

JUDGE FLYING BOAT BURSTS AT SEA

Wilson's Whisked To Kelso To Avoid Mob At Vancouver

Vancouver, Wash., Apr. 5—(U.P.)—Sheriff Earl Anderson locked Turman and Utah Wilson, accused kidnap-slayers of JoAnn Dewey, in the Cowlitz county jail at Kelso for safekeeping overnight after he received radio warnings that a large number of automobiles and pedestrians were forming a street blockade in Vancouver.

Cars were double parking on the streets around the courthouse and approximately 100 persons afoot were milling around the jail when Sheriff Anderson arrived with the Wilsons from Sacramento, Cal.

There might have been serious injury to one or more persons if we had stopped in Vancouver," Sheriff Anderson said. "The crowd probably was made up mostly of curiosity-seekers, but it only takes one crackpot to set off trouble."

He disclosed that the Wilson brothers were "very happy" when they were informed that they would be jailed in the Cowlitz county jail in Kelso instead of Vancouver.

He estimated there were about 75 or 100 cars cruising slowly or double parked on the streets near the Vancouver jail.

"I had been notified of the situation in radio messages from Vancouver which I received in my automobile approaching Vancouver," Sheriff Anderson said.

When we reached Washougal, we turned north and hit the farm-to-market roads until we got to Vancouver, then we turned onto highway 8-A, the Camas orchards highway. This route took us directly past the Wilson home on Green mountain.

"Utah Wilson heard the exchange of messages on the car radio. Then I told him that we were going to avoid Vancouver, he was tickled."

"He authorized me to send a radio message to the sheriff's office. He wanted a deputy to tell his mother, who was supposed to be waiting outside the court house that he was being treated all right and that he was in good health and good spirits."

Sheriff Anderson said that his next moves with the Wilsons will be "fast and precise." He planned to hold the Wilsons in the Cowlitz county jail for at least another day "to avoid any further mob contacts."

He planned to meet with Prosecutor Dewitt Jones and Chief of Police Harry Diamond at noon today to map further strategy.

In Kelso, Utah Wilson told an interviewer that "one jail is as good as another," and said it made no difference to him whether he was kept in a cell at Kelso or in one at Vancouver while awaiting trial.

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Turman was not a stranger to the Cowlitz county jail. He served a short term there in September, 1949, for first degree assault.

Cowlitz County Sheriff C. W. Reynolds said the Wilson brothers were "model prisoners." He said he did not know when Clark county officials would arrive to take charge of the brothers, but he assumed it would be some time today.

Turman and Utah Wilson were arrested in Sacramento on a kidnaping and first degree murder warrant issued from Clark county in connection with the abduction and subsequent slaying of Miss Dewey, a Battleground, Wash., hospital worker.

Asked what he thought the outcome of the trial would be, Utah Wilson said: "I don't know, but I didn't have a thing to do with it."

He also said "I don't know" when asked about the fingerprinted beer bottle found near the scene of the abduction, which originally led to his arrest.

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TAKEN TO KELSO JAIL—Ex-convict Turman Wilson, left, and his brother, Utah Wilson, shown above at the time of their arrest in Sacramento, last night were taken to the Cowlitz county jail in Kelso, Wash., to avoid possible mob reaction at the Vancouver, Wash., jail. The brothers are accused of the kidnap-slaying of JoAnn Dewey, in Vancouver the week of March 18. A number of persons had gathered outside the jail at Vancouver as the brothers were being returned from the south.

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McCarthy Ignores Report Deadline

Washington, Apr. 5—(U.P.)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy today ignored a noon deadline for turning over to senate investigators further information in support of his charges that the state department is loaded with communists.

But the Wisconsin republican said he "undoubtedly" would be able to arrange for the appearance before a senate subcommittee of "some, if not all" of the anonymous witnesses he says

He sent Tydings the letter as the state department's top investigative officer told the subcommittee that he does not know of any "card-carrying communists" in the department.

Donald L. Nicholson, chief of the department's division of security, said that if he finds any they will be fired "by noon."

Nicholson carefully outlined the department's security procedures and presented the subcommittee with graphs and charts to explain his points.

At the end of his formal testimony, Sen. Brien McMahon, (D., Conn.), asked:

"Are there 205 card-carrying communists in the state department?"

Senator, as far as we know, there are no card-carrying communists in the state department," Nicholson replied earnestly. "If there were and we could find them, they would be terminated by noon."

Brig. Gen. Conrad E. Snow, chairman of the department's loyalty security board, told the senators:

"If there are any communists in the state department, the loyalty security board is unformed of their existence."

