

Commies Execute Fellow Captives at Koje

John C. Mann Dies In Sudden Illness Sunday Afternoon

Well-Known Merchant Lived Here Since 1910

John C. Mann, head of Mann's Department store since he established it here in October, 1910, died in his sleep at home yesterday afternoon following a brief illness. He recently observed his 87th birthday.

Mr. Mann was probably the best-known of the older residents of Medford. He arrived here on what he thought was to be a short visit in 1910, when the city was in the midst of its biggest boom. He had no thought of remaining at the time, and later said, "I had a return trip ticket in my pocket."

But, except for brief trips, he spent the rest of his life here, and was an active force in the merchandising field of the city, and was also prominent in civic and fraternal affairs.

Under his guidance, Mann's store grew to be the largest in southern Oregon, from the original 50-foot front store he purchased the year he arrived.

Mr. Mann was born in Gode-rich, Ontario, Canada, on March 28, 1865. He lived there until he was 17, part of that time clerking in a store at \$5 per month. Later he spent 20 years in a store in St. Paul, Minn., before coming to Oregon.

His affiliations included the Masons, the Shrine, the Elks club, and the Medford Kiwanis club, of which he was a charter member and former president. A member of St. Mark's Episcopal church, he had served on the vestry on several occasions, and had also been a warden of the church. He was one of two men to have the honorary title of warden emeritus.

Mr. Mann also had served terms on the Medford school board and the city council. He was one of the founders and directors of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association, and was its president at the time of his death. He was a past president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Mrs. Janet Crawford, Medford, and Mrs. Margaret Holmgren, Tulsa, Okla.; and five Crawford grandchildren and two Holmgren grandchildren. Mrs. Holmgren was to arrive here this afternoon.

Funeral Wednesday
Funeral services will be held at St. Mark's church at 11 a. m. Wednesday, with the Rev. George R. V. Bolster officiating. The family has requested that no flowers be sent, and that those wishing to honor Mr. Mann's memory make, instead, a donation to Community hospital for the establishment of a new bed there.

Interment will follow at Siskiyou Memorial park. It will be a private service. Perl's funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Prisoner Uprisings Said Crafty Scheme
Munsan, Korea — (U.P.) — Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison said Monday the Communist prisoner of war uprisings were "craftily designed" as part of a master plan to embarrass the United Nations Command in the true talks.

Harrison, new Allied senior delegate, returns to Panmunjom Tuesday to resume negotiations after a three-day "cooling-off period" which he suggested to give the Communists a chance to consider the U.N.'s final offer.

He said in an interview that the Koje and Pusan incidents were designed to obscure the fact that almost 100,000 Red prisoners, of 169,000 held by the Allies, refuse to return to Communism. The Allies never will bargain on that issue, he said.

WAREHOUSE ENTERED
Vandals entered the Half Moon Fruit and Produce company, 324 East McAndrews road, Saturday, and broke the glass in two platform scales, according to Medford city police. The warehouse was described by police as in "extreme disarray."

TAIPEH, Formosa — (U.P.) — A series of earthquakes shook eastern Formosa Monday, driving panicky residents from their beds. There were no reports of casualties or damage.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair and warm through Tuesday. Possibility of thunderstorms in mountain Tuesday afternoon. Low tonight 45, High Tuesday 50.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 51
Lowest this Morning 45



JOHN C. MANN
Store Owner Passes

Camp White Fund Request Reduced, Sen. Cordon Says

Funds requested by the Department of the Army from the federal Budget Bureau for the rehabilitation of Camp White have been reduced by \$161,700, it was reported today by Sen. Guy Cordon in Washington, D. C.

The reduction is in funds requested for a railroad spur from the present Southern Pacific spur at White City to the warehouse area on the proposed camp site east of the Crater Lake highway. A report from Cordon's office last week stated that \$415,900 had been requested for the railroad, but the amended request is for \$254,200.

The smaller amount will provide for some 11,000 feet of track, the report said. To \$3,616,000.

The report from Senator Cordon also explained that the funds requested for land acquisition are for the purchase of 1,324 acres in the area, of which part are now owned by the White City Lumber company, and part are owned by C. C. Hoover and sons. The exact boundaries of the camp were not available. Last week's announcement said that Budget Bureau approval of the request for funds is expected this week, and that contracts were to be let within 30 days. Other funds would pay the cost of building a telephone and telegraph building, and rehabilitating existing utilities and roadways.

Ike's Supporters Eye Delegate Lead

Washington — (U.P.) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's political backers are confident that he will pull into the lead early this week in his neck-and-neck race with Sen. Robert A. Taft for delegates to the Republican presidential convention.

The Eisenhower forces expect to win most, and possibly all, of the 22 delegates to be chosen by the Connecticut GOP State convention Monday and Tuesday. Eisenhower, with 380 delegates in the United Press tabulation, needs 12 to overtake Taft, who is credited with 392.

Eisenhower closed the lead on the Ohio senator over the weekend when he picked up 20 delegates in the Washington State GOP convention to Taft's four.

HURT IN ACCIDENT
Fremont Russell Sanford, 43, Jacksonville, suffered severe head injuries today while working on a bridge near the Butte Falls fish hatchery, according to Conger Morris ambulance attendants. He was hospitalized about 1 p. m. today at Community hospital. No further details of the accident were available at press time today.

No special election will be necessary, Judge Coleman pointed out, as the 6 per cent increase limitation will not be exceeded. The completed budget will be published following its signing by all committee members. A hearing will then be set, the judge explained.

Levy \$598,621
The proposed budget included a net tax levy of \$598,621.82, an increase over the 1951-52 levy of \$25,765.39. Estimated receipts and cash on hand for the next fiscal year total \$1,671,950.20. A recapitulation of the 1952-53 budget by departments follows:

County Court, \$15,510; circuit court, \$9,725; district court, \$13,338.28; justice court, Ashland, \$4,960; justice court, Gold Hill, \$2,547.80; sheriff, \$62,048.16; clerk, \$49,396; treasurer, \$8,104.10 (down \$262.40); school superintendent, \$15,744. Assessor, \$98,918 (up \$38,650); court house expense, \$38,534.72; jail, \$10,185.20; county farm, \$54,147; general assistance, \$10,500; same, medical supplies, \$6,900; dependent children, \$27,840; same, medical supplies, \$1,950; foster home care (children), \$7,200.

For Assistance
Old age assistance, \$123,750; same, medical supplies, \$6,900; blind assistance, \$1,440; same, medical supplies, \$150; aid to permanently and totally disabled, \$14,688; same, medical supplies, \$2,400; special relief, \$52,552.74; miscellaneous relief, \$1,000.

County compensation, \$360; Red Cross, \$1,500; indigent vet-

Oregon Accidents Claim 14 Lives During Week-End

Highway Mishaps Account for Four

By UNITED PRESS

Fourteen Oregonians died violent deaths over the week-end in one of the largest non-holiday fatality lists on record. Four died in highway accidents, six were drowned, one died in a burning home, one was gored by a bull, one was crushed to death by a tractor, and one died in a mill mishap.

Merlin Paul Simmons, 20, and his 16-year-old sister, Carol Grace Simmons, both of Gold Hill, Ore., were killed instantly when the motorcycle they were riding hit a car, bounced into a truck and then back onto the car, north of Central Point Sunday afternoon.

Wreck Claims Two
At Riverport, Ore., Al Morrey, 49, and his son-in-law, Donald Herbert Hall, 23, both of Bandon, were fatally injured late Friday when a loaded log truck and trailer that was passing another truck crashed into Morrey's car.

The bodies of four Warm Springs Indians were missing in the waters of the Columbia river near The Dalles. The four believed drowned are Leonard Polk, 38; Charles Tufti, 38; Turman Clarke, 15, and Roosevelt Supphal, 30.

Boy Drowns at K.F.
Michael Savage, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Savage drowned Saturday while swimming with friends in the headwaters of the Link river near Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Karl Geisse, an invalid, was burned to death at Pine Grove, several miles southeast of Hood River, Saturday when flames destroyed her home.

