Elkins Refuses To Testify at Trial Of Thomas Maloney

Portland —(AP)— James Elkins, the Portland gambler who started the city's vice controversy, refused to testify Thursday at the gambling conspiracy trial of Thomas E. Maloney.

Elkins pointed out that he already has 10 or 12 counts pending against him and he pleaded self-incrimination under the fifth amendment. Elkins was asked whether he operated any afterhours clubs in Portland in 1954 and 1955. He was the final witnss in a day of testimony from former mayor Fred Peterson, former police chief Jim Purcell, and club operators H. E. Ferguson and Tom Johnson.

Interference Charged

Ferguson and Johnson both testified that defendant Maloney had attempted to interfere with their afterhours and bootlegging operations. Peterson, now a practicing pharmacist since his defeat in a mayoralty campaign, said that while he was mayor Maloney was introduced to him by Clyde Crosby, international organizer for the teamsters union in Oregon. Peterson testified that Crosby told him Maloney had helped former district attorney William Langley in his campaign and could help Peterson.

Purcell told the jury that Maloney had tried to get him to go easy on some afterhours joints in the Negro districts of Portland, suggesting that enemies made in that area would not help Peterson's campaign for reelection.

Johnson testified that Maloney offered him protection from police interference for a fee of $500 a month.

IWA, Employers Still Deadlocked

Portland — (AP) — Negotiators for the International Woodworkers of America and six major lumber industry employers in Oregon and Washington said today that seven months of talks have provided no settlement of issues.

An announcement said negotiations had been terminated between the Northwest Regional Negotiating Committee of the IWA and the six major employers.

However, talks were expected to continue between the IWA committee and the six employer associations on a separate basis.

The two groups reached an impasse on May 15 of this year. Contracts expired July 1. Negotiations since have been conducted before Federal Mediator George V. Walker.

Employers submitted Thursday an offer to the union which called for renewal of contracts without change, and for settlement of all outstanding industry issues concerning wages, vacations and pensions, subject to satisfactory conclusion of unresolved district or local level contract issues at the district or local level.

The union did not agree to the offer to renew contracts without change and objected to the second on grounds it would force each local to fight its own battle on wage, pension and other issues, according to Bly Haskins, Shelton, Wash., secretary of the regional negotiating committee.

More Oregon Schools Closed by Flu Bug

Portland —(AP)— More school closures were reported in Oregon today as the flu bug continued to strike.

Molalla high school in Clackamas county, the high school and grade school at Fossil and the grade school at Kinzua were closed until Monday. Fossil and Kinzua are in Wheeler county.

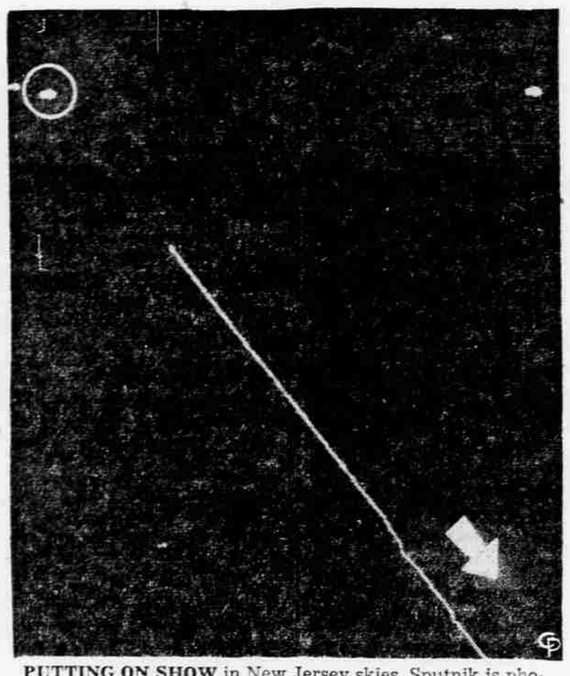
Several high school football games scheduled for tonight also have been called off or postponed.

Several southwest Washington schools also were closed, including those at Union Ridge, Ridgefield, Battle Ground, La Center, Glenwood Heights, Amboy and Yacolt.

Dr. Phyllis Davis, acting Portland health officer, said there were no closures planned here unless the flu gets so bad there isn't enough personnel to operate schools.

COMPOSER DIES

Zurich, Switzerland — (AP) — Ralph Benatzky, 73, composer and playwright who wrote many light operettas, revues and musical comedies, died Thursday after a long illness. A number of his works, including "The White Horse Inn," were presented in the United States.



