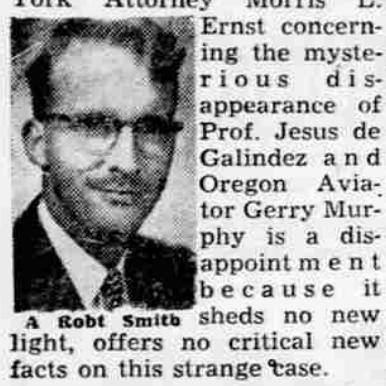




NAMED TOP OFFICERS—The four officers above, all from the 1st battalion, 186th infantry division of the National Guard of Oregon, were the top four graduates out of a class of 135 of an infantry school recently completed at Ft. Benning, Ga. They are, left to right, 2nd Lt. Cecil W. Purcell and 2nd Lt. Robert Taylor, company B, Cottage Grove; 2nd Lt. Paul Blair, company A, Medford; and 1st Lt. Richard Greer, headquarters company, Medford.

Ernst Report on Disappearance Of Eugene Flyer Sheds No Light

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Washington — The 95-page document prepared by New York Attorney Morris L. Ernst concerning the mysterious disappearance of Prof. Jesus de Galindez and Oregon Aviator Gerry Murphy is a disappointment because it sheds no new light, offers no critical new facts on this strange case.

Entitled "report and opinion in the matter of Galindez," the Ernst document turns out to be much more an opinion than a report. It turns out to be an attempt to tear down the most substantially documented account of Life magazine—of how Murphy flew a plane for hire to the Dominican Republic with Galindez aboard after the professor had been kidnapped and drugged in New York. It ends up with an unsubstantiated theory that Galindez is still alive.

The report is in the unusual, yet appropriate, style of a letter to Sidney S. Baron, the New York public relations expert who hired Ernst for \$50,000 and who represents the Dominican Republic in the somewhat difficult task of putting Dominican Dictator

Raphael Trujillo's best foot forward.

With an expense account provided by Trujillo through Baron, Ernst employed an ex-com from New York, Francis X. Grottano, who scouted from New York to Eugene to Miami for clues. Inasmuch as the New York police and the FBI had worked the ground more thoroughly much earlier, it is little wonder Grottano uncovered so little.

For one thing, he found a woman who swore she saw Galindez alive over a year after Mar 13, 1956, the day young Murphy is presumed to have flown him to the Dominican Republic with the aid of Trujillo's henchmen. He found her in the New York Federal Reformatory for Women.

To one who has followed every development in the Murphy case since the disappearance of the Eugene flier Dec. 3, 1956, the troublesome aspect of the Ernst report is that it is loaded with suggestions, innuendo, about Murphy—all unsupported by facts—which borders on libel.

"Enigmatic Characters"

"Of all the enigmatic characters in this entire situation there is none more pathetic than Gerald Lester Murphy. He was a lad born of a tender and well-motivated mother, well educated in public school with, later, some classes at college. He had a life-

time dream which must have been implanted in him when a child—he wanted to be a flier. He attempted to enlist in our Army but was classified as 4F because of poor eyesight. . . . It is this gap between his ability and his ambition which we find, in sympathetic terms, to be the matrix of his odd life," it begins.

Telling how he got into free-lance flying in Florida before the Galindez disappearance, the report goes on to say: "Our research into the habits of Murphy naturally led us into the area of money. We knew that freelance pilots live lives of terrific temptation. It is profitable to smuggle nylon, drugs, guns, immigrants and people who want to enter or leave our shores illegally. We are inclined to believe that the border patrol of the U.S. government must have a substantial dossier on Murphy."

Generalizations

The late Sen. Joe McCarthy would have been hard put to smear a man more than Ernst did young Murphy with these generalizations about smuggling but with no evidence that Murphy engaged in such activities.

Ernst explores up to a point the Dominican story that Murphy was murdered by a fellow pilot, following a quarrel, and that the pilot then committed suicide and left a note telling all. The State Department has formally rejected this story, charging that the suicide note was a forgery.

The Dominicans brought from Spain a handwriting expert who said the note was genuine. The American Embassy, using U.S. experts who studied photostatic copies of the note and the pilot's handwriting, rejected it as phoney.

Ernst hired an expert who preceded to undermine the State Department's petition by claiming that only an examination of the original documents, which Spanish expert had studied, would permit a fair evaluation.

Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.), whose insistence on government investigation of the Murphy case has already brought conviction of one Trujillo agent, John Frank, found the Ernst report "fantastic." But the editor of the Washington Daily News, John T. O'Rourke, who is president of the Inter-American Press association, didn't find it so fantastic. The editor said: "It simply proves there are a lot of ways of making a living."

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Portland (UPI)—A Portland city jail prisoner, Carl Logsdon, 60, died in a hospital Friday after he was found seriously ill in his cell, police reported.

Officers said Logsdon was in jail on a drunkenness charge. The Multnomah county coroner's office said an autopsy would be performed.

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Diary of a Bird Watcher

Saturday, June 7

Over near KBES-TV I finally saw my first nighthawks. A half dozen of them were flying around in their skillful and somewhat erratic manner catching insects in the air. I told my wife about seeing them and she said she had been hearing them over our own place during the day.

Monday, June 9

J. H. and I got away just before 5 a.m. for a trip to Tulelake. Once in a while it is fun to get away from our home territory and see the many different birds that are in this nearby area. I think the Klamath Basin must be one of the finest water bird territories in the country.

