

Sailor Acquitted Of Slaying Wife After Long Trial

Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Sailor Eugene Haas, 26-year-old Frazee, Minn., sailor, was acquitted Saturday of murdering his ailing 84-pound wife.

The verdict was reached in the 20-day trial Friday night but the verdict was not announced until Saturday morning.

Criminal Judge Sam Campbell had already retired when he was notified a decision was ready. He ordered the decision kept secret until the morning session.

Denied Charge

The prosecution had sought to convince the jury that Haas, stationed at nearby Millington, Tenn., Navy base, shot his wife, dismembered her body and scattered the remains. He denied it.

Mrs. Haas disappeared last fall and about a month later, on Nov. 28, hunters found a skull which medical witnesses identified as that of the missing woman. No other remains were found.

The defense argued that wild dogs could have attacked the sickly woman and mutilated her body when she strolled through the field in a daze brought on by her illness.

Radio, TV Exemption From Libel Sought

Washington — (U.P.) — Radio and television stations would be exempt from libel actions for statements made by political candidates under a bill offered in the Senate Friday by Sen. John Marshall Butler (R-Md.).

Butler said present law "places the radio and television industry at a distinct disadvantage."

"In effect," Butler said, "it also places the broadcasters in the unpleasant and Un-American role of censor. They are not qualified to censor political broadcasts."

Armed Forces Pass 3,200,000-Man Mark

Washington — (U.P.) — The size of the armed services jumped to 3,200,575 in January as the result of an enlistment boom touched off by President Eisenhower's order to end GI War-time benefits.

The new total represented a rise of 19,978 over the previous month.

Defense Department officials said the combined military forces took in 116,102 men in January, including 68,103 volunteers, 23,898 draftees and 24,101 reenlistments.

The increased enlistment came in the face of administration orders to cut military manpower to 2,940,000 by next June 30.

Trial Coverage Discussion Ends In Divided Vote

Miami — (U.P.) — The question of whether the press should be limited in the coverage of criminal cases and court proceedings has received a split vote from a panel of leading attorneys and newspapermen.

The panel debated the subject, "Fair Trial versus Free Press," before the Legal Ethics Institute here Friday.

Real Problem

Louis Waldman, president of the Brooklyn Bar association, was among a group terming the subject a "real problem." Waldman called for adoption of two legal canons that would limit press coverage.

Waldman charged that members of the press have promoted a "false conceit" that "the people are entitled to know." But a trial "is not a political, economic or social event," he said.

In response, V. M. Newton, managing editor of the Tampa, Fla., Morning Tribune, said that both the bar and the press have been found at fault. But, he added, "the people, not the lawyer or the editor, will make the rules for the administration of the people's justice and freedom."



WINNING SCREEN role in Rudolf Friml's "The Vagabond King," without help of grandpa, who composed operetta, Dian Friml, 19, surprised family when it was announced in Hollywood. Here Friml is presenting granddaughter with roses. Dian visited set, was seen by director, who signed her up. (International)

Japanese Kidnaping Plot Attempt To Get Wife in '56

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Kidnapings are rare in Japan, and when they happen they are usually not very successful. Like the one Friday afternoon.

The kidnaper was Yukio Takasu, a methodical but over-confident young man of 19.

He carried a briefcase with a book entitled, "how to make money," magazines on stocks and investments, and a diary headed: "projects for 1955."

Upon their success depended his happiness in 1956.

Wanted Big Money One of these was the kidnaping, and after the entry he had written: "I will carry out the plan during February. Object: Five million yen."

So Takasu picked out a likely victim, 9-year-old Tadashi Hayakawa, and hired a private detective agency to check on the financial status of the boy's father, a merchant.

The detective agency said the father was well fixed so Takasu

went to work. He took young Tadashi from his school and escorted him to the sunny roof garden of Tokyo's biggest department store. There the boy was forced to write:

"Honorable mother and father, please hand over eight million yen. \$22,222. If you notify the police and other I'll be killed."

Ignored Attendants Takasu left the frightened boy on the roof and, disguised by dark glasses, hunted by the boy's mother at the family store. He ignored the attendants as he outlined the situation to the mother, so one of the attendants called police.

A constable seized the young criminal while he was still waiting for the mother to write out a check. The constable opened the briefcase and read about the kidnaping as one of the main "projects for 1955."

At the end was the item: "Thus I shall get myself a wife in 1956."

Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH Thelma Williams, hospital representative of the American Legion and auxiliary, takes things in stride and few are aware today that she was the busiest individual at Camp White all of last week.

Her first task was to distribute \$1,575 in poppy checks to about 90 men who participated in this undertaking, since the arrival of the first poppy material in November. The checks were handed out on Washington's birthday. This brings the total disbursement for making poppies to \$4,410.