The body of Raymond Utley, 68-year-old rancher at Lorella, was found early Saturday by a neighbor near the Oregon-California border. He had been badly gored by a bull and authorities did not know how long the man had been dead.

John W. Michael, 65-year-old Lane county farmer died late Friday when his tractor apparently toppled on him as he was using it to pull a pipe out of the ground.

Six-year-old John Beals, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Beals, drowned Sunday evening in Tumalo creek near Bend.

George H. Patrick, 39, of Eugene, millwright at the Northwest Forest Products Co. plant, was crushed to death late Saturday while oiling machinery under the mill floor.

Motion Picture Censorship Forbidden

Washington — (U.P.) — The Supreme Court Monday forbade states and cities to censor motion pictures on grounds they are sacrilegious.

In another far-reaching decision, it upheld the legality of radio broadcasts on street cars and busses.

The court thus cleared its docket of all major cases except the biggest of all — the steel seizure case. It probably will not rule on that historic issue until at least next Monday.

Idaho Prisoners Undergo Questioning

Boise, Idaho — (U.P.) — Prison officials started man-by-man questioning of convicts at Idaho state prison Monday, searching for ringleaders in a riot that broke out Saturday.

Nine felons already were in the prison's "Siberia," and Warden L. E. Clapp said the same treatment would be given others who had leading parts in the five-hour riot.

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MOTORCYCLISTS KILLED

Brother and Sister Die Instantly; Hit Car, Truck in Road

Trailerhouse Blocks Traffic on Highway

Two Gold Hill young people—a brother and sister—were killed instantly yesterday when the motorcycle they were riding crashed into a car and truck, according to reports from state police and the office of the county coroner.

Killed were Merlin Paul Simmons, 20, and his sister, Carol Grace Simmons, 16, both of route 1, box 314, Gold Hill.

The accident occurred on the first curve north of the Toto overpass, near Blackwell hill, at about 1:15 p. m., the police report said. The investigating officer reported that a house trailer had lost a wheel, and had skidded sideways across the highway, blocking traffic. Several trucks and cars had been halted.

The motorcycle was coming south from Gold Hill, and police said it was going too fast to stop. It struck the bumper of one stopped car, bounced into a truck, and then bounced back into the same car, the officer added.

The boy and his sister are survived by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simmons. Mrs. Simmons is living at the Gold Hill rural address, and their father has been working in Myrtle Point, an older brother is employed in Alaska.

Funeral services are pending, and Conger-Morris funeral home will be in charge.

Two Bodies Found After Tankers Crash

Wilmington, Del. — (U.P.) — Two unidentified bodies were recovered from the lower Delaware river Monday and eight other men still were missing after two tankers collided in a driving rain storm and burned furiously.

The 10,441-ton tanker Michael, en route from the Persian Gulf with a load of crude oil, was steaming upriver and the 240-foot coastwise tanker A. C. Dodge, carrying 630,000 gallons of gasoline, was headed toward the Atlantic when the accident occurred Sunday night off Augustine Beach, 22 miles south of here.

City Budget Meeting Tomorrow Postponed

The Medford city budget meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening has been postponed, according to City Superintendent Robert Duff.

He said the council wants to meet once more, probably Wednesday, before it discusses the completed budget with the committee. He said the 6 per cent increase limitation would not be exceeded.

New York — (U.P.) — Portland's own special crooner, Johnny Ray, was honeymooning Monday with Marilyn Morrison, daughter of a California night club owner.

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Sinking Funds
Sinking fund for construction of county roads and bridges, budget \$200,000 (covered by O and C revenues); sinking fund for constructing and equipping an addition to Jackson county court house, budget \$200,000 (covered by O and C revenues); county school fund, budget \$166,310 (levy on 16,631 children at \$10 each); county library fund, budget \$1,663.10 (levy on 16,631 children at 10 cents each); and Jackson county historical fund, budget \$18,000 (the same levy or one not to exceed one-half mill of the valuation as found by the assessor in 1952-53 tax roll).