Snow said that since the department's present loyalty and security program was launched three years ago his board has determined 246 actual "loyalty cases," stemming directly from FBI information.

Bednasek, handsome and popular University of Iowa psychology senior, escaped a possible death sentence and walked from the courtroom to freedom amid the cheers of his classmates and fraternity brothers.

He was charged with strangling pretty Margaret (Gee Gee) Jackson in a jealous rage last Dec. 11, but the jury ruled on the basis of his own story that the socially prominent coed's death was an accident.

From the courtroom, Bednasek hastened to the county jail to pick up his belongings, and while there the Rev. Harold McGee, Episcopal minister of Iowa City, came to greet him.

His father, Emil, 67, had been forced to return to the family home at Cedar Rapids, Ia., yesterday because of illness.

The girl's father, William Jackson, was not available immediately for comment.

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Families Routed By High Water in Midwestern Region

Chicago, April 5—(U.P.)—Floods routed 125 families from their homes in the midwest and wintry weather routed spring temporarily from the Rockies to the Appalachians today.

A cold front which swept down from Canada dipped into the Gulf states and pushed eastward toward the Atlantic seaboard, which basked in spring-like temperatures yesterday.

Freezing temperatures were recorded as far south as New Mexico and Kansas, and the mercury flirted with the zero mark along the Canadian border.

The rampaging Red River of the North forced more than 100 families to leave their lowland homes at Moorhead, Minn., and Fargo, N.D.

Twenty families were made homeless by flooding Spring creek at Herried, S.D., and a flash flood put three families to rout along Sugar creek at Toadpout near Terrehaute, Ind.

Red Cross officials considered a request for army aid for 40 farm families isolated, but not in distress, in rural areas near Moorehead, Minn. The Red river approached the 24-foot mark today and was expected to crest at 26 feet Friday.

Spring creeks threatened to send two feet of water over Pollock, S.D., and the Cannon Ball river flooded rural areas near Breien in North Dakota.

The Wabash and White rivers in Indiana overflowed for the ninth time this year. But heavy rains which touched off the flooding stopped yesterday and Meteorologist Paul A. Miller of the Indianapolis weather bureau said the floods would be much less severe than in January.

Day's Committee Proposes Single Resources Bureau

Portland, Ore., April 5—(U.P.) A legislative interim committee headed by Rep. Ben Day of Gold Hill today proposed creation of a single state department of natural resources through reorganization of a group of state agencies.

The committee suggested that forestry, farmland, fishing, mining, water and natural history agencies be molded into one department.

The program would set up nine divisions within the department. These would be forestry, soil conservation, water conservation and sanitation, fisheries, wildlife, geology and minerals, state lands and natural history and research.

The committee contemplated a board of nine members, whose appointments would be made by the governor with approval of the senate.

Of the nine members, two would come from coastal counties, two from the rest of western Oregon, two from the area of Umatilla, Union, Baker, Grant and Harney counties and two from the remainder of eastern Oregon. The ninth member would be appointed from the state at large.

The Medford fire department sent two LaFrance pumpers to 34 North Holly street at 10:30 a.m. today to extinguish sparks on the roof of the building. Firemen said they were not sure what caused the sparks but they were put out with carbon dioxide and there was no damage.

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Starboard Engine Explodes During Flight Near Oahu

All Aboard Escape In Rubber Life Rafts

Honolulu, Apr. 5—(U.P.)—The navy's giant flying boat "Marshall Mars," made a forced landing at sea today, then exploded and burned three miles off Oahu. All eight crewmen aboard on the test flight escaped in life rafts.

The navy said a burning starboard engine on the 724-ton plane forced the plane commander, Lt. Cmdr. Glenn E. Simmons, to land in the open sea at a 125-mile an hour clip.

As soon as the Mars slid to a stop, the crewmen jumped into life boats and rubber life rafts—moments before an explosion racked the flying boat and it burst into flames.

The navy rushed crash boats and other emergency equipment to the scene in an effort to save the Mars—the largest flying boat in the world.

The explosion sent a 2,000-foot smoke column towering into the blue sky as crash boats, two helicopters, patrol craft and one submarine raced to the scene to help save the crew.

John Klein of Honolulu, from a vantage point near Diamond Head, said he saw the starboard engine of the Mars explode in flight. A third of the wing immediately was wrapped in flame, Klein said.

He said the giant sea plane immediately banked steeply toward Pearl Harbor and glided out of sight.

