



ABANDONED—Mrs. Betty Lou Crockett, 25, (right), is fed at General Hospital in Los Angeles after she and her two children, Kathy, 4, and Deborah, 15 months (left), were found starving in a motel. Mrs. Crockett said that her husband, James, 34, had abandoned them Nov. 17 and that they had not eaten since Thanksgiving Day when they had a can of sardines. Her 5-year-old son, James Jr., died of leukemia last Christmas.

Four-Year Draft Extension Faces Fight in Congress

Washington (U.P.)—The administration's call for a four-year extension of the draft plus a modified Universal Military Training program will meet strong opposition in Congress. Senate specialists on military affairs said today.

One veteran senator, a supporter of Universal Military Training in the past, said the military manpower proposals will pass only if President Eisenhower throws his "full prestige" behind them. Even then, the President may be forced to accept a compromise cutting the four-year extension of the draft to two years, the senator said. He declined use of his name.

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson announced at his news conference late Tuesday that the new combination draft and reserve program will call for:

1. A four-year extension of the draft act which expires next June 30. Under the draft, inductees serve two years of active duty and six years in the reserve although the reserve provision has not been enforced. About 276,000 young men would be drafted each year.

2. A new reserve program under which an additional 100,000 men a year would be given six months of basic training and then placed in organized reserve or National units. Wilson did not specify how many years of reserve service would be required.

3. Continued emphasis on voluntary enlistments to funnel another 450,000 men a year into the armed services.

The plan as Wilson outlined it means universal military service.

Edith Green Sees Morse as Democrat

Washington (U.P.)—Mrs. Edith S. Green, new Democratic Congresswoman from Portland, Ore., predicted yesterday that Sen. Wayne Morse, the Independent, will run as a Democrat in 1956.

Mrs. Green admitted facetiously to a news conference that she based her prediction on "woman's intuition." She said Morse's support was one of the major factors that enabled her to win in November over Republican Lawson McCall. Multnomah county has not been represented by a Democrat since 1938.

She said Democrats in Oregon would welcome Morse "with open arms."

Morse said recently he intends to run as an independent in 1956.

Bulletin

United Nations, N. Y. (U.P.)—The United Nations refused by a 39-9 vote with 10 abstentions today to give a seat to Red China and North Korea in its debate on Korean unification.



Majority of Senate Seen Lined Against McCarthy in Censure

Washington (U.P.)—The Senate at mid-afternoon today came to its time of decision on censure charge against Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy.

Republican Leader William F. Knowland opposed censure and Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson favored it in the final general debate.

Although a final vote was not expected until tomorrow, close to two-thirds of the Senate seemed lined up against the Wisconsin Republican despite Knowland's statement and two 11th-hour compromise proposals. The compromises were suggested by Sens. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.) and H. Alexander Smith (R-N.Y.).

After a quorum call which ended at 2:59 p.m. (EST) Chairman Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah) of the Special Censure committee got recognition to offer a minor amendment to the first censure count, that McCarthy was contemptuous of a Senate Elections subcommittee in 1951-52.

McCarthy Supports Knowland Demand For China Blockade

Washington (U.P.)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy today backed Republican Senate Leader William F. Knowland's demand for a blockade of Red China to free imprisoned Americans.

But McCarthy said an effective blockade possibly could be established without ships. He said a blockade could be enforced if the United States would refuse aid to its Allies when they ship material of any sort to Communist China or permit ships under their flags to carry on such trade.

Should Use Navy
McCarthy said the United States should use its Navy to enforce the blockade if non-Communist nations persist in keeping up the China trade.

He said this country should demand the return of not only the 13 Americans imprisoned on spy charges in Red China but of other Americans held behind the Iron Curtain.

"The military tells us the Communists hold over 500 Americans," he said. "We should make every effort to make sure they are returned."

Stabbing Suspect Bound Over to Jury

Samuel Gene Bell, 22, Ashland, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, appeared in district court this morning and was bound over to the grand jury after waiving preliminary hearing, according to court records.

Bell is alleged to have stabbed his former wife, Stella Bell, Ashland, inflicting flesh wounds. In another district court hearing today, Ronald Arthur Nelson, 20, Butte Falls Star route, Box 49A, charged with grand larceny, also was bound over to the grand jury. The charge involves theft of five batteries from the Medford Irrigation district on Nov. 26. Two juveniles, aged 16 and 17, were arraigned earlier on the same case and transferred to juvenile court for disposition.

Parrot-Type Birds Quarantined; Doctor Warns of Psittacosis Danger in County

Twelve parrot-type birds in the Ashland area have been found to be infected with, or have been exposed, to psittacosis, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, said today.

He warned county residents that the disease can be transmitted to humans, and is a serious respiratory infection type of illness. He said non-certified and out-of-state birds should be avoided.

County Sanitarians B. R. Hart and Walter Sutherland have been checking birds in Jackson county since infected parakeets were found in the northern part of the state.

