

Lane County Group Aims at Recall Of District Attorney Eugene Venn

Eugene — (UP) — A group of Lane county citizens yesterday announced the formation of an organization aimed at the recall of District Attorney Eugene Venn.

The recall movement is an outgrowth of the running legal battle between the district attorney and Circuit Judge Frank B. Reid.

Fred J. Bartels, Springfield, foreman of the controversial grand jury that figured in Venn's charges, is one of the or-

ganizers of the recall movement. "What has the DA to gain by foolishly spending the taxpayers money to try to duplicate an investigation that has been carried out and completed at his insistence by seven people selected by lot and their decision made after hearing all the evidence and testimony submitted to them?" Bartels asked.

No indictments returned

Venn had charged that Bartels' name was privately submitted for inclusion on the grand jury list.

The grand jury probe, directed by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, failed to return any

indictments in the jury tampering charges.

The grand jury of which Bartels was foreman was dismissed from hearing the district attorney's charges by Coos County Circuit Judge Dal King upon the request of Judge Reid's attorneys.

Venn has continued his criticism of Judge Reid and the jury selection procedures and since the grand jury finished its investigation, issued a public statement, critical of the probe and Judge Reid.

Pleas for Return

Meanwhile, in Portland yesterday, Venn met with Gov.

Elmo Smith and Thornton, to plead for Thornton's return to Lane county to "finish the job" of investigating the charges the district attorney has made.

Venn said that he told Gov. Smith that if he did not wish to send Thornton back into the probe, he suggested the disqualification banning his office from prosecuting the case be lifted.

Smith indicated that he might have an answer to Venn's request soon.

Eugene Attorney Charles O. Porter said he planned to submit a resolution to the Lane County Bar Association today, asking Judge Reid and Venn to

submit the dispute to arbitration.

Porter stated: "If Frank Reid intends to continue in office as judge, it is his

RAT GROUNDS AIRCRAFT

Nairobi, Kenya — (UP) — A single rat boarded a London-bound passenger plane and caused a 24-hour delay in its scheduled takeoff, it was reported today. The hostess found the rat in a cupboard and chased it through a small opening in the wing. The plane was grounded while exterminators got rid of the unwelcome passenger to keep it from damaging control cables.

clear duty to satisfy the Bar and the public that his conduct in visiting Moses Boody (Oregon penitentiary convict); in dismissing the March grand jury; in the formation of the jury panel, and in other ways is indeed above reproach."

Porter, a member of the American Bar association advisory committee on public relations added:

"It seems we either have a district attorney who is irresponsible and/or a judge who is shockingly unjudicial in his actions in respect to the formation of juries. Whether we have either situation needs to be determined."

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Stayton Mental Parolee Shot by Arresting Police

Stayton, Ore. — (UP) — A 260-pound knife-wielding state hospital parolee was arrested here today after being shot in the leg in a melee that also saw a police officer wounded by an exploding teargas bomb.

The parolee, 28-year-old Neal Crabtree of Stayton, was returned to Oregon State hospital where his wound was described as not serious.

Chief in Hospital

Taken to Santiam Memorial hospital for treatment of powder burns and cuts was Stayton Police Chief Everett Norfleet. Norfleet was injured when the teargas bomb exploded in his hand as he tried to pitch it into a house where Crabtree had holed up. His first throw into the house went wild and the chief lunged to recover the bomb when it exploded.

Norfleet said the incident started when he tried to apprehend the six-foot Crabtree in downtown Stayton for slashing up window displays with a six-inch switchblade knife.

Crabtree slashed at the officer, who then called for help from Marion County Sheriff Denver Young and a deputy. Before the officers arrived, Crabtree had holed up in his house.

Both officers were spattered with teargas when the attempt to drive the parolee out of his house with the bomb failed. Sheriff Young was not hospitalized, however.

Officers said Crabtree then emerged from his house carrying a knife. He lunged at Sheriff Young with the weapon and the sheriff shot him in the leg and subdued him after telling him the next shot would be in his head.

Crabtree was paroled from Oregon State hospital Dec. 23, 1955. It was his second parole since becoming a patient Sept. 23, 1951.

Russia Accused of Illegally Holding American Fliers

Washington — (UP) — The United States has accused Russia of illegally holding some American fliers who have disappeared during cold war air skirmishes in recent years.

A note delivered in Moscow Monday demanded immediately information about them and any other U.S. military personnel who may have been detained in the Soviet Union since Jan. 1, 1949.

While the United States was making its protest, it also received one. Polish Ambassador Romuald Spasowski lodged with the State department an oral complaint that American jet planes violated Polish territory during the past month.

The Polish protest echoed similar charges filed by Russia last week claiming that American military planes recently penetrated as deep as 200 miles into Soviet territory. Spasowski claimed that some of the American planes which flew over Poland were the same ones mentioned in the Russian protest.

