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Evidence Seeks to 'Entice' Japanese Scavenger

Defense Official's Statement Comes As Big Surprise

Testimony Said To Support Claim

Washington — A high defense official exploded a bombshell in the Girard case today by disclosing government evidence that GI William S. Girard "enticed" a Japanese woman closer toward a guarded area before killing her.

Robert Dechert, Defense Department general counsel, said in Coral Gables, Fla., that testimony of all Japanese witnesses plus that of Girard's "American soldier-companion" made it appear the 21-year-old specialist 3-C "enticed" Japanese civilians prior to his deadly act.

Girard had been ordered to guard a machine gun emplacement on a firing range in Japan where Japanese were accustomed to pick up fired shells to sell as scrap. The defense official said the evidence showed Girard enticed the Japanese closer to the guarded area "by throwing them expended shell casings," then fired a shot that killed Mrs. Naka Sakai.

Departure From Duty
"No one says he deliberately killed the woman," Dechert said. But he added the Ottawa, Ill., soldier's action was "such a complete departure from his duty" that he could not have been considered on duty.

Japan, to whose jurisdiction the United States has surrendered Girard, has made the claim he enticed the Japanese shell gatherers. But heretofore this country has said only that Girard denied the charge.

Dechert's surprise statement amounted to a bombshell in the case. Previously Defense Department spokesmen had indicated they would not reveal evidence against Girard for fear of prejudicing his case in the Japanese courts.

U. S. Attorney Oliver Gasch, who will argue the government's case against Girard's return to this country before Federal Judge Joseph McGarraghy today, told the United Press:

"I didn't know Mr. Dechert was going to say that."

Earl J. Carroll of New York, Girard's chief American counsel, denounced Dechert's statement in the most biting terms.

Washington — President Eisenhower returned to his office today, "virtually recovered" from a stomach upset which kept him in bed all day Monday.

The chief executive, stricken Sunday night with nausea and painful vomiting, returned to his desk a few minutes before 6 a.m. (PST), and went to work on accumulated mail.

On the recommendation of his doctor, Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder, the President took it relatively easy today and scheduled no official callers.

Advanced Detachments to Set Up Camp For National Guard's Annual Training

Advanced National Guard detachments from both Medford units will leave about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday for Ft. Lewis, Wash., in a motor vehicle convoy to make preparations for the Guard's annual two-week summer camp.

The vanguard, consisting of about 19 Guardsmen of Company A and Headquarters company, 188th Infantry Regiment, Oregon National Guard, Medford, will prepare camp facilities at Ft. Lewis for more than 200 local troops who will join them by train Saturday.

The main body of Guardsmen will board Southern Pacific Pullman cars about midnight Friday and arrive at Ft. Lewis about 6 p.m. Saturday. A troop formation will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at the National Guard armory. They are scheduled to return to Medford about noon



WARMER THAN SALMON RIVER—School children from the town of Forks of the Salmon, Calif., found the water in Vic Milnes' pool a lot better for swimming than their own cold mountain stream when a group of about 25 children and adults visited Medford Saturday. The group, guests of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, appeared on KBES-TV Saturday and attended a party

held for them at the Milnes home later in the afternoon. The purpose of their visit, as in 1955, was to exchange ideas with local chamber members and show the children the "sights" of more metropolitan Medford. Above, Russ Jamison, Clyde Fichtner and Vic Milnes talk with Salmon River school teacher Adelle Brown while four of her students take their first swim in a pool.

Firm Will Develop Nickel Deposits in Illinois Valley Area

Cave Junction, Ore. — The New Delhi Mines Ltd., Toronto, Canada, announced here yesterday the entry of Canadian capital into nickel mining in the United States with the formation of the Nickel Corporation of America.

NCA will develop vast nickel deposits in the Illinois valley area of southwestern Oregon, White said. The area, about 80 miles from the Hanna nickel mine development at Riddle, Ore., is rich in millions of tons of ore, according to White, and he added the Cave Junction potential may be compared to the vast Mystery and Meak Lake developments in northern Manitoba.

