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White Case Goes Back to Grand Jury On Motion by DA

Call for Jurors Seen Within Week

Case of Bernice H. (Tex) White, 37, of 228 Hartley rd., held in connection with the March 2 death of Eugene Raymond Birk, 32, Phoenix, will be resubmitted to the Jackson county grand jury probably some time next week.

A motion by District Attorney Walter Nunley to resubmit the case to the jury, because of errors in the original first degree murder indictment, was granted by Judge Orval J. Millard in circuit court yesterday morning.

A motion by Defense Attorney Robert Duncan to quash the indictment also was granted. White had been scheduled to enter a plea yesterday. He was indicted on the murder charge by the grand jury on March 4. Birk was fatally injured at Talent sawmill. Eyewitnesses said Birk was struck over the head by a two-by-four piece of lumber wielded by White. An autopsy revealed the Phoenix man died of a skull fracture.

According to a circuit court report, one error in the indictment involved a date and another the description of the piece of lumber allegedly used. The foreman of the grand jury corrected the date at the time the indictment was submitted to the court and the district attorney was allowed by Judge E. H. Howell to strike a word at the time of White's arraignment, it was reported. However, Nunley told Judge Millard he felt the case should be resubmitted to avoid error.

Nunley said yesterday that the grand jury probably will be summoned this week.

Dust Storms Plague Great Plains Area

Chicago—(U.P.)—Dust storms plagued the Great Plains Saturday while Ohio Valley residents fought floods and cleaned up the debris from a multi-million-dollar windstorm.

Farm experts said Friday's violent winds ripped up half of Colorado's 3,000,000-acre winter wheat crop at a loss of an estimated \$50,000,000.

In Wyoming, a single county suffered crop damage to 45,000 acres. But in Kansas, the nation's breadbasket, the wheat crop withstood the storm without major damage.

There was a brief respite from the dust storms Saturday, but more high winds were forecast and already had mounted to 30-40 miles per hour in portions of Kansas, kicking up dust at Garden City, Goodland, Hill City and Dodge City.

Hawaiian, Alaskan Statehood Endorsed

Washington—(U.P.)—Admission of Hawaii and Alaska as the 49th and 50th states would be good for the nation as well as the territories, the House Interior Committee said Saturday.

"Statehood for both," the committee said in its formal report, "would be in the best interests of the United States as a whole and of the people of the territories in particular."

Hawaii and Alaska, the 126-page document said, are "ready, willing and able to support statehood."

The report supported the committee's approval two weeks ago of tandem Hawaii-Alaska enabling legislation. Its publication Saturday cleared the way for House Rules Committee hearings on the bill. These are expected next week.

Williams Tosses Hat In Presidential Ring

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Governor G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams, of Michigan, flexing his political muscles in the Republican state of California, says he would consider the 1956 Democratic presidential nomination if party leader Adlai Stevenson were not available.

"Naturally, I would be proud to accept," he said here Friday at a press conference. "If President Eisenhower is the Republican Party candidate in 1956, he'll have a lot of trouble. People are fed up with his record of broken promises."



CHECKING CHINESE DEFENSES—Admiral Felix B. Stump, commander in chief of the Pacific area, inspects anti-aircraft positions of Nationalist Chinese forces on Matsu Island. Authoritative diplomatic sources revealed in Washington that Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai is totally unyielding in his determination to attack Formosa, despite the grave threat of war.

Red Chinese Massing Big Guns Opposite Fortress of Quemoy

Nationalist Troops Attacker Battled Off Busy Constructing New Fortifications

Taipeh, Formosa—(U.P.)—Red China is massing heavy artillery on the Mainland Coast facing Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Quemoy fortress, official Nationalist Intelligence reports said Saturday night.

Nationalist forces on the strategically situated island, within 2,000 yards of Communist China and only four miles from the Red port of Amoy, were reported feverishly constructing new fortifications against the threat of attack.

Intelligence sources said more than 60 heavy 105 and 125 guns have been rushed to the coastal area facing Quemoy and Matsu, and that additional heavy artillery is awaiting shipment to the Fukien Coast in Stockpile areas in Canton and elsewhere.

Reports from Quemoy said Nationalist forces were building an extensive system of trenches and that new troop reinforcements recently had arrived from Formosa. Matsu, located farther north, recently was reported to have been tripled in troop strength.

The last available estimates placed Quemoy's troop strength at 40,000 men, rated among Chiang's best troops.

Sporadic Red shellfire fell on Quemoy's defenders Saturday for the second day running. On Friday the Communists broke a two-weeks lull in the Formosa strait by lobbing 52 heavy artillery shells against Quemoy.

