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Woman Admits Dismembering Bodies of Men

Anniston, Ala. — (UPI) — A stocky, black-haired woman confessed today she shot her lover and his brother, dismembered their bodies with an ax, fished the severed limbs along a country road and hid the torsos in two abandoned houses.

Police said Viola Hyatt, 30, led them to the double-edged, blood-stained ax allegedly used in the killing and also showed them the wheelbarrow used to load the limbs and torsos into her car.

The woman was charged with two murders. She and her mother and stepfather had been picked up for questioning Thursday night, but her parents were later released.

Had 'Understanding' No motive was given for the killings. Miss Hyatt said she and Lee Harper "had an understanding of an engagement" and planned to be married this summer.

Sheriff Ray Snead said the two victims were Emmett Harper, 48, and his brother, Lee, 55. They were described as "bad drinking" brothers. Police said the chunky woman told them she alone killed the Harper brothers in their small trailer home with blasts from a shotgun.

Jacobys Plan to Move to Sandy

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jacoby, Ashland, will move from the area Aug. 1, Mrs. Jacoby reported today. The family, who have lived in the valley for the past three years, will move to Sandy, Ore.

Mrs. Jacoby is known in the area for her work in riding clubs for teen-agers. She is president of the Ashland Sage Riders and director of their drill team. The Sage Riders have carried the mail through Jackson county during the Pony Express runs this summer.

The Jacoby's daughter, Sharon, is a trick rider and has performed at many valley activities with her horse.

Jacoby, who has been superintendent for the construction firm of Chert Sandkay and Birch on the Talent project while in the valley, will be general superintendent for the \$3 million Bull Run dam project in northern Oregon for the firm.

Body of Rainier Dairyman Found

Rainier, Ore. — (UPI) — The body of William Linden Thompson, 54-year-old dairyman missing since June 8, was found Wednesday about half a mile from his home. Sheriff Spencer Younce said Thompson apparently took his own life with a .22 rifle.

Chief Boatswain's Mate Arloy Jensen, executive officer of the Coast Guard Group here, said the Donna B sank about 2 a.m. while it was being towed toward Yaquina Bay by a Coast Guard motor lifeboat from Newport.

The operator of the Donna B, Don Truex of Netarts, Ore., said his crewman, Le Roy Thompson, Portland, had been taken aboard the motor lifeboat about 6 p.m. Thursday. Radioed for help.

Bohlen Expected To Be Offered High Post in Government

Washington — (UPI) — High administration officials said today Soviet affairs expert Charles E. Bohlen probably will be offered a high State Department post soon with President Eisenhower's full approval despite recent indications to the contrary.

They said the President believes Bohlen would be a very valuable aide to Secretary of State Christian A. Herter at this critical stage in Soviet-American relations.

Bohlen now is ambassador to the Philippines. Not Influenced Eisenhower has not been influenced against him by the opposition of Republican Senators Styles Bridges of New Hampshire and Everett Dirksen of Illinois, these unimpeachable sources claimed.

The Senate Republicans' complaint is that Bohlen was too closely identified with previous Democratic administrations as an adviser at Yalta and Teheran. Bohlen has defended these long-disputed agreements with Russia and contended the only trouble was that Russia failed to live up to them.

Administration officials said the President's remarks on Bohlen at his Wednesday news conference were misinterpreted as meaning that there was no idea of bringing Bohlen into the State Department in a highly responsible post.

Actually, these sources said, the administration still hopes to persuade Bohlen to take a \$19,250 spot on the State Department's policy planning staff if he can be persuaded to postpone his retirement.

Soviet Relations Involved A major portion of this staff's work involves relations with the Soviet Union. Administration officials said a final decision on bringing Bohlen into the State Department would be made as soon as Herter returns from the Geneva foreign ministers conference.

The President said Wednesday that he had a "completely negative" report from Herter on Bohlen's prospects. But high sources said today he meant only that the secretary told him no progress was being made on the matter at that time.

Brush With Whale Possibly Cause Of Boat Sinking

Newport, Ore. — (UPI) — The Donna B, commercial fishing boat out of Coos Bay, founded and sank 20 miles southwest of Newport early today, possibly the victim, the Coast Guard said, of a brush with a whale.

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Oregon Projects Said Authorized

Washington — (UPI) — Rep. Walter Norblad Thursday said the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to authorize \$90 million worth of construction to assure continuation of Army Engineer's projects in the Columbia and Willamette river basins.

