

Three More Arrested In Portland Thefts

Portland—(U.P.)—Portland police have arrested three more men in a roundup of suspects in a burglary ring which has stolen thousands of dollars worth of goods in an estimated 60 burglaries in the last three months.

The latest arrests brought to seven the number now in custody in connection with the burglaries.

Police identified the three as Charles B. Bliss, 24, Leland E. Coffman, 31, Sandy, and Nicholas R. Gillander, 21. All were charged with burglary.

Four others, including a 24-year-old woman, already were in jail.

Detectives said they had recovered some of the loot which ranges from television sets to furs.

Eugene Hunter Found Alive, Well

Springfield—(U.P.)—An elk hunter, reported missing overnight in the rugged, snowbound Olallie trail area east of here, was found alive and well yesterday.

Delbert Van Schoaich, 31, a fireman for the Eastern Lane county fire patrol, said he had received a radio report from state police officer Robert Steele that Pat La Chapelle, 55, of Eugene, had been found.

Steele's report said La Chapelle had shot an elk yesterday, but in coming out his car had slipped off the road. The hunter spent the night in a watchman's shack.

SPEED RECORD SET

New York—(U.P.)—A United Air Lines four-engine DC7 airliner yesterday set an unofficial speed record of five hours and 22 minutes for a flight from Los Angeles to New York.



FORMING BACKDROP in early morning picture of President Eisenhower's Gettysburg, Pa., farm are Catocin Mountains. President expects to remain here six weeks recovering from heart attack. Practice putting green has been developed near house. (International)

Dampening of Ambitions Said Toughest Part of Working With Amateurs on TV

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New York—(U.P.)—The toughest part about working with amateurs on TV is putting a damper on their ambitions, according to Ted Mack.

Mack, emcee of "The Original Amateur Hour" for eight years, pointed out that many sing-for-supper performers just don't have enough stuff ever to make the grade.

"I probably spend more time discouraging amateurs than encouraging them," he said. "I've seen too many kids beating their brains out wanting to end up in the movies or the Metropolitan who just won't ever make it."

Mack, who began life as William Maguiness in Greeley, Colo., joined the Amateur Hour staff back in 1935 when it was being chaperoned on radio by Major Edward Bowes. Up to that time, Mack had worked as a saxophonist, orchestra leader. When Bowes died in 1946, the crew was disbanded.

"Then I woke up one day," recalled Mack, "and TV had started. Dumont had three stations. I was the only one of the staff who had been a performer so I stepped into Major Bowes' role

in January of 1948.

"The role was tough for me mentally. Most of us thought that the only thing that made the whole show click was Bowes."

Mack's first move in his role as emcee was to toss out the gong which was used to signal an untimely demise to an inept performer.

"Undoubtedly, if we left the gong in, we might have kept the viewers who looked at the show from the sadistic viewpoint. But these kids on the show let everyone know that they're going to be on television and I just can't bring myself to embarrass them."

The most important thing about the ABC-TV Amateur Hour, Mack said, is that it gives ordinary citizens a chance to grab one big moment in the spotlight.

"We've made it possible for thousands of average guys who

have never had an audience, cab drivers and bank clerks and businessmen, to get it out of their system," he said.

Mack admitted that occasionally there have been some strange things in the systems of the 17,000 amateurs who have appeared over the past two decades.

Among other things, the Amateur Hour has presented a man who played the bull fiddle with his toes, a girl who tap-danced upside-down, a boy who played the harmonica with his nose and one singular fellow who billed himself as "The Man with the Gray Flannel Head" and played a tune by punching his noggin.

Of course, there have been some conspicuously successful graduates, too—opera stars Robert Merrill, Mimi Benzell and Regina Resnick, ventriloquist Paul Winchell, comedians Larry Storch and Jack Carter, the Mariners and Actress Vera Ellen.

"And there was also one fellow who worked in a quartet in one of our traveling units who I didn't think had the stuff at all," said Mack. "He wanted to solo, but we wouldn't let him."

"He was a kid from Hoboken, N.J., named Frank Sinatra."

MELLON STAMP DUE

Washington—(U.P.)—The Post Office will issue a memorial stamp Dec. 20 honoring Andrew W. Mellon, industrialist, philanthropist, and secretary of the Treasury in the 1920s.

Subversive Board Will Investigate Cain Qualification

Washington—(U.P.)—The Subversive Activities Control Board, acting on information supplied by the Justice Department, is preparing to air "bias and prejudice" charges against board member and former Sen. Harry P. Cain (R-Wash.).

