Navy Has No Plan To Abandon Vessels Caught in Polar Ice Pack

Jury To Get Portland Thwarted Love Case

Portland—(U.P.)—The case of the former hat store owner who sued a former lady friend for some $22,000 because he said he was financially ruined because of her was expected to go to the jury today.

In court yesterday the woman, Mrs. Bonnie Jean Barde, 36, returned to 63-year-old Clarence E. Rapp piece by piece articles he had given her. They included a $2000 diamond ring, and a $375 watch.

She had testified that the gifts were made "with no strings attached." Defense witnesses yesterday testified they had never heard her speak of marrying Rapp. He has accused her of entering into a scheme to tell him she loved him and thus got from him gifts worth some $12,305. Defense witnesses said they had never seen her wear the ring except on her right hand.

The only harmful spider in the United States is the Black widow.

No Emergency Exists, Spokesman For Navy Declares

Washington—(U.P.)—The Navy said today there is "no idea of abandoning" any of the Arctic cargo ships fighting Polar ice packs above Alaska.

"No emergency exists," a Navy spokesman said.

The ships, from the Military Sea Transportation Service, are part of a 123-vessel fleet carrying 500,000 tons of supplies and equipment to the new Arctic radar station line and other outposts. The Navy describes the operation as the greatest assault ever made on the Arctic.

Reports from Point Barrow, Alaska, earlier today said some of the ships might have to be abandoned. But the Navy denied this.

'Routine' Operation

The Navy said ships in the cargo fleet become trapped in the ice periodically and are freed again. It described this as a "routine" part of the operation.

The Navy said the only damage has been bent rudders and propellers and damaged hulls. Such damage, it said, is expected in the battle with the ice. Repair ships and Navy frog men are with the vessels for on the spot repairs.

Reports from Point Barrow said ice breakers have been called to slash a route through the ice packs.

The Navy in San Francisco revealed that Rear Adm. Howard L. Collins, Pacific sector head of Military Air Sea Transportation service, has flown to the Far North to direct operations.

Supply Radar Stations

Collins is in charge of Operation 572, of which the trapped ships are a part. The operation was described by the Navy as "the largest supply and tactical operation since Korea," involving a fleet of more than 100 vessels.

The ships supply the chain of radar stations in Northern Canada and Alaska, known in the Navy as "Dewline."

Ice breakers have been called in to slash an escape route for ships which may still be saved, sources here said.

Some of the ships are now being towed to safety through narrow leads of ice after their propellers were damaged by contact with the drifting ice, it was reported.

Almost half a million tons of equipment for the Far North radar outposts has already been unloaded from the armada of supply ships which arrived in the Arctic last month.

Ice Conditions Bad

The Navy said the ice conditions were worse than had been expected because the Arctic ice pack had failed to recede as it usually does for a few weeks in late summer from the north coastal areas of Alaska. It said perverse winds this year had pushed the ice pack back and forth.

The Navy said the ships in its giant supply operation, which began in July, had gone through uncharted waters never before visited by anything larger than an Eskimo kayak. It said the ships moved through the Arctic waters with the aid of underwater demolition teams, icebreakers and hastily prepared on-the-scene charts.

LA Hot Air Lid Science Target

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Expert scientists set out today to lift from Los Angeles the lid that nature clamps on the city keeping its deadly smog from dispersing into the higher atmosphere.

The layer of hot air which hovers over the city and holds smoke and fog at the sidewalk level long has been a meterological puzzle and is considered the key to the smog problem which has repeatedly plagued the southern California city.

Smith Griswold, County Air Pollution Control district director, said the committee of scientists would start immediately to find a way to release the smog through the lid of hot air or eliminate the hot air lid.

The scientists will use 4800 captive balloons in a 12-week study of possible ways to disperse the inversion cover.

Griswold announced the scientific study in the wake of yesterday's dense pall of eye-stinging smog which forced the APCD to call its second straight preliminary alert.

The APCD forecast another heavy smog attack for today, plus a probable third consecutive first level alert.

