



REDS FREE SELF-PROCLAIMED SPY—Walter A. Rickett (left) of Seattle is met at the border bridge in Hongkong by Red Cross officials Richard Tomlin (American) and Margaret Strathairn (British) after he was freed by Communist China. Rickett said he had "spied" for U. S., Dutch and British groups, but was well treated during his six years in Red Chinese prisons. Rickett's wife, Adele, was released by the Reds last February and arrived home singing the praises of Communist China and said she, too, had been a "spy."

Reporter Watches Integration at Work In Tennessee; Negro Pupils Accepted

Editor's note: Public schools at Oak Ridge, Tenn., were desegregated this fall. The United Press assigned a reporter from the Knoxville bureau to spend a day at Oak Ridge High. Here's what he saw and heard.

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Oak Ridge, Tenn. — (U.P.) — I watched integration at work in a Southern public school last week.

Archie Lee, a gangling 17-year-old Negro, showed up for his first class at 8 a.m. at Oak Ridge High. It is one of the previously all-white schools the Atomic Energy Commission ordered to comply with the Supreme Court ruling.

Neither Archie nor any of the other pupils, only the teachers, knew that the visitor who sat through classes and strolled around the school yard at recess was a reporter.

Archie was greeted by white pupils with a wave of the hand, a nod or a "hi" as he entered the algebra class. He took a seat beside a white boy. And within a few minutes there occurred that old familiar classroom sight—the white boy was looking over to see how Archie was working out a problem.

Two chairs away sat Hazel Robinson, his classmate at Scarborough Negro High School last year. While Archie appeared confident and at ease when explaining a formula at the blackboard, Hazel was shy.

Negro Student Shy
"She was shy at Scarborough, too," Archie told me later. "But

she is more so at Oak Ridge high."

After Algebra there was American history. The teacher, Mrs. Esther Buchanan, introduced the day's lesson. It was about the period between the settlement of the first colony in 1607 to the date of the first shipment of slaves to the new world in 1619.

There was no sign of embarrassment when a white girl told about slave ships or when Archie said that "as a result of a slave uprising in 1712, several persons were whipped and 26 killed."

Archie and his Negro classmates (there are about 100 at Oak Ridge high and Robertsville Junior high) reacted easily to classroom routine. They laughed with other pupils when a funny situation developed and they talked and whispered.

After school I identified myself to Archie and walked home with him. His mother is a 34-year-old widow. He was born in Batesville, Miss. He has an a-minus average. He likes some of his white teachers better than others, just as he did at Scarborough. He wants to be an engineer.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
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Hollywood—(U.P.)—Actors soon will be hiring press agents to pump them for 1956 Oscars, but Ernest Borgnine confessed today he does not think he deserves one for his famed portrayal in "Marty."

Borgnine, a homely man with a sagging waistline and teeth widely spaced like a rake, became one of the big new stars of the year when he played Marty, the butcher searching for love.

Oscars and Salary
Since that film, Borgnine's salary has soared. He's been offered a musical on Broadway and a raft of film scripts. And when lists of probable Oscar nominees are drawn up, Borgnine's name stands first.

But today the actor, with a humility like Marty's, declared "I don't feel I'm eligible yet for an academy award." Audrey Hepburn won an award after only one good role; Borgnine thinks one isn't enough.

"It's one of the most tremendous things a man could possibly garner," he said. "If I could go on for 15 or 20 years like Spencer Tracy—then a man can prove himself to be an actor. Then he deserves an Oscar."

"But to do the thing in one shot is not good. It's an honor for a person who has really shown his worth."

With "Marty" behind him, Borgnine has gone on to other roles. In "The Square Jungle" he again got to play a "nice guy." But in his current "Jubal Troop" the once-gentle Marty mercilessly beats up the heroine.

Borgnine first gained notice of playing ugly heavies in "From Here to Eternity" and "Violent Saturday." But after the soft-eyed "Marty" it was a shock to watch him throwing pretty Valerie French around the set of "Jubal Troop" at Columbia.

"I try to keep my strength in my biceps so I won't hurt her too much," he said softly.

Offscreen Borgnine (rhymes with fine) is more of a Marty than a villain. As he talked on his set today he kept up a modest, almost shy laugh. He appears good natured and sincere. Still a Villain

"After Marty everyone wanted to use me in good-guy roles while before they'd only cast me as a villain," he chuckled. "Marty surprised a lot of people in this town. I'll take any role if it's a good one. I wouldn't want to quit as a villain. You can do so much more with that kind of role."

Borgnine next hopes to star in a movie about an actor and his pet goat at Universal-International. Then Hecht-Lancaster Productions may star him in a re-make of a French classic, "The Baker's Wife." He also has been offered a stage musical.

"Sing? Sure. I get along pretty well in the bathtub," he grinned.

Exposition Center Site Choice Delayed
Portland—(U.P.)—Selection of a site or sites for Portland's eight million dollar exposition-recreation center was put off until at least Oct. 5 today after another spirited argument over its location.

