

CHESLEY ADMITS MURDER GUILT; GETS 2 LIFE TERMS

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Weather

FORECAST: Continued cold through Wednesday, with variable high cloudiness. Chance of snow showers in mountains to the south. Low tonight 22-25; high Wednesday 42.

Highest Yesterday 45
Lowest this Morning 20

Vessel Sinks in Atlantic Storm

Heavy Life Loss Feared as British Ship Goes Down

Hurricane Gusts Strike Britain Area

London — (U.P.)—An Atlantic gale, packing hurricane gusts, sank the 7300-ton British cargo liner Tressillon today 40 miles off Ireland with a heavy loss of life.

At least 17 men, including the Tressillon's skipper, perished and seven were missing in the shipwreck in the mouth of the Irish Sea.

Other shipping was in distress in the second battering storm to strike Britain and churn her surrounding waters in four days.

Another 13 men of the Dutch coastal freighter Carpo were feared lost with their ship and 26 German crewmen of a Liberian tanker demanded that their captain be questioned for allegedly refusing to aid the sinking vessel.

Small islands surrounding Britain were isolated by the storm and the Royal Air Force ordered a helicopter to fly a doctor to the aid of an expectant mother, stranded on a tiny islet off the coast of the Isle of Man.

Her needs were made known to the mainland by distress signals and the word "baby" spelled in white stones on the island's storm-torn beach.

Rescuers from five ships, many manning small lifeboats, dared treacherous seas piled up by the howling winds to snatch at least 16 survivors of the Tressillon's 40-man crew to safety.

But the loss of lives in the latest of six sinkings had reached more than 50 in Britain from the weekend of wind, floods and high seas.

Jumped Into Sea

The German seamen's protest was directed against the captain of the Liberian tanker Casion Casino. They charged he ordered the ship to veer off from a sinking ship off Britain's southwest coast, even after the stricken vessel's crew had jumped into the heaving seas to await rescue.

Shipping sources said the vessel apparently was the Dutch Coaster, missing since Saturday. The Germans said they would stage a sit-down strike on the tanker until the ship's owners investigated.

Several rescue vessels converged on the Tressillon before she went down.

County Men Inducted Into Army Recently

Three Jackson county men were inducted into the Army at Portland recently, according to Local Board 17, Selective Service System.

They were Douglas William Coffman and William Harold Roberts Jr., both Medford, and Frederick H. Offenbacher, Jacksonville.

Five men who had transferred to this local board from other states also were inducted. They were Melvin Burton King, John Edward Spangler, George William Robbins, Marion Eugene Townsend and John David Henrick.

Criminally Insane Inmates Controlled Following Riot

Trenton, N.J. — (U.P.)—Criminally insane inmates at the New Jersey State hospital, including mass-murderer Howard Unruh, rioted late Monday, set fire to a dining hall and slashed five guards before they were brought under control.

More than 300 inmates of the hospital's criminal ward were eating their evening meal when the riot began at a pre-arranged signal — the toppling of a food tray.

Fixtures Smashed

The prisoners, arming themselves with table and kitchen knives and fashioning clubs from broken chairs, attacked the 11 attendants in the room, smashed fixtures, broke windows and set fire to piles of splintered furniture.

Ten guards, and about 40 inmates who took no part in the

Support by Knowland Seen Against McCarthy Censure

Washington — (U.P.)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy appeared today to have gained GOP Leader William F. Knowland's support on one argument made against censuring the Wisconsin Republican.

Knowland did not directly commit himself. But he indicated during the Senate debate that he has doubts about whether the Senate could properly punish McCarthy now for acts during 1951-52, since the

Senate had reelected him without challenge in 1953.

One of two censure counts against McCarthy is that he was contemptuous of a Senate Elections subcommittee which investigated his financial and other activities in 1951-52.

Dangerous Precedent

Knowland aired his doubts in questioning Sen. Ernest S. Brown (R-Nev.), who took his seat Nov. 8 and probably will be replaced within a few days.

Brown, who spoke for two hours, said that censure of McCarthy would establish a dangerous precedent limiting congressional investigations.