The newly formed company

Rural Fire District To Discuss Budget

Central Point — The Central Point Rural Fire District budget will be discussed at a meeting of the rural board at the fire hall in Central Point at 8 p.m. today.

The board is meeting to consider possible revisions in the planned budget due to a loss of valuation when the Berrydale district was annexed by the city of Medford.

At Ft. Lewis, Medford Guardsmen will join more than 10,000 Guard troops from Oregon and Washington, all members of the 41st Infantry division.

Summer camp will be highlighted by the annual governor's day parade Saturday, June 22. During the ceremonies National Guard members will honor governors from Oregon and Washington and the division commander, Gen. George S. Cook, of Washington.

About 111 members of the

three Army Reserve units in Medford will attend two week summer camps later in the summer.

Attending summer camp from Company A will be about 110 enlisted men and six officers, commanded by Capt. Bert Riehe. About 90 enlisted men and 11 officers will attend from Headquarters company, Capt. S. J. Fagone is commanding officer of the unit.

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Donors Needed For Bloodmobile

Red Cross bloodmobile officials today reported that 150 more blood donor appointments are needed if Medford is to meet its 290 pint quota when the bloodmobile visits here tomorrow.

The bloodmobile unit will be stationed at the Elks temple from 1 to 6 p.m. Two hundred people have made appointments so far. Appointments may be made by phoning SP 3-3813.

Officials said drop-in donors will be welcome. Blood will again be accepted from donors who have had malaria. Previously, former malaria patients have not been allowed to donate blood, but may now do so and their blood will be used in plasma for Civil Defense purposes.

Baby sitter service will be offered for housewives who would not otherwise be able to leave home long enough to donate blood, officials said.

Johnsons Are Bound Over to Grand Jury

Clarence Johnson, 63, and his wife, Nola, 49, of 781 1/2 Beatty st., Medford, were bound over to the grand jury this morning after appearing for arraignment in district court on charges of unlawfully obtaining public assistance.

The Johnsons, represented by Gene Piazza and Sam Harrison, Medford, attorneys, waived preliminary hearing and were released on \$1,000 bail each.

They were arrested Thursday by sheriff's deputies after their 13-year-old daughter had applied for a marriage license. Deputies said investigation of the Johnsons' financial status began when marriage license bureau officials questioned the daughter's age.

Investigation indicated the Johnsons received approximately \$3,200 plus medical expenses from the Jackson county welfare department last year. Both also were working as janitors for the Mail Tribune while receiving welfare aid, reports state.

Queen Elizabeth Plans U.S. Visit Oct. 16-21

Washington — The White House announced today that Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain will visit the United States Oct. 16-21.

The White House said the Queen and her husband, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, would go first to Canada.

Monthly Radio-TV Swap With Russia Favored by U.S.

Dulles Tells of Plan At News Conference

Washington — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today the United States favors a 30-minute monthly radio-TV program on a reciprocal basis with Russia to inform people in each country about East-West problems.

Dulles told a news conference that the U. S. is pressing this plan on the Soviet Union. Proposed in 1955.

He said the idea was first proposed to the Soviet Union by the U. S., Britain and France at the Geneva foreign ministers conference in 1955.

Dulles said he has doubts as to value of a one-shot appearance such as that of Soviet Communist Party boss Nikita Khrushchev on a recent American radio television network program.

"We should have an opportunity on a regular reciprocal basis to speak to each other's peoples," Dulles said.

Russ Opposed Plan
He recalled that the big three proposals in 1955 envisaged a monthly 30-minute program which Russia opposed then, and presumably does now.

Dulles said leading Americans could participate in such a monthly broadcast or telecast to the Soviet Union.

He said he would be delighted for example, if the Russians wanted to carry a filmed version of one of his weekly news conferences. Or he said he would welcome a special news conference geared to Soviet-American relations.

