

Boy Scouts Found Dead; Louis Budenz Summoned

Youngsters Perish Aboard Raft on Stormy Lake Erie

Airmen Spot Bodies After 17-Hour Hunt

Cleveland, O., Apr. 11—(U.P.)—Four young boy scouts were found dead in their tiny life raft today, 17 hours after they were blown out into stormy Lake Erie.

The coast guard said the boys first sighted by a B-17 engaged in a gigantic ship and plane search, were found on their rubber raft and transferred to a picket boat.

A coast guard official said the boys "definitely were dead when found" and that families of the youths were being notified.

Dressed in Jeans

The four victims, David Lee Hahn, Richard Bauer and Roland Riemer, all 13, and William Von Hof, 14, climbed into their raft last evening dressed only in blue jeans and shirts, but without coats or shoes.

One coast guard officer said the youths probably "were almost killed by exposure and exhaustion in the cold waves, then dropped down in the bottom of their raft and drowned."

The picket boat, which took them aboard some 25 miles northeast of Cleveland, was rushing the bodies to Fairport Harbor, east of here.

The captain of the tug Alfred S. Anthony Laurnoff, one of the first at the rescue scene, said there was "no life in the boys. The coast guard took them aboard and told me they were all dead."

17-Hour Search

He told United Press by ship-to-shore radio that "no one could have lived through last night on Lake Erie in the open."

The tragic discovery brought an end to one of the most intensive rescue efforts ever made in this part of the lake. For 17 hours, military planes and ships had searched the choppy waters for the youths in their tiny craft.

The boys, all belonging to a Boy scout troop in suburban Euclid, were whipped out into the lake about 6 o'clock last night when they were trying to retrieve a canoe.

Had Broken Paddle

They had only a broken paddle in the raft to battle the 30-mile wind that swept them offshore.

Up to the last minute hopes were high that the youths would be found alive and well.

A dozen planes and all available coast guard boats had covered Lake Erie for miles out of Cleveland since dawn in an effort to locate the war-surplus raft.

One Week Left for Voters' Registration

Only one week remains for unregistered voters to get their names on county poll books. April 18 is the deadline for registering for the May primaries.

Voters who have failed to register in the past two years, those who have changed their party, or changed their names through marriage, and those who have moved from one precinct to another must re-register if they are to vote May 19.

The county clerk's office said this morning that the renumbering of precincts in the county would have no effect on those voters already registered. Refill cards has been handled at the office.

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The Moral to This Story Is Just This—Don't Close Your Desk

Painters, redecorating several office suites in the courthouse, caused more than usual confusion in the county extension agents' office this morning. To protect his effects from dripping paint, one of the agents closed his roll-top desk—for the first time in about four years. It was not until his telephone, reports, and other papers were safely covered inside that he discovered that the key to the desk has long been listed among the missing.

Persons calling County Agent Rufus Cate should be prepared to wait until he can get to another telephone in an adjoining office.

A canvass of competent lock-pickers is to be made.

Medford Fruitmen Advocate Changes In Pear Controls

Portland, Apr. 11—Four Medford fruit men gave testimony here yesterday at the first of three district hearings called by the department of agriculture to consider proposed amendments to the winter pear marketing agreement and order.

Shelby Tuttle, Medford, manager of Southern Oregon Sales Inc., chairman of the winter control committee, said that changes in the agreement and order are necessary because of the increased production of winter pears, and changes in the industry and the national economic picture since 1939, when the existing market agreement and order went into effect.

Costs Rise

Tuttle said that costs of production, handling and marketing have risen 55 per cent in the last 11 years, and freight rates have increased 24 per cent.

Other Medford men testifying included Robert W. Root, member of the committee; H. B. Murphy, pear packer, and Raymond R. Reter, grower. Their statements were similar to the one made by Tuttle.

R. A. Patterson, Portland, manager of the committee, said that improved insecticides and better production methods are chiefly responsible for increased production.

Amendments proposed by the control committee would authorize separate regulations for export shipments, and permit the establishment of minimum standards of quality. They also would change the method of committee voting on recommendations, authorize the group to perform duties not now permitted, and would allow it to make other changes designed to facilitate administration of the pear control program.

Glen J. Gifford, department of agriculture specialist, from Washington, D.C., presided at the meeting.

Postmaster Issues Chain Letter Warning

Acting Postmaster Moore Hamilton today reminded post office patrons that the mailing of chain letters is distinctly against the law. Any person found guilty of mailing one, he said, is subject to a severe penalty.

Hamilton said that one currently popular chain letter involves a fictitious airline, and pertains to "generals" who received so much money.

Anyone receiving one of the chain letters is asked to turn it over to the post office here so that it can be forwarded to the postal inspection service.

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The weather bureau said its forecast for the Columbia river basin indicated "above normal" water runoffs. The forecast said damaging high water was possible along the Columbia river and its tributaries above the mouth of the Snake river. Residents of the area were warned to take preliminary precautions against flooding, seepages and damage to irrigation works throughout the entire area, particularly around Bonners Ferry, Idaho, on the Kootenai river; immediately above Flathead lake on the Flathead river, and near St. Maries, Idaho, on the St. Joe river.

Reduce Peak Flow

Unusually high temperatures in April and early May would distribute snow melt runoff over a longer period and tend to reduce the peak flow, the bureau said.

In its summary of forecasts up to April 1, the weather bureau said precipitation was much above normal in the Skagit, Rogue, Umpqua and Klamath basins. Runoff forecasts based on

Former Communist Editor Subpoenaed By Senate Probers

Owen Lattimore To Be Topic of Testimony

Washington, Apr. 11—(U.P.)—Louis F. Budenz, a former communist editor, was subpoenaed today to tell senate investigators next Monday what he knows about Owen Lattimore.

Lattimore, a far eastern expert and university professor, is charged by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.) with being a communist spy. Budenz was summoned at McCarthy's request.

In Public Session

He will testify in public session under oath and will be followed on the witness stand by Lattimore, if Lattimore requests another hearing. Lattimore already has denied McCarthy's allegations under oath.

There was no immediate indication as to what Budenz, now a Fordham university professor, will say in his testimony. McCarthy has identified Budenz as the "number one" witness he previously mentioned in the senate.

That witness, McCarthy said, then will testify that he knew Lattimore as a communist who was under party "disciplinary" powers.

Former Editor

Budenz was president and managing editor of the communist newspaper, The Daily Worker, from 1940 to 1945. In that year he renounced communism and rejoined the Catholic church.

Budenz, repeatedly questioned in New York regarding his prospective role in the case, has declined all comment.

Sen. Millard E. Tydings (D., Md.) said that Lattimore's request to cross-examine Budenz has been rejected. He said there has been "no change in committee policy" in that regard.

Southern Oregon City Officials To Gather Wednesday

Medford city officials today were completing arrangements for a League of Oregon Cities regional dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Medford hotel.

Mayor Diamond Flynn announced the appointment of City Councilman Dwight Houghton and City Superintendent Vernon Thorpe to a reception at the Medford delegation at the session will include the mayor, councilmen, water superintendent and board of water commissioners, and the city superintendent, engineer and building inspector. Members of the county court will attend.

To Discuss Problems

An exchange of ideas and experiences on mutual problems will be afforded by the meeting. Budgets, improvement planning and proposed state legislation are among anticipated topics but much of the discussion will depend upon what problems various city delegations present.

The cities of Ashland, Butte Falls, Cave Junction, Central Point, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Rogue River and Talent are expected to have representatives here in addition to Medford.

Kansas Governor Pressed for Probe

Kansas City, Mo., Apr. 11—(U.P.)—The city council and a republican spokesman put pressure today on Democratic Gov. Forrester Smith to launch a thorough investigation of law enforcement here, as a result of the murders of Charles Binaggio and Charles Garotta.

While police continued their routine inquiry by questioning underworld characters, Murray Thompson, defeated by Smith, who had the support of Binaggio's 30,000 North End votes here, in the 1948 state election, demanded Smith fire the local police board.

Then the city council unanimously adopted a resolution asking Smith to conduct forthwith "a thorough investigation of law enforcement by the police department of Kansas City."

Blaze Destroys Home In Upper Applegate

Jacksonville, Apr. 11—A fire yesterday destroyed the home and most of the belongings of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Childers and family in the Upper Applegate community near McKee bridge. The property was not insured, according to reports.

The fire was discovered by Carmen Evans who was in the home with several children. He saw the blaze spreading over the roof of the home but was unable to extinguish it. The house was owned by Mrs. Flossie Meyers.

