, Alvin Wheeler, Gordon Warner, Robert Morris, Don Newbury and Bert Stancliff.

Berkeley, Cal., March 25—(U.P.)—Mrs. Carrie L. Hoyt, the first woman mayor of Berkeley, died here today.

Portland, Ore., Mar. 25—(U.P.)—A temporary board will stage the Multnomah county fair in 1950.

Civilian Flown Plane Explodes Over Arizona

Mesa, Ariz., March 25—(U.P.)—Seven North American Aviation company representatives were killed today when a converted B-25 bomber exploded and "scattered in a shower of metal" while attempting an emergency landing in a driving rainstorm.

The civilian-operated plane, en route from El Paso, Tex., to Los Angeles, exploded in low hanging clouds as the pilot apparently attempted to set down on a heavily traveled highway six miles south of here.

"Large chunks of plane were scattered in all directions," John J. Little, 25, a witness to the crash, said. "It exploded just as it broke through the clouds."

It broke into a jillion pieces," Melvin Rowley, 17, another witness, reported. Little, Rowley and Rowley's brother, Irvin, who were working in a nearby field, said they heard the plane's engines cut off and on a couple of times before it nosed through the clouds.

Four bodies were recovered in the shattered wreckage. Three others were found several hundred yards away. A brief case carried by one of the men was found a mile and a half from the main wreckage.

As the plane hurtled to earth, it hit the main power line between Mesa and nearby Chandler, Ariz., leaving Chandler a town of 2,000 population, without electricity for more than two hours.

Several hundred searchers, including officers and men from nearby Williams air force base, toiled for several hours hunting for the bodies thrown clear of the ship. The seventh body was found some five hours after the crash occurred.

A blood-stained piece of the instrument panel was found two miles from the main section of the wreckage.

The converted two-engine B-25 apparently tried to make an emergency landing on the highway when an engine and part of a wing fell off. The plane almost ploughed into a moving truck and the plane parts just missed several cars.

New Belgian Leader Tries To Organize Cabinet, End Crisis
Brussels, Mar. 25—(U.P.)—Albert Devez, acting minister of national defense, tonight accepted Prince Regent Charles' request to try to form a new government and end the crisis over the proposed return of exiled King Leopold III.

Devez, 68-year-old liberal party leader, said parliament would be dissolved and new elections called unless Belgium solved its royal problem in "a spirit of national concord."

Devez's acceptance meant that the Catholics, who twice failed to form a government in the past week, had passed the buck to the opposition.

They were believed hoping that new elections would be called, in which they would stand a chance of increasing the slim majority they now hold in the combined houses of parliament, where a final decision must be made.

In the present divided state of the country, a "spirit of national concord" was considered virtually impossible over the fate of the monarch.

Bednasek Denies Girl Spurned His Advances
Iowa City, Ia., March 25—(U.P.)—Robert Badnasek, 24, University of Iowa senior on trial for strangling his sweetheart, denied today that she had spurned his love.

The poetry-loving psychology student denied the testimony of state witnesses who quoted pretty Margaret (Gee Gee) Jackson as saying she found him "repulsive."

Coupe Badly Damaged Colliding With Truck
Right front end of a coupe operated by Sgt. Eugene Horn, Seattle, was considerably damaged yesterday afternoon at the scenic avenue intersection with highway 99 north of Central Point, state police said.

They reported that the auto collided with a dump truck driven by H. H. Heavilin, Medford. The mishap occurred when Horn apparently tried to pass the truck as Heavilin was turning left onto scenic avenue, police said. No one reportedly was injured.

Government's Count Of Noses To Start Officially In Week

Washington, Mar. 25—(U.P.)—The government's once-a-decade count of noses begins in a week. Questionnaires already are in the mail for farmers, who are being asked to fill out their own census forms to be picked up later by enumerators.

Beginning next Saturday, and in the four following weeks, 140,000 census takers are scheduled to ring every doorbell in the country to find out where an estimated 151,000,000 Americans live, what kind of work they do and sundry other facts.

Ten basic questions will be asked about every man, woman and child in the population census. Four others will be asked of every fifth person to provide a sampling survey on birthplaces and education.

Every fifth adult will be asked five other questions, including one about income received in 1949. Four further questions will be asked of every 30th adult.

At the same time, the government will take two other censuses. One will be of housing, with the number of inquiries ranging from 12 to 22, depending on whether or not the house is occupied by the owner and whether it happens to be one in five used in a sample survey.

Farmers will be the subject of the third census. Each of them is being asked to answer 37 basic questions in addition to the population and housing surveys. Farmers will be asked other questions, too, depending on their location.

The census bureau has prepared 42 editions of the agricultural census form to fit into various localities, so that the Minnesota chicken raiser, for example, will not have to report the number of orange trees he planted last year.

The census bureau sent the agricultural questionnaire out by mail so that farmers could spend their evenings on them and have them ready for enumerators when they call.

Court Upholds School Board In Secret Society Findings

Suspension Of School Students Brings Okay

Salem, Ore., Mar. 25—(U.P.)—Judge Dul M. King of Coos Bay today upheld the Salem school board in its action suspending 18 high school students last October 13 for belonging to what the school board called a secret society.

Secret societies at the high school level are illegal under Oregon state law.

Judge King, who conducted a five-day hearing in Marion county circuit court last month, refused the petition of counsel for the students to reinstate the boys and said the temporary injunction they obtained, in order to remain in classes while their case was heard, "will be dissolved."

Judge King's written opinion was filed here with the Marion county clerk.

Lawrence Osterman, who, with Reginal Williams, represented the boys in court, said "we shall appeal immediately."

