



ONLY BOATS CAN REACH many parts of Missouri River basin near Leavenworth, Kan. This bridge, which once spanned stream, now is isolated in vast inland sea of flood water. (International)

Suit To Void Sale of Land Near Gold Beach Due May 13

Portland—(U.P.)—Trial of a government suit to void the sale of 800 acres of Indian-owned timberland near Gold Beach on charges of fraud will begin Tuesday, May 13.

Federal Judge Gus J. Solomon refused Monday to heed pleas of two deputy U. S. Attorneys that the FBI needs 30 more days to complete the investigation of the transaction, and that for this reason the government was not ready to go to trial.

Conferences Scheduled

Meanwhile, pretrial conferences were scheduled to continue next Monday.

Judge Solomon also took under advisement a motion to drop two defendants from the action.

The two defendants, Fred M. Marsh, Lebanon timber buyer, and William F. Brenner, had an option to buy the timber for \$300,000.

Their attorneys argued that they permitted the option to lapse and therefore there was no basis for action against them.

Russia Claimed Responsible for Polish Massacres

New York—(U.P.)—Rep. Alvin E. O'Konski says there is "irrefutable evidence" that the Russians were responsible for the Katyn Forest massacre of 12,000 Polish troops during World War II.

"There is not one scintilla of evidence, at present," the Wisconsin Republican said, "to indicate that anyone but the Russians did the job."

Attended Europe Hearings

O'Konski, who is serving on a House committee investigating the slaughter, arrived from Europe after two weeks of hearings in London and Frankfurt.

The Germans charge the Russians were responsible for the slaughter, contending it occurred in April, 1940. The Russians charge that the Germans massacred the Poles in the fall of 1941.

Bodies Disinterred

O'Konski said a German sponsored medical investigating team of leading pathologists from many European countries disinterred 982 bodies and reported unanimously that the Polish troops were slain in April, 1940, before the Germans entered the Smolensk area where the massacre occurred.

Mill at Corvallis Damaged by Flames

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Flames destroyed possibly one-third of the \$1,000,000 Chapman Manufacturing company plant here Tuesday as fire struck twice at the big hardboard concern.

Church Heads Claim Gratifying Victory in Religious Instruction

Washington—(U.P.)—Church leaders have claimed a "gratifying" victory in the long legal battle over "released time" religious instruction for public school students.

The Supreme Court, in a 6 to 3 decision Monday, sanctioned dismissal of children one day a week for religious instruction off the school grounds if their parents request it.

Law Challenged

Two New York city parents had challenged a state law permitting this "released time" program on grounds that it violates the constitutional principle of separation of church and state.

Gerald E. Knoff, general director of the Commission on Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, said in Chicago that church leaders are "greatly pleased at this decision."

He said the court had upheld precisely the system of "released time" religious instruction which the National Council has been advising its affiliates to sponsor.

Program Cooperation Urged

Knoff said there are now about 3,000 communities in the nation in which some such form of week-day religious instruction is being offered. He said the council will urge all participants to "make sure that their programs are so constructed as to be in accordance with both the spirit and letter" of the court decision.

Msgr. John S. Middleton, secretary for education of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, said the court ruling was a "new vindication" of parents' rights to direct the education of their children.

Dr. J. M. Dawson, a leading Baptist clergyman, said he did not oppose the ruling, but had some "serious questions" about it. "Will the element of compulsion in the framework of the plan be generally acceptable?" he asked. "If children can be dismissed one day, may they not also on other days, with possible disruption of the public school system?"

Mother Throws Infant Off Bridge; Tot Saved

Portland—(U.P.)—Police Tuesday questioned a woman who threw her month-old baby girl 50 feet off the Burnside bridge into the Willamette river and then jumped in herself. Both the baby and mother were rescued by a passing tug.

Witnesses said they saw the woman, identified by police as Mrs. Beatrice French, 34, kiss her baby before she threw the child off the bridge Monday evening.

Stabbing Victim Leaves Hospital

Paul Blair, Shady Cove, who was severely stabbed April 20, was dismissed Monday afternoon from Community hospital, where he had been since he suffered the injury, the hospital reported Tuesday.

The three men involved in the Sunday morning brawl have been held in the county jail and were arraigned on April 22 on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, according to District Attorney Paul Haviland.

Dre Stockton was released on \$3,500 bail Monday, according to Haviland, but Monte Stockton and Donald E. Yule are still in jail. The original bail had been set at \$7,500 each, but was lowered to \$3,500, he stated.

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. Reid F. Murray, R-Wis., died Tuesday at the Naval Medical Center in nearby Bethesda, Md.

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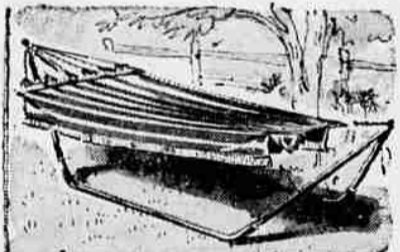
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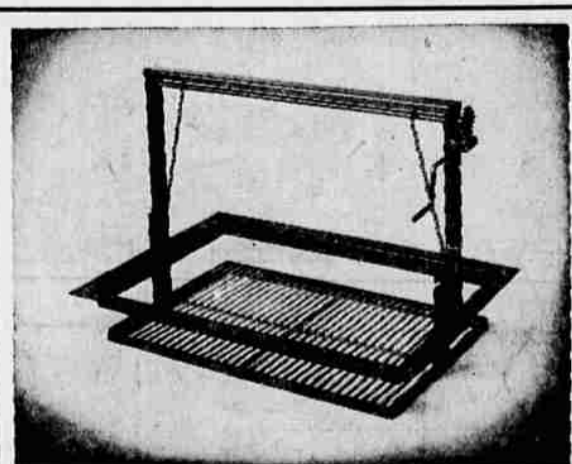


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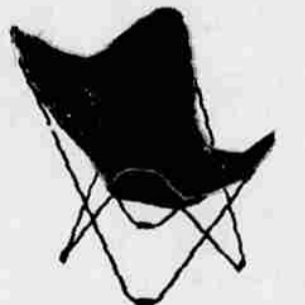
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