

Maximum Security Prisoner Escapes

Salem — (U.P.) — A convict who escaped from the maximum security ward of the Oregon State Hospital yesterday by showing an attendant a forged pass to a church service was still at large today.

The escapee, 35-year-old Bernard Walton, was not seen leaving the grounds. Officials classified him as dangerous.

Walton was serving a 10-year sentence in the state prison for assault with intent to kill. However, he had made six trips to the state hospital for observation since he started serving his sentence in February, 1951.

He was convicted of shooting Lazar Mark in Portland in 1950. Hospital officials said Walton was wearing a blue shirt and blue denim trousers when he escaped. He is 6-feet 1-inch tall and weighs about 190 pounds with gray-green eyes and dark brown hair.

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Budget Figuring Now Different Than in Days of Coolidge Regime

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Washington—(U.P.)—Back there in the Coolidge administration (1923-28), the Treasury treated a dime almost like a fortune.

Today, a penny is salted away if possible, against reduction of the public debt.

Mr. Coolidge was tight with a penny himself. He expected government expenditures to be likewise. Old Andy Mellon was secretary of treasury, a hard man perhaps, but quick with figures. The President and his secretary made quite a team. And, though their boom later burst in the face of President Hoover, neither Mr. Coolidge nor Mellon ever was charged with throwing the public's funds around or of supporting the government in luxury at the taxpayers' expense.

Mr. Coolidge and Mellon would never have believed a president ever would spin the pages of a government budget and, failing to reconcile some big figures, smile to the assembled reporters, and say:

"Now, Fred, what's \$40 million between friends?"

Reporter Shocked
Fred was the late J. Fred Esary of the Baltimore (Md.) Sun, a tight man himself, who had spotted what looked like a discrepancy in FDR's first budget. Esary was more the Coolidge type, and he came away from

Mr. Roosevelt's first budget conference in the White House Lincoln room considerably shocked.

If this essay is leading anywhere, it is to the fact that government budgeting now and for many years past is about like weather forecasting, only not so accurate. It is true that no one actually is responsible for government spending, the President and Congress being jointly concerned and each in a position to pass the buck to the other.

But, how about that \$4 billion mis-estimate in what government would cost in the fiscal year just ended? That's the margin by which President Eisenhower underestimated government spending when he sent his 1956 fiscal year budget. Eighteen months is a long time. But \$4 billion is a lot of money when viewed in light of the fact that it is spent and gone and had belonged to you and the rest of us.

And, how about government revenue in fiscal 1956? You couldn't crowd all the government consultants, economists, tax experts and such into the town's multitude of cocktail saloons.

Ike Guessed Wrong
With all of that brain power on the job, however, to guide him, Mr. Eisenhower guessed wrong on fiscal 1956 treasury revenue by \$8 billion. He was wrong on the right side, fortunately, but still wrong. All of this raises a lot of questions about experts, such as whether it wouldn't be about as good to use ouija boards or a good palmist.

Frail little Andy Mellon

would have dissolved in shame for an error like that. Mr. Coolidge would have exploded with considerable deadly fall-out against his experts.

These mis-estimates, however, are not the most significant of the situations revealed by the 1956 fiscal year report in which the Eisenhower administration proudly cites its first treasury surplus. Painfully meaningful for the taxpayers is something else, in 10 years, 1946-56, the Treasury has collected approximately \$559,000,000,000, most of it from individual income tax payers, and still could not keep house on it.

It was not sufficient to support government in the style to which government has become accustomed. In the same 10 years, on the basis of comparative public debt figures, the Treasury put out about \$3,000,000,000 more than it took in.

250 Said Dead in India Earthquake

Bombay, India — (U.P.) — Official reports today put the death toll in Friday's earthquakes at Anjar in Western India at 250. It was one of the worst earthquakes ever to hit the area.

Nearly 800 persons were injured in the quakes and more than 1,000 houses destroyed, reports said.

The quakes struck during the night at Anjar, about midway between Bombay and Karachi, Pakistan.

Death Erases Pending Drunk Driving Charges

Sanford, N.C. — (U.P.) — William Albert Sellers, 25, of Lee county, was convicted of several months ago, but he was allowed to keep his driver's license because of a pending appeal to the Superior Court.

