

Legislation for Protection of Newsmen May Go To Congress

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Washington - Congress is expected to consider legislation to protect newspapermen from being required in federal court or before congressional units to identify their sources of information.

Sen. Kenneth Keating (R-N. Y.) is sponsoring this legislation, along with his colleagues who may wish to join him. He explains that this bill is an outgrowth of the case of Marie Torre, the columnist who recently spent ten days in jail in New York for refusing to identify a source which she quoted anonymously in a column.

A dozen states already have such laws, but New York was not one of them. Neither is Oregon. Keating's bill will apply only to the federal courts in these states. It will be up to state legislatures to protect or to deny protection to newsmen who may be brought into state courts.

In the judgment of this reporter, these are highly desirable laws not because they would protect newspapermen, but because they offer protection for one of the most vital channels of information about government which otherwise would be denied the public in many cases.

Phrases Lend Authority

By "vital channels" I mean government officials who know what is going on behind the happy facade which every agency seeks to preserve, officials who will talk to newsmen if they guarantee them anonymity when writing their stories. This practice gives rise to the seemingly overworked phrase "informed sources" or "high officials" or other labels which lend authority to the story without pinpointing its source.

The source might be fired, transferred, demoted or ruin his chance of advancement if it were known to his superiors that he had divulged information which they had not "released" to the press. While the average citizen might have little sympathy for officials who make such unauthorized disclosures, those of us who observe government practices closely feel that as a general rule, federal agency heads authorize the release of only that information they believe will reflect credit on their agency, or at least not place in jeopardy the agency's policies and programs. In other words, they try to put their best foot forward in every press release.

If newsmen were limited to reporting what government press releases say, there would be only a one-sided picture of what is going on in the administration. Members of the opposition party in Congress would have little to go on, except what congressional investigations dug up, in challenging prevailing policies of the administration.

Serious Handicap

In a free government where public policy should be fixed only after full debate, any restriction on information about these policies in prac-

tion would be a serious handicap.

Take this example. Some years ago I managed to gain possession of a secret report about a long-standing policy of the Bureau of Land Management which showed this policy had outlived its usefulness. BLM had no intention of ever "releasing" this report to the public. I was told, for it would show the policy to disadvantage.

When my story appeared, BLM officials were called on the carpet. I was later told, as the department sought to plug up this terrible leak, BLM even put out a press release which sought to discredit the story.

But members of Congress took the matter up on the floor, and in the end the policy was scrapped.

Law Should Be On Books

It might seem far-fetched to suppose that a government official who was embarrassed by such a disclosure would file a libel suit against a newspaper.

man to compel him to identify his source, but I don't think so. No prudent and reasonable official would take such a step, but the law should be on the books to offer guarantees against such harassment by imprudent officials who might stop at nothing in trying to secure their positions against internal critics.

The bigger and more powerful the Federal Government becomes, the greater the need for safeguards to preserve a steady flow of information via the press to the citizens about what is going on inside their government.

(Tomorrow - a case of libel harassment).

Cholesterol Now Believed Involved In Cancer Growth

Shrewsbury, Mass. (Science Service)-Cholesterol, long suspected as a cause of heart disease, is now believed to be involved in cancer growth.

Animal studies have shown that the body produces increasing amounts of the fatlike substance as a cancer thrives. Investigators believe that the tumors trap the cholesterol and convert it for some yet unknown use.

A research team under the direction of Dr. Gregory Pincus and co-researchers at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology are investigating the methods by which the body manufactures cholesterol and its role in various diseases.

Produced by Liver

Cholesterol is produced by many tissues but particularly by the liver. The body uses it to manufacture sex hormones and adrenal hormones that cope with the effects of stress.

Cancer-causing chemicals stimulate animals' livers to produce less than normal outputs of cholesterol. But as soon as the tumor starts growing, or if a large tumor is transplanted to the animal, cholesterol output rises to about twice the normal amount, Dr. Pincus said.

Dead and decaying tumors are loaded with cholesterol, but the scientists do not know whether the tumor manufactures or merely snatches this material from the blood.

Cholesterol Level High

Some scientists report that the cholesterol level of the blood of cancer patients is high; others report finding low levels. Since the reports do not reveal the stages of cancerous growth in each patient, it is yet to be determined whether cancer patients, like animals, might have low cholesterol levels early in the disease and high levels later.

Co-workers assisting Dr. Pincus are Drs. Erwin Schwank, Dean F. Stevens, George J. Alexander, Allen M. Gold, G. M. C. Masson, S. B. Koritz and F. G. Peron.

International Toy Fair Set in Germany

Nuremberg, Germany - (UPI) - The 10th International Toy Fair opens Feb. 21 to show toys from exhibitors all over the world.

The fair, which will be opened by West Germany's Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard and last until Feb. 27, includes about 800 exhibitors, including 126 from 18 foreign countries, the fair's management announced today.

ROB COURT

Brescia, Italy - (UPI) - Thieves broke into the local court of appeals during the week end and stole \$1,600 in banknotes and \$6,400 in checks after cracking a safe.