Brown was defeated in the Nov. 2 elections by Democrat Alan Bible who will succeed him in the Senate seat as soon as his credentials are approved.

McCarthy did not appear during the three-hour morning session. This was the last full day of general debate on censure. Voting will begin late tomorrow.

Knowland said he was glad Brown brought up the point of how far back the Senate could go in censuring a member it has since seated without question. He asked Brown if he felt that a form of "statute of limitations" did not apply, once the Senate has seated a member. Brown said that was his view.

Brown Praised

In a later question, Knowland said he always had felt "there must be some termination date" otherwise the Senate could go back as far as it pleased to "dig out material" on members.

Brown agreed. Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.), praised Brown for a "wonderful contribution" to the debate. But he said Brown's main argument concerned the Senate's right to expel a member.

"The question here is whether we have any right to scold McCarthy; or censure him," Chavez said.

The galleries, often packed since the censure debate began, were less than half full as Brown made his long presentation with frequent interruptions for questions.

Blood Unit Due Here December 15

The Red Cross blood collection unit will be in Medford on Wednesday, Dec. 15, it was announced today.

It is hoped that at least 300 donors will give blood at that time, and blood program officials pointed out that if the quota is not fulfilled, Jackson county again will fail to provide enough blood for its own local needs.

The bloodmobile will again be at the Elks temple from 1 to 6 p.m. Blood-giving appointments may be made by telephoning 3-3813.

It was also pointed out that the bloodmobile will visit Rogue River the day before, Dec. 14. The visit was set up as a result of many residents there who want to give blood but find it impossible to come to Medford to do so.

Recent discussions among blood program workers have centered around the need to motivate local people to give blood. Some consideration has been given to changing the hours of the visit to permit more people who work set hours during the day to visit the unit.

Military Pay Raise Under Consideration

Washington — (U.P.)—The Defense Department is preparing legislation calling for military pay raises that may average from 8 to 11 per cent, informed sources said today.

Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens told a Retired Officers Association meeting Monday that the department would ask Congress next year for "a substantial pay raise" for military personnel.

Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.), who will be chairman of the House Armed Services Committee in January, has said the pay raise will be his committee's No. 1 business.

It was reported the new bill—different from previous across-the-board raises—will especially reward servicemen who make the military a career. And the rates will vary with individuals, rank and length of service.

Portland — (U.P.)—Robert Brewster Taylor, 57-year-old Adams wheat rancher, is to be named Oregon State Wheat Commission administrator.

Dulles Turns Down Knowland Demand For China Blockade

Nation Will Exhaust All 'Peaceful Means'

Chicago — (U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has turned down demands that the nation impose an air or naval blockade on Red China to win freedom for 13 imprisoned Americans.

Dulles conferred with President Eisenhower by telephone before making Monday night's major foreign policy speech. He then announced the nation will exhaust all "peaceful means of sustaining our international rights and those of our citizens."

This country must not let itself be "provoked" into "war action" which could upset the delicate balance of world peace and "impair the alliance of free nations," he said.

Dulles' speech before the national 4-H Club Congress and to a nationwide radio and television audience was a flat rejection of forceful policies urged by Senate Majority Leader William Knowland.

Knowland has called for a blockade of Communist China as an answer to the recent sentencing of 11 American servicemen and two civilians captured during the Korean war.

Dulles warned Communist China's "aggressive" action may mean "international Communism is trying to free nations."

"They seek to be soothing in Europe," he said. "They are provocative in Asia."

To React Vigorously

"Our nation will react and react vigorously, but without allowing ourselves to be provoked into action which would be a violation of our international obligations and which would impair the alliance of the free nations," he said.

"What has happened is a challenge to us, and indeed to all who want peace, to find ways, consistent with peace, to sustain international rights," he said.

Dulles pointed out that the United States, under the United Nations Charter, has agreed to settle international disputes "by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace is not endangered."

Washington — (U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles received bipartisan support today for his firm stand against an air or sea blockade to try to force Red China to release 13 American prisoners.

Three Democratic foreign policy spokesmen—Sens. Walter F. George (Ga.), John Sparkman (Ala.) and J. William Fulbright (Ark.)—lined up with Dulles in opposition to the blockade proposal advanced by Republican Senate Leader William F. Knowland, Calif.