The appeal will never be heard. Neither will Sellers ever have any more need for the driver's license.

Sellers was killed in a high-way collision today.

22 Bodies Found in Ambushed Train

Rangoon, Burma — (U.P.) — Search crews recovered 22 bodies from the wreckage of a train ambushed by Karen rebels Friday on the main Rangoon-Frime line, officials reported Sunday.

Twenty-four other persons were hospitalized with injuries from the blowing up of the train or in the armed attack that followed.

The train carrying some 1,000 passengers were en route to Prome when it hit three mines near a bridge some 50 miles north of Rangoon. The blasts derailed the engine, tender and seven coaches.

Karen rebels surged out of the forests on both sides and poured bullets into the train. Several coaches were put to the torch.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Defense Officials Agree That Nation Could Survive Blow

Emergency Press Headquarters—(U.P.)—Civil Defense officials today agreed that a nuclear attack such as the one which mythically devastated 75 targets in "Operation Alert 1956" would deal the nation a "savage blow but by no means a fatal one."

The appraisal on the fourth day of the six-day exercise said the many "perplexing and sometimes desperate" hypothetical problems which arose after the mock attack were beginning "to assume manageable form."

Final Review Wednesday

The summation came in the last press release issued before this emergency news center shut down operations today. President Eisenhower will conduct a final review of the civil defense exercise Wednesday, when federal agencies call a halt to their practice operations at widely scattered hideaways.

The report said many difficult problems still remain to be dealt with. But it said:

"Best judgment today appeared to be that the presumed attack had dealt the nation a savage blow, but by no means a fatal one, and the country's resources were far from exhausted."

Bona Fide Action

Meantime, Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton reported one bona fide action which his agency will take as a result of mock developments in "Operation Alert."

He said he plans to ask Congress for money to provide more adequate protection for Hoover Dam and other major hydroelectric installations in the West. He said that "bombings" showed an enemy attack "could raise the very hob" with the nation's supply of power, as things stand now.

He suggested two possible protective devices. Nets in rivers, to catch bombs set adrift by a saboteur, and Nike anti-aircraft sites near dams.

46 Indictments Against Illinois Auditor Scheduled

Springfield, Ill. — (U.P.) — The Sangamon county grand jury today heard the state's attorney present 46 indictments against former Illinois Auditor Orville E. Hodge involved in a huge check scandal.

Each of the indictments prepared during the week end was based on a state check cashed under "suspicious" conditions. Officials estimated all such checks may involve close to \$1,000,000.

Today's grand jury session came two days after a surprise indictment of Hodge by a federal grand jury meeting in Chicago. He was charged with mis-applying \$875,677 in federally insured bank funds.

Could Get Life

If Hodge were convicted on all 46 indictments, he could be imprisoned for life. The 276 counts included in the indictments carry a maximum penalty of 920 years in prison. The federal indictment could cost him another 270 years behind bars as well as a top fine of \$275,000.

Included in the 54-count federal indictment were Edward A. Epping, Hodge's chief aid in the auditor's office, and Edward A. Hintz, resigned president of the Southmoor Bank and Trust Co. in Chicago.

Hintz, being hunted as a fugitive by sheriff's deputies in Chicago, planned to give himself up in Springfield today, his attorney said.

Hunt Missing Funds

The Southmoor bank is said to have cashed a number of the questionable checks. Hintz resigned soon after some payees listed on state checks said they had never received payment although the checks had been cashed.

Accountants began searching today for huge sums of unclaimed bank deposits entrusted to Hodge from banks closed during the depression. Money that was not claimed by depositors was turned over to the auditor and held by him.

NUTRITION RESEARCH

Berkeley, Calif. — (U.P.) — A group of physicians from the University of California and the San Francisco Veteran's Administration hospital have been doing extensive research on providing better nutrition for patients undergoing surgery of the intestinal tract and stomach. They have reported some success in using a fat emulsion for intravenous feeding, and have carried out research on the emulsion for the past 18 months. It has been used successfully on 30 patients.

Twenty thousand Norwegian men, who will be 19 years old this year, are scheduled to report for military service during the next few months.

Animal on Alaskan Shore Proves Mystery

Yakutat, Alaska — (U.P.) — Alaskans wondered today what kind of animal a huge, hairy-coated monster would be which has been washed up on the shore of the Gulf of Alaska.

