

Ex-Sandy Police Chief Faces Trial

Oklahoma City — (U.P.) — A sanity jury today found Otto Austin Loel sane enough to stand trial for murder after deliberating 45 minutes.

District Judge A. P. Van Meter overruled a defense motion for a new sanity and selection of a trial jury began immediately.

The sanity jury of seven men and five women began deliberating at 9:45 a.m., after attorneys gave final arguments.

Loel was charged in the slaying of Mrs. Jeanne Henderson of Compton, Calif., in a motel here. Mrs. Henderson, 31, was killed here in January, 1954, in a cabin shared with Loel on a cross-country trip. Her body was gouged 19 times with a knife or ice pick, and burned numerous times with cigarettes.

INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Eugene — (U.P.) — Floyd Luther Gay, 67, suffered third degree burns about the face, head and arms yesterday in an explosion, believed caused by leaking gas, at his apartment here. The explosion, which heavily damaged the apartment, occurred as Gay lighted a cigarette.

Westinghouse, Union Seek Settlement of Nationwide Walkout

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Negotiators for Westinghouse Electric Corp. and the CIO International Union of Electrical Workers attempted today to settle a strike by 44,000 workers which has idled 30 company plants across the nation since last Sunday night.

Company and union representatives agreed to take up wage, time-study and length of contract disputes which have stalemated the month-old negotiations. Federal Mediators John R. Murray of Philadelphia and J. A. Moran of Pittsburgh, who participated in sessions down to the strike deadline, said they would sit out today's meeting but would study results.

"We'll let them work it out themselves and then review the progress, if any, later," Murray said.

Prospects Dim

Prospects for an immediate settlement appeared dim. The chief negotiator, R. D. Blasler, Westinghouse vice-president,

and James B. Carey, IUE international president, indicated their respective positions were unchanged.

"Settlement can be reached if the company offers proper wages and ground rules for time-study of day rate jobs . . . leading to arbitration," Carey said.

However, Blasler announced that Westinghouse had made its "final proposal." He said the major obstacle was the union's refusal to accept a long-term contract.

The union already has rejected the company offer of a five-year pact with annual pay increases totaling 23½ cents an hour. The IUE has demanded a flat 15-cent hourly boost and a short-term contract. Carey said he would stand by the demand for a flat increase for the final year of the present contract, which expires in 1956, but would agree to a two-year extension with immediate bargaining to determine terms of the extension.

Argentina Moves To Erase 'Eva' Shrine

Buenos Aires (Argentina) — (U.P.) — The new Argentine government moved today to erase another "memorial" to the 10 years dictatorship of Juan D. Peron, the "shrine" of the late Eva Peron. It was announced that the body of the wife of the deposed Argentine "strongman" will be removed from its tomb in the headquarters of the General Confederation of Labor. It will be turned over to the next of kin for re-burial, the announcement said.

Japan Plans Memorial For Allied War Dead

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Japanese memorial services for American and other Allied soldiers who died in Japanese prisoner of war camps will be held in a Buddhist temple in Osaka Thursday.

The rites will honor 1086 soldiers of the United States, Great Britain and six other allied nations who died in Japanese captivity during World War II.

There were 117,000 men in the Armed Forces in the Mexican War; the last veteran died in 1929 at the age of 98.

Railroads Given Right To Retain Freight Rate Hike

Washington — (U.P.) — The Interstate Commerce Commission today authorized the nation's railroads to continue indefinitely a \$1,000,000,000 a year freight rate increase which it granted on a temporary basis in 1952. The increase, ranging from 12 to 15 per cent on various types of freight, were originally scheduled to expire next Dec. 31. The commission cancelled the expiration date and set no new time limit.

Extension Fought

The coal industry and other shippers had fought extension of the rate increases. And the Agriculture Department asked the ICC to let the higher rates expire on schedule. It said the increases were one of the reasons farmers are having a hard time. The ICC held hearings earlier this month on the railroads' plea to continue the increases indefinitely.

The 1952 increase boosted rates on coal, grains, grain products, sand, gravel, stone and iron ore by 12 per cent and

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