

MORE POWER FOR DEFENSE CHIEF URGED

16-Year-Old Girl Lodged in Brookings Jail After Slaying of Companion at Roadblock

Former Convict Killed by Police Following Holdup
Kidnap, Robbery Charges Faced

Brookings, Ore. — A 16-year-old California girl, who traveled with an ex-convict gunman until he was killed in a gun duel at a police roadblock at Carpenterville Saturday night, was taking her experience "pretty cool" today, authorities said.

Dorothy Louise Decker, who set out last week with Henry Hill, 36, packing a bedroll and a .38 caliber pistol, to "rob banks," was lodged in the Gold Beach, Ore., jail. Brookings police said she would be charged with robbery and kidnap. They said under Oregon law she could be tried as an adult.

Hill died in a hail of bullets from the guns of two officers late Saturday night after shoving the girl out of the line of fire and trying to shoot his way out of a roadblock that had been set up to get him.

Took Four Hostages

The five-foot-seven ex-San Quentin inmate got off two shots before he went down under the fire of state trooper Kenneth Hemmerling and deputy sheriff Ross Bates. Neither of Hill's shots scored a hit.

Hemmerling and Bates had ordered six occupants out of the auto in which Hill and the girl were riding. The four others were hostages taken at gunpoint by Hill a short time earlier. They were David Rambeck, 23, Chris Jansen, 23, George Sullivan, 22, and George Haines, 23, all of Brookings.

A manhunt for Hill and the girl began Friday night after they kidnaped and robbed Brookings policeman Pat Simms when he tried to question them about pan-handling. Hill drew the .38 on Simms and forced him to drive a few miles out of town where he took the officer's revolver and bilfold and fled into the brush with the Decker girl and their bedroll.

San Quentin Alumnus

Hill had served time in San Quentin for armed robbery in Stanislaus County, Calif. The Decker girl's home was originally Lynnwood, Calif., but she had recently been living with relatives at Vallejo, Calif., and Reno, Nev.

She told authorities she and Hill set out last week intending to "rob banks." She said they robbed a service station near Sacramento, Calif., of about \$40 before coming into Oregon.

Girl Talks of Threat

The girl said "I don't know why I ever left home."

She said that she wanted to leave Hill, her cousin, "when he talked about shooting the first cop he met" but that he had threatened her. "I wasn't really afraid of him, however," she said.

She said she "always wanted to be a policewoman." Haines, one of the four men who had been held as hostages, said they "tipped off" officers at the roadblock by looking straight ahead and not talking.

Sullivan said his hand was over the back of the seat with a rope on it. "That was a dead giveaway," he said.

Portland — A flotilla of pleasure boats following the route of Lewis and Clark was due here this afternoon.

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Dulles Tells NATO Allies U. S. Desires Conference



NAMES RECORDER — The four young ladies in the picture above are among the first to be listed in Medford's new "memory book of trees," having been named for the honor by someone who has planted a tree under the city's tree planting program. Their names will appear on a certificate containing the signature of the mayor and the city seal and the certificate will be placed in the book and kept in the city vaults. All trees planted in the city must now be the type that is recommended by the landscape committee for the particular

street, Mayor John Snider said, and any person who plants a tree may dedicate it to someone by applying for a certificate. The girls above are, left to right, Robert Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams; Wilma Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Young; Danae Patella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patella and Betsy Dunlevy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dunlevy, Medford. The book and certificates were donated by a Medford tree lover to encourage the planting of trees.

Call For Bids Made On Emigrant Dam Enlargement Project

Bids have been called for enlargement of the Emigrant dam near Ashland on the Talent division, Rogue River basin project, according to the Bureau of Reclamation.

Work is to start in 30 days following the awarding of the contract and to be completed in approximately three years.

High Court Rules On Strike Clause

Washington — The Supreme Court ruled today that an employer may not insist on a contract clause barring strikes unless they are voted by a majority of all employees, both union and non-union.

The issue arose in 1953 collective bargaining negotiations between the United Auto Workers and the Wooster, Ohio, division of the Borg-Warner Corp., manufacturers of fuel and hydraulic pumps. Today's opinion was by a five-man majority.

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Prior Preparation Claimed Needed For Summit Talks

Similar Assurances By Britain, France

Copenhagen — The United States told its North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies today that it is willing to take part in an East-West summit conference—but only if it is properly prepared beforehand.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles gave this assurance in a report to the 15 foreign ministers of the alliance meeting here.

