



Mrs. Smith, Wolf Granted Extension

Portland — (U.P.)—Attorneys for Mrs. Marjorie Smith and Victor Laurence Wolf have won an extension of two weeks before pleas must be entered in the bomb slaying of Mrs. Smith's husband, Kermit.

The pair is charged with causing the explosion which killed the 30-year-old Portland attorney April 21 as he started his automobile to leave a country club car party.

Multnomah County Circuit Judge James W. Crawford set May 19 as the date for the pair to appear in court.

The woman has continued to deny any part in the slaying. Wolf has confessed in detail, and said the woman planned the murder to collect \$21,000 in insurance money.

SALEM LEADER DIES

Salem — (U.P.)—Carl Hogg, 62, local civic and business leader and a former chairman of the State Liquor Control Commission, died Thursday after collapsing while placing an outboard motor in his automobile here.

McNary Second Largest Producer in Northwest

Walla Walla, Wash. — (U.P.)—McNary dam has become the second largest power producer in the Northwest, ranking just below Grand Coulee dam, according to Army engineers.

An engineer's spokesman said the addition of the dam's eighth generator to its producing facilities last month boosted its rated capacity to 560,000 kilowatts.

This week, operating under a 15 per cent overload, the dam has been producing 644,000 kilowatts, the spokesman said.

Fongs Sentenced

Portland — (U.P.)—Wey Him and Sherry Fong have been sentenced to life terms in the state penitentiary for the murder of 16-year-old Diane Hank.

The Fongs were convicted a wee kago Friday. Sherry wept and her husband looked glum as the mandatory sentences were imposed by Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson.

Judge Dobson allowed a motion by Defense Attorney Irvin Goodman to extend until May 18 the deadline for filing a motion for a new trial.

State GOP Treasurer Submits Resignation

Portland — (U.P.)—Lawrence M. Neault of Baker, has announced his resignation as treasurer of the Republican State Central committee.

Neault, in a letter of resignation to the committee, said he decided some time ago not to seek reelection to the post which he has held for five terms. He said he felt a reduction in work load and responsibilities was desirable at this time.

The state Republican official suggested that a successor be elected May 21, the date a new state chairman probably will be elected to succeed Ed Boehnke, whose resignation becomes effective at that date.

Godfrey Arches Back At Newspaper Stories

New York — (U.P.)—Radio and TV entertainer Arthur Godfrey said Friday "I don't give a what they print" in the newspapers about him. The blank was a purposeful pause, not a word.

"I'm going to do it the way I think it's right, and if you don't agree with me, just don't tune in any more and we'll find it out quick," Godfrey told his CBS radio audience from his Virginia home.

Godfrey described some of the news stories about him as "pure canard, pure manufactured lies, no basis in fact at all."

Washington — (U.P.)—The Defense Department has issued a draft call for 10,000 men in July, all for the Army.

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.)—Kaiser Gypsum Company, Inc., has announced plans for construction of a \$5,000,000 plant at Pittsburg, Calif.

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SCIENCE AT WORK

By DELOS SMITH United Press Science Editor

New York — (U.P.)—A horror possibility for some future time when atomic energy has been turned to peaceful uses, has been suggested by Dr. George L. Weil, atomic scientist, consultant of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and leading authority on the nuclear reactor.

Suppose, said Dr. Weil, that a nuclear plant generating electric power has been "operating for a relatively long time without change of fuel; this means that a substantial amount of long-lived fission products has been produced and is contained in the core."

Suppose further that the plant has been shut down and is being started up again. In this case the nuclear reaction could get out of control.

"Then the power output would increase at a rate that doubles its level every thousandth of a second, and the fuel temperature would rise accordingly," he said.

"In a fraction of a second the fuel is melted and vaporized, chemical reactions take place between materials in the reactor core, and the rapid formation of gaseous products creates an explosion that damages the reactor structure and releases the radioactive fission products to the environment."

Fission Cloud The reactor has been destroyed. The whole building and its equipment have been made radioactive beyond salvage. The human beings in the building either have been killed outright or exposed to lethal doses of radioactivity. Even worse, about half the fission products have entered the atmosphere "in the form of a cloud."

This cloud "remains close to the ground as it drifts slowly away from the plant with a prevailing wind of three to four miles an hour." He went on to assume that the cloud "passes over populated areas, and that an hour after the accident a rainstorm arises while the cloud is passing over farm land, over drainage areas that provide the local water supply, and over residential and industrial areas."

