

Romanoff Story Related Citizenship Big Problem

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Hollywood — Sorry, Mike, but citizenship or no citizenship, it just isn't a Prince Michael Romanoff story if you don't mention Harry Gerguson.

And you can't mention Gerguson without resurrecting at least a little bit of his flamboyant history.

"I don't know why you people bother to talk to me," the 60-ish Beverly Hills restaurateur said with just the hint of a well-bred sigh. "All you do is re-write the 'morgue' — you just pull out my file and go into this Harry Ferguson or Gerguson business or whatever his name is."

And a quick look at the files turns up a wealth of colorful material about a man

soon to become a naturalized citizen because the Justice department could not prove "he was born out of the United States." Neither could Romanoff prove he was born in the U.S. in 1893.

Citizenship Important

"To most people citizenship is academic," Romanoff said. "But to one who is stateless it becomes a very, very important thing. This week climaxes a long, expensive effort for me to become a U.S. citizen."

"Since 1912 I've spent \$38,000 trying to prove that I was born in New York," he said. "I've spent seven years of my life in prisons and have been accused of almost every crime in the world. It has made me very humble — and I'm not a humble man. I'm an arrogant man."

He first sought citizenship in 1922 after arriving here from Europe. Turned down, he was ordered deported but escaped from custody and was apprehended in 1924. He disappeared from sight in 1925 and seven years later again applied for citizenship after arriving on the Ile de France as a stowaway.

Deported in 1932

Deported to France in May, 1932, he returned to U.S. the same year, again believed to have stowed away. He claimed he had left the country unintentionally when he went to see some friends embark and remained aboard the ship. Deportation proceedings were begun once again but subsequently were dropped.

Congress cleared the way for him to become a citizen this month when it passed and sent to President Eisenhower a bill which declared Romanoff, also known as Harry Gerguson, shall be considered to have been "lawfully admitted" to the United States as of December, 1932.

The President obliged and Mike (and/or Harry Gerguson or Ferguson) immediately filed for naturalization papers expected to be granted within a month.

WARM IN RUSSIA

Moscow — (UPI) — Soviet weather officials said today that Wednesday's noon temperature of 89 degrees in Moscow was the highest recorded mercury reading for this time of year in the past 78 years.

New Law Needed For Federal Loan On Unemployment

Salem — (UPI) — Oregon may be unable to take advantage of federal loans to extend unemployment compensation benefits, Mrs. Cecilia Gale, chairman of the State Unemployment Compensation commission said Thursday.

Mrs. Gale based her remark on an earlier opinion by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton that the state would have to have specific legislative authorization to obtain money from the government under the Reed act.

The state already has borrowed 14 million dollars under the Reed act to bolster its unemployment compensation fund.

The bill now awaiting the President's signature authorizes the government to make grants to states for extension of unemployment benefits.

But Mrs. Gale said that the two situations were so comparable that she felt the attorney general would rule that Oregon had no authority to take advantage of the grants.

"I think that in view of the ruling it's quite likely we can't take advantage of the bill," she said.

She said she plans to ask Thornton for an opinion. Some 21,000 Oregon residents have exhausted their unemployment benefits.

Seattle — (UPI) — A group of six Roseburg, Ore., businessmen submitted an apparent high bid of \$61,525 Wednesday for a portion of the Lillie Moore property in Roseburg, the General Services Administration announced today.

COURT RECORDS

MUNICIPAL COURT

Marilee Anita Coffman, violation basic rule, \$10.
Beatrice Elton Nixdorf, failure to yield right of way to vehicle, \$10.
Martin Aubrey May, improper passing and lane usage, \$10.
Benjamin Franklin Jenkins, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5.
Charles Grant Campbell, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Enoch Earl Slonsfield, improper left turn, \$5.
Marion Taylor, violation basic rule, \$10.
Marianne Samuelson, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5.
Nina Marian Curry, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5.
Russell Ralph Worth, failure to leave information at scene of accident, \$25.
Richard Henry Smith, no operator's license, \$5.
Louis David Weide, disobeyed traffic signal, \$5.
LeRoy Hopkins, no operator's license in possession, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT

Clen C. Egge, overload, \$29.
John B. Childress, one headlight, \$10.
Calvin L. Richardson, overload, \$41.
Arthur L. VanDerlin, failure to stop, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT

Theodore H. Brown vs. Allison F. Brown, divorce complaint.

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Jaycees Stumped; Need Log Truck For Convention

Salem — (UPI) — Oregon's jaycees are stumped on their plan to advertise Oregon and the 1959 centennial next month in Los Angeles, so Gov. Robert D. Holmes issued an appeal Thursday for someone to break the "log-jam."

The Jaycees want to send a long truck loaded with a big Oregon fir for the parade of states of the 1958 convention in Los Angeles.

They have a qualified driver in Lawrence Feldschau, Salem. They also have taken care of the insurance problems and have road clearances between Oregon and Los Angeles. They have a promise of a fuel supply. And they even have parking spots for display at San Francisco and Los Angeles ready and waiting.

But they need the loan of a log truck and a 32-foot log. The governor said he hoped

some lumber company would come to the rescue of the stumped Jaycees.

The log and truck would have to leave for California June 12.

New York — (UPI) — Jesse L. Goldberg, 58, vice president and general counsel of Chock Full O' Nuts corporation, died Wednesday after a brief illness.

DEAD PRIEST HONORED

Innsbruck, Austria — (UPI) — The late Walter L. Fasnacht, of Chicago, a Roman Catholic priest and former student at Innsbruck university, has been made an honorary member of the theological faculty at the university, it was announced today. During World War II and after the Nazi occupation of Austria, Fasnacht actively gave his support so that the university could be continued in neutral Switzerland. He died recently.

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