The bill would authorize \$637,310,500 of water projects. Major projects included in the work are: Ice Harbor, Snake river, John Day Dam, The Dalles Dam, Hills Creek and Cougar reservoir, along with work on critical locations on the Willamette river, Rogue river harbor, Gold Beach and Interstate bridge.

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Paralytic Polio on Increase; Not Too Late for Salk Shots

Washington — (UPI) — Surgeon general Leroy E. Burney warned today that crippling polio is on the upward march this summer — particularly among the unvaccinated.

The nation's health chief said that about nine out of 10 of the cases have been reported among persons who have not had anti-polio shots.

More Than Double Burney also told United Press International the number of cases of paralytic polio this year is more than double the total at this time last year.

The Public Health Service said there were 681 cases of paralytic polio reported during the first 26 weeks of 1959. This compares with 329 victims during the same period

last year and "reflects the consistently upward trend of polio cases since April."

Dr. Burney said preliminary figures to be made public later today show the polio rate rise continued this week.

Kansas City, Kan.; Des Moines, Iowa; Little Rock, Ark.; and Oklahoma City, Okla. were the hard-hit areas which have reported a "substantially greater" number of cases this year.

"I cannot urge too strongly," Burney said, "the need for pushing ahead with the drive to vaccinate the unvaccinated. It is not too late either to start or complete the Salk shot series."

Dr. Burney described as "highly encouraging" the intensive community drives which have been conducted in recent months with the resulting inoculation of hundreds of thousands of persons.

As a result of these "get vaccinated" campaigns, Dr. Burney said, there has been a drain on the vaccine supply and there may be "occasional delays" during the next few weeks in obtaining vaccine in some areas.

There are about 70 million persons who have had one or more of the three-shot series.

The PHS considers Salk vaccine 75 per cent to 80 per cent effective against the virus. Last June, an advisory group recommended a fourth or "booster" shot be given to

Beauties Greeted on Arrival For Miss Universe Contest

Long Beach, Calif. — (UPI) — Shapely beauties gathered here from throughout the world seeking to win the Miss Universe Beauty Pageant today getting used to the oging of American men.

The 76 girls from 34 foreign countries and most of the United States were slated for a day of shopping and sight-seeing.

Three more entrants — Miss Turkey, Miss Belgium and Miss Italy — are expected to join their 76 competitors here tonight.

Cheering Welcome Most of the beauties arrived in a plane from New York Thursday and were greeted by some 2,000 cheering, wide-eyed aficionados of the feminine curve.

The foreign entrants were attractively turned out in costumes native to their country and elicited their due volume of "ohs" and "ahs" from the appreciative crowd.

One of the girls will be joining in the contest despite the threat of a Catholic Archbishop that she and her family would be denied the sacraments of the church if she appears in public in a bathing suit.

She is Sue Ingersoll, 20-year-old Miss New Mexico. She issued a "statement of conscience" Thursday night proclaiming her determination to take part in the seven-day contest officially getting under way Saturday night.

Miss Ingersoll's statement read in part: "I do not feel that it is in any way immoral (to appear in the contest in a swim suit). I can dispel the dangerous notion that Catholics cannot speak for themselves, or if they do, they are no longer Catholics."

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Band Camp to Open on Monday

Ashland — Siskiyou Band Camp will open for its third season Monday morning, July 20, in Churchill hall on the Southern Oregon college campus, according to Dr. Herbert Cecil, camp secretary, who reported that advance registrations were running far ahead of previous years.

Guest conductor of the camp is Clarence Sawhill, authority in the band field and director of bands at the University of California at Los Angeles. Founder-coordinator for the annual event is Glenn T. Matthews, SOC music staff member.

Students may either live on campus in a dormitory, or at home and come to the campus for the camp sessions which will be in operation daily from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., closing Friday, July 31.

Anyone interested in attending the Siskiyou Band Camp is requested to report to Churchill hall at 8:30 a.m., July 20, Dr. Cecil said.

Prison Escapee Nabbed in Portland

Portland — (UPI) — Thomas Franklin Spalinger, 26-year-old escapee from the Georgia State prison, was apprehended here Thursday by agents of the FBI, according to James Milnes, special agent in charge of the Portland office.

Milnes said Spalinger was apprehended at a new car agency here where he had been working as a salesman.

He is wanted by Georgia authorities for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for the crime of burglary.

Milnes said he escaped about a year ago by sawing bars on the windows of the Georgia institution's Richmond public work camp.

Spalinger was married last May in Tillamook, Ore., and since has resided in Portland.

Billie Holiday, Blues Singer, Dies

New York — (UPI) — Blues singer Billie Holