

Libel-Conspiracy Trial Adjourns Until Monday; Jury Being Chosen

By VERNON SCOTT
United Press Correspondent
Hollywood — An all-star cast of Hollywood personalities waited in the wings Saturday for the resumption of the libel-conspiracy trial of Confidential and Whisper magazines which began with the hint that their testimonies might be spicy revelations.

The court action began Friday with actors Tab Hunter, Buddy and Allan Nixon—a few of the some 100 top movie stars subpoenaed to testify—evident in the jam-packed Los Angeles Superior courtroom.

Others were Mrs. Josephine Dillon Gable, drma coach and first wife of actor Clark Gable, and Carol S. Hunt, who said she was the author of a Confidential story entitled, "I was one of Father Devine's angels."

The stars were put on a two-hour call status while attorneys for the state and the defense began the job of selecting a jury from a panel of 50.

When the court adjourned until Monday morning, 11 panelists had been excused from serving and 12 had been tentatively accepted, but the prosecution had yet to make its examination of the panel.

Messy Testimony
Defense Counsel Arthur J. Crowley repeatedly told prospective jurors that "as part of our defense is based on truth, we may have to call a number of movie stars. Much as anybody dislikes messy testimony, it may have to be done. Would you hold this against the defense?"

Crowley said that he represented only defendants, Fred and Magorie Meade and their Hollywood Research, Inc., wholesaler of alleged libelous and obscene matter that is published in the two magazines.

Crowley in an opening argument on whether Confidential, Inc., and Whisper, Inc., are actually on trial under the grand jury indictment along with the Meades, declared the corporations had "never been properly served."

Corporations Absent
Judge Herbert V. Walker responded:

"The court is proceeding on the theory that all persons properly served are on trial before this court. It would seem to me a very strange law which would allow corporations to absent themselves and later take advantage of their own absence."

He added, "The corporations

apparently think they are not here."

The Meades, Confidential Publisher Robert Harrison and eight other individuals actually were indicted on charges of conspiracy to commit criminal libel and print and circulate lewd literature. Five corporations also were named in the indictment.

California Asst. Dist. Atty. Gen. Clarence A. Linn and Dep.

Disabled Workers Notified Of First Benefit Checks

More than 100,000 disabled workers in the nation have been notified that they are entitled to social security disability insurance benefits and will receive their first benefit checks during August, W. V. Nussbaum, district manager of the Medford social security office, has announced.

Most of the checks will be delivered Aug. 3 and the remaining ones will be mailed on following days.

Nussbaum noted that action is being taken as speedily as possible on all disability applications and that many other disabled workers, who may not yet have received notice of final action on their applications, will be receiving their first checks in coming months. No further action is necessary on their part, he said.

Applications Increase
In the first six months of 1957, applications for these new disability insurance benefits increased to a rate of about 12,000 a week throughout the nation.

Although social security benefit checks for a particular month are ordinarily mailed for delivery on the third of the following month, the heavy load of disability applications slowed up processing and made it impossible to get checks issued on Aug. 3 to all who are entitled to disability benefits for the month of July, Nussbaum said.

All disabled workers who meet requirements of law, and whose applications have been filed with their social security offices before the end of December, 1957, will get benefit payments for the months of July through December, Nussbaum said. After December, payments cannot be made for any month before the month of application.

In order to get disability insurance benefits, a person must be between 50 and 65 years of age and must have a long-lasting dis-

ability so severe that he is not able to engage in any substantial gainful activity, Nussbaum explained. He must have worked under social security for five out of the ten years before he became disabled, including one and one-half years out of the three years just before his disability began.

Two-Year-Old Drowns After Fall in Well
Brush Prairie, Wash. — A two-year-old boy drowned Saturday when he fell into a deep well near his home, firemen reported.

Dead is Michael Donaldson, of Brush Prairie.

The youngster wandered into a small well house used by the Donaldson family to dump refuse. The well itself was usually covered but Friday it was not.

He fell into the well and his cries were heard by his older brother and a friend. Both tried in vain to get the tot out of the well.

His body was recovered Friday afternoon by grappling equipment that was lowered into the well. The well contained about 20 feet of water.

Improved Stud Service Discussed With Farmers

L. H. McDaniels, Turlock, Calif., spent two days in Medford this week representing the Animal Analysis Associates. He was sponsored by Emmett Gott, distributor for the Curtis Improved Stud service in this area.

McDaniels, said to be one of eight qualified men in the United States authorized to prepare such analyses, worked with a number of dairy herds in the valley.

Man Arrested for Torture-Rape of Student Nurse

San Francisco — Police announced early Saturday that a 21-year-old unemployed warehouseman has admitted the sadistic torture-rape of a young student nurse in Golden Gate park.

The suspect was identified as Melvin N. Bakkerud, a stocky, 5-foot 3-inch admitted drug addict.

The sudden announcement eliminated from suspicion entirely John Alvin Rexinger, a 23-year-old ex-convict who had been held in jail for 10 days while police sought clues in the brutal case. The victim had identified him as the attacker.