It is believed that none of the county's bird breeders purchased any of the infected birds which were involved in a sale in Portland, when unsuspected parakeets were brought into the state. Local sales of exposed birds apparently were made door-to-door.

Connection With '49 Death Of Local Woman Confessed

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Planes Searching English Channel For Five Vessels

Death Toll of Storm Expected To Reach 111

London (U.P.)—French naval planes searched the stormy English Channel today for five fishing boats missing with 60 men aboard.

Forty three persons were dead or missing in three shipping accidents in the waters around Britain and eight persons were killed on land. French officials feared the missing fishermen also perished in the storms.

High Death Toll Feared
It was feared the toll of dead in the storm might rise to 111.

The missing fishing vessels are the Alain-Yvon, Tourville, Berceau de Moise and Perle d'Arvor from the ports of Concarneau near Brest and the Tendre Berceau from the nearby port of Donarnez.

The little coastal steamer Arden docked in Milford Haven, Wales, today with the body of Capt. William Winters, 59, who survived three World War II sinkings only to drown in a gale yesterday with 23 of his men.

Captain Winters' ship Tresillian foundered in a 30-mile hurricane. He gave the order "every man for himself" and then plunged into the sea.

Other Missing Men Sought
The Royal Navy searched raging seas today for 20 missing men, but the Admiralty said there was little hope they would be found. Four bodies were recovered and 16 men were rescued.

Winters, who planned to retire at the end of his voyage, was almost in sight of home when the cargo of grain aboard the Tresillian shifted and sent the 7300-ton ship to the bottom.

Light Snow Reported On Mountain Highways

Snow was reported on high-way mountain passes in this area today, but a south wind kept temperatures too warm for snowfall on the valley floor.

Light snowfall was reported this morning at Neil creek and at Montague, Calif., on the Sierran mountain route, and on Sexton mountain north of Grants Pass. The snow was not sticking.

The weather bureau had a report of four inches of snow at Mt. Shasta, Calif., this morning. Windy weather with snow above 4,000 feet, and with occasional light rain in the valley is anticipated tonight, according to the Medford office of the weather bureau.

Dulles Says Blockade Might Be Considered

Washington (U.P.)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today the United States might consider a blockade of Red China if peaceful means fail to free Americans imprisoned there. But he expressed confidence that peaceful methods would not fail.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York (U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 384.04 off 2.73; 20 railroads 19.80 off 1.87; 15 utilities 60.73 off 0.02, and 65 stocks 140.60 off 1.05. Sales today were about 3,100,000 shares against 3,440,000 shares yesterday.

Antarctic Expedition Sets Sail

Boston (U.P.)—The stubby-nosed icebreaker Atka cast off lines and sailed for "the bottom of the world" today.

With a crew of 220 men, 14 officers and 35 passengers, the Atka headed south for the first U.S. Antarctic exploration in seven years.

Ships Whistle Salute
Ships in the harbor whistled a salute as Cmdr. Glen Jacobson of Seattle, Wash., headed down the channel past Castle Island on the five-month voyage. It will take him to the frozen wastes where years ago Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd built Little America on the icy shores of an uninhabited 6,000,000-square mile continent.

Jacobson's mission, as publicly announced, is merely a reconnaissance—to prepare the way for a huge new expedition next year.

But his crew of scientists includes cosmic ray experts, geologists and an electronics engineer lending credence to persistent rumors that the explorers will hunt uranium, oil, and keep a weather eye out for Russian Antarctic activity, if any.

Fortune Magazine said this fall that Jacobson had been given the task of determining whether Russia is using the Antarctic continent as a testing ground for nuclear weapons and inter-continental missiles. The Navy denied the report when it was published.

Once Part of Russian Navy
The Atka, incidentally, once was part of Russia's navy—on loan during World War II.

Two helicopter "Whirlbirds" were parked on the tiny aft flight deck of the Atka as she sailed. Crowded into the tons of supplies in her holds was a "weasel" truck—specially designed for use in ice.

They will give the ship's men far more safety and mobility than Scott, Amundsen and Byrd dreamed of as they used dog sleds and skis fighting the bitter cold of the south polar regions.

In the Atka's holds were 100 tons of food, including frozen vegetables and meat. Pemican and hard tack provided the meals for earlier explorers like Scott, who perished after becoming the first man to reach the South pole in 1912.

"We've had all the benefit of other men's hardships," Cmdr. Jacobson said. "Admiral Byrd spent days with me pouring over charts. Paul Siple who started as a Boy Scout on a Byrd trip years ago briefed me for hours."

Civilian Scientist Aboard
Aboard, too, were men like Amory H. Waite of Long Branch, N.J., a civilian scientist who accompanied two earlier expeditions. Waite was one of the three men who fought their way through gales to reach and rescue Byrd when he became ill while making observations at a tiny, lonely camp 100 miles inland from Little America.

Another man aboard who will be returning to his "home" in the ice is Army Maj. Murray Weiner, a specialist in testing cold weather equipment.

