

Lawsuit Asks Return Of Gold Beach Land To Indian Owners

Portland—(U.P.)—A suit brought by the Portland Trust bank was on file here Tuesday demanding that all transactions in the sale of 800 acres of timberland at Gold Beach, Ore., by the Bureau of Indian Affairs be voided and the land returned to its Indian owners.

The bank filed the complaint as conservator of the estates of Jasper Grant and Harold E. Thornton, two Indian wards of the government.

Aimed at Director

The litigation is aimed at E. Morgan Pryse, area director of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs; Clyde Flinn and F. E. La France, assistant directors, and seven individuals allegedly involved in the property transactions.

The transactions recently drew the interest of investigators from the Department of the Interior. Outcome of the investigation has not been disclosed.

According to the complaint, the 800-acre tract was allotted in 1895 to Eliza, Chancy, Clara, Capt. Jack and Sandy Grant, all now dead.

It was held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Nanny Grant Thornton later was de-

clared the owner and Grant and Thornton were her heirs, the complaint stated.

Transfer Said Induced

Last year, the complaint claimed, La France of the Indian Bureau induced the two owners to sign an instrument to transfer their interest in the property to Ernestine C. Siniscal, a Siletz Indian woman. Director Pryse signed the transfer order last August 7.

The complaint alleged that Mrs. Siniscal then conveyed title to Henry B. and Elizabeth Taylor of The Dalles, Ore.

The Taylors allegedly gave an option on the property to Fred M. and Irene K. Marsh and William F. and Lorene B. Brenner for \$300,000. The complaint stated that the Taylors paid \$135,000 to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and \$25,000 to Mrs. Siniscal in the second transaction.

The complaint alleged that the two Indian owners were incompetent to handle their own affairs and were unaware that the property was worth, according to the bank, in excess of \$350,000.



KOREAN ENCORE—Evelyn Hamilton packs in New York for a second USO trip to Korea to entertain troops. The first entertainer to make another Korean tour, she regrets baggage restrictions make it impossible for her to take along outgrown clothes of her five-year-old son to give to Korean youngsters.

Gunman Slays Two Policemen; Girl Accomplice Hunted

Hattiesburg, Miss. — (U.P.) — Forest county authorities filed murder charges Tuesday against a surly gunman and the girl friend who "ditched" him after he killed two policemen in a wild gun battle.

Assistant Police Chief Hugh Herring said Luther C. Wheeler, 24, made a complete confession after "changing his story for the 13th time" and reenacted the shooting for four law officers.

Meantime, authorities in four states sought Elaine Foreman, 31, of Salt Lake City, identified by Wheeler as his accomplice in the attempted burglary of an auto agency here.

Patrolmen James Everett, 26, and M. W. Vinson Jr., 30, were killed in an exchange of pistol fire when they stopped the Jacksonville, Fla., gunman's car to investigate a burglary report Sunday.

Wheeler said he met the Foreman woman at Jacksonville two weeks ago, according to police. They said the bandit claimed he paid her \$15 a day to accompany him after convincing her he was a novelty salesman.

Herring said Wheeler was surprised by the two officers as he tried to steal a new car at the Ace Weathers Motor company.

He and Miss Foreman were overtaken by the patrol car after a five-block chase.

As Patrolman Everett closed in on Wheeler's car—driven by the woman—Wheeler shot the officer once with a .38 caliber pistol, killing him instantly.

He said he wheeled and fired at Vinson who was still inside the police cruiser, wounding him in the face. The gunman said he then shot Vinson twice more at close range.

The Foreman woman began screaming and sped away, leaving Wheeler standing in the road.

WEATHER
By United Press
Northern California: Partly cloudy Tuesday with a few scattered showers; increasing cloudiness Wednesday with rain from Chico north; snow in mountains; continued cool.

Nylon Armor Vest Receives Test on Korea Battlefield

Seoul—(U.P.)—The Army is testing a new nylon armor vest which it hopes will cut fatal wounds as much as 30 to 40 per cent.

A metal vest has been tested previously and in several instances has prevented possibly fatal wounds. The new vest, made of 12 layers of nylon, will be tested in combat for about four months before the Army decides whether or not it should be put into mass production.

Purpose To Save Life

The purpose of the vest, said Lt. Col. Andrew A. Aines, head of a 40-man test team, is more to save life than limb.

The test, called "Operation Boar," has among its implications the possibility that the vest will reduce serious wounds and the number of soldiers killed in action, through protection of the torso.

The Army said that 60 to 80 per cent of United Nations cas-

ualties in Korea have been caused by fragmentation—chunks of metal from bursting mortar and artillery shells—the most serious of which were in the torso area.

50 Per Cent Fatal

More than 50 per cent of these wounds have been fatal.