PUTTING ON SHOW in New Jersey skies, Sputnik is photographed over Newark. Directional arrow parallels light track of Sputnik in time exposure. North Star is circled. Raymond J. Stein, supervisor of Planetarium at Newark Museum made picture. *(International Soundphoto)*

ROGUE RIVER
Girl Born To Ex-Residents

BY MRS. MYRTLE WHIPPLE

Rogue River—The Rev. and Mrs. Martin Brown are parents of a girl born Oct. 10, weighing 7 pounds, 13¾ ounces. She has been named Marilyn Rose. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dick Knight of Medford. The Browns were former residents of Rogue River and now live at Bridgeview near Cave Junction.

Denver Jones died at the hospital in Grants Pass Saturday, Oct. 12. Mr. Jones was born March 15, 1901, in Kansas. He spent most his life in Oregon. The past month he had made his home with his daughter. Marie McCormick, in Grants Pass.

He is survived by his wife, Grace Jones, at Crater Lake a daughter in Grants Pass, and a son, Frank Jones, in Willows, Calif.; a sister, Katie Wheeler, Burns, Ore.; four brothers, Theodore Jones, Ashland, Alonzo Jones, Fort Klamath, Carl Jones Princeton, and Harley Jones of Harper, and six gandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday Oct. 15, at the Hull and Hull chapel. Rev. L. G. Fraser officiated Interment was in the Hawthorne Memorial gardens.

Ralph Smith and his mother, Mrs. Lloyd Smith, spent the week end in Klamath Falls. Ralph Smith went duck hunting and Mrs. Smith visited another son, Artie Smith.

Mr.and Mrs. Phil Strahan returned Thursday, Oct. 10, from a vacation trip to Troute Lake, Wash., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Marsh.

Recent visitors at the L. A. Miller home were Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Owens. The Owens were former residents of Grants Pass but have been in the east for some time. They are now living in Grants Pass.

Chan Stokes of Lake Creek and Mrs. Juamta Scott returned Friday, Oct. 11, from a trip north. They visited Mrs. Scott's daughter, Mrs. Donald Brady and family at Moxee City, Wash., and on the return trip they visited Stoke's son and family at Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haslock of Cave Junction visited at the Lee Miller home Sunday.

Thirteen friends and neighbors of Mrs. Jim Whipple surprised her recently on her birth day the evening was spent playing cards.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Breeding, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Friden, Mr. and Mrs. Bill White, Mrs. Jerusha Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Mrs. Ambre Blayden Tom Wilson and Whipple and the guest of honor Mrs. Whipple.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Young of southern California spent a recent week end with Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Young. Mrs. Young is the former Gladys Johnson of Rogue River.

Mrs. Thecla Re Ville was hostess at a reunion dinner recently when the brothers and sisters of Rollin Stiehl, were all together for the first time in 40 years.

The brothers and sisters are Mrs. Della Hawley of Portland, Oren Steihl, who flew out from Grand Rapids Mich., Mrs. Harold Nourse, and Clarence Stiehl, all of Rogue River.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ricter of Casper, Wyo., were recent visitors of Mrs. Ricter's mother, Mrs. Cora Hawkes, and her sister, Mrs. Edith Osborne of Rogue River and Ricters father, Fred Ricter and Mrs. Ricter of Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Niquette of Clear Lake, Calif., are visiting their son and family, the Richard Niquette's of Nicks Market.

James Whipple, who has been confined to his home for more than a week with illness, is much improved and able to be around again.

Mrs. Maude Parsons of Highway 99, north wash surprised on her 90th birthday recently when a number of her friends called during the afternoon. Mrs. Carl Christenson brought the cake. Others who called were Mesdames Maude Breeding, Huber Smith Orin Hammett, Gladys Stephens, Hazel White, Jerusha Moore, Vivian Miller, Effie Badley, Joe Chance, Victor Friden, and Edna Paterson.

Miss Judy Buckle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Buckle, received her orders to report for service in the U. S. Air Force recently and left for duty at Lackland Air Force base in Texas. Judy graduated from Rogue River High school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Reed of Los Gatos, Calif., are visiting at the Wiley Carter ranch on Evans Creek rd. Reed is a cousin of the Late Reed Carter. Other recent guests at the ranch were Mrs. Carters brother in-law Ralph Carter, and wife of Sherman, Oaks Calif.