The Childers family will live with Mr. and Mrs. Ora Phillips until a new home is found.

U.S., RUSS PLANE FIGHT OVER LATVIA



KIWANIANS AWARD EGG HUNT PRIZES—A portion of the throng which turned out for the Kiwanis Easter egg hunt last Saturday is pictured crowding about the truck where prizes were awarded to finders of lucky eggs. E. Ron Rice (wearing overcoat), master of ceremonies, is shown on the truck, microphone in hand. Leaning forward in front of him is Tom Shepard, egg hunt chairman. Karen Ballance, 32 Eastwood drive, won the grand prize, a stuffed rabbit almost as big as she is. The hunt was held at the high school baseball field. It attracted more than 1,000 youngsters who were accompanied to the field by several hundred parents and older brothers and sisters. (Brainard photo).

Kogap Withdraws Request for Preliminary Picket Injunction

Attorney Frank J. Van Dyke, representing Kogap Lumber Industries, yesterday withdrew the firm's request for a preliminary injunction against the Medford Building and Construction Trades council and others to prohibit them from picketing the Kogap plant on the south Pacific highway.

Appearing before Circuit Judge Orval Millard, Grants Pass, Van Dyke said he was withdrawing the request because the "defendants are no longer picketing plaintiff's premises with the charge that plaintiff and its employees are 'Unfair to Medford Building and Construction Trades Council'."

Present signs carried by pickets are to the effect that construction workers at the plant are not members of construction unions and are not paid union scales.

The firm continued its request for a permanent injunction and for alleged damages amounting to \$100,000. Van Dyke's statement said the plaintiff's withdrawal of the injunction request is "subject to its right to renew this request."

Attorneys B. A. Green and Donald S. Richardson, of the Portland law firm of Green, Landye and Richardson, represented the union council, its affiliated unions and individuals named in the original complaint.

As yesterday's hearing was for the purpose of hearing arguments regarding the preliminary injunction, additional proceedings were delayed pending the filing of an answer to the complaint by the unions. It was indicated that Green and Richardson would file a demurrer and a motion with Judge Millard, and then would have 15 days to prepare a brief in support of both.

Time for Rebuttal

Plaintiffs then will have 15 days for an answer to the brief, and defendants will then have an additional 10 days for rebuttal. As a result, oral hearings on the case will probably not be held for more than a month.

The original dispute arose out of Kogap's employment of production workers on construction jobs during slack seasons. The unions demanded that these employees join unions affiliated with the construction council, and Kogap refused on the grounds that it could not legally agree to the demands.

The complaint was brought under provisions of the federal labor management relations act of 1947 (Taft-Hartley law) inasmuch as Kogap contends that some 90 per cent of its production goes into interstate commerce.

Oregon Hospitals May Raise Rates

Portland, Ore., Apr. 11—(U.P.)—Hospitals throughout Oregon may have to raise daily rates as much as \$1.50, effective about July 1.

Ralph Nelson, chairman of the Portland council of hospitals, said today that proposed wage increases for professional and non-professional workers in hospitals will leave the various institutions with cost increases that must be met.

Although no final decision has been reached, the Hospital association and the Nurses' association have agreed to increase the salary of nurses in Oregon hospitals from about \$1.10 an hour to \$1.21 an hour, with comparable increases of about 10 per cent for all hospital employees.

Nelson said the Oregon Hospital association and the Oregon State Nurses' association proposed the effective date of July 1 for increases from \$190 to \$210 a month for a 40-hour week.

Retrenchment Period Predicted for Mining

St. Louis, Apr. 11—(U.P.)—James Boyd, director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, today predicted a "period of retrenchment" for the mining industry.

Speaking before the American Zinc institute on the future of the metal mining industry, he said long-range prospects are good but he could not "present too optimistic a picture" for the next few years.

He said three factors—saturated domestic markets, lowered demands abroad, and the end of stockpiling—combined to place the industry in a bad spot.

Some mine operators "may get out of business," he said, because they may be unable to stand higher costs.

He said that from a long-range point of view "one need not be pessimistic about the future of the mining industry."

Loss of Bridges' Citizenship Asked

San Francisco, Apr. 11—(U.P.)—The United States government today demanded that CIO Longshore Leader Harry Bridges be stripped of his American citizenship for lying about his communist party membership at his 1945 naturalization hearing.