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REDS BOW TO ORDERS—North Korean Col. Lee Hak Koo, leader of compound 76 on Koje Island, is returned to his area after conferring with Gen. Boatner, U. S. commander of the prisoner of war camp. The meeting was at Lee's request. Gen. Boatner told Lee that Red posters "must come down" and that Geneva Convention rules require that "prisoners of war must act in a disciplined respectful manner." Col. Lee said that the POWs were now "willing to obey orders."

32nd Annual Session Of Fire Chiefs Opens Here This Morning

The 32nd annual convention of the Oregon State Fire Chiefs association opened here this morning. The meeting is being held jointly with the Oregon Rural Fire Protection Districts association for the first time.

President LeRoy Fox, chief of the Bend fire department, called the meeting to order at the Holly theater, and the morning was devoted to greetings and talks by officials.

The Right Rev. F. P. Leipzig, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Baker City, pronounced the invocation. Bishop Leipzig is unofficial chaplain of the Chiefs association and came here especially for this purpose.

Welcomed to City
Others speaking this morning included City Council Chairman Paul Selby, who welcomed the firemen on behalf of the city, and Salem Fire Chief William Robie, who responded to the greeting. Robert Taylor, state fire marshal, represented Gov. Douglas McKay, who was scheduled to address the meeting, but who was prevented from attending by an emergency budget meeting in Salem. Taylor also gave the annual report of the state fire marshal, speaking of the problems which are common to city and rural departments and to the state organization.

Jack A. Hayes, state director of civilian defense, who has long been associated with the Fire Chiefs association, spoke on the purposes of the convention.

Others introduced included Medford Fire Chief Gordon Baker, official convention host; Pendleton Chief William Batchelor, first vice-president of the Pacific Coast Inter-Mountain Association of Fire Chiefs, and Glenn E. Leininger and Harold A. Rosebraugh, president and treasurer of the rural district association.

Memorial Service
A memorial service for firemen who have died in the line of duty was conducted by the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church in Medford.

Afternoon sessions today were to include a number of talks by various experts in technical aspects of fire fighting, including a discussion of county rural fire protection districts by Loren Bush, chief engineer of the board of fire underwriters of the Pacific, San Francisco. Fire codes for rural districts will be discussed by Attorney Frank Sever, Portland.

Other sessions will include a party at the Elks club tonight, and further business and educational sessions Tuesday and Wednesday, with the concluding business session Wednesday afternoon.

Tomorrow the rural district groups will hold separate meetings. Arrangements for the entertainment of visiting ladies have also been made.

Competitive Drills Set
A demonstration of equipment, and competitive drills, will be held at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday at South Grape and Melrose streets. The public is invited to watch the drills, which in the past have frequently been spectacular exhibits of fire fighting skill.

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, will be principal speaker at a joint banquet tomorrow night.

Western Germany United With Allies By Historic Pact

Pact Further Binds Against Russians

Berlin — (U.P.) — The Communist East German government declared that direct and drastic measures will be taken against West Berlin because of the signing of the West German peace treaty.

Bonn, Germany — (U.P.) — Western Allies in a historic pact against Russian aggression Monday.

The United States, Great Britain and France signed a separate peace treaty with the Bonn Republic. Under it 48,000,000 Western Germans, enemies of the Allies in World War II, get back most of their sovereignty. They pledge in turn to rearm and provide 12 divisions totaling 300,000 men to serve in a six-nation European army.

Sober Occasion
It was a sober occasion, there was no rejoicing in Western Germany. The provincial governments in the Bonn Republic refused to make today a holiday in celebration of the signing. The powerful West German Socialist party boycotted the proceedings.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer signed the 400-page German peace treaty in the Senate chamber of the closely-guarded West German Parliament building here. Acheson took off later in President Truman's personal plane. Independence to attend Tuesday's Army agreement signing in Paris. Acheson hailed the treaty signing as an effort to ensure peace.

New Partner Welcomed
"The Federal Republic is attaining the independence in foreign affairs and authority in domestic affairs which befit a free state," Acheson said after the signing.

"The United Kingdom, France and the United States, together with the other free nations, are welcoming a new partner in their great effort to establish peace and security in the world."

The strokes of the pen converted Western Germany from a defeated nation under occupation into a powerful independent ally of the West and raised Germans to equal status with 500,000 U. S., British and French occupation troops who came here as conquerors seven years ago.

