

### Mautz Expenditures Declared To Be False

Portland—(U.P.)—O. C. Palmer, a leader in the campaign to elect Bob Mautz as Republican national committeeman, yesterday labeled as "strictly false" a statement made Sunday at a Young Republican meeting accusing Mautz of spending \$30,000 on his campaign.

"The sum of money referred to by a Young Republican in a press article as having been expended is entirely false," Palmer said. "The fact is that less than one fourth of the amount claimed to have been spent on the Mautz campaign has actually been spent to date for all expenses, including billboards."

Yanktown was South Dakota territory's capital until 1883.

### Killer Whales Seen Off North California

Pacific Grove, Calif. — (U.P.)—A marine biologist reports seeing a group of killer whales, among the most vicious inhabitants of the sea, leaping for low-flying birds off the Northern California coast.

Richard Boolootian of the Hopkins Marine station said he spotted five of the killer whales Monday, four 20-foot females and one 30-foot bull.

He said they were devouring cormorants on the wing. He followed them on the shore for four hours. The area in which he spotted them is about 100 miles south of San Francisco.

Boolootian said the killer whale will attack anything. Two years ago, one even tried

### Hitchcock, McKay Said Nearly Equal

Eugene — (U.P.)—A survey taken by the University of Oregon school of journalism shows that Phil Hitchcock and Douglas McKay stand nearly equal in editorial support papers in the state have given the two candidates for the Republican nomination as U.S. Senator.

Some 18 daily and 59 weekly newspapers in the state responded to the school's questionnaire. Of that group, 23 had expressed no editorial preference between the two candidates while 23 had spoken in favor of McKay and 17 for Hitchcock. Two newspapers named Elmer Dantz as their favorite candidate.

to take on a Coast Guard cutter in Monterey Bay here, he said.

## Admiralty Announcement Breaks Intriguing Case of British Frogman's Disappearance

London—(U.P.)—"The Admiralty regrets to announce that Commander Lionel Crabb did not return from a test dive in the Portsmouth area about a week ago."

That laconic announcement broke the most intriguing cloak and dagger chiller since the war.

For Crabb was Britain's most famous "frogman" and, riding at anchor in the harbor at the time Crabb disappeared, were the sleek 12,800-ton Russian cruiser Orjonikidze and two Red fleet destroyers.

While official mouths have been tightly shut, there has been wide speculation that Crabb dove beneath the Russian vessels on an espionage mission to examine their hulls, perhaps to detect

with a Geiger counter whether the Soviet cruiser carried atomic weapons or equipment.

So far as is known, his body has not been recovered. His wife says she does not believe he is dead. There is a possibility the Russians caught him and took him back aboard the ship that carried Nikita Khrushchev and Nikolai Bulganin to and from England on their recent visit.

**Colorful Character**

Crabb was a colorful character. Only five feet five, he wore a monocle and carried a swordstick with a handle shaped like a crab. At 46 he had retired from the Royal Navy but was called back by the Admiralty frequently for special jobs.

He would tell friends on these occasions that he was "going for a dip" and would receive payments of 50 to 60 pounds for his work.

On the night of April 17 he told friends that he was going for another dip. He left his apartment in London's Knightsbridge section the next morning and showed up that afternoon at the small Sallport Hotel in Portsmouth, site of Britain's main naval base.

Said hotel owner Edward Richman:

"Commander Crabb was with a man who identified himself only as Mr. Smith. The second man was taller than the commander. They had little luggage. I thought about asking for a deposit and then decided they looked respectable."

"They were given two front door keys so that they could come and go early and late. On the morning of April 18, Commander Crabb went out about 8:30. That morning the Russian cruiser arrived. Both returned that evening and stayed a second night."

**Strange Actions**

"On the 19th, Commander Crabb went out alone about 8:30 again. In the middle of the morning, the second man came to the office, paid the bill for both and left. Some days later Superintendent Jack Lampont of the Portsmouth secret police called and took four pages of names from the hotel register, including those of Crabb and his friend.

Ten days later the Admiralty made the announcement that Crabb was missing and "presumed dead." It said he had been experimenting with "certain underwater apparatus." It

refused to discuss the case further.

Curious newsmen, following up the story, came up with some surprising intelligence from the usually silent Russian embassy in London. A naval attache there

**Eight Children, Two Mothers Die In Home Fires**

By UNITED PRESS

Eight children and two mothers died in fires last night and today.

At Hopkins, Minn., Mrs. Lucille Cottrill, 40, and her daughters, Susan, 8, and Linda, 6, suffocated in a fire which poured smoke through their one-story home for two hours before it was discovered.

**Two Others Escape**

Two other children, Sandra, 16, and Dennis, 12, were asleep in the basement and escaped through basement windows.

At Southampton, N.Y., three Negro children burned to death in their two-story frame home early today. The parents survived but the father was injured in a futile effort to save his children.

The youngsters died before firemen could reach them.

At Waterloo, Ont., last night, Allen Rumm returned to his farm home and became the helpless witness of the death of his 13-year-old wife and three children.

**Ran Out Of Gasoline**

Rumm spotted his blazing two-story home from a nearby farm. He drove toward the scene, but his car ran out of gasoline on the way.

He finally got a lift to his home, but it was already engulfed in searing flames. He could hear his family screaming, but his repeated efforts to rescue them were futile.

**Building Servicemen Win Wage Increase**

Portland — (U.P.)—About 1000 AFL-CIO building service employees here have won wage increases of at least 10 cents an hour in new agreements with employers.

said a watchman on the Orjonikidze had seen a frogman surface near the cruiser for a few minutes and then disappear.

Then the Russians closed the lid, saying "Commander Crabb was an English frogman, not a Russian, therefore we cannot say anything."

Mrs. Margaret Elaine Crabb, who had been separated from her husband for 18 months, said the Admiralty telephoned her to say that Crabb was "presumed dead."

**Not Convinced**

"I am not convinced he is dead," she said.

There has been other speculation about what Crabb was doing and what happened to him.

One theory is that he was assigned by the navy to inspect the Russian ship to protect it from mines placed by anti-Communists.

Some believe he was operating on his own possibility out of sheer daring. It is known that intelligence agents questioned his friends after his disappearance.

The theory goes further that he disappeared by official order because he was operating unofficially and without permission, something went wrong and it had to be "hushed up," but he is still alive.

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