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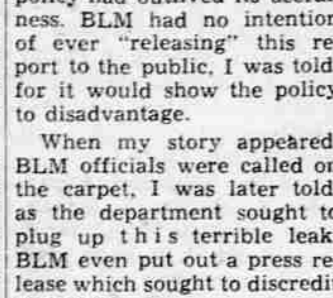
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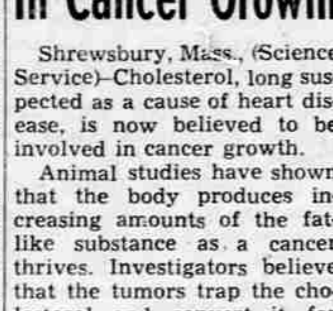
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Oregon Accidents Claim Two Lives

By United Press International

Two persons were killed in separate highway accidents in Oregon Sunday.

Killed were Charles Wall, 37, Oregon City and Keith D. Schocko, 17, Salem.

Wall died in Oregon City hospital after his car apparently struck the rear of an auto driven by Frank Kekahuna, 45, West Linn. Kekahuna, was not hospitalized.

Also injured in the crash were Mabel Wall, 35, and Georgia Elliot, 40, both of Oregon City and Nella Rim-sour, 42, Vale.

Schocko was killed and three other persons injured when the car driven by Schocko struck a power pole in Portland.

Hospitalized at St. Vincent were Herbert L. Honey, 18, his wife Joyce, also 18, and a third passenger, Arlene F. Adams, 16, all from Salem.

Silverfish Reported To Be Problem Now

Silverfish are often a problem in the home at this season of the year. Because of their tastes for materials high in starch, sugar, or protein, they are most frequently found in storage rooms, books, shelves, steam pipes, and under and in sinks, county extension agents report.

Silverfish are shiny and silver or pearl gray or are mottled gray in color. They are slender, wingless, and up to one third or one half inch in length. They have two long antennae and three long tail-like appendages.

It was explained that silverfish will eat cereals, moist wheat flour, any paper on which there is paste or glue, sizing in paper (including wallpaper) and bookbindings, starch in clothing, and rayon fabrics. They are active feeders at night but will hide during the day.

Using either a DDT, malathion, chlordane, or dieltrin spray or dust, available at garden supply stores or drug stores, is effective in controlling silverfish, it was reported. Apply the spray or dust in cracks, around pipes and pipe entrances, and on the surfaces and other areas where they are found.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Grange Project Started

Cave Junction - The Illinois Valley Grange members have begun the preparatory work necessary to establish the botanical garden which is the organization's Centennial project.

A work day was staged a week ago Saturday, and with the aid of a tractor and two chain saws, furnished by Raymond Baldwin, Melvin Gray and Gilbert Clayton, two great bonfires were burning all day.

Some of the women set chokers while still others helped the men stack and burn the brush and debris. A second work day was held yesterday, with a picnic lunch served at noon.

Visiting the Carrol Browns of Medford last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ed DeMersseman of Cave Junction.

Visitors at the Bill Raines home this week were Mrs. Raines' brother-in-law, Virgil Davis, and his business partner, Andy Anderson, of Ventura, Calif. They stopped in the Valley on their way to Grants Pass and Klamath Falls.

Notes from Illinois Valley boys in the service report Army Pvt. Walter Savage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Savage, of Kerby as recently arriving in Germany with Company A of the 28th Infantry, while Edward M. Wickman, son of Mrs. Mercedes M. Marc, of Cave Junction has just returned to San Diego, aboard

the destroyer USS Shields, after a six month tour of duty in the western Pacific.

Savage, a gunner, enlisted in the Army in May of 1958 and received his basic training at Fort Riley, Kans.

Wickman, fireman, USN, reported the USS Shields took part in carrier exercises in the Formosa area as a unit of the U. S. Seventh Fleet and listed as ports of call, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Guam, Midway and Hawaii.

Mike Piller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Casey Piller of the Clover Leaf motel here, has just left for Fort Ord, where he will receive eight weeks of basic training before being assigned to special schooling. Mike, a 1957 graduate of Illinois Valley High school, enlisted with the Army for special assignment duty.

Three rigs of the Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District answered two calls in O'Brien last week, both were chimney fires and no serious damage resulted. The first call was at 4:30 p.m. from the Helen Cooke home; and the second alarm from the Bert Woodbury home on Lone Mountain road was called in at 2 a.m. on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kim of Medford have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Walsh to Charles (Chuck) Marchant, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Marchant of Kerby.

Bonn, Germany - (UPI) - West German delegation leaves today for Warsaw to renew long postponed trade talks with the Communist Polish government.

MEETING WITH AIDES

The bride elect is a graduate of Medford High school and a student at Southern Oregon college. Charles graduated from the Illinois Valley High school and is now employed at Swens in Medford. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spitz have returned from Los Angeles, where they have spent the past month with their son's family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spitz.

Mrs. Art Kellert, Mrs. Elwood Hussey and Mrs. Clem Arnold attended the 40 and 8 Marchie at the Louis Ringette home in Grants Pass on Tuesday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rians entertained Dick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Rians of Medford, last week end.

Home from a two months leave, which was spent visiting friends and relatives and catching up on his fishing, is Joe Tellvik of the Illinois Valley Ranger station.

Mrs. Russell Davis left last week for a month's vacation visiting relatives and friends in Gentry, Ark.

Griffin, Georgia, ships more pimientos than are grown in Spain, or even Mexico.

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