The island is virtually ringed by Communist guns, brought here from Russia. In recent weeks the Red shells have zeroed in from three sides.

The Communists were reported to have massed 100,000 men and a sizeable invasion fleet of junks and other small craft in the Amoy area.

Wreckage of Missing Aircraft Reported

Salt Lake City—(U.P.)—Wreckage of one of two planes missing in Utah was reported Saturday atop Mt. Timpanogos by a three-man ground party and identified as an Air Force B-25.

Three bodies were found aboard the craft. Searchers hurriedly digging through eight-foot-deep snows for bodies of two more men reported to be aboard the plane were forced to leave the crash site because of darkness and a snowstorm moving onto the avalanche-threatened peak.

No identification of the bodies recovered had yet been made although some briefcases were found among the wreckage.

Meanwhile, an air search continued for a civilian Beechcraft airplane that became missing Wednesday night about the same time the B-25 became lost.

Victorville, Calif.—(U.P.)—An Air Force pilot was killed Saturday when his T-33 jet trainer crashed in the Hesperia area south of here, the Air Force reported.

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Sen. George Knows of No 'Real Difference'

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate leaders of both parties Saturday disputed reports of a split between President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles over defending the Nationalist-held islands of Quemoy and Matsu off the coast of Red China.

The reports, originating with some Democratic House members, had previously been denied by Dulles and the White House.

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Undue Speculation In Stock Market Seen by Knowland

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. J. William Fulbright said Saturday the \$7,000,000,000 drop in securities values this week "seems to confirm there is an undue amount of speculation" in the stock market.

The Arkansas Democrat told a reporter that putting any of the blame for the decline on the Senate Banking Committee's investigation of the boom is "strictly unwarranted."

Fulbright is chairman of the committee. He said the inquiry is "strictly informative and educational" and that the market is "very weak" if it is being affected adversely.

"If there is no more substance to the rise than that, it makes you wonder," he added.

The market declined in four of five sessions this week. Wall Street experts attributed it partly to concern of traders over testimony at the investigation that margin requirements should be raised from the present 60 per cent to at least 75 per cent, and maybe 100 per cent, to check speculation.

Margin requirements determine the amount of cash a buyer of stocks must put up. The remainder of the cost can be covered by credit. Raising margin requirements to 100 per cent would put trading on an all-cash basis.

Bulletin

Pahoa, Hawaii—(U.P.)—A fiery fountain of lava spouted out of fresh cracks along the Puna coast at 6 p.m. HST Saturday, shooting the molten rock 100 feet in the air. The glow from the new lava fountain was visible as far as Hilo, 23 miles away.

Tanks Attack Rebel Forces Near Saigon

Knowland Says Jet Fuel Must Be Kept From Red Chinese

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland asserted Saturday the Finnish tanker Aruba must be kept from reaching Red China with its jet fuel cargo even if the U.S. 7th Fleet has to waylay it.

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Jean Charles Smith Dies in Accident; Second Man Hurt

One man was killed outright and another was painfully injured in a log unloading accident at Prospect Friday shortly before 5 p.m.

Jean Charles Smith, 27, of 413 Lozier lane, Medford, was killed when the top log of a truckload rolled off as the truck was being readied for unloading at the Ross Lumber company log deck, reports from state police, sheriff's deputies and the coroner's office indicated.

Log His Driver

Ward Blaine, 33, Post Office Box 20, Prospect, driver of the truck who was assisting in the unloading operation, also was struck by the log. He was taken to Community hospital by Medford Ambulance service for treatment of fractures of the pelvis, leg and ankle, as well as lesser cuts and bruises.

The hospital Saturday reported his condition as "fair."

The body of the dead man is at Conger-Morris funeral home, where funeral arrangements are pending. Members of the family include his mother, Mrs. Jack Wilson, Pendleton, a young daughter in Salt Lake City, and four brothers, all of whom have not yet been located.

Matusow Cited for Criminal Contempt

El Paso, Tex.—(U.P.)—Federal District Judge R. E. Thomson cited Harvey Matusow for criminal contempt Saturday. It was the first action taken against the ex-Communist since he admitted he lied in testimony given at hearings and trials about Communism.

Judge Thomson said he would listen Wednesday to any witnesses Matusow wanted to present, if any, or to reasons he may have had for lying in the trial of union leader Clinton Jencks 14 months ago.

He indicated Matusow would be sentenced that day if he could not prove he wasn't in contempt.

But the judge ruled that Matusow's admitted lying was not ground enough for granting Jencks a new trial. Matusow testified this week in a hearing on Jencks' application for another trial.