The City Planning Commission yesterday argued for the South Auditorium site, saying it had greater development possibilities, would be closer to hotels and restaurants and would fit in with the Portland State College program.

James H. Polhemus, chairman of the Coliseum Commission, presented a detailed report in which it was suggested that the project be placed in Delta Park-Vanport—and that the auditorium be remodeled to meet needs for conventions and other smaller groups.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington — (U.P.) — What's new in Washington:



Harman Nichols

Capitol Hill has been pretty quiet, except for the swishing of paint brushes and the snoring of guards. Most of the elevators, which are attended when Congress is in session, are running now on a do-it-yourself basis.

A few hundred yards away the library of Congress is practically empty. Whatever visitors are in town aren't bothering to drop in on the finest and biggest library in the world.

Mike Palm, who owns a restaurant across from the library, has two youngsters—both born on Feb. 29. He thought maybe when the last one came he could bunch 'em and have all of the birthday parties at one time every four years. But Mike and his wife planned it wrong. The third child was born in September.

Sen. John L. McClellan, the Democrat of Arkansas, held a news conference the other day and somebody asked him what he thought about Russia, where a lot of lawmakers are visiting.

He said he hadn't been any closer to Russia than Hot Springs, Ark., but added "If we had a special session so many of my colleagues are over there looking, that I doubt if we could get a quorum."

A 72-year-old Warrenton, Va., woman was picked up as a "commuting lottery" operator. The cops had been watching her and finally caught her with the goods. When Mrs. Minnie Eveline Douglas was taken to the station the matron stripped her

down and reported she found "thousands" of numbers slips. A police officer remarked that Mrs. Douglas looked like she had lost 25 pounds when the search was over.

The Army at the Pentagon reports that Sgt. Earl Petty Jr., of Birmingham, Mich., is sitting in Aschafenburg, Germany, biting his nails. He doesn't have time to write back home. He's too busy reading letters from his dad.

Papa Petty has made a habit of dropping his lad a three and a half page single-space letter every blessed day. But the other day he overdid it.

The elder Petty sat himself down for five days and whipped up a 48-foot special delivery memo to his kid. It contained a play-by-play on a couple of ball games. The weather reports on the blowing of wind in Michigan. The day-by-day pollen count. Not to mention the run down on several very old films on television.

During the same period he kept up the business of the three and a half page "notes." The old man will be lucky if he hears from his boy by Christmas. Mail call weighs him down every day.

Killed by Lightning

Greeley, Colo. — (U.P.) — James Marsden, 24-year-old college student from Buckeye, Ariz., was struck and killed by lightning near here yesterday.

Marsden, a sophomore at Colorado State college and the father of a seven-month-old son, was struck as he sat beneath a tree during a dove hunting expedition near here.

The lightning struck the tree and ran down the trunk before hitting Marsden, according to his companion, James Carson, Carson was not injured.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Rains May Ease Bonneville Situation

Portland — (U.P.) Bonneville Power Administration said today it will be able to serve all of its interruptible industrial power loads at least through Oct. 9 due to rains over most of the Columbia basin last week.

Prior to the rains, Bonneville had scheduled interruptible power cuts to aluminum and other electroprocess industries for the last week in September.

John P. Jolliffe, Bonneville operations chief, said rains temporarily halted the downward trend in stream flows and registered increases in major power streams west of the Cascades and in the Snake river basin.

Jolliffe warned, however, that present fair weather could again place interruptible power deliveries in a critical situation by mid-October.

Extortion Attempt Brings Prison Term

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Mrs. Veronica Elsie Williams, 24, must serve a two-year federal prison term for trying to extort \$100,000 from the family of a murdered Bel Air socialite.

District Judge William Byrne sentenced Mrs. Williams yesterday after she had pleaded guilty to extortion charges. She was charged with trying to extort the money from wealthy electrical contractor John A. Thompson, father of the late Mrs. Norma T. McCauley by threatening to harm her three sons.

Similar charges were dismissed against her husband, Edgar Leon Williams, 24, after the U. S. attorney's office said investigation showed he was unaware his wife had sent the threatening letter to Thompson.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

Portland Councilman Talks With McKay

Washington — (U.P.) — Stanley Earl, Portland, Ore., city councilman, called on Interior Secretary Douglas McKay yesterday to discuss the possibility of Portland's acquiring from the government the Pioneer Post Office building as a historic monument.

Earl said he was hopeful of getting support of the National Park Service which would have to approve the building as a monument before Portland could get it for nothing. Next step, he said, would be for the city council to write to the General Services Administration saying it wants the property. GSA recently announced it was disposing of the property.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

MOUNTAIN LION SHOT
Canon City, Colo. — (U.P.) — Lions in Colorado are safer in cages. A mountain lion, caged at the Parkdo, Colo., post office as a tourist attraction, escaped yesterday and was shot by E. J. (Ted) Filer.

ATTENTION VERDE HILLS HOME OWNERS

A voter registration check will be made in the Verde Hills district beginning Wed., Sept. 21 from 9:30 — 5:00 under the supervision of the county clerk. A deputy registrar will be stationed at the Rogue Valley Land Office in that area.