Cain has sharply criticized the administration's security program.

An authoritative source said the board will suspend hearings in a case charging the Washington Pension Union with being a Communist front. Cain has been presiding over the hearings at Seattle since Oct. 8.

Called to Washington

The informant said the hearings will be suspended for at least 10 days while the board formally investigates Cain's qualifications. He said Cain has been called to Washington.

The board inquiry will center on a statement which Cain made while a member of the Senate, denouncing the Pension Union as a "notorious Communist front." This statement was called to the board's attention by Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins.

Tompkins is in charge of the Justice Department's security program, which Cain has publicly attacked recently as being unfair and un-American in some of its aspects.

Tapestry of Space Noted in Discovery

Mount Hamilton, Calif.—(U.P.)—Star-gazers have discovered another indication that the millions of bodies in the sky are woven together in a vast and ordered tapestry of light and space.

A body of astronomers at the Lick Observatory here reported the first fruits of a 75-year research program begun in 1947.

They have discovered that the great bunches of stars called "extra-galactic nebulae" are not scattered in a random fashion over the surface of the sky as many scientists have believed.

Instead, there seems to be a gigantic system of order and organization throughout the universe, according to Dr. C. D. Shane, observatory director.

The California scientists have found the huge nebulae are distributed in clusters and that there seems to be a strong tendency for the clusters of extra-galactic nebulae toward larger clusters of two or more. These findings, according to Shane suggest a greater order to the universe than has been shown before and may have a bearing on theories about its origin.

Utah Governor Endorses Knowland

Davenport, Iowa—(U.P.)—Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah Wednesday night attacked the foreign and domestic policies of the Eisenhower administration and endorsed Sen. William Knowland (R-Calif.) for the Republican nomination for president.

He said in an interview the Eisenhower administration has fallen down on campaign promises to cut the budget and is carrying out the same "giveaway" programs followed by the Truman administration. He called the giveaway programs unconstitutional.

Lee also called for an end of subsidies to farmers. "It isn't right for us to subsidize one segment of the economy and not others," he said.

Brewster, Wash.—(U.P.)—The fourth generator at Chief Joseph dam was put into operation Wednesday.



BRII WINTER'S HERE—Seven-year-old Sandra Nelson, dressed for winter, still has to cover her ears with mittens as Salt Lake City registers three-below-zero. It was the coldest Nov. 14 in the city's history.

Girl, 15, To Be Sent Home From Germany

Frankfurt, Germany—(U.P.)—U. S. consular officials disclosed yesterday they were returning to the United States a 15-year-old American girl they said posed as a soldier's wife for a month.

Officials did not give her name but said her home was in Wichita, Kan. They said she arrived here Oct. 7, on a passport identifying her as the wife of Pvt. James R. Stonehouse, 27, of Starup, Wash.

Stonehouse, of the 10th Infantry Division, is in the guardhouse at Scheinfurt on charges of being absent without leave. The story of the girl came out at his courtmartial two weeks ago.

Army authorities found the girl living in a hotel in Scheinfurt and said she had no money. The Army turned her over to consular officials because she was not officially an Army dependent.

The Army wired the girl's mother in Wichita to send money for her passage but was told "Tell her to get the money from her husband."

Army authorities said the girl and Stonehouse had been living together in Kansas before he was transferred from Fort Riley, Kan.

Communist Spy Plot Uncovered in Lebanon

Beirut, Lebanon—(U.P.)—Lebanon police have announced they had uncovered a Communist spy ring headed by a Polish official who bribed a newspaperman to steal secrets from the American, British and French embassies.

Police identified the head of the ring as George Gutkovsky, Poland's consul general in Damascus, Syria, and said he was active in both Lebanon and Syria where girl friends of the newsmen gave him copies of embassy correspondence.

Police said they had obtained a confession from Lebanese newsmen Pierre Raphael that he had acted for Gutkovsky in this country and often met him at the village of Kahleleh, barely six miles from Beirut.

Court Denies Petition To Rewrite Ballot Title

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Supreme Court yesterday denied a petition asking the court to rewrite Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton's ballot title for a proposed constitutional amendment.

The title concerned the so-called "federal plan" for apportioning the Oregon Legislature.

Milwaukee, Ore.—(U.P.)—Gov. Averell Harriman of New York will speak next Tuesday night at a Democratic party dinner rally at Milwaukee Union High school.

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