Central Point Tax Levies To Be Down Next Fiscal Year

Central Point—Total tax levies for fiscal year 1957-58 for Central Point will be \$25,424, with a millage rate estimated at less than 16 mills, according to Mayor Donald E. Faber. Other figures are down from this year.

These figures were determined at a special meeting of the city council last night, and at a meeting of the budget committee which followed.

The budget committee cut several small expenditures and corrected minor errors which caused erroneous calculations in the budget as published in a weekly newspaper last week.

Council Reconvenes
After the budget committee meeting, the city council reconvened and called a public hearing on the budget for July 8.

In the budget as it now stands, total estimated expenditures are \$103,407.75; total estimated receipts are \$106,983.75. This leaves an amount necessary to be levied (for which taxes must be levied) of \$25,424.

Rate Decreases
The 1956-57 millage rate was 16.9 compared to the expected less than 16 mill rate for the coming year. The rate decreased despite a slight increase in taxes needed. The reduction is possible because of a higher assessed valuation of Central Point property.

Total assessed valuation for Central Point in 1957-58 is \$1,701,348.59. The figure for 1956-57 was \$1,507,639.

Present at last night's budget committee meeting were regular committee members and Mayor Faber, city attorney Kent Blackhurst, city auditor Leland Knox, former city recorder Arden Pinkham, and city recorder Lyle Paul. Pinkham served as special consultant to the committee.

Cheney, Ewaldsen Are Director Candidates

Francis Cheney and Otto A. Ewaldsen are the only candidates for a position on the Medford board of education in the election Monday, June 17.

Deadline for filing candidacy petitions was 5 p.m. yesterday. Cheney and Ewaldsen, present board chairman whose term expires this year, filed for a five-year term as board director.

Election of directors in all county school districts will be held June 17. One director will be elected in each district.

Planners Discuss Annexation Effects

The Medford planning commission has decided there is a need to "stop and digest" effects of recent annexations to the city.

The commission devoted about a half-hour of its meeting last night discussing the problem.

It was pointed out about 3,500 acres have been annexed to the city in the past two years, which means the size of Medford has more than doubled. Members also noted annexation has solved many problems, including need for sanitation and more building lots.

Consider Cost
However, they said there is a need to consider the cost of present city services and to prevail on other sources, such as the county, to increase financial participation. They emphasized a need to know when to stop annexing property in order to guard against loading the city with too heavy financial obligation.

It was also mentioned that annexing too many areas to the city could result in "diluting" too thinly the city's services.

Members of the commission suggested some good could come of holding joint meetings on the matter with the county, city water commission and public works department. It was indicated that meetings of this type would be arranged in the near future.

Direct Effects
Water Superintendent Robert Lee pointed out that actions of the planning commission and the council, particularly on annexations and zone changes, have direct effects upon operations of the water department.

In other business last night, the commission called a special meeting for 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 24, when a hearing will be held on rezoning from single family to light industrial, four lots facing North Pacific highway in the recently annexed Berrydale addition. The property is owned by L. E. Juniper of Pacific Machinery company.

Frank VanDyke, Medford attorney representing Juniper, said his client desires to construct a business building there.

A hearing will be held at the commission's next regular meeting, Monday, July 8, to adopt new regulations governing subdivisions. The regulations were prepared by Hahn, Wise and Associates, planning consultants from Redwood City, Calif.

Tables Report
The commission tabled a report on the proposed Edgemont subdivision south of Barnett rd. and east of Crisbrook rd. Ralph Pierce submitted a tentative plat of the subdivision several months ago. Several revisions were suggested by the commission at that time, but it was reported at last night's meeting that the subdivider has evidenced a lack of interest in making the changes.

Members of the commission denied a petition submitted by A. W. Adams requesting a change of setback from 20 feet to 9 feet for property at 13th and Hamilton sts. Adams said he needed the additional space for building expansion. The commission recommended to the city council that negotiations be undertaken for the city to acquire

the property.

Girl Injured in Fall From Moving Vehicle

Paula Harris, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Harris, 1792 Houston rd., Medford, suffered head abrasions this morning when she fell from a car traveling north on the Phoenix bypass, Highway 99, according to state police.

