

# Man, Woman Badly Burned in Attempted Torch Murder in Oakland Apartment

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — An Oakland waitress and a steel worker were critically burned early today when an intruder apparently slipped into a bedroom, poured gasoline over them and set them on fire in an attempted torch murder.

The victims, Mrs. Alice Franklin, 37, and Robert Leo Hand, 27, were in "very critical" condition at Kaiser Permanente hospital here, Mrs. Franklin with burns over 90 per cent of her body and Hand with burns covering 98 per cent of his body.

Police said they were looking for a man, who formerly went with Mrs. Franklin, for questioning in the gruesome murder attempt.

**Soaked With Gasoline**  
Officers said Mrs. Franklin and Hand apparently had been out "on the town" during the evening and arrived at her apartment at about 2:30 a.m.

Shortly after they retired to the bedroom of Mrs. Franklin's three-room apartment the intruder apparently soaked the two sleepers with gasoline and poured quantities of the liquid

## Welfare Group Asks Teacher Pay Boost

Portland — (U.P.) — The welfare committee of the Oregon Education Association called today for an increase in the state's minimum teacher salaries.

DeVere Taylor of Medford, chairman of the committee, said a floor of \$3400 was advocated for teachers with less than a bachelor's degree; \$3700 for those with a bachelor's degree and \$400 for those with a master's degree. The present state schedule calls for minimums of \$3000, \$3300 and \$3600.

The OEA representative council will act upon the recommendation next March. If approved it will be submitted to the 1957 Legislature.

on the bedclothes, rug and furniture and then lighted it.

A violent explosion rocked the building at about 4 a.m. and a roaring fire followed the blast. Firemen quickly extinguished

the blaze and carried Mrs. Franklin and Hand out to the hospital. They were given a 50-50 chance to live.

**Building Damaged**  
Police were unable to explain how the intruder managed to gain entrance to the apartment and pour gasoline on the bed without awakening them.

The explosion did an estimated \$1,500 damage to the building.

Officers were not clear on Mrs. Franklin's marital status. One report said she was in the

process of getting a divorce and another said she was divorced about a year ago.

Hand recently was discharged from the Air Force.

## Arizona Police Crack Counterfeit Plot in Making

Phoenix — (U.P.) — Phoenix police disclosed today that two men had been arrested in connection with an alleged plot to counterfeit "possibly a million dollars" in an office of the Arizona Highway Department.

Capt. Orme Morehead identified the two men as David E. Stonehocker, 29, a multithrift off-set press operator for the Highway Department, and William E. Shearer, 26, a salesman for the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co.

**Federal Charges Due**  
He said federal charges of counterfeiting were being prepared against both men.

He said police had been working "day and night since the middle of November" on the case.

Morehead said that about 100 pounds of "quality bonded paper, enough to print about \$200,000 in counterfeit \$10 and \$20 bills," had been confiscated. He said officers also had taken possession of "negatives on \$10 and \$20 bills."

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**Icy Gales Whip Western Europe**

London — (U.P.) — Icy gales accompanied by torrents of rain lashed Western Europe and the North Atlantic last night and early today, killing at least eight persons.

Three persons were reported drowned or dashed to death when the Belgian trawler Beatrice Fernande was driven onto Scotland's rocky coast by 70 mile an hour winds. Three more were drowned in flash floods in Portugal.

A British Air Force helicopter crewman was killed and another was "presumed dead" when the gale smashed their frail craft into Bell Rock Lighthouse, 12 miles off Scotland's southeast coast.

The Icelandic freighter Tylin rescued the seven-man crew of the sinking Norwegian coastal freighter Spjeroey in a difficult sea rescue operation early today.

**Church To Present Christmas Story Here**

The Christmas story, depicting the life of Christ in words and music, will be presented by the Medford Seventh Day Adventist church Friday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the church, corner of Edwards and Beatty sts.

Leonard Yost will direct music and narrations will be done by Mrs. Alvy Bowman and Donald McIvor.

Soloists will be Jim Kempster, Mrs. H. H. Bresee and Alvy Bowman. Marimba selections will be done by Mrs. Raymond Bresee and a duet furnished by Kempster and Melvin Fellows. Other selections will be sung by the men's quartet and the men's chorus and a woman's sextet.

**Landing Gear Fails; Passengers Escape Hurts**

Glasgow, Scotland — (U.P.) — Landing gear of a British European Airways Viscount airliner collapsed on a landing approach Wednesday night and the plane crash landed on a golf course.

All 52 persons aboard escaped without injury. The landing gear gave way when the plane touched down at Renfrew airport. The plane plunged through a fence and onto the golf course.