The results of this combination of circumstances following a nuclear power plant accident would be:

(1) People in the path of the cloud within a distance of several miles from the plant could receive lethal doses of radiation . . . ; (2) if the cloud actually touched the ground . . . the distance within which people would receive lethal exposures . . . would extend out substantially farther . . . ; (3) people exposed to the cloud beyond the lethal distances "would receive varying degrees of temporary and permanent injury;

Complete Understanding (4) In the areas of rain-out there would be widespread serious contamination — sources of food and water would be lost; population would have to be evacuated for an extended period from industrial, business, and residential areas; (5) Finally, not to be discounted are the many individuals who would be obsessed with continuing anxieties about their fate, even though they had sustained no observable injury at the time of the accident."

Dr. Weil said he was outlining the worst possible peace-time accident stemming from peaceful atomic uses. Writing in an organ of The American Association for the Advancement of Science, he was urging a full "understanding of possible abnormal as well as normal behavior of the equipment and an appreciation of the consequences in the event of malfunctioning."

On the other hand, the atomic energy commission has been operating many types of reactors for 12 years with complete safety which, he said, is "convincing testimony to our understanding of the technology and encourages us to believe that the problems of the future can be met with equal success."

He formerly was in charge of the commission's reactors branch.

Cooperative Mill Plans Abandoned

Myrtle Creek, Ore. — (U.P.)—An effort to raise a \$1,000,000 cooperative mill here to take over operations of the now-defunct Umpqua Plywood Corporation will be abandoned, according to a spokesman for Myrtle Creek Plywood Corporation.

William Kennedy, financial consultant for the co-op, said it had been planned to start operation of the mill after \$350,000 in common stock had been raised.

However, Kennedy said that after six weeks, sales amounted to less than \$100,000, an options taken by the new corporation on use of the mill and purchase of 200 million board feet of Umpqua timber expired May 16.

The Umpqua mill was once this town's largest industry, employing 360 men.

Parke-Davis, Union in Tentative Agreement

Detroit — (U.P.)—Parke-Davis & Co. and the CIO Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union have reached a tentative agreement on a new contract covering employees of the firm, one of the major producers of Salk vaccine.

The agreement temporarily eased one of two strike threats against the company. It still must be approved by the union membership.

The company still is negotiating with the AFL International Association of Machinists in an effort to avoid another threatened strike.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY United Press Correspondent

Hollywood — (U.P.)—Jack Carson, weathering his first regular TV comedy series, today allowed "as how it may be his last because of his new-found acclaim as an actor."

Round-faced Carson launched a monthly NBC-TV program last fall which, he admits, "got some bad reviews and some good ones." But while Carson the comedian did not set any TV sets on fire he drew raves when he turned dramatic actor twice on the ABC-TV U.S. Steel Hour.

He also scored in motion picture theaters last year with his convincing press agent character in "A Star Is Born."

"My TV sponsor wants a different format next fall so we may do a dramatic series. I would be host and act in some. In fact, I may just drift into character parts," the affable actor said as he polished off a truck-sized lunch at his favorite haunt, the Lakeside Country club.

Broadway Calls The Theater Guild also is paying Jack for a Broadway play, and he may co-star with Oscar-winner Shirley Booth, in a movie.

Carson thinks his TV program hasn't broken any rating records because it's only on once a month.

"You don't have a chance to build anybody," he said. "Every night is starting again. But the disadvantage of being on every night is that you're worn out too much."

Carson, with his usual "ah shucks" grin, thinks he passed the acting grade "because if you have a great part with meat to it, you get praise."

"Also, everybody is so overwhelmed by the fact you do something you're not supposed to do—like Frank Sinatra in 'From Here to Eternity.' If a regular character actor had done that part, you wouldn't have noticed it."

Mashed Potatoes "I did 'A Star Is Born,' and people say, 'Gee, the depth of feeling'—when all the time I'm just thinking of mashed potatoes."

"Besides," he added, "I'm not a comedian at all. I don't think like one. Carson likes being a dramatic actor "because the ham in me comes out." His beautiful wife, Lola Albright, also will be happy when he gets out of comedy work.

"With a comedy show you've got nerves and worry," he reflected. "This morning my wife said, 'I love being married to you. You're fun.' And I was worrying 'Now about that joke in the script'—she coulda killed me. She can't stand me when I'm doing a comedy show."

FINANCIAL REPORT

Portland — (U.P.)—The Portland exposition-recreation commission, in a report filed with the city council, said it spent \$43,520 between July 1, 1954 and March 31, 1955. The bulk of the moneys, some \$28,338, went to pay for studies of prospective sites for the \$8,000,000 proposed center.

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