The carcass was discovered on the beach 60 miles southeast of here two months ago by Earl Flemming, a veteran Alaskan guide. Conservative estimates place the size of the monster as more than 100 feet in length and 15 feet wide at its broadest visible point.

Prehistoric Monster

It has been suggested that the animal could be a prehistoric monster which had been encased in a nearby glacier for centuries. Others have speculated that it could be some warm-blooded sea animal.

At Seattle, retired University of Washington zoologist Trevor Kincaid said the description did not resemble any prehistoric beast he knew about. He said the fact it had hair meant it could not be a member of any living whale or elephant families. Kincaid suggested that some effort be made to preserve a portion of the animal's skeleton, or its hide and hair in efforts to identify the creature.

Skull 5 1/2 Feet Wide

Witnesses said the monster's

skull measures 5 1/2 feet wide. Its eye-sockets are between seven and nine inches in diameter and are about 3 1/2 feet apart. Reddish brown hair about two inches in length covers its thick hide.

Much of the carcass now is buried in the sand 125 feet from the ocean's edge. At high tide, water reaches about the middle of the animal. However, a weather observer stationed at the Yakutat airport said the beach sands shift rapidly and a storm or high tide could carry the carcass out to sea.

The carcass is in a remote area which can be reached only by a small land plane.

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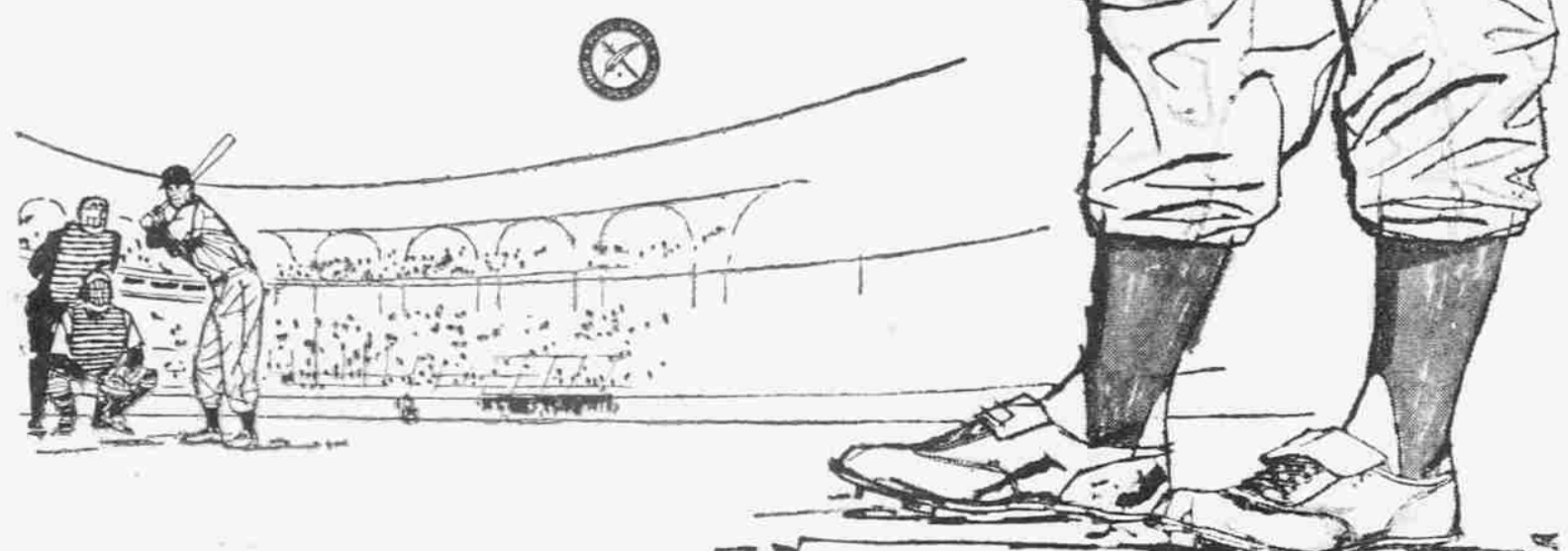
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