Attorneys for Jencks recommended to him that he appeal the decision.

Sports Bulletins

Hollywood—(U.P.)—World middleweight king Carl (Bobo) Olson battered California champ Willie Vaughn last night to win a unanimous decision in a bloody 10-round non-title bout.

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Favored San Francisco university edged Oregon State 57 to 55 before 11,206 screaming fans Saturday night to advance to the semi-finals of the NCAA basketball tournament as USAF all-American Bill Russell outplayed Swede Halbrook in a battle of giants.

Artillery Barrage, Infantrymen Thrown Against Trenches

Loyalists Capture Headquarters Town

Saigon, Indochina—(U.P.)—Premier Ngo Dinh Diem Saturday threw tanks, an artillery barrage and 40 battalions of Loyal infantry into a major campaign against entrenched rebel forces who have seized a large area 60 miles south of Saigon.

The large-scale military action came on the heels of a government of a smaller rebel force, operating north of this capital, was broken during the night.

Capture Headquarters

A communique said Loyal forces stormed and captured the rebel headquarters town of Ba Long, 20 miles south of the frontier with Communist North Viet Nam.

Diem's American-backed regime is under both military and political attack at home and has been sharply criticized for it.

"Faults" and inefficiency by a special French parliamentary investigating committee.

Ranged against his government on the local military and political front are powerful religious sects and political groups who have demanded his overthrow and the creation of a new government under the leadership of absentee Emperor Bao Dai.

Diem's victory was over a 600-man force. Seven government battalions took part in the action.

Serious Threat

But a far more serious threat is posed by the well organized and heavily armed forces of Gen. Ga Cut to the south. His troops strength is variously estimated at from 5,000 to 10,000 men, entrenched in the broad Mekong river marshlands.

Tank-led infantry units struck out from Long Xuyen, 10 miles to the north of Thot Not.

Reports reaching the capital said Ba Cut's forces include several hundred former Viet Minh (Communist) insurgents who formerly fought against the French expeditionary force and who still have their Communist arms.

Hotho Found Guilty Of Overload Charge

A district court jury has found Arthur F. Hotho, 30, Eagle Point, guilty of an overload charge, according to court officials. Hotho was fined \$84 and court costs of \$5.

The Eagle Point man was charged with a 2,800 overload on a tandem axle of a lumber truck. A unanimous verdict was returned by the six-member jury.

Russell DeForest, deputy district attorney, represented the state in the case, and Hotho was defended by United Log Truckers, Coos Bay. Medford Attorney Edward C. Kelly represented U.L.T. in the absence of Elmer Baldwin, Roseburg.

Hotho entered a plea of innocent after being cited on Jan. 6.

Civil Defense Plans Changes Predicted

Washington—(U.P.)—Big changes in civil defense planning are expected to come from a top-level meeting next week in the wake of pressure from President Eisenhower and criticism on Capitol Hill.

The Civil Defense Administration will meet with its national advisory council Monday and Tuesday at Battle Creek, Mich., to discuss planning revisions resulting from the threat of new atomic and hydrogen weapons and new information on their destructive power.

The council members are to give their opinions on "plans, policies and operations designed to strengthen and expand civil defense capabilities" presented to them by CDA at a meeting Jan. 18.

A-Blast Tests Smoke-Screen Filter Plan

Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—The Atomic Energy Commission set off a "midget" atomic bomb above a smoke screen Saturday to prove that man-made "smog" can protect cities from the furnace heat of the nuclear fireball.

Mice took the place of humans beneath the furious pre-dawn blast at the Nevada Proving grounds, 75 miles Northeast of this gambling resort.

Test Successful

AEC officials said the test was "successful" but disclosed no further details of the results. It was the fifth "shot" of the 1955 nuclear test series, a blast from atop a 300-foot steel tower that packed the wall of 5,000 tons of TNT.

To carry such a load of TNT, 166 freight cars would be required. Saturday's device was estimated unofficially as being capable of being packed into a bundle of the size of an ordinary suitcase.

First Such Test

A fireball hotter than a blast-furnace boiled over a mile in diameter, rolling down from its 300-foot starting point into an artificially-generated smoke-screen 50 feet above the ground. This was the first full-scale test of the recently disclosed defense department thinking that a smoke-screen filters out much of the heat of the fireball, just as nature's clouds insulate the earth from the sun.

"By introducing this smoke screen between detonation and surrounding objects, direct thermal radiation is absorbed, reflected, and scattered resulting in reduction of thermal radiation by objects beneath the smoke screen," the AEC said.

Actually, a similar test on a smaller scale was conducted during the last nuclear tests here two years ago. But the AEC