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Love-Crazed Oregon Man Takes Own Life

Los Angeles (U.P.)—A love-crazed Oregon man shot himself to death today when police tried to arrest him in a gunfight as he stood on the stage of a deserted burlesque theater and kissed pictures of a dancer—his "red-headed angel face."

Police identified the man from his driver's license as Roger Wing Whittier, 26, North Bend, Ore.

Chief autopsy surgeon Frederick Newbarr reported Whittier apparently shot himself in the head with his .32 automatic and then was struck in the abdomen by a police .38 caliber slug.

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Christmas Opening Of Merchants Set; Parade Scheduled

Medford merchants' official opening of the Christmas season will be this evening, and the event will be opened with a downtown parade.

Stores will be open after the parade, which will start at 7 p.m. so that spectators can view the Christmas merchandise on display.

Floats, bands and marching groups will make up the parade, which will be east on Main st. to Riverside ave., north to Sixth st., west to Central ave., south to Main, and west to the break-up point near Ivy st.

Biblical and fairytale themes, appropriate for the Yuletide season, will be featured in the parade, and the floats will be sponsored by groups, organizations or individuals, all of a non-commercial nature.

Nineteen prizes, totaling \$400, will be awarded to adult and young people's floats. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is the parade sponsor.

Christmas street decorations, sponsored jointly by the city of Medford and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, have been put in place in recent days.

The kettles were first used in 1894 in San Francisco during a time when many seamen and longshoremen were out of work and in need of food. A Salvation Army officer, told he could set up a soup kitchen in he provided funds for it himself, spied a soup kettle in a ship chandler's office. He obtained the kettle, put up a tripod, painted a sign saying "Keep the pot boiling," and shortly was able to finance his kitchen.

Since that time the idea has spread throughout the United States, and is the Salvation Army's chief source of funds for its Christmas time charitable work.

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Suspect Jailed On Suspicion of 2nd Degree Murder

Woman's Death Listed Unsolved for 5½ Years

Marion Franklin Piening, 50, of 425 South Grape st., was arrested and lodged in the county jail this morning. He was booked on suspicion of second degree murder in connection with the death here of Margaret Ann Cornell, 50, on April 19, 1949.

Mrs. Cornell's death has been listed as an unsolved crime for more than 5½ years. She was found dead on the doorstep of 131 Almond st., fatally injured by some unidentified object.

District Attorney Walter Nunley said Piening has signed a full and detailed confession of the assault which resulted in her death. He was questioned last night by state and city police officers, and voluntarily submitted to a lie detector test, Nunley reported.

At first, under questioning, he denied connection with the Cornell crime, but officers said that when the lie detector, used as an aid to interrogation, indicated he was not telling the truth, he changed his story.

Under further questioning, he admitted the assault and described it in detail, and the lie detector indicated this story was correct, officers said.

Piening was picked up at about 7 p.m. yesterday by city police officers in connection with a complaint made Nov. 14 to police by a woman who said she had been sexually mistreated by a man she identified as Piening. He was questioned earlier in connection with the case and signed a waiver which permitted officers to test him with the lie detector.

He was placed under formal arrest early today after making his confession regarding the Cornell case.

Piening was also arrested in July, 1946, on the complaint of a woman who said she had been assaulted and mistreated, and he entered a plea of guilty at that time. Later, however, he changed his plea to innocent and was never prosecuted, according to records in the district attorney's office.

The Cornell killing was characterized at the time by police officers as a particularly brutal and savage one. A number of suspects were questioned by officers, but all were either cleared, or there was not sufficient evidence to bring them to trial.

Nunley said Piening's account of Mrs. Cornell's death was in accord with the known facts of the case, and could not be known by anyone not familiar with what had happened. Piening was not held as a suspect at the time of the Cornell slaying.

Trucker Acquitted; Acts as Own Lawyer
A Medford log truck driver was acquitted by a district court jury on an overweight charge yesterday afternoon, after acting as his own attorney.

Dan William Favor, 41, Box 444, Medford, received a citation from the state weighmaster at the Camp White scales on Highway 62, accusing him of driving a log truck which was 1,300 pounds overweight.

Favor then drove to two privately-owned truck scales in Medford, and weighed his truck. Each time the scales showed a different weight, one of them only a few pounds over the maximum, the other well under the maximum permissible weight.

Favor told the jury about the differences in the scales, and they brought in a verdict of innocent. If he had been convicted, he could have been fined 3 cents per pound of overweight, or \$39. The case cost him more than that to defend, he said, but he added that it was "the principle of the thing."

Deputy District Attorney Gene Piazza was prosecutor.

Weather
FORECAST: Cloudy and windy with snow above 4,000 feet and occasional light rain in valley tonight. Variable cloudiness with showers Thursday. Low tonight 35-40. High Thursday 48-50.

Highest Yesterday 48
Lowest this Morning 31

Christmas Parade Tonight; Stores To Remain Open Until 9 O'clock