The ozone content, the measuring stick for the amount of pollutants in the air, reached .64 in downtown Los Angeles yesterday. The first stage alert is sounded when the ozone concentration reaches .50.

Recipient of Birthday Card Unappreciative

Dearborn, Mich. — (U.P.) — M. O. Nickon, long-time friend of Mayor Orville Hubbard, who recently broke with the mayor, said he didn't appreciate a birthday card he received from Hubbard on Wednesday.

"I paid $10 for a big box of those cards last February so the mayor could send them out to pick up votes," Nickon said. "Now I get one of my own cards."

Russians Fear Communist China, Bishop Sheen Says

Detroit — (U.P.) — The Russians are wooing the West because they fear the growing power of Communist China, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen said here last night.

Speaking at the opening of the 22nd season of the Christian Culture series, Sheen said there have been several changes in Russia since the death of Joseph Stalin and most of them were due to an increasing fear of their most powerful ally, or fear of themselves.

The well-known priest, who has a regular television program, predicted an eventual revolt among Russian leaders because of a weakness in the Communist party philosophy since Stalin's death.

"There is no dictator in Russia today," he said. "The collective authority now ruling Russia is not common to Communism, it is coexistence among the Russian leaders and can not endure."

Collective Ruling Power

The current ruling power of Russia is collective because all Russian leaders fear each other, he said. Their fear is stirred by the fact 134 of 182 Russian cabinet members, marshals and party secretaries have been killed in purges and party revolutions since 1917.

This weakness and others that have developed since the death of Stalin have led the Russian leaders to fear that the leadership of international Communism may be taken away from them by the "trigger-happy Mao Tse Tung," he said.

"The Russians fear Communist China more than any other nation in the world," he said. "We may not hear anything of this for years but it is influencing those in Russia. The Communists' current bid for peace with the West is caused by their fear of China."

Librarian Faces Red Investigators

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate investigators summoned a Pennsylvania librarian today for a second round of questioning about testimony identifying her as a Communist.

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee called Mrs. Mary Knowles, a librarian at Plymouth Meeting, Pa., who invoked the Fifth Amendment in 1953 when questioned about testimony by FBI undercover man Herbert Philbrick. Philbrick said he knew her as a Communist.

The subcommittee was understood to be perturbed by action of The Fund for The Republic, a group established by the Ford Foundation to focus attention on civil liberties. The fund gave the Plymouth Meeting library a $5,000 award last June for its "courage and effective defense of democratic principles" in refusing to fire Mrs. Knowles despite pressure by some townspeople.

Mrs. Knowles was librarian at Norwood, Mass., when she testified in 1953. She was dismissed from that job but was hired later by Plymouth Meeting. Mrs. Knowles was subpoenaed to testify last July, but Congress was in its closing days then and no senator showed up to conduct the hearing.

Nevada Court Settles Rita-Aly Squabble

Reno—(U.P.)—A Nevada court took just five minutes yesterday to settle a lengthy squabble between actress Rita Hayworth and Aly Khan over their five-year-old daughter, Yasmin.

District Judge A. J. Maestretti approved an agreement drawn up by attorneys for Rita and the Moslem Prince establishing conditions under which Yasmin could visit her father in France.

The compromise agreement dismissed an action filed by Aly against the actress last Aug. 10 seeking to compel Rita to produce Yasmin for a visit with her father.

No Bids Received

Portland — (U.P.) — Army Engineers reported here today that they received no bids yesterday for subsurface investigations at Hills Creek dam site, three miles southeast of Oakridge, Ore.

Engineers were given $310,000 to begin planning for the $33,000,000 dam to be part of the Willamette River Basin project.

Oregon Farmer Named Eastern Star Officer

Washington—(U.P.)—A Pennsylvania grandmother and an Oregon farmer today became the top officers of the 3,000,000-member international order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Florence A. Plummer of Norristown, Pa., will be installed as most worthy grand matron and Lloyd K. McRae, of Helix, Ore., as most worthy grand patron at the closing session of the order's 28th triennial assembly tonight.

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