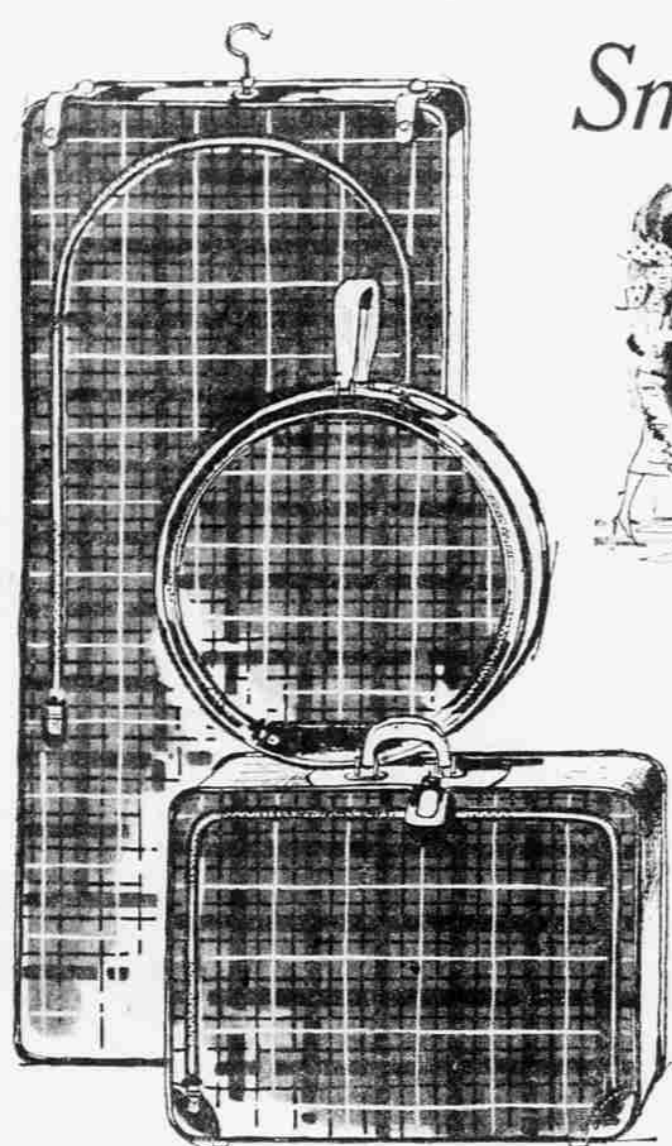
Reports that some American airmen are in Soviet hands have been drifting into the State department for years. Monday's U.S. note said the reports "have now become so persistent and detailed, and so credible" that the demand for information was being made.

Search for Missing Airplane Continues

Yakima, Wash. — (UP) — An aerial search continued today for four persons missing since Saturday when their light plane vanished while on a flight from Yakima over the Grand Coulee dam.

About 60 planes from several Eastern Washington airfields combed the area Tuesday but reported no signs of the missing plane.

Piloting the missing Piper tri-pacer was Max Wall, 39, Yakima, a well-known Eastern Washington contractor. The passengers were Jesse Noblitt, 57, Hayward, Calif., James Noblitt, 27, Seattle, and Lindy Pecht, 26, Yakima.



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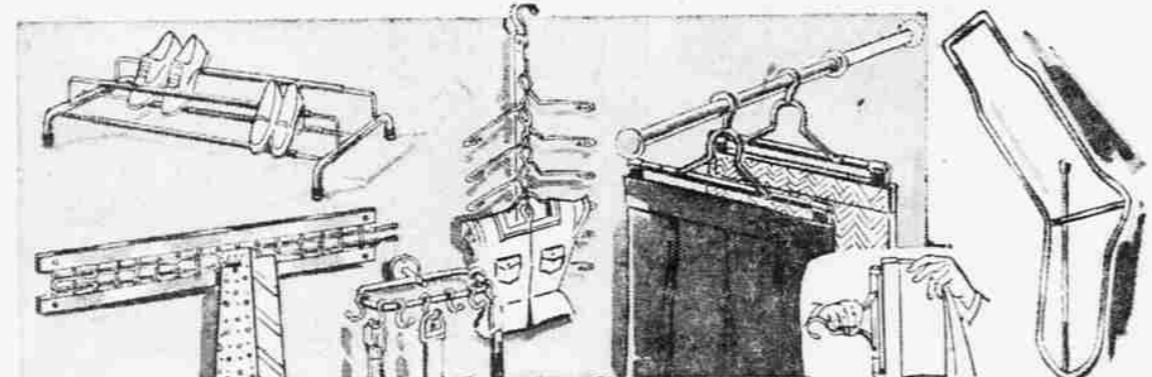
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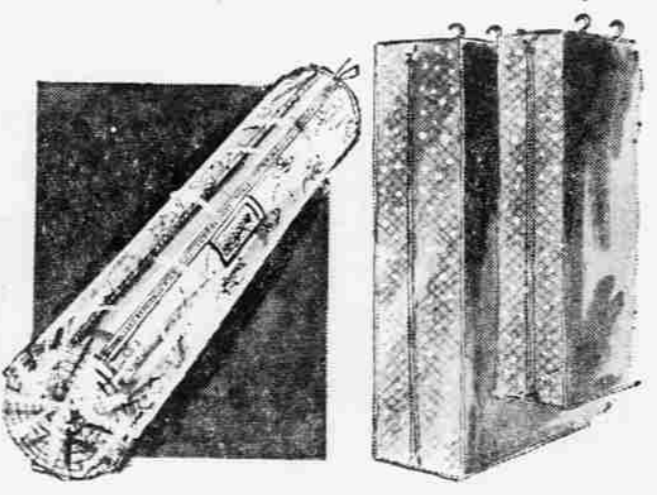
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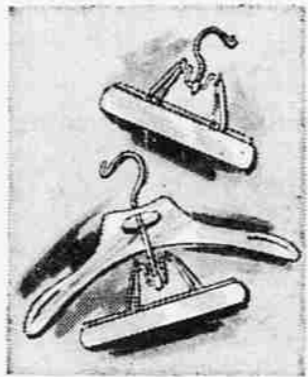


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