Police Captain Daniel McKlem said Bakkerud was arrested Wednesday night with a number of narcotics tablets in his possession. In his room, police found the wristwatch stolen from the nurse's escort on the night of the attack.

Clothing Specimens
They immediately sent specimens of Bakkerud's clothing to Oakland criminologist John Davis, who discovered fibers from the girl's dress on his shoes and socks.

Police said Bakkerud admitted climbing into the young couple's car on the night of July 20 armed with a "torture kit" and a 10-inch knife.

He forced them to drive to Golden Gate park, where he bound and gagged the girl's escort with adhesive tape. He stripped the 19-year-old nurse, bound her with cigarettes, beat her with a belt, cut off most of her hair, and raped her twice.

Bakkerud told police he got the idea from a story in a detective magazine "about a guy who chains up a girl." He said he had taken a "fix" on the morning of the attack and took some more narcotics after reading the magazine.

The suspect said he was arrested for stealing the narcotics from a drug store.

Fire Damages Farm In Portland Area

Portland — Fire which authorities said might be arson swept through a large combination hay storage barn and loafing shed at the Alpenrose Dairy here early Saturday causing damage estimated at more than \$50,000.

About a dozen head of the Alpenrose dairy herd were lost.

Henry Cadonau, owner-operator of the dairy expressed belief the fire was caused by an arsonist. He said that four days ago two burned books of matches were found on a bale of hay in the barn. He said the matches had scorched the hay and he had reported the incident to his insurance company.

Cadonau also said that two boys believed in their early teens had been seen sneaking away from the barn area early Friday night.

Battalion Chief H. L. Surbaugh of district No. 1 in Portland said the city fire department "most certainly will investigate the possibility of arson."

A spokesman for Alpenrose said that the fire would not interrupt normal delivery of milk.

Umatilla Indians Cast Confidence Vote

Pendleton — Members of the confederated Umatilla Indian tribes in a special election here Friday cast a 125 to 24 vote of confidence in their four-member board of trustees, including its under-fire chairman, Elias Quampts.

A petition asking for their recall for not approving total cash per capita payments of The Dalles dam settlement was the issue, a tribe official said.

The result of the vote means the Indians will retain the same board of trustees to work on the per capita adjustment program, which exceeds four million dollars.

"If the petition had gone through," Quampts said, "it would set back the progress of the Umatilla tribes at least 10 years." Quampts said the board will "stick together" and work harder and closer to do "a good job."

Bids Called for Improving Highway

Bids for improving a section of Old Stage rd. from Jacksonville to Ross lane will be received Aug. 8 at the next regular meeting of the Oregon State Highway commission. Bids were rejected as too high last month.

Plans call for 2.35 miles of grading and asphaltic concrete paving. The new roadbed will generally follow the alignment of the existing road with minor changes to eliminate sharp curves, according to the state highway department.

The project, when completed next summer, will provide a 20-foot wide paved road constructed to the latest standards and will be financed jointly by the federal, state and county government.

Teamsters' Line Up Support for Attack On Meany's Prestige

By WILLIAM J. EATON
United Press Correspondent
Washington — The Teamsters' Union began lining up support Saturday for an apparent attack on the prestige and leadership of AFL-CIO President George Meany.

Back of the move was Teamster Vice President James R. Hoffa, next in line for the presidency of the 1,500,000-member trucking union.

The Teamsters Friday threatened to pull out of the AFL-CIO unless there are major changes in Meany's program to end jurisdictional disputes between the building trades unions and the industrial unions.

The Hoffa-led drive to discredit Meany's efforts will come at a convention of the AFL-CIO Building Trades Department opening Monday in Atlantic City, N.J.

Hoffa, one of five Teamster delegates, will appeal to the old AFL building trades leaders to join the Teamsters' revolt against the peace agreement for settling inter-union disputes.

The agreement was drawn up by a committee of building trades and industrial union leaders with Meany acting as chairman.

It provides that new construction work should be done by the

American Debates In Red Square

Moscow — An American Harvard student held out against more than 100 young Russians Saturday in an impromptu East-West "disarmament conference" that was adjourned after failure to reach agreement.

It was after 1 a.m. Saturday when Richard Medalie of Minneapolis broke away from a sometimes heated exchange in Red Square with the promise to take up the arms cuts argument again last night.

Medalie, 28, a Harvard law student here for the World Youth Festival, took his place at what has become a favorite debating stage for Americans at the meeting in front of the Lenin-Stalin mausoleum where Russians gather nightly.

More than 100 young Russians eagerly pressed into the "conference," bombarding Medalie with sometimes indignant questions.

It was an eye-opening session for both sides, with Medalie soon learning that the young Russians were thoroughly familiar with the official Russian line which makes cessation of nuclear tests the end-all of disarmament.

The Russians were somewhat puzzled to hear Medalie emphatically insist that "the problem isn't suspension itself but how to successfully control it."

One tall Muscovite apparently lost control at this.