Ridgway Sees New Korea Push Costly

Washington — (U.P.) — Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway has told senators a new United Nations offensive in Korea would result in tremendous Allied casualties, according to a reliable source.

The former 8th Army and Far East commander cautioned the senators against a new offensive in secret testimony last week to the Senate Armed Services committee. Ridgway said U. N. forces would suffer big casualties because the Communists are well dug-in, their troops have been reinforced, and they now have great concentrations of artillery, a committee source said.

Markets To Operate On Summer Schedule
By UNITED PRESS

Major securities and commodity exchanges will begin their summer schedule of long weekends this week with a three-day shutdown beginning with the Memorial Day observance Friday.

On Friday only the London and Canadian markets will operate.

On Saturday all markets will be closed.

The New York Stock and Curb exchanges and the Mid-west exchange will observe the Saturday shutdown through Sept. 27.

Kangaroo Court Sentences Lead To Prisoners' Deaths

Reds Arming Selves Inside Compounds

By RICHARD APPELGATE
Koje Island, Korea — (U.P.)

Kangaroo courts run by Communist prisoners of war have sentenced to death and executed at least 115 of their fellow captives, it was disclosed Monday.

The disclosure coincided with an American officer's statement that Koje prisoners, practically all violently pro-Communist, are arming themselves for battle with a deadly collection of home-made weapons.

Operate at Night
The toll of dead from kangaroo court executions since July 2 was higher than the number of prisoners known killed by United Nations guards. These totaled 103 in three riots on Koje and one near Pusan.

Kangaroo courts operated inside the compounds, usually at night, while UN guards were helpless to interfere. It was understood most victims were anti-Communists, many of whom had surrendered voluntarily to the Allies.

First Lt. Robert L. Stock of the 187th Airborne Regiment, major guard force here, said a Communist arsenal was operating in one compound. The prisoners were "presumed" to be making small guns to resist any UN effort to enter the compounds.

Bloody Fight Seen
The officer's report made it appear virtually certain that any UN attempt to regain control inside the compounds would result in a bloody fight.

It was disclosed that the rebellious captives also have built battlefield type defenses inside the compounds and stocked a supply of home-made weapons including gasoline bombs.

Army engineers plugged an escape tunnel to the outside from Compound 66. They made ready to collapse another leading from 66 to the notorious Compound 76, where Col. Francis T. Dodd was kidnapped May 7 and held hostage for 78 hours.

Sounds Like Forge
It was in this compound, Stock said, that the Communists are turning out knives, tomahawks, steel-tipped spears and gasoline "Molotov cocktails."

An officer said there were "sounds like a forge" coming from Compound 76 Monday.

Three Men Sentenced To Penitentiary Terms

James Turney Eakin, 707 Clark street, was sentenced in circuit court last Saturday to five years in the state penitentiary for grand larceny, according to Deputy District Attorney Bob Dickey.

Eakin had pleaded guilty to the theft of a movie projector from the First Presbyterian church on May 8, and had admitted a number of other burglaries. He had a prior criminal record.

Also sentenced on Saturday were Edwin Raymond Phillips, 33 North Front street, and James Leonard Henning, route 2, box 168, Central Point. Phillips pleaded guilty on May 2 to obtaining money under false pretenses and was given a three-year suspended sentence. Henning was given a three-year suspended sentence for forgery and is to be delivered to Pixley, Cal., authorities where he is also wanted.

Sharp Fighting Flares On 155-Mile Korea Front
Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — Sharp fighting flared at several points along the 155-mile Korean ground front Monday and Allied battlefield commanders stepped up their patrols after rumors of an impending Communist offensive.

American Sabrejets swept "MIG Alley" all the way to the Yalu River boundary of North Korea without sighting Communist MIG-15 planes. They downed four Red MIG-15s Sunday and damaged one.

BULLETIN
Mineral Wells, Tex. — (U.P.) — Sen. Robert A. Taft's forces won the first test of strength in the Texas Republican Convention Monday when the state GOP executive committee voted to seat the contested Taft delegation from Jefferson County (Beaumont).