Thursday, the post office completed the job of loading 100 boxes of finished poppies on the mail truck for shipment to posts throughout the entire state. The work of packing, addressing and moving the boxes and checking them before being placed in the mail sacks was a large order.

Two full days were required to finish the job and Acting Manager Denning, Mrs. Williams and Dorothy Gifford, auxiliary president, Tom Ginn, hospital chairman, and Col. H. V. Meiring, of Post 15, were on hand to place the last mail sacks on the truck.

The "Gifts to Yanks" commission of the American Legion arranged another event for last week in the distribution of cigarettes, king size, to 815 domiciliary members. There were 21 cases of them to handle in this phase of the week's program. They were handed out in each company Thursday morning.

Mrs. Williams still has 32 orders to complete the 1955 quota. The men brought in 70,000 completed poppies, and 6,000 remain to be finished before the poppy job is finished.

The first shipment of 35,000, she said, was sent to Alaska. There were 13 boxes in this order.

Lloyd Perea is one member who appreciated the showing of logging activities in the Maine woods in U. S. Forest Service films offered by the Red Cross last Wednesday evening. Perea is from "down east" and knows the country intimately having worked in a sawmill at Bath, when he lived in Maine. "I didn't do much logging on account of my asthma," he says. Edith Braley presented the picture for the ARC.

Father Lawrence Eskay eats his meals in the personnel dining room, and this being the Lenten season, he made arrangements for a side order of salmon to be left at his place at the table. He was late in arriving, and when he asked what became of his fish, he learned that an early comer had discovered the entree and assumed it to be salad.

Three former Home members have returned for admission after varying experiences, making their way in the world outside

Northern Idaho College Scheduled To Reopen

Boise — (U.P.) — Gov. Robert E. Smylie Saturday signed into law the bill to reopen Northern Idaho college of Education.

Alton B. Jones, secretary of the State Board of Education, told reporters he could not say what action the board has taken with regard to opening the school.

But Sen. Howard Hechtner (D-Nez. Pearce), sponsor of the bill, said he was confident of the school would be ready to open with the next fall term.

Physics Professor Refuses To Speak At Washington U.

Seattle — (U.P.) — Dr. Victor A. Weisskopf, professor of physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has refused to speak at the University of Washington because of the Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer case, it was reported Saturday.

Attacks Decision Dr. Weisskopf, a Walker-Ames lecturer at the university two years ago, said in a letter of refusal received by the school that no "self-respecting" physicist could go to the university after its refusal to invite the atomic scientist.

Will Never Accept "As long as this refusal stands," Dr. Weisskopf said, "I myself would never accept any invitation to Seattle and I don't think that any self-respecting physicist should do it."

University President Dr. Henry Schmitz cancelled a scheduled lecture by Dr. Oppenheimer after the physicist had been proposed as a Walker-Ames lecturer in physics by the university's physics department.

Iraq Deputies Okay Turkish-Iraq Pact

Baghdad, Iraq — (U.P.) — The Iraqi Chamber of Deputies approved the Turkish-Iraqi defense pact by a vote of 116 to 4 Saturday after three hours of debate.

The Senate took up the measure in the afternoon.

The pact, signed Thursday night by Turkey and Iraq, extended the Western Defense line into the Arab League nations for the first time. It was believed other Middle East nations would sign similar pacts now that Iraq has acted.

Second Victim of Shooting Dies; Slayer in Custody

Wichita Falls, Tex. — (U.P.) — Capt. Marvin L. Marchesi, 34, the second officer shot by William F. Sink, a civilian instructor at Sheppard Air Force base, died Saturday in the 3750th Air Force hospital.

The other officer, Lt. Col. Carl G. Carlson, 43, of Spokane, was killed outright Wednesday when Sink shot seven times from two pistols at Carlson's office.

Underwent Operation Marchesi was from Los Angeles. He was shot in the head and an operation was performed on him Thursday in an effort to save him. Both officers were fliers and veterans of World War II and the Korean war.

Sink, 38, father of two sons, was charged with Carlson's murder and is expected to be charged shortly with Marchesi's. Since the shooting, he has acted as though he were in a daze and eaten only a biscuit and drunk only a few sips of milk.

Dr. Kenneth Dets, Wichita county health officer, had decided Thursday to transfer Sink from the county jail to a mental hospital, but he cancelled the transfer Friday.

Bremerton Escapees Captured by Police

Bremerton, Wash. — (U.P.) — Two inmates who escaped through a tunnel under the Kitsap county jail Wednesday night were recaptured Friday night in a Bremerton suburb when one of the men tried to contact his wife to get money for a trip out of the state.

The captured men are Johnson Kennedy, 47, and Roswell Edenshaw, 32.

Another inmate of the Kitsap county jail, John J. Wilcox, 22, Bainbridge island, used the same tunnel, but only long enough to make a quick trip to Bainbridge island to see his wife and week-old baby.

Wilcox returned to the jail before officers discovered the jail break.

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