The government's demand was contained in a revocation order submitted to Federal Judge George B. Harris this morning, less than 24 hours after the Australian-born union chief was sentenced to five years in prison for perjury and conspiracy.

The court, however, ordered the matter continued until May 9 for "mature consideration."

The action, initiated by U. S. Attorney Robert B. McMillan was immediately protested by Defense Attorney Vincent Hallinan, who claimed the move was couched with his client's conviction and should be held in abeyance until a final ruling is made on the conviction by higher courts.

City Budget To Meet Thursday

Medford's city budget committee will hold a preliminary meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the city hall, J. R. Woodford, city recorder and budget officer, reported.

The group, made up of council and citizen members, will elect a chairman and secretary. Woodford said that it is important that all committee members attend. It will not be a public meeting.

RUSSIA REPORTS SHOT EXCHANGE

Moscow, Apr. 11—(U.P.)—An American bomber and Russian fighter planes fought in the skies over the Soviet Union Saturday, the Russian government said today.

Russia filed an angry protest to the United States against this "gross violation of the Soviet frontier." It said a United States Superfortress was intercepted by Soviet fighters 13 miles inside the Soviet republic of Latvia.

When the fighters ordered the bomber to land, the note said, the American B-29 opened fire on them. The leading fighter returned the fire and the B-29 flew out over the Baltic sea, it said.

(In Washington the air force said it "has no knowledge of such an incident.")

The Russian note did not say whether any of the planes was hit.

Grants Pass Man To Head Knights Templar of State

Eugene H. Tardy, Grants Pass, was selected and installed as grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oregon masons at the convocation of the order here yesterday. He succeeds John A. Newbold, Portland.

The knights also acted on legislation pertaining to the commandery yesterday, and heard an address by William C. Gordon, of Missouri, deputy grand master of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The annual banquet and ball of the order were held last night.

Other officers named were Lyman C. Palmer, Eugene, deputy grand commander; Herbert C. Staples, Bend, grand generalissimo; Harold P. Davidson, Portland, grand senior warden; M. Patrick Dunn, Ashland, grand junior warden; Albert H. Trego, Portland, treasurer (re-elected); Richard T. Tusant, Portland, grand recorder (re-elected); George F. Ostrom, Astoria, grand standard bearer; Edwin M. Hazelwood, Portland, grand sword bearer; Earl W. Froebe, The Dalles, grand warden, and the Rev. W. A. McArthur, Roseburg, grand prelate.

The annual state meeting of the second York Rite body began this morning when the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters convened in the Masonic temple. They were to hear an address by General Grand Master John M. Littlefield of Maine who is paying his official visit to the Oregon body today. Medford will confer the super excellent degree for the council tonight.

The last of three meetings, that of Royal Arch Masons, will begin tomorrow.

Phoenix May Festival Committee To Meet

Phoenix, Apr. 11—O. E. Fraizer, coordinator of the Phoenix May festival, wishes all committees to meet at the Grange hall on Wednesday, April 12, at 8 p.m. There are many plans and announcements to be made on what has been done, he said.

Game Commission Charged With Public Fund Misuse

Portland, Ore., Apr. 11—(U.P.)—State Game Master Morton Tompkins has accused the Oregon state game commission with misuse of public funds.

The charge was reported in the early April issue of the semi-monthly Grange bulletin. Tompkins asserted that the game commission was "getting out of its field" by using its own bulletin to "attack" the plan a reclamation project proposed for the upper Rogue River basin.

Project Endorsed

Tompkins pointed out that the commission's March bulletin contained the article written by Cole Rivers, field agent for the commission in the Rogue river district, and was mailed at state expense, free of charge, to anyone asking to be placed on the mailing list.

The State Grange has indorsed the Rogue river project at its last two state conventions.

"The game commission is more than a little presumptuous in attacking this project in view of the action of the 1949 legislature," Tompkins said. "To do it through the game commission bulletin, which is printed and distributed at public expense, is clearly a misuse of public funds."

Ballooning Underway

WEATHER	
FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional light rain and fresh southerly winds this evening. Showers and cooler Wednesday.	
Highest Yesterday	Temp. 59
Lowest this Morning	38