

Body of City Clerk Discovered in River; Inquest Will Be Held

Homedale, Idaho—Owyhee county officials said today they would continue their efforts to determine whether foul play or suicide caused the death of Homedale city clerk Bertha Ehrhart, 30, whose body was found in the Snake river Monday near Adrian, Ore.

The dead woman's hands were found behind her back, but Dr. Joseph Beeman, Boise pathologist, said it would have been possible for her to have tied the rope herself because of the nature of the slipknots.

There was no other evidence of foul play, Beeman said. Inquest Planned

Dr. William G. Reimer, Owyhee county coroner, said he would hold an inquest to determine exactly, if possible, how the woman met her death.

Mrs. Ehrhart had disappeared from Homedale under mysterious circumstances just three weeks prior to the finding of her body by Roy Haynes, a rancher.

Haynes spotted the remains caught on a snag in water on the Oregon side of the river about a quarter-mile upstream from the Adrian bridge. The spot is about 12 miles downstream from Homedale.

Decomposition of the body made the woman unrecognizable, but Homedale Police Chief Jim Hill made positive identification from a set of false teeth and clothing.

Last Seen July 8
Mrs. Ehrhart had worked in

her office the night of July 8 and was last seen leaving a Homedale night club about 10:30 p.m. Police noticed her car still parked in front of the city hall about 3 a.m. the following day and investigated the darkened office. They found the office door open and the room disarrayed.

Her purse, containing a note which apparently threatened Mrs. Ehrhart's life, was found in her office.

Officials later discovered that some city records kept by Mrs. Ehrhart were missing and Owyhee County Prosecutor Sylvan Jeppson said there had been evidence some of them had been burned. Sheriff Jim Tucker issued a warrant for the clerk's arrest, charging her with destruction of public records.

MacArthur Says 'Lust for Taxes' Threat To Nation

New York—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, chairman of Sperry Rand Corp., charged today that the government's "lust for taxes" is the greatest threat to the nation's free enterprise system.

MacArthur, in an unusually strong attack on big government, said the nation's tax burden is "oppressive" and has resulted "in a creeping inflation which has devalued the American dollar to 40 per cent of its previous purchasing power."

Threat Internal
"The greatest threat to liberty today is internal, from the constant growth of big government through the constantly increasing power and spending of the federal government," he said in a speech prepared for delivery at the company's annual meeting.

MacArthur told Sperry Rand stockholders that taxes have grown so rapidly in recent years that they now are the largest single item in the cost of living.

"Americans will pay for government this year more than they will spend on food, clothing, medical care and religious activities combined," he added. MacArthur said the per capita tax burden has soared from \$1.98 in 1885 to an all-time high of \$446.86 in 1956.

Log Truck Drivers Escape Injury in Crash
Two truck drivers escaped injury in a log truck accident about 4:30 p.m. Monday on the Fish Lake rd., one-half mile east of Butte Falls, according to state police.

Elbert Ryder White, 46, of 3410 North Pacific highway, was cited for failure to operate on the right side of the highway after his loaded log truck rolled with a truck and trailer driven by Shorold Waldo Chapman, 35, Prospect, police said.

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State Funeral Puts End To Career of Guatemala Chief
Guatemala City—A state funeral today put a final period to the meteoric career of President Carlos Castillo Armas, who rose from obscurity to fame to death in three short years.

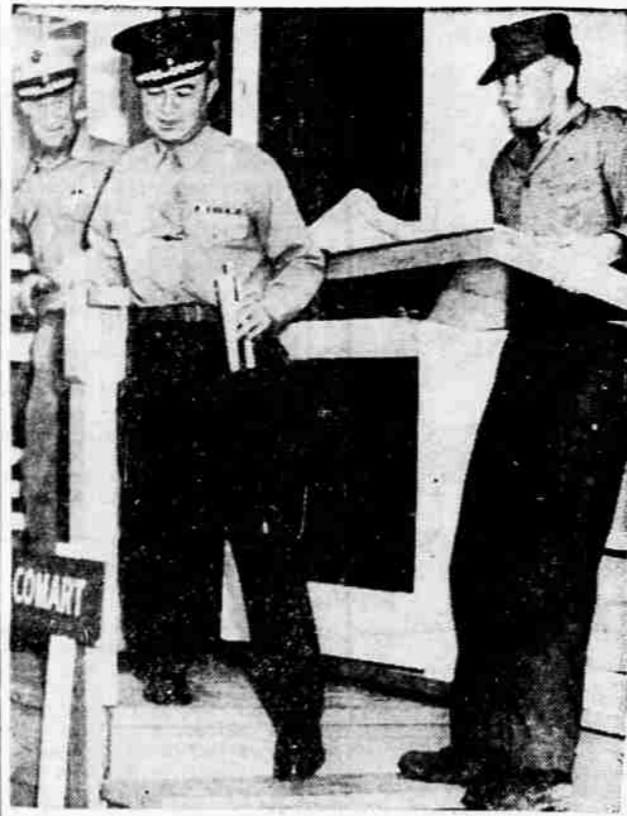
A pontifical mass for the assassinated president's soul was celebrated in the Cathedral here this morning. His body was buried in the general cemetery.

Maj. John Eisenhower, son of America's president, represented his father at Castillo's funeral. He expressed his parents' sympathy to the slain president's widow, Odilia.

Shot by Communist
Castillo was shot down by a Communist who had infiltrated his president guard on Friday, barely 37 months after he had led an army of refugees to victory against the regime of pro-Red President Jacobo Arbenz.