"Have you ever fought a war? How old are you," he demanded. "What do you know about all this?"

Medalie replied calmly that he never fought a war but that he shared the same aspirations for peace as the Russians.

Finally an exhausted Medalie tore himself away from the Red Square stand to catch a bus home, promising to continue the debate later Saturday.

Coast Guard Gives Up Tugboat Search

San Francisco — The Coast Guard said Friday it has called off a search for the tugboat "Companion," reported missing July 28 with two men aboard on a voyage from San Francisco to Portland, Ore.

"Our search failed to turn up any sign of the tug," a spokesman said. "All we can do now is keep our eyes open and alert everybody to watch for it."

The tug, registered out of Portland, left here July 19 on what is normally a three-day voyage. Aboard were Capt. John Cone, 51, and crewman Paul Woolens, 17, both of Portland.

The Coast Guard said the craft should not have experienced any difficulty from weather or sea conditions.

HERTZ
RENT-A-CAR
SYSTEM
LICENSEE

Daily's U-Drive
Medford Airport

Sunday, August 4, 1957

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

STORE-WIDE CLEARANCE

As Much As 50% OFF
Floor models which we
are moving to make room
for new merchandise!
— SUPPLY IS LIMITED —

• RUGS •

Reg.	9x12 Fiber Rugs 9 Colors to Choose From	Sale
\$24.50		\$19.50
\$29.95	9x12 Cotton Shag Rugs. Choice of brown, gray, green	\$19.50
\$44.95	9x12 Solid color Nylon Shag Rugs Choice of the following colors: Silver gray, beige	\$29.50
\$49.50	9x12 Imported Abaca Rugs—ideal for porches, patios, & basements. Extremely long wearing. Colors: beige and brown.	\$29.50
\$49.50	9x12 Green Leaf Wool Felted Rug	\$29.50
\$59.50	9x12 Viscose Tweed Rug. Color choice of brown, blue, green, gray, pink, beige	\$39.50
\$69.50	9x12 Imported Belgium Oriental Wilton Rug. Three patterns to choose from	\$39.50
\$3.95	27"x18" All Wool Spot Throw Rugs Each	\$1.00
\$1.98	24"x36" Cotton Throw Rugs Washable Each	\$1.00
\$11.95	27"x54" Wool Scatter Rugs Each	\$3.00

• FURNITURE •

Reg.	Large lounge chair, with matching ottoman. Green mohair cover, maple legs. Both pieces	Sale
\$198.50		\$119.50
\$159.95	Contour Chair, plastic cover, foam rubber seat and back. Colors: brown or red	\$98.50
\$179.50	Contour Chair, Green Nylon Frieze cover	\$109.50
\$89.50	Swivel Rocker, brown, beige, and green textured cover. Foam rubber seat and back	\$69.50
\$139.50	Sofa Bed with matching platform Rocker. Dark green tapestry cover	\$79.50
\$169.50	Modern Daveno and matching rocker, sage green with gold thread cover. Blond hardwood legs and arms—Both pieces	\$89.50
\$159.50	Sofa Bed, reinforced Naugahyde cover, dark red. Completely upholstered and washable	\$99.50
\$259.50	Sectional Sofa Bed, two pieces. Rose Frieze cover. Makes two twin beds	\$149.50
\$129.50	Daveno, cocoa brown frieze, heavy, Mohair cover	\$79.50
\$299.50	Davenport with matching chair. Mohair covering accented with black and light green	\$179.50

1/3 OFF THESE

All Occasional Tables —
Step tables, lamp tables,
coffee tables, corner
tables, living room tables

1/3 Off All Framed Pictures

ALL CHROME
5 PIECE
DINETTE SETS

The Next Time You're in ASHLAND. We
Welcome You to Come in and Just Look
Around.

HERADOBLER'S
fine furniture
EVENINGS BY APPOINTMENT
PHONE MU 5-8771
C. R. Adamson, Dist. Mgr.
839 E. Jackson Ph. SP 2-5904

Newberry's

MONDAY MORNING

Doorbuster Special

SPECIAL PURCHASE

Assorted Print and Solid

COTTONS

Reg. value 49¢ yd.

33¢ yd

Many beautiful patterns in prints, stripes, dots, checks and solids. Due to a special purchase we can offer you this good quality no-iron material at a terrific savings.

SPECIAL

Pepperell BABY BLANKET

Reg. 49¢ SPECIAL 37¢ ea.

Range 1 size 26x34, colors of blue, pink, white, green and yellow.

Jet Flow GARDEN HOSE

25 ft. \$1.98 1.27

50 ft. \$2.49 1.88

100% vinyl hose with heavy brass couplings. Carries a 5 year guarantee.

Jumbo GARMENT BAG

Reg. \$1.29 SPECIAL 88¢

Made of clear translucent polyethylene. Strong steel frame, easy sliding zipper. Durable, full 54 in. long. Wipes clean with a damp cloth.

J.J. Newberry Co.

Sixth & Central

Medford's Bargain Corner

Complete Variety Department Store