May Stay There
Court observers said it was likely that if an appeal is taken to the Oregon supreme court, the boys will remain in school pending final disposition of the case.

Arrange Services For David Holmes

Funeral services for David Holmes, president of the fruit packing firm of Harry and David, will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal church at 11 a. m. Monday. The Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of the church, will officiate.

Mr. Holmes was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Woodland, Cal., Thursday afternoon.

The Bear Creek orchard packing plant and warehouse headed by Mr. Holmes will be closed all day Monday out of respect.

Honorary pallbearers at the services will include Glenn Harrison, G. A. Cottingham, Frank P. Farrell, Henry H. Pringle, Roland Meyer, N. B. Bender, Glenn O. Taylor, Bert Lowry, Lyle Kinney and R. W. Gray. Interment will be private.

Ski Conditions

There was six inches of new snow over a packed base at Crater lake yesterday afternoon and the national park chief ranger's office said skiing would be excellent today if the weather cleared. A moderate snow was falling when the report was made.

Roads were in good condition in the park except that chains were needed to travel from Annie spring to the rim, it was said. The tow and lunch counter were to operate today.

Presidential 'Advance Man' Moves Into Northwest To Start Campaign

Washington, March 25—(U.P.)—Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman, presidential "advance man" of 1948, moves into the Pacific northwest next week to start this year's democratic party campaign rolling three states.

At stake are four senatorial seats, two democratic and two republican.

Fly To Everett
Chapman will fly to Everett, Wash., on Wednesday to address a Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner. With this speech he hopes to do two things:

Get the ball rolling in the democratic senatorial campaigns in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Set the stage for President Truman's visit to the northwest.

Two democratic senators are up for reelection. They are Warren G. Magnuson of Washington

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Soldier Admits Slaying WAF

Hamilton Field Air Base, Mar. 25—(U.P.)—Sgt. Lyle H. Buswell confessed tonight to the pre-dawn slaying of a pretty 43-year-old WAF behind her barracks here, the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced.

Harry Kimball, agent in charge of the San Francisco FBI office, and Mayor James E. Johnson, air base public relations officer, made the announcement.

Mother Slain
The body of Sgt. Fairy E. Decker, mother of a 22-year-old York, Pa., son, and wife of a disabled World War I veteran, was found virtually nude and apparently raped on a plot of grass six feet behind the barracks where she was on duty during the night as charge-of-quarters.

The joint FBI-army statement said Buswell, 33, admitted after more than eight hours of questioning that he had killed the WAF this morning and had disarranged her clothing to give the appearance of an attack.

Buswell, a veteran of 11 years' service in the army and air force, told the story of the killing to investigators before he was taken to the nearby Marin county jail in San Rafael to be held until Monday, when he is arraigned for murder before a U. S. commissioner in San Francisco.

He said he had been drinking heavily and returned to the base about 4 a. m. today and entered the orderly room where Sgt. Decker was sleeping on a cot. Another WAF was sleeping on a nearby cot.

She ordered him from the room and got up to open the door.

"Sgt. Buswell went over and grabbed her from the rear and choked her until she slumped to the floor," the statement said.

"He relaxed his grip and Sgt. Decker gasped and clawed his leg. The husky Buswell choked her again until she went limp, then he carried her behind the WAF barracks and left her there."

More Riots Reported In Parts Of Italy

Rome, Mar. 25—(U.P.)—A communist mob attacked the San Severo hospital today in an attempt to remove comrades who were among the 40 persons injured in Thursday's bloody insurrection in the southern Italian city.

Police riot squads repulsed the assault and drove off the large band after a struggle that lasted half an hour.

Almost simultaneously, another communist band tried to storm the jail at nearby Ascoli Satriano to free leftist leaders held there. The attack collapsed suddenly when heavily armed carabinieri appeared in force.

In Atella, in the southern region of Lucania, a mob stormed the local employment office, broke up furniture and destroyed files. Police ousted the group and arrested 14 persons. At Ruoti, in the same area, police dispersed a group of peasants who seized and started to plow the fields of a local landowner.

Blizzard Conditions Predicted In Midwest

Chicago, Mar. 25—(U.P.)—The weather bureau Saturday night forecast blizzard conditions in the western and north-central portions of Nebraska and near blizzard conditions in the Dakotas.

In Nebraska, strong northerly winds will reach 45 miles per hour and over and will be accompanied by snow Sunday night and Monday in the west and north-central portions.

Near blizzard conditions will occur at times in the Dakotas with snow blown by winds 25 to 35 miles per hour.

Justice Douglas Back In Washington After Recovering From Fall

Washington, March 25—(U.P.)—His broken ribs fully mended, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas returned today from lion hunting in Arizona to resume his duties on the bench.

Phoenix School Head Announced By Germer

Phoenix, Mar. 25—Ernest James C. Conquill high school principal for six years, has been named new Phoenix school superintendent, according to Walter Germer, school board chairman.

He will succeed Donald Hembre who is resigning effective early next summer to take graduate studies at the University of California at Los Angeles. Hembre recently announced his plan to resign.

James was here this week-end to confer with school officials. He taught one year at Oakland, Ore.

Educational Advisory Comm. Members Listed

Salem, Ore., March 25—(U.P.)—Two of Oregon's best known educators were named by Gov. Douglas McKay today as regional educational legislative advisory committee. The committee was created by a resolution adopted by the Western Governors' conference March 10.

The governor named Dr. Paul Packer of Eugene, chancellor of Oregon's system of higher education, and Dr. David Baird of Portland, dean of the University of Oregon Medical school, to the committee which is made up of educators from 11 western states.

Miss Maury Dies

Miss Mary Maury, 88, Central Point, died at a local hospital last evening. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Perl funeral home and a complete obituary will be announced later.