The killer, Romeo Vasquez Sanchez, committed suicide minutes after he had assassinated the president.

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NOT A FOXHOLE IN SIGHT—If anyone wanted a hole to crawl into, it's Marine Pfc. Charles E. Baker (right) as he is caught flatfooted by an overwhelming line of brass. Baker tries to keep from dropping that cake he's carrying, come to attention and balance on one foot all at the same time. When asked later what he thought about all those stars (the line was four generals long), he answered, "I wasn't thinking, I just wanted to get out of the way."

Commission Studies Master Schemes for Mall Development

Salem — The Capitol Planning commission Monday presented some master schemes for long-range development of the Capitol Mall area.

Final action was taken by the commission on plans presented by the Eugene architectural firm of Wilmsen and Endicott and Francis Kealy, New York architect who designed the state capitol building.

The Eugene firm presented three major studies of possible mall development, the most radical of which blocked all streets through the mall area except Center st.

Mansion Discussed
Architects were thinking in terms of extending the mall north from the capitol building into a more informal, wooded area with pools, fountains and room for many types of government buildings and a public park.

New structures might include a museum, auditorium, exhibit area and a governor's mansion. Broad tree-lined walks were suggested for the mall with as much fringe area parking as possible. Any streets through the area would be sunken so as not to disturb the view if current ideas are followed.

City Cooperation Needed
The auditorium might be built as a joint venture of the state

and the city of Salem in return for the city's permission to close some streets into the area. Architects emphasized that close city-state cooperation would be needed to complete long-range plans for the mall.

Chairman of the commission is Robert Sawyer, Bend. Present at the meeting were Gov. Robert D. Holmes, Secretary of State Mark Hatfield and State Treasurer Sig Unander.

Columbia River Maintains Top Spot
Walla Walla — The Columbia river maintained a top spot in industrial development during the first half of 1957, Herbert G. West, executive vice president of Inland Empire Waterways Association, said today.

West cited the Harvey Aluminum Co. plant at The Dalles, Ore., and the Phillips Pacific Chemical plant near Kennewick. He said that elsewhere along the river "there is a growing indication that industry is interested in the Pacific Northwest."

He said industry's need for low-cost barge transportation, water and electric energy was responsible for the trend.

Graham Salutes United Nations As Peace Symbol

New York — Billy Graham saluted the United Nations Monday as "a symbol of man's desire for peace" but added that it would never be successful unless there "is a great moral and spiritual resurgence to supplement it."

The North Carolina evangelist made his remarks to a news conference shortly after a half hour conversation with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold at U.N. headquarters. He said the major portion of his talk with Hammarskjold was devoted to moral and spiritual problems.

Wouldn't Solve Problems
"You could give the whole world economic security and give everybody a doctor of philosophy degree," Graham said, "but you would still not solve the problems of the world. They are moral and come from within."

He said he did not believe the whole world ever—"not in our lifetime at least"—would be converted to Christianity or to any other one religion.

"But a climactic situation is coming," Graham warned, "when this body of people in this building will be at their wit's end and it will look like nothing they can do will prevent a push-button war. Then, I think Christ is coming back in person to set up his kingdom."

Handcuffs Lead Wanted Man To Police Station
Philadelphia — Heywood Butler, 38, found a pair of handcuffs in his new apartment Monday and tried them on. They worked fine. He couldn't get them off.

He decided police could best help him and went to a police station. While one cop was filling the handcuffs, another made a routine check. He found Butler was wanted by police for failure to pay a \$25 fine six years ago.

Anyone For Spying?—Francine Yerrick looks pretty sly as she cases the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco for the National Counter Intelligence Corps Association. The NCICA is holding its 10th annual convention there August 2-4. Francine is an entrant in their Miss Cloak 'n' Dagger contest and judging from that dagger, who'd want to compete?



Portland Civic Group Counters E-R Effort

Portland — Unlimited Progress, a new civic group dedicated to "development of the Greater Portland area," Monday voted to balk further delays to complete the Exposition-Recreation center on the Broadway-Steel bridge site.

About 50 members of the organization pledged a campaign to back the E-R commission, and voted to counter efforts of another group, Tax Savers, Inc., petitioning an E-R center at Delta Park.

Norwegian Producer Denies Being Married To Ella Fitzgerald

Oslo — A Norwegian assistant producer told newspapers here today that reports he is married to American Negro singer Ella Fitzgerald are "pure nonsense."

Thor Larsen acknowledged, however, that he and Miss Fitzgerald, who is now in Oslo, are good friends. He said they plan to go together from here to Monte Carlo and later to Los Angeles.

Oslo newspapers reported yesterday the couple had been secretly married for two years.

HOW TO LIVE LONG

West Hartford, Conn. — Mrs. Nellie A. Faxon, 100, advises: "Take as good care of yourself as you do of your automobile."



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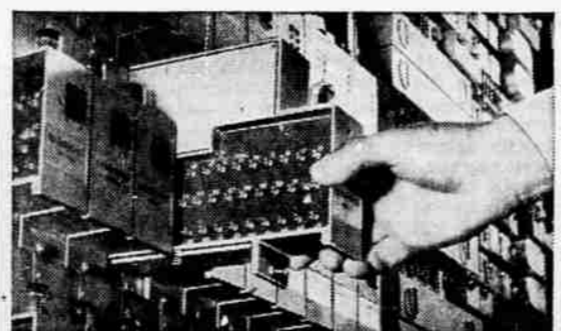
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