The Mars holds the world record for carrying the largest number of passengers. On May 19, 1949, on a flight from Alameda naval air station near San Francisco to San Diego, the "Marshall Mars"—sister ship of the one that burned today—successfully carried 301 passengers and a crew of seven.

The Mars-type flying boats, normally used by the navy for trans-Pacific flights, were grounded briefly last year when several plans had minor engine trouble.

The Mars is a 165,000-lb. sea plane, with a wingspread of 200 feet, an overall length of a little more than 120 feet. It can carry a payload of 23,000 pounds for 3,550 miles. It has four engines and a top speed of better than 250 miles per hour.

Priests Convicted By Prague Court

Prague, Apr. 5—(U.P.)—The Prague state court convicted nine ranking Catholic priests of high treason today and sentenced them to jail terms ranging from life to nine years.

The tenth priest was found innocent of high treason but guilty of knowing about the crimes of the others and was sentenced to two years. There were no death sentences.

Dr. Jan Mastilak, 38, rector of the redemptorist seminary in Omorist, Moravia, was the only defendant sentenced to life.

Abbot Augustine Machalka, 44, of the premonstratensian monastery in Nova Bise, and Jesuit Frantisek Silhen, 45, provisional head of the Jesuit order here, were sentenced to 25 years each.

The sentences climaxed a five-day trial.

Corvallis, Ore., Apr. 5—(U.P.)—Margaret Muriel Field, 54, English-born, died yesterday at Oregon State college, died yesterday at Good Samaritan hospital here.

Bette Davis Asks Divorce Following Studio 'Scene'

Hollywood, Apr. 5—(U.P.)—Big-eyed Bette Davis, 41, decided today to go ahead with her divorce from Artist William Grant Sherry, 35-year-old ex-pugilist, after he muscled in on a studio party honoring her birthday.

Actor Barry Sullivan was one of those who tried to pacify the hot-tempered Sherry at the party Monday night on the RKO movie lot.

The argument with Sherry never got beyond the "pushing around" stage and no blows were struck as far as I know," Sullivan said.

But actions of her husband at the party given in honor of Miss Davis' birthday as well as for others who had birthdays in the past so angered the blonde actress that she retained famed Hollywood Attorney Jerry Geisler to represent her in "litigation involving a domestic affair."

"You mean a divorce action?" Geisler was asked.

Sergeant Admits that 'Robbery' Was Hoax

Alden A. Marrs, an air force sergeant, last night admitted to state police that the holdup he had reported yesterday morning was a hoax. The district attorney's office will file a criminal complaint charging Marrs with falsely swearing to an affidavit—a felony carrying a possible two-year jail sentence and a maximum fine of \$5,000.

Deputy District Attorney Paul Haviland said Marrs would probably be arraigned on the charge in circuit court tomorrow.

Marrs had told police that a man in a sailor's uniform had forced him, at the point of a gun, to drive to a spot on Dark Hollow road and had robbed him of \$75. State police officers and deputy sheriffs had spent all day attempting to apprehend the "bandit" before Marrs finally admitted he had made up the story.

He is at the station from his station at Vallejo, Cal.

Fag Makers Asked to Halt Misleading Advertising

Washington, Apr. 5—(U.P.)—The federal trade commission today told the makers of Camel and Old Gold cigarettes to stop what the FTC called false and misleading advertising.

The FTC ruled that all cigarettes contain various amounts of nicotine and throat irritants, and that there is no reliable basis for advertising claims that one brand is superior to another in having less irritating qualities.

Lucky Strike Involved. The FTC issued cease and desist orders against R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company, Jersey City, N. J., makers of Camel, and P. Lorillard company, Jersey City, N. J., makers of Old Gold.

At the same time an FTC trial examiner recommended that the commission decide that the American Tobacco company, New York, is misrepresenting Lucky Strike cigarettes. The examiner recommended a cease and desist order against it also.

Fire Study Tentative

Findings of Acting Chief Leo Weidner, Medford fire consultant, were spoken of only in generalities. Paul Selby, chairman of the council safety committee said that reports from Weidner, so far were only tentative and made only for finance committee and budget deliberations. He stated that Weidner and the safety committee were being rushed to get the reports into entirety.

The acting chief and committee are expected to recommend acquisition of additional equipment and facilities needed because of the growth of the city and fire department. Selby last

night spoke of the need for "catching up fundamental improvements delayed over a period of years."

Conference Needed. Selby reported that his committee believes another conference with state fire authorities necessary before the council goes to the people with its program for filling the requirements. The consultants will help determine what should be done now and what should be added over a period of several years.

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