New York — (AP) — Harold D. Beatty, 66, former chief of the Legal Assistance Branch, Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Army, died Thursday after a long illness. He retired in 1951 as a partner in a New

LEGAL CHIEF DIES

Army Scientists Hope To Win Race To Find Natural Satellite

Pasadena, Calif.—(AP)—United States Army scientists, beaten in the race to launch an artificial satellite, now hope to win the race to find a tiny natural satellite orbiting several thousand miles above the earth.

Scientists estimate the value of such a hunk of rock—perhaps only 100 yards in diameter—could serve as a "jumping off place for future space travel."

Would Be Surprising

Dr. W. H. Pickering, who is engaged in Army ordnance research as head of the jet propulsion laboratory at California Institute of Technology, said it would be "surprising" if one of the many asteroids which zip into the earth's section of space "had not been captured by the earth as a satellite."

"As a matter of fact," he said, "why go to the trouble of launching an artificial satellite if you could find a natural one?"

The natural satellite search program is administered in Pasadena by the U.S. Army Ordnance District of Los Angeles. The program's efforts recently were boosted—before launching of the Russian satellite — by moving search operations from the Army's White Sands, N.M., research center to a spot closer to the equator at Quito, Ecudador.

Directed by Pluto Discoverer

The search is directed by Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto, existence of which had been shown in astronomers' calculations long before it was found at its predicted position in 1930.

Astronomers are not certain such a tiny natural satellite exists, and Tombaugh admitted it is "like hunting for a needle in a haystack." But the Office of Army Ordnance Research became convinced of the practicality of such a search in late 1953 and got the project underway.

Beyond the immediate scientific knowledge that could be gained from mere observation of such an object, scientists declare it could be used as a "way station" for space travel.

"An asteroid about 100 yards in diameter would be ideal," said Dr. John A. Russell, head of the USC astronomy department.

"It would save spacemen some of the time, expense and dangers involved in building an artificial space satellite station," he said. "It could serve as a fuel storage station until such time as science finds a fuel which is so potent that there no longer is the problem of having to carry a great amount of fuel on a space ship."

It also would be a good spot to locate various research instruments.

Landing Would Be Difficult

Planting the U.S. flag on such an asteroid outpost would be a ticklish job, Russell said. At several thousand miles from earth, the object would be orbiting somewhat slower than the Russian satellite, which is much closer, but still at terrific speed. A space ship would have to match speed with it and jockey up alongside, although in space there would be no sensation of speed. Landing on it would be complicated by the fact that an object so small has such low gravity that even a light push would send you off it. But this could be solved by using grappling lines and magnetic devices, Russell said.

Distance Unknown

If the Russian satellite has been observed visually why couldn't searchers easily spot a much larger natural satellite? For one thing, Russell said, a rough chunk of rock doesn't have the reflective power of polished metal. For another, scientists don't know just how far such an object might be located from earth. They hope to find one only "several" thousand miles distant. Its speed will vary with its distance.

Russell explained that searchers comb a small segment of space at a time at a pre-determined distance and with telescopes set to sweep at the same speed at which an asteroid would travel at that distance.

Russia To Launch Atom Surface Ship

Moscow —(AP)— The 16,000-ton Soviet icebreaker Lenin, world's first atom-powered surface ship, is reported ready for launching.

The newspaper Trud said in a dispatch from Leningrad, where the Lenin is being built, that final touches to the hull were being completed and interior finishing was under way .

The Russians say the Lenin will be the world's most powerful icebreaker, with engines generating 44,000 horsepower and capable of cruising 12 months without refueling.

INVENTOR CHARGED

Minden, Germany —(AP)— The inventor of a so-called "people's helicopter" faced 10 counts of fraud today for taking orders for and having pictures of his invention printed in West German magazines. The court prosecution contends that the craft devised by Walter Schliesske, 34, has never been flown and could not even get off the ground. The prosecution further alleges that Schliesske told people he was a former German Air Force fighter pilot and airplane constructor when actually he had been a corporal.

LAST EDITION

Montreal — (AP) — The Montreal Herald, this city's oldest daily newspaper, goes to press today for the last time. Publisher J. W. McConnell, who also publishes the Montreal Star, announced yesterday the tabloid would cease publication after today's editions. He said the Herald, a mid-morning paper, "had been operating at a loss for several years."

EX-ROTARY HEAD DIES

Quebec City —(AP)— Arthur Lagueux, 56, president of Rotary International in 1950 and a prominent Quebec City businessman, died Thursday.

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