Two influential Republicans—H. Alexander Smith (N.J.) and Homer Ferguson (Mich.)—also sided with Dulles although Ferguson said he would not rule out use of a blockade at some time.

George, who will be chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee next year, said he "thoroughly agreed" with Dulles in ruling out a blockade of Red China. He said a blockade would "invite war and retaliation on our own people" and lead to the "speedy death" of all Americans held by the Communists.

Smith, the second-ranking Republican member of the committee, said he too generally agrees with Dulles but was disappointed the secretary did not make a "more definite statement" on what peaceful steps will be taken to free the 13 Americans.

Sen. Arving M. Ives (R-N.Y.), praised Dulles' speech as being "fundamentally sound" and agreed that a blockade "might lead to all-out war."

Sparkman said "we ought to remember that a blockade is an act of war and that with a blockade we'd be inviting war." Fulbright said Dulles' remarks "make good sense and as far as I can see, I support his views."

Knowland stuck by his guns today despite rejection of the idea by Dulles.

However, Knowland, commenting on Dulles' speech, said his dispute with the administration on Far East policy is not as great as some would make it appear to be. He said he would support any "effective" alternative to a blockade.



SEEK ASYLUM — Seeking asylum in Prague, Czechoslovakia, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ward and their children take a walk in park here. Ward, a U. S. citizen, was suspected by the FBI of working for a foreign intelligence agency. He had been refused asylum in both Denmark and Austria.

Safety Organization, City Officials Meet

Phoenix — About 100 officials from 10 cities last night attended a joint meeting here of the southern Oregon city officials and Highway Lifesavers Committee of Jackson County Citizens Inc.

At the cities meeting, representatives from Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland, Rogue River, Gold Hill, Central Point, Jacksonville, Butte Falls, Eagle Point and Talent attended. The Medford delegation included 23.

Reports on various sections of the recent state convention of the League of Oregon Cities at Portland were given. Those speaking and their topics were Elmer Biegel, Ashland, municipal finance and personnel and fire protection; Vern Thorpe, Medford, planning and zoning; Robert Martin, Grants Pass, fringe area problems; Edward McKinstrey, Medford, public works; Fred Dayton, Grants Pass, recreation and park development; Herbert Mackie, Medford, building regulations; Ferd Jones, Gold Hill, small city problems; Charles Champlin, Medford, law enforcement; Harold Jordan, Ashland, municipal courts; and W. W. Baldersee, Grants Pass, legislation.

Phoenix Mayor Presides

Mayor Kathryn Stancliffe, Phoenix, presided at the meeting. The dinner was served by the Homemakers club of the First Presbyterian church of Phoenix.

At the Lifesavers session, a board of 12 trustees was named and officers elected. Jennings Pierce, Medford, was chosen president. Other officers elected were R. L. Neill, Ashland, vice-president; H. L. Markwith, Jacksonville, secretary; E. T. Anderson, Medford, assistant secretary, and Allan F. Perry, Medford, treasurer.

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Point; Henry Davis, Shady Cave and Ralph Goode, Prospect. All except Pierce, Davis and Goode are mayors or mayors-elect of their cities.

The purpose of the Lifesavers group is to coordinate and promote highway safety in the county in line with the program for Oregon and President Eisenhower's conference of over a year ago.

Archie Pierce spoke on the organization's purpose. Perry acted as temporary chairman.

Ashland Man Faces Stabbing Charge

Samuel Gene Bell, 22, Ashland, has been booked in the Jackson county jail on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon following a knifing in which his former wife was injured, according to District Attorney Walter Nunley.

Bell is being held in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

The alleged attack took place yesterday afternoon. Injured was Bell's ex-wife, Stella Bell, who also lives in Ashland. Nunley said she received a flesh wound, and was able to sign a complaint against Bell in the county courthouse this morning.

In a signed statement given sheriff's deputies, Bell stated he was elsewhere at the time of the stabbing, and indicated he did not take part in the attack. He was being questioned this morning in the county jail by the district attorney.