The part I enjoyed the most was the drive along the Stataline road from Dorris toward Tulelake. This was the place we got our first close-up views of many of the pretty water birds that we kept seeing later. I think a person would have to have a dull soul not to enjoy seeing these birds in their fine feathers at the nesting season. Two of the common ones, ruddy ducks and eared grebes, I have seen mostly in their drab winter plumage. But now the ruddys were all aglow with their reddish bodies and contrasting black and white heads and light blue bills. The grebes have dainty buff facial tufts and reddish feathers on the flanks.

Some of the other birds are pretty at all seasons. I don't think I'll ever tire of seeing the big white egrets or the smaller snowy egrets. White pelicans, in spite of their big bills are most graceful either on the water or in flight. The black and white western grebes are always the epitome of grace. Incidentally, we saw one of them sitting on its floating nest quite close to the road. We were surprised to see a number of non-breeding birds not yet gone to their nesting territories in the north. These included a few big, white snow geese, swans, and several kinds of ducks.

We drove around Tule lake and into the Lava Beds National Monument. By the time we stopped for lunch in the town of Tulelake about 11:30 we had checked in 80 species of birds. At that time we had visions of grandeur; we thought maybe we would get 100 species or more in the day. However, in the afternoon our unfamiliarity with the territory slowed us up a lot and we failed to find some of the desert land birds we were looking for.

We made a few stops coming back across the mountains to add to our list but by this time we were feeling hurried and didn't do so well. We got home about 5:30 and after scratching a couple of doubtful ones, ended with 89. We agreed with each other that if we had not both had evening engagements we could have brought our list up to 100 by hunting out a few of the familiar birds of our own valley. It is just as well the way it was, though, because we were getting a little tired. Besides, even this was probably the largest number I ever personally identified in one day. The memory that remains, though, is of those beautiful water birds that we saw so clearly.

Wednesday, June 11

I saw a curious thing in the morning. A sparrow hawk, an oriole and a hummingbird came and landed near together on a wire all at the same time. I'm not sure whether they were all friends or which might have been chasing which. Anyhow, the smaller birds seemed to feel safe near the sparrow hawk, and the oriole actually moved over closer after alighting. After the sparrow hawk flew away, the oriole flew down to our red-hot poker plant and stuck its beak in a blossom. This is not a typographical error; the oriole did this, not the hummingbird. I saw it doing that once before, too, and I read in a book that they are fond of nectar.

Friday, June 13

The May-June number of the Audubon Magazine came. It has in it the article about hawks which I already read in the Readers Digest, only the Audubon Magazine article is better because of its fine illustrations. I am strongly in sympathy with the points made by the author in favor of giving them more adequate protection. I hope that Oregon will soon follow the example of other states in protecting all hawks except those known to be invading chicken flocks or the like. Even the less common species of hawks that feed on other birds perform a useful function in taking the weaker ones and keeping the population in line with the food supply.

I am sure that if men with guns would only watch and study hawks they would find them to be among the noblest of birds.—T.M.

Typing Included in Classes Scheduled This Summer

Summer academic and recreational classes of the Medford Public Schools have been announced by school officials.

Regular academic classwork with emphasis on skill subjects in the elementary and required subjects for graduation in the secondary program is being offered. Glenn L. Linn, McLoughlin Junior High school principal, is summer school principal.

For the first time, a class in personal typing will be offered to senior high school students and to other students who have completed ninth grade.

Elementary Program

Students accepted in the elementary program in grades one through six are those who have not quite made a passing minimum grade because of illness, absence, or other reasons and those who barely met promotion minimums and need summer school for "strengthening."

Students in grades 7th through 12 are recommended to summer school to make up academic credits. Some students in grades 9 through 12 take a new subject for credit in order to increase their program of elective subjects the next school year.

A recommendation from the student's teacher and principal is needed for summer school attendance at the elementary level and the student's own grade status determines his attendance from junior and senior high schools.

All At McLoughlin

Elementary classes will be held June 16-July 18 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and junior and senior high classes June 16-July 25. All classes will be conducted at McLoughlin Junior High school.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 16, at McLoughlin. No tuition fee will be charged for residents of school district 549C. A \$50 tuition will be charged for others.

The arts and crafts workshop, which is operated concurrently with the academic

summer school, will include wood - working, braiding, weaving, cooper tooling, textile painting and other projects. Mrs. Hazeldean Hohensee, Lincoln school staff member, is instructor.

The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday in the woodshop building at McLoughlin. A registration fee of \$1 is charged to pay partial cost of materials.

Class Is Filled

A driver training class for high school students is already filled for the summer session.

Classes are scheduled at Medford High school for instrumental music students and baton twirlers, with I. A. Mirick, instructor in band, in charge of the project; John Drysdale as orchestra instructor; and Miss Sandra Laing, baton instructor.

Music classes, all of which are held in the high school band and orchestra rooms, include band, first session June 10-20 and second session, July 7-25; baton twirling, June 10-18; and orchestra, first session, June 10-20, and second

session, July 21-Aug. 8. A separate program for advanced high school students will provide classes in English, mathematics and science. All will be in room 28, at Medford High school from 7 to 9 p.m. each Monday.

Summer classes in English will start Monday, June 16; mathematics, June 23; and science, June 30. They will continue in that order until the first week in September.

About 30 top students are expected to take part in the classes out of 60-70 who are eligible, according to officials.

English classes will provide opportunity to increase vocabularies by studying roots, stems and prefixes and applying them to word analysis. **Math Problems**

Classes in math will work problems in arithmetic, algebra, and geometry to improve quantitative thinking. Science classes will study interpretation of scientific literature.

This is the third year the school system has offered the special program to keep top students academically active during the summer. Those

eligible have already been notified.

Other programs available to the area's youngsters during the summer include activities at the YMCA and in Boy and Girl Scouts.

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