The island of Timor, shared by Portugal and Indonesia, boasts horsemen who rank with the American cowboy in skill, says the National Geographic Society. They hunt wild water buffaloes with muzzle-loading flintlock guns. On the upland savannas roam sturdy ponies and some of Indonesia's largest herds of cattle.

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## Catholic Prelate Released by Soviets

Berlin — (U.P.) — Russia today released a Roman Catholic prelate who said he was held for 10 years in Soviet prison camps without ever being tried.

Vicar-General Alois Marquardt of the Roman Catholic See of Ermland in the province of East Prussia, now under Polish control, arrived in West Berlin today along with 93 other Germans and Austrians freed by the Soviet Union.

Marquardt said he was flown to the Soviet Union in 1945 for "interrogation." He said the Russians promised to return him within 10 days "but they broke their promises."

He spent the next 10 years in Soviet prison camps although he was never sentenced and the Russians never gave him any reason for his detention, Marquardt said.

**PSC Enrollment Increase Expected**

Portland — (U.P.) — Registrar Howard Impeccoven today predicted that enrollment at Portland State College will go up 17 to 18 per cent next fall. He said enrollment probably would reach 3200 or 3400.

Registration at the new school this year jumped about 19 per cent with a total of 2800.

Impeccoven reported that between 70 and 75 per cent of Portland State freshmen were from Multnomah county.

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## Safety Records Bring Insurance Rebate

Chicago — (U.P.) — The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials reports that two city housing authorities won sizeable insurance premium rebates because of their safety records.

The association said that the San Francisco, Calif., housing authority was returned \$12,714, two-thirds of its 1954 insurance premiums. At Dallas, Tex., a rebate of \$3,998 was nearly half the annual premium.

**Illegal Fisherman Proves Good Sport**

Washington, Ind. — (U.P.) — Charles Davis, convicted of illegally "phoning" catfish, proved to be a better sport than the fish thought.

Davis called at the local newspaper office to compliment the writer of the story about his conviction and to buy five copies of the paper.

"I want to send these to some of my relatives," Davis said. "The only thing they left out was that the game warden shot a hole in my boat."

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

## Milwaukie Bus Driver Easily Bags His Duck


Milwaukie — (U.P.) — Not many hunters bag their ducks as easily as Otto Lanting, a bus driver.

Lanting was on his final run of the night recently when he heard the crash of glass. Stopping to investigate, he discovered a duck lodged in the destination sign at the front of his bus.

The bird—a mallard hen—had smashed through the glass cover on the sign and stuck there, alive but stunned.

To give your plants a steady supply of water if you're away for a few days, place a basin of water beside the flower pot. Make a wick from an old piece of cotton material folded and stitched. Place one end of the wick in the water and the other end in the flower pot.

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The former soldier from Alden, Minn., stopped over here en route home while his former "hosts" were announcing in Peiping that Mrs. Homer Bradshaw, ailing wife of an American missionary, will be released Dec. 20.

**Return Not Explained**  
Tennessee during his brief stopover here failed to explain what made him decide to come home after choosing Communism with 22 other Korean war prisoners. He showed no remorse for turning his back on his native land.

The 22-year-old ex-soldier appeared happy at being able to spend Christmas at home with his mother, Mrs. Portia Howe.

His stopover in Tokyo was brief. A little over an hour after he arrived he left aboard a Northwest Airlines flight for Seattle.

**Special Care Arranged**  
The Communists said they had arranged special care for Mrs. Bradshaw of New York City during the train trip from Canton to the Hong Kong border. The Communists said she was given permission to leave last month but her physical condition was so poor she was unable to sign her application for an exit permit.

Her husband, a Presbyterian missionary, was reported still in a Canton prison. Both the Bradshaws were on a list of American prisoners the Reds said they would free.

## Freezing Rain Falls in Portland Area

Portland — (U.P.) — East winds in the Columbia gorge slackened off last night but freezing rain fell in the Portland area at dawn and turned streets into skating rinks.

The freezing rain was reported at Bonneville at 4:37 a.m. and at Gresham about 5 a.m. It spread to the Portland area, causing motorists grief during the early morning rush hour.

The forecast called for occasional showers through Friday with decreasing east winds. The wind reached one gust estimated at 70 miles per hour at Cascade Locks yesterday. Last night the strongest gust reported in the Portland area was 31 miles per hour.

## Voting Completed in Klamath Pay Boost

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Voting in the Klamath Falls Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. Unit on a 22½ cent package wage and benefit increase has been completed by local members of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) Union.

The ballots will be forwarded to Portland for tabulation next week. The offer affects about 750 men in the Klamath Falls area and some 7,000 in the Weyerhaeuser company.

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