The vest will be tested in two sizes, one, size 42, weighs seven pounds and 12 ounces. The other, size 46, weighs eight pounds and four ounces. They are composed of 12 layers of nylon, padded with a one-quarter inch sponge rubber around the bony parts of the torso.

Aines stressed that the vests are still in the experimental stage, costing now about \$100 each. But he said the cost, once the vest is in mass production, should drop to about \$25 each.

San Francisco's Mission district is called "South of the Slot" from the days when cable cars plied Market street.

Influenza Tops Disease Report

A total of 202 cases of communicable disease—176 of them influenza—was reported to the county health office last week.

The influenza outbreak, now in its second month, is far less widespread than that of last year. Of the total, 124 cases last week were in Medford, 50 were in Ashland, and one each was in Rogue River and Griffin Creek.

Other disease cases included nine of pneumonia, five in Medford, two in Ashland, and one each in Gold Hill and Phoenix; strep throat, three in Phoenix and one in Medford; three cases of whooping cough in Ashland; three cases of measles in Medford, and scattered cases of rheumatic fever, chicken pox, mumps, scarlet fever and infectious mononucleosis.

Area Speech Contest Of Toastmasters Set

The southern-Oregon-northern California area speech contest of Toastmasters International will be held in Medford the evening of March 22 at the Medford hotel, it was announced at last night's meeting of Medford Toastmasters by Dan Hull, governor of the area, which includes clubs in Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Yreka.

Speaking at last night's meeting were George Distell, Dr. William Thompson, Bob Kyle Jr., and Al Bradford. Toastmaster Walter Nunley and critic, Allan Henderson.

STOCKING RUNS NOTED

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Connally Sees Visit By Angry Hawaiians Plug for Statehood

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Tom Connally says a visit by a group of "fighting mad" Hawaiians was a "propaganda effort to secure votes for the Hawaiian statehood bill."

The shaggy-haired Texas Democrat made the statement to the Senate late Monday after meeting with the Hawaiians in his office. He said "there was no valid reason for the people in Hawaii getting excited or sending a delegation to Washington to see me."

Remarks Protested

The Hawaiians came to protest Connally's recent remarks during the statehood debate which they interpreted as a slur on Hawaiian patriotism. The visitors refused to give details of their hour-long conference with Connally, but said they were "very happy" with the outcome.

The Hawaiians were angered by the senator's statement that

"I've been out in Hawaii and the majority of the people are not of American descent." He said, he thought he was "a better American than a great many people in Hawaii."

No Dislike Assured

"I assured them I had no dislike for the people of Hawaii and that I wanted to be just and fair to them," Connally told the Senate. "The misunderstanding which has arisen in Hawaii is due entirely to a misunderstanding of my remarks on the Senate floor."

No Motive Found In Chicago Slaying

Chicago—(U.P.)—A county pay-roller was shot to death on Chicago's west side just before midnight Monday night.

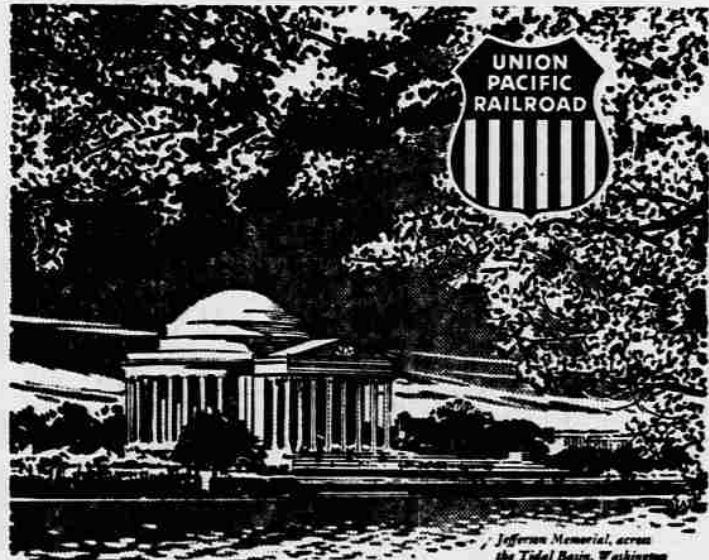
Leo A. Maciejewski, 44, lived for a few minutes after he was cut down by one shot fired from behind him at close range.

Police were unable to obtain any statement from him as to the identity of his assailant. No clues as to the motive for the killing were obtained.

Three University of Illinois pharmacy students told police they witnessed the shooting and even tried to catch a car believed to be driven by Maciejewski's killer.

Airline Passenger Insurance Doubled

New York—(U.P.)—The Continental Casualty company announced that starting Tuesday it will double the amount of insurance sold to air passengers as a declaration of "faith and confidence" in scheduled airlines. The company will offer \$50,000 worth of insurance for 25 cents, instead of a \$25,000 policy.



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