Informed sources said similar assurances were given on behalf of the other two major western powers by British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and Lameduck French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau.

The NATO council, meeting for the first time in the Danish capital, discussed the West's efforts to get the Russians to the summit conference table.

Conference sources said that Dulles, speaking for all members of the Big Three, gave a detailed report on the recent exchanges of notes and diplomatic messages between Moscow and the West.

The NATO conference plunged into discussion of the summit problem when it met for its second working session.

Meeting in Copenhagen's massive granite Christiansborg Palace, seat of the Danish Parliament, the 15-nation gathering heard Danish Premier and Foreign Minister H. C. Hansen open the talks with a warning that there must be an East-West settlement if the world is to avoid a third world war.

Jacksonville Girl Wins Scholarship

Salem — (Special) — Romelle Inez Fossen, Jacksonville high school student, has been awarded a \$1,000 Max D. Tucker scholarship to the University of Oregon, Dr. G. Herbert Smith, chairman of the scholarship selection committee and president of Willamette university, announced today.

Miss Fossen is top student in her graduating class of 30. She has been a leader in her high school, editor of the school paper, a member of the National Honor society, secretary of the student body, was named outstanding chemistry student and won the Betty Crocker "Homemaker of Tomorrow" award. She plans to major in mathematics at Oregon.

The scholarships are financed by a \$100,000 trust fund created by the late Max D. Tucker, former president of the Cascades Plywood corporation, Lebanon, Ore. The awards are made to students who plan to attend Oregon, Willamette university, Oregon State College School of Forestry or Lewis and Clark college.

Sites Foundation To Meet Tonight

The annual meeting of the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites foundation will be held at 8 o'clock tonight in the high school cafeteria, a spokesman announced.

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, will speak on the aims and purposes of the organization. Jack Sutton, Grants Pass junior high school history teacher, will give an illustrated talk on historic sites in southern Oregon. Colored slides will be shown.

Officers will be selected and annual reports made, the spokesman said.

All those interested in the preservation of historical sites in southern Oregon and northern California are invited to attend.

Bulletin

Montreal — Police today seized a suspect and recovered most of the \$2 million worth of securities stolen from a bank in Canada's biggest robbery.

Oregon Heavy Construction Workers Strike

3,000 Laborers Walk Off Jobs

Portland — Three thousand laborers went on strike against the heavy construction industry in Oregon today.

The workers, members of the AFL-CIO Oregon District Council of Laborers, packed a 30-cent hourly package wage increase. Present pay scale runs from \$2.25 to \$2.70 an hour.

Negotiations were broken off last Friday.

Pickets appeared on the new Morrison st. bridge, which has been scheduled for opening May 24. It was not known immediately if the strike would halt the scheduled opening.

Several Jobs Affected
The walkout was expected to affect road, bridge and dam building jobs.

Union officials said work on the big Lloyd shopping center project here probably would not be affected. A union official said the local on the project could strike but that he did not think it would.

One of the projects affected was the Baldock Freeway construction on Southwest Barbur blvd. here.

Members working in pipe yards, brick and block mills were not affected.

The strike halted work on a Portland General Electric company \$24 million hydroelectric project five miles east of Estacada.

Eugene Next Site For Jaycee Meet

Oregon State Junior Chamber of Commerce wound up its 19th annual convention here yesterday after naming Eugene as site for its 1959 meeting.

The convocation probably will be in May.

Fall meeting of the state board of directors was set for Tillamook in October and the 1959 spring session of the board will be at Bend, probably in March. Prineville will be site for the 1959 Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce junior golf tournament.

Jaycees endorsed the Sallak-Herlong bill now before Congress (HR 6452) and urged support of the measure by clubs in the state. The House resolution is designed to moderate the tax impact on small businesses and to partially reduce the tax barrier to the start of new businesses.

Vice-presidents named Saturday were Jim Anderson, Hillsboro, District 1; Frank Kiercher, Sherwood, District 2; Loyd Hammell, Salem, District 3; Don Jackson, Newberg, District 4; Fred Langton, Corvallis, District 5; Bob Raffensberger, Roseburg, District 6; Ralph May, Bend, District 7; Vern Weiss, Pilot Rock, District 8; Harlan Hies, Ontario, District 9; John Heilbronner, Klamath reservation, District 10.

The convention opened on Saturday after district caucuses and committee meetings on Friday.

