

Bridges on Stand As Defense Phase Of Trial Starts

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Longshore Leader Harry Bridges was to be his own first witness today when the defense phase of his civil denaturalization suit opens in Federal District court.

Bridges' chief counsel, Telford Taylor, said Bridges will probably be on the stand for two or three days. He is the first of some 30 defense witnesses scheduled to testify.

Today's session ended a two-week recess ordered by Federal Judge Louis F. Goodman after the prosecution rested its case on June 27.

To 'Refute' Testimony

The government is seeking to strip Bridges of his citizenship on grounds he was a Communist when he denied party membership at his naturalization proceedings in 1945. If the government proves its point, it could then deport Bridges to his native Australia.

Taylor said Bridges and a number of other union leaders will "refute" testimony by Government witnesses that the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union (Ind.), ever has been "dominated or controlled by any force other than its union members."

Today's scheduled appearance by Bridges was the second in the course of the trial. Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney Lynn J. Gillard called him as a surprise prosecution witness when the trial opened. Bridges then denied the Government's charges.

Soldier Accidentally Slays Peeping Tom

Fowler, Calif. — (U.P.) — Master Sergeant Don Topazian, on leave from Fort Lewis, Wash., accidentally shot and killed a peeping tom yesterday.

Topazian and his wife, Anna Rose, visiting relatives here, heard a prowler outside their bedroom window about 1:30 a. m. yesterday.

The soldier told Leland Edman, Fresno county deputy district attorney, that he went outside to investigate. He said he was carrying his .30 caliber Mauser pistol.

Topazian spotted a man, later identified as Mark K. Oliver, 47, a farm hand, who walked to the center of the road, put his hand in his pocket and warned Topazian he would kill him if he came after him.

The sergeant said he attempted to hit Oliver but that his gun went off by accident and killed the intruder.

Edman said Oliver had been arrested several times as a peeping tom. Topazian was not held.

Toledo — About 125 different production steps are involved in making a wooden lead pencil.



PICTURE OF PENITENCE—Three of 14 teen-agers involved in the slaying of Kenneth Sleboda, 17, sit with bowed heads in a Chicago inquest into the fatal stabbing of the boy. Behind youths is father of slain boy, left, holding handkerchief after he broke down during testimony.



Bridge on the Columbia

A standard Columbia river bateau of the 1830's was 30 feet long, beam 5 1/2 feet, with three tons capacity, and capable of carrying a crew of eight and a chief. In the boat's construction, bent pieces of oak were bolted, a foot apart, to a flat keel. Later Douglas fir proved to be better than oak.

Gunwale and planking were western red cedar, the rowlocks birch. Each sharp boat end was stoutly riveted, and for the rest the binding agent was pitch gum.

The boats were built for portage as well as to float people and cargo. They were equipped with fir poles to work around points, against swift currents.

The cargo, whether furs, baggage, food or trade goods, was baled for portage in units of from 80 to 90 pounds. A bale of bullets would be small, a bale of blankets large.

Boats Away!
One of Peter Skene Ogden's brigades, setting out from Fort Vancouver early one summer, had nine boats. The rowers numbered 60, and eight of them had Indian wives with them.

Each boat carried 60 packages, or bales, excepting Ogden's, which had but 40. Several people completed the load. Each bateau was equipped with a square sail. The crew was Canadian, with a fourth of the men, as usual, Iroquois Indians,

who worked cheap.

The first day's voyage was for a few miles only—a shakedown, a trial run. The night camp was at the Fort Vancouver sawmill landing. All was well this time, so the brigade was off bright and early the next morning. Night camp was made at the company's fishery, at the foot of the Cascades.

The run upstream, even in good water, called for a combination of smart sailing, swift rowing in the eddies, and powerful poling around the bends.

To pass the Cascades, it was necessary first to carry part of the cargo, then to land all of it. The Ogden brigade's boats were tracked up the rapids. As usual, some were damaged and hours were spent gumming the leaks, using heated sticks with the fir pitch to "solder" the seams. The brigade, all afloat again, toiled on up the great gorge.

On to Walla Walla
The first portage at The Dalles was more than a mile long. The boats had to be carried past this reach of a giant river running riot. The parade over the rocks of coats with bottoms up called for 70 men. There were Indians on hand with horses, ready to hire out to pack the freight.

Once more the boats were repaired, camp was made, the craft were floated in the morning and the up-river pull was resumed. The brigade rowed and poled on, in blazing

Assault Charged in Restaurant Argument

New York — (U.P.) — Police held Anthony Vitos, 51, on assault charges today after restaurant owner Chin Ling complained that Vitos bounced a flower pot off his head in an argument over Vitos' bill.

Vitos denied the charge. He charged that Ling threw a sugar bowl at him when he complained that he had not ordered what he was served.

weather.

So the Ogden voyage went ahead, now through fierce white water reaches sown with rocks, then with fair going. One day only 16 miles were made. On another, with a good wind for sailing, the Ogden brigade traveled 57 miles up river. There were more portages and trackings to make.

The brigade approached Fort Walla Walla in mid-July. The bateaux were seen, and the flag of the Hudson's Bay Company was run up in welcome. There they landed, the French-Canadians and the Iroquois, Peter Skene Ogden, his chiefs, and honored guests.

Under foot was the site of tomorrow's Wallula Landing of Washington Territory, due to be lost at last in the deeps of a prodigious power dam of the government of the United States.

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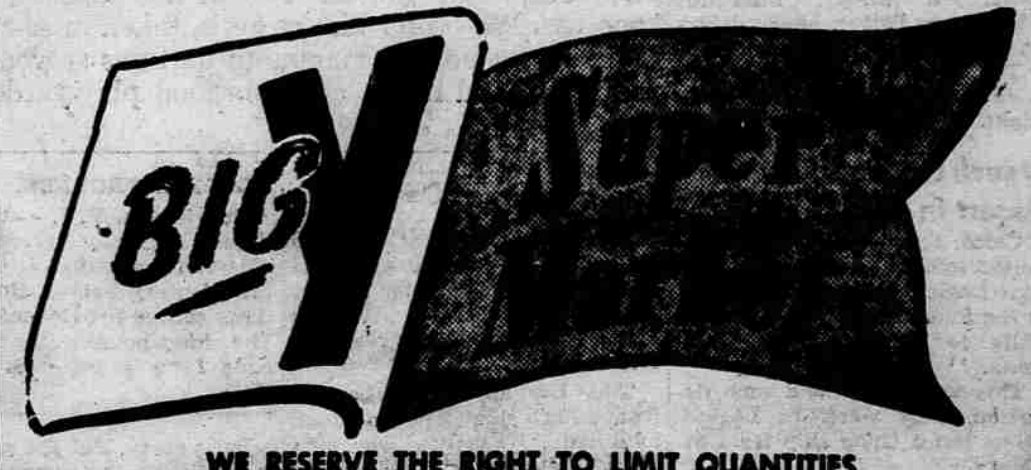
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