The girl was taken to Rogue valley hospital by Medford ambulance service. Hospital attendants said late this morning her condition was "satisfactory" but did not know the extent of her injuries.

According to police the accident occurred when the girl pulled down on the door handle while playing in the car. The vehicle was operated by Pauline Baker, 1326 Camp Baker rd., Medford, police said. Mrs. Harris was a passenger in the car.

Park Facilities To Open Saturday

The north entrance road to Crater Lake National park, Highway 209, will be opened Wednesday morning to two-way traffic and tourist facilities at the park will open this week end, according to Tom Williams, park superintendent.

The highway will be narrow in spots but will be safe for two-way traffic, Williams said. The park lodge, dining room and tourist cabin facilities will open Saturday, June 15, he said. He added it may be three weeks before park crews clear the rim road to traffic.

Involvement of U.S. Navy Hinted; Autopsy Performed

No Statement From Coroner's Inquest

Chichester, England — British police enshrouded the case of the headless frogman in wartime secrecy today on direct orders from the government of Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

There were hints the U.S. Navy might be involved.

A day and night guard was mounted at the mortuary where the body lay and a coroner's inquest called for today, was expected to adjourn immediately without a statement.

Believed To Be Crabb

The body was generally believed to be that of former Navy frogman Lionel (Buster) Crabb, a Naval hero who disappeared beneath the Soviet cruiser Ordzhonikidze during last year's Nikita Khrushchev and Nikolai Bulganin visit.

Mrs. Margaret Crabb, 43-year-old ex-wife of the Royal Navy commander, was summoned to Chichester for the inquest and a possible identification of the body which has lain beneath the waters for 14 months. She said Crabb had two deformed toes.

But any official findings remained secret and the British press fell back on the speculation which has marked the cold war mystery from the beginning. One, The Daily Express, said Crabb had died while carrying out a hush-hush assignment for the U.S. Navy.

Death Never Confirmed
Crabb's death was never officially confirmed. The Admiralty admitted he disappeared while diving near the Soviet cruiser, reported to be of secret new design below the waterline, and said he was "presumed" to be dead.

Today Daily Express correspondent Chapman Pincher reported from Washington that Crabb had approached U.S. Navy headquarters in London offering to examine the hull of the Ordzhonikidze on the Navy's behalf. He said the Navy agreed and that Britain gave tacit assent.

Findings Not Ascertained
Doctors studied the body yesterday and during the night to see whether the frogman had died by accident or violence. There had been speculation he was killed by Soviet frogmen who caught him swimming beneath their ship.

But the doctors' findings were not ascertained. Aside from the fact an autopsy was performed there was little to go on. Dr. Donald King, consultant pathologist to a Chichester hospitals group, told newsmen his autopsy had not determined the cause of death.

Salem — A proclamation designating June as City of Hope Month in Oregon has been signed by Gov. Robert D. Holmes.

361 Enroll in Summer School at College

Ashland—A total of 361 enrolled by late yesterday for summer school classes at Southern Oregon college. Classes started today, but students may register throughout this week, college officials said.

Last year at this time, 345 had enrolled for summer school. Of the total this year, 28 are veterans, compared to 55 a year ago. Among those enrolling were 97 men compared to 100 a year ago and 264 women, compared to 245 last year.

Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness through Wednesday, with a chance of some light rain this evening and isolated showers Wednesday afternoon. Low tonight 55, high Wednesday 58.

Highest Yesterday 62

Lowest This Morning 51

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:34 a.m.
Sunset 7:18 p.m.
The Moon rises at 7:17 p.m. and rises low.
Full Moon Wednesday 2:02 a.m.
Prominent Star Spica in the south.
Visible Planets
Saturn, leads the Moon.
Venus, sets 8:29 p.m.
Mars, sets 9:32 p.m.
Jupiter, low in west 12:08 a.m.

"Leggo!—You're Interfering With Our Rites"

