



**20 HURT IN APARTMENT BUILDING BLAST**—Center section of a four-story apartment building in Seattle, Wash., was shattered after an early-morning explosion ripped through the structure, injuring 20 persons. Authorities believe the blast was caused by gas leakage in boiler room. Every window in the 32-apartment structure was broken. Approximately 100 persons lived in the building.

## ... AROUND HOLLYWOOD

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Hollywood, May 2—(U.P.)—Got a wild moose running around in your neighborhood? If you have



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—and you can catch him— you can make a fortune in Hollywood.

There's just one hitch. He's got to have acting experience and personality. And he has to weigh in at half a ton.

If your moose can qualify he's got a career waiting for him here. Robert Riley Crutcher has just written a movie called "The Big Moose." And this is a switch—they're going to use a moose for the role.

"I got the idea," Crutcher explained, "when I saw a picture of a trained bull-moose in a magazine a couple of years ago. His name was Mushkig. He later starred on a coast to coast radio program."

Mushkig's grunts—or whatever it is mooses do—inspired Crutcher. He sat right down and whipped out a story. He didn't bother to sign Mushkig to a contract at that time. Figured he could always find him around.

But no. Mushkig has disappeared. Taxidermists Checked

"I've looked all over for the beast," Crutcher says. "My producer, Wayne Griffith, has looked. We even checked the taxidermists all over New York. But then, that's a big town. You could lose a moose there, I guess."

They sent out a nationwide call for Mushkig. Or any other moose with Hollywood ambitions. No moose has even offered himself for a screen test.

And some bull somewhere is missing a good bet when you stop to think of it. He could be the first movie star ever to imprint his antlers in wet cement outside Grauman's Chinese theater.

Crutcher's getting desperate. He'll settle for any moose now, he says, as long as it's got talent.

"A relative of Mushkig's would be fine," he added. "Maybe an uncle or an antler." (We

said he's getting desperate. His puns are too.)

### Dangerous Beasts

Before you grab for your lasso, however, it's only fair to warn you. Bull mooses (or is it moose?) are dangerous beasts. Mushkig's the only one in captivity who won't attack a human being, a pretty good way to tell whether or not you've found Mushkig.

Crutcher says he's done a lot of research on herbivorous mammals and there's a way to calm down a moose that becomes enraged. (He will, you know, when you try to load him on the Super-Chief for Hollywood.)

"Get him near the water and dunk him," Crutcher advises. "A moose is perfectly harmless in a lake or a bathtub."

### Chinese Determined To Obtain Education

Morgantown, W. Va.—(U.P.)—It's been "try, try and try again" with a persistent Chinese biology student at West Virginia university, whose attempts to obtain an education have been thwarted by war for the last decade.

But it looks as though Philip Ching-Chen Chen will make it this time.

Chen was forced to move from high school at Swatow, Kwangtung province, when Japanese troops invaded the interior in 1941. Chen left school and worked in a Shanghai business house for the next two years.

Then he went to Fukien university in the interior, but had to give up his education again for duty with the U. S. air force as interpreter. He returned to the school and was graduated in 1947.

His determination to seek graduate study finally brought him to West Virginia university, after he had taught English and biology at his home town high school.

**VICTIMS ROLL ON**  
Tampa, Fla.—(U.P.)—Special ramps have been installed over the University of Tampa campus so polo victims enrolled in the school can get to classes unaided. Each new ramp is dedicated to one of the victims. Thirteen are enrolled at present.

### RABBIT GETS BREAK

## Payments to State Unemployed Drop Rapidly in April

Salem, Ore., May 2—(U.P.)—Payments to Oregon's unemployed dropped rapidly in April to the lowest figure since last October, the state unemployment compensation commission reported today.

Last month's total of \$1,034,073 was 47.4 per cent less than in March. The final week saw checks go to only 18,438 workers, compared with 61,108 at the peak of the cold spell in mid-February.

While noting an encouraging spring upturn in employment, the commission pointed out that compensation to Oregon's covered workers for the past six months reached \$19,223,057 or more than the total for any previous six months reached \$19,223,057 for more than the total for any previous year. Payments since that start of the benefit year last July 1 have passed the \$24 million mark and probably will set a new record of between \$28 million and 27 million by June 30, the commission said.

**Exhaustions Climb**  
With more than 40,000 claims on file, exhaustions for the 1949-50 benefit year climbed rapidly in April to reach 27,000—about one in four of those who have drawn checks since last July. A year ago only 15,000 out of 95,000 claimants had exhausted annual benefits.

Readjustment allowances to veterans unable to find jobs dipped to \$53,521, the lowest monthly figure since October, 1945 with one exception. During the final week of April only 580 former service men were found eligible for checks.

### Purge of Officials Reported in Estonia

Stockholm, Sweden, May 2—(U.P.)—The conservative newspaper Svenska Dagbladet said today that the Russians had carried out a widespread purge of officials in Estonia and had similar purges underway in Latvia and Lithuania. All members of the original Estonian government which cooperated with the Russians have been killed or jailed, it said.

## Former Communist Given Psychiatric Test After Riot

San Francisco, May 2—(U.P.)—Mrs. Jean Murray, 33-year-old former communist, was undergoing a psychiatric examination today after staging a May day riot of her own in federal court.

The examination was ordered by Federal Judge Louis B. Goodman when the glib-tongued blonde went berserk during a preliminary court hearing into charges that she attempted to blackmail a witness in the Harry Bridges trial.

**Four Men Struck**  
Three deputies and an attorney were struck by the wild-swinging woman as she was carried kicking and fighting from the court room, screaming:

"Workers arise and prepare yourselves for the revolution."