The Bells, who were married about three years ago, have two small children, Nunley said.

Neuberger Asks Power Line Funds

Portland — (U.P.)—Richard L. Neuberger, Democratic senator-elect from Oregon, today urged Interior Secretary Douglas McKay to include funds for facilities to furnish power to the proposed Harvey Machine Company aluminum plant at The Dalles in the department's budget for 1955.

In a letter to McKay, Neuberger said the company has a contract for Bonneville power but that the contract cannot be carried out unless transmission and transformer facilities are installed.

Neuberger said he was making the request because payrolls are needed in Oregon. An aluminum plant at The Dalles would take up the employment slack which will come with completion of The Dalles dam, he said.

The size of the group was in marked contrast to the trial of James Norman Jensen, 25, Larkspur, Calif., when audiences packed the courtroom for 10 days. Jensen was convicted of first degree murder in the hatchet slaying of Mrs. Hile, and has been sentenced to die Jan. 7 in the state lethal gas chamber in Salem. A motion for a new trial in his case is being studied by the court.

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The test, given in the assistant jailer's quarters in the county jail, lasted about an hour, and during that period Chesley steadfastly maintained that he did not hit Mrs. Hile, Nunley said.

Felt Justified

"Legally speaking, Chesley is still guilty of first degree murder," Nunley said, "but morally speaking, I felt justified in pleading him guilty to second degree murder." The district attorney added, "Considering his (Chesley's) age, I felt the interests of justice would best be served by allowing him to plead to second degree murder."

The truth serum test was given on the recommendation of Dr. Gehrhart Haugen and Dr. John Waterman, psychiatrists who examined Chesley, the district attorney said. He added that the psychiatrists' examinations, disclosed no evidence of insanity in Chesley.

Nunley noted that he conferred with the parents of the murdered woman before allowing Chesley to enter a plea to the lesser crime.

Eugene — (U.P.)—First sales of Christmas tree stumps have been reported in Lane county with prices at 25 cents per tree.

Guilty Pleas Made To Second Degree, Assault Charges

Hile Case Defendant Sentenced by Judge

Donald LaVern Chesley, 19, Coos Bay, this morning was sentenced to two life terms in the state prison on charges growing out of the murder of Mrs. Fern Hile and a robbery and attack on her husband.

The sentences will not run simultaneously, which lessens the

NEW TRIAL MOTION FOR JENSEN DENIED

A defense motion for a new trial for James Norman Jensen, 25, Larkspur, Calif., was denied at noon today by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna. Jensen has been convicted of the April 24 hatchet slaying of Mrs. Fern Hile.

Defense Attorney Edward Kelly immediately announced he will file a notice of appeal before the Dec. 14 deadline. Filing of this notice will automatically stay execution of Jensen, who has been scheduled to die Jan. 7 in the lethal gas chamber in Salem.

Judge Hanna also granted a defense motion to provide a transcript of the proceedings for an appeal. The transcript, or bill of exceptions, will be paid for by the state. Kelly said he would file a motion right away to allow additional time in which to prepare the transcript.

chances of Chesley being paroled. He had been scheduled to come to trial Wednesday on first degree murder charges.

Two Charges

Chesley this morning pleaded guilty to charges of second degree murder and assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. He was sentenced by Judge H. K. Hanna to life on both charges.

The Coos Bay youth earlier had pleaded innocent to first degree murder charges involving the April 24 hatchet slaying of Mrs. Hile. This morning he withdrew that plea to plead guilty to second degree murder.

It was not necessary that Chesley be reindicted by the grand jury on the second degree murder charge, because second degree murder is included in the charge of first degree murder.

Waived Indictment

Chesley waived indictment by the grand jury on the assault and robbery charge. He then pleaded guilty to a district attorney's information which charged him with the beating and robbery of Mrs. Hile's husband, Hugh Hile, a Medford contractor.

He waived a delay before sentencing, and the sentences were handed down immediately by Judge Hanna.

Only nine people, including Chesley, his attorney, Irving Allen, District Attorney Walter Nunley, court officials, two deputy sheriffs and a reporter for The Mail Tribune, were in the courtroom.

Trials Contrasted

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