Washington — Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland urges approval of a "moderate" labor bill.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Cooler tonight with low 35. High Tuesday 78. Lowest This Morning 49.

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:02 a.m.
Sunset 7:15 p.m.
The Moon rises 9:38 p.m. and rides low.
Last Quarter May 10
Saturday, the planet seen near the Moon tonight, has a diameter of 71,500 miles. It is now about 850 million miles from the Earth.

"You'll Be Glad To Know I Found Your Lost Cat"



Unquestioned Authority Need Seen by Bradley

Staff on Defense Ban 'Doubted'

Washington — General of the Army Omar N. Bradley said today it is "essential" that Congress assign more power to the secretary of defense as proposed in President Eisenhower's military reorganization plan.

Bradley told the House Armed Services committee the defense secretary should have "unquestioned authority" to go along with the "tremendous responsibility" he bears.

In General Agreement

Bradley said he was in "general agreement" with the President's reorganization proposal but declined to be drawn into a discussion of the specific language of the bill.

Bradley, one of the nation's military leaders of World War II and first chairman of its Joint Chiefs of Staff, is now a business executive but still holds five-star rank.

He told the committee he always has had "doubts" about the ban on giving the defense secretary a military staff.

"Here we have a man charged with the defense of our country, yet we theoretically deprive him of the professional advice of men who have spent their adult lives in studying these very subjects," he said.

He endorsed provisions in the Eisenhower plan to permit the chiefs to delegate more of their work and to lift the 210-man ceiling on the size of the joint staff.

Moves Endorsed

He also strongly endorsed moves to put virtually all combat forces into unified ground-sea-air commands and to remove the civilian service secretaries from the chain of command over these forces.

The present chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Gen. Nathan F. Twining, warned Sunday that Soviet industry is expanding twice as fast as America's and that this nation could lose its military and productive lead.

Twining said the U. S. still is militarily and industrially superior. But he said Russia has made "remarkable" advances recently and could "conceivably" take the lead in a few years "if we elected to stand still."

Neslin Nominated At Kiwanis Event

Abe M. Neslin, Ashland, was nominated for 1959 Division 15A lieutenant-governor yesterday at a spring conference workshop for Kiwanis clubs held at the Jackson hotel.

Seventeen out of the 18 clubs in Divisions 15 and 15A of the Pacific Northwest district of Kiwanis International were represented at the workshop. Some 60 men attended. Among those present were Jack Murton, Portland, district governor; Jack Hudson, Coos Bay, District 15 lieutenant-governor and Ben Fanning, Bend, 15A lieutenant-governor.

Approximately 150 Kiwanians and wives were present for a dinner-dance Saturday night at Rogue Valley Country club. Medford Senior High School choir provided special entertainment. The women also attended a luncheon at the hotel yesterday following the workshop.

Medford Driver Involved in Crash

Yreka, Calif. — Wayne Gibbs, 21, and Harold Moore, 23, both of Happy Camp, Calif., were in Siskiyou General hospital here today under treatment for injuries suffered Sunday morning when their car and a truck driven by Robert Stacy, 215 Vancouver ave., Medford, Ore., collided on the Klamath river road.

Stacy, a mechanic for the Hauptert Tractor Company of Medford, was westbound when his truck and the car collided. The car rolled into a ditch and Gibbs was pinned in it. He was reported the more seriously hurt of the two. California State patrolmen said Stacy apparently was uninjured.

Albany Excited Over Base; Farmers Unhappy

Albany — Albany businessmen Monday were talking excitedly about the prospect of the proposed \$10 million Bomarc missile base at Camp Adair, but the farmers in the area who will be directly affected were far from happy about losing their land to the military project.

Four districts also will pass on budgets for the coming year.

Bad Deal for Farmers
"I think it will be a bad deal for us farmers out here," said George Dannen, one of the four farmers in the Camp Adair area who have been approached by government officials concerning sale of their land for the missile base. Dannen said:

"I'm afraid they won't pay us what our land is worth and we won't be able to buy equally good land with our money."

Dannen said the government survey crew worked 111 acres of his land. His neigh-

City Firemen Start Annual Inspection

Medford city firemen began their annual inspection of homes today.

They are calling at homes on streets running east and west and in all the area annexed to the city within the past year.

Three trucks with crews of three men each are on inspection duty. Each truck is in constant radio contact with the main fire station.