A few hours later the communist party state committee disclaimed any connection with Mrs. Murray, announcing she had been "expelled" from the communist party in 1945 as a shady political adventuress and Trotskyist.

Mrs. Murray and her co-defendant, Mrs. Betty Teixeira, 29, were in court to have a date set for their trial on charges of interfering with a government witness. They are accused of attempting to silence Prosecution Witness Mervyn Rathbone by threatening to tell his wife he had been intimate with them.

**Session Continued**  
The riot began when Defense Attorney James MacInnis explained to the court he had been discharged as counsel for Mrs. Murray. At that point, the defendant jumped up and announced that "the working class will have to learn to defend themselves."

"I implore you in the name of the fighting Jews to prepare for the revolution," she shouted. "Expect nothing from this government."

The scheduled court session was continued until May 15 at MacInnis' request.

## Dr. Rhule Slated To Address Dinner

Dr. George C. Rhule, naturalist for Crater Lake National park, will leave tomorrow morning for Oregon State college, Corvallis, where he has been invited to give the testimonial address for a banquet marking the retirement of Dr. E. L. Packard from the college staff.

Dr. Packard, head of the geology department of the school, has been with the institution for nearly a quarter of a century.

Dr. Rhule is chairman of the governor's advisory board on conservation for Oregon and Dr. Packard is a member of the board. Dr. Packard is famed for his years of research work on the John Day fossil beds in eastern Oregon, and has contributed much noteworthy material on the evolution of the horse and camel.

The naturalist recently returned from a trip which took him to Portland, eastern Washington and eastern Oregon. In Portland he attended the annual meeting of the Oregon Academy of Science, of which Dr. Packard is the new vice-president. He made botanical field trips into the Hell's canyon district and spoke at Washington State college and the University of Idaho. Returning he attended the tourist host school at Bend.

Orabi Pueblo, on the Hopi Indian reservation, is believed to be the oldest continuously inhabited town in America, dating from 1150 A.D.

## Chicago, St. Louis Papers Awarded Pulitzer Prizes

New York, May 2—(U.P.)—Two Pulitzer prizes were awarded today to the Chicago Daily News and the St. Louis Post Dispatch for "the most disinterested and meritorious public service" in journalism for the past year.

The prizes were awarded for the two papers' articles exposing the presence of Illinois newsmen on the state payroll.

**Other Investigations**  
The announcement of the awards said the articles aroused nationwide attention and caused several newspapers throughout the country to undertake similar investigations in their own areas.

The awards were accompanied by a gold medal valued at \$500. Other winners of the 14 awards made annually by the trustees of Columbia university were:

1. Fiction: "The Way West," by A. B. Guthrie Jr.

2. Drama: "South Pacific."

3. Local Reporting: Myer Berger of the New York Times for his story covering Howard Unruh mass killing spree in Camden, N. J.

4. National Reporting: Edwin O. Guthman, of the Seattle (Wash.) Times for his series of stories clearing Professor Melvin Rader of the University of Washington of communist charges.

**Monitor Writer Wins**  
5. International Reporting: Edmund Stevens of the Christian Science Monitor for a series entitled "This Is Russia Uncensored."

6. Editorial Writing: Carl M. Saunders, editor of the Jackson (Mich.) Citizen Patriot.

7. Cartoon: James T. Berryman of the Washington (D. C.) Star for a cartoon entitled "All Set For a Super Secret Hearing in Washington."

8. News Photography: Bill Crouch, of the Oakland (Calif.) Tribune for his photo of a near collision of a B-29 and a stunt flier.

## Scientists Urged to Change Way of Life

Flagstaff, Ariz., May 2—(U.P.)—A Washington scientist urges his colleagues to "learn to write and talk ordinary English" because "you have failed to sell yourself to the public."

Dr. Howard Meyerhoff, administrative secretary of the American Association of Scientists, said scientists are "in politics whether they like it or not" and must "learn to write and talk ordinary English."

"You have made a success in your own fields, but have been failures as human beings," he told 250 members of the southwestern division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science yesterday.

"You have failed to sell yourself to the public," he said. "Get smart. You are in politics whether you like it or not."

## Funeral Wednesday For Ex-Ziegfeld Star

New York, May 2—(U.P.)—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for ex-Ziegfeld star Vera K. Maxwell, 58, known once as one of the world's most beautiful women.

Miss Maxwell, who starred in numerous musicals and plays from 1910 to her retirement in 1928, died yesterday following a lengthy illness. She was one of the few Ziegfeld stars who never married.

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cash on Hand and Due from Banks     | \$ 108,948,131.27        |
| United States Government Bonds      | 241,663,101.71           |
| Municipal and Other Bonds           | 46,942,892.07            |
| Loans and Discounts—Net             | 147,926,005.55           |
| Stock in Federal Reserve Bank       | 600,000.00               |
| Bank Premises (Including Branches)  | 7,426,518.73             |
| Customers' Liability on Acceptances | 355,973.31               |
| Interest Earned                     | 1,719,102.73             |
| Other Resources                     | 245,590.58               |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$ 555,828,315.92</b> |

**LIABILITIES**

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Capital                            | \$ 10,000,000.00         |
| Surplus                            | 10,000,000.00            |
| Undivided Profits                  | 13,809,333.87            |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>33,809,333.87</b>     |
| Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc. | 2,298,510.42             |
| Acceptances                        | 367,930.02               |
| Dividends Declared                 | 250,000.00               |
| Deposits                           | 517,806,416.15           |
| Interest Collected Not Earned      | 1,274,414.79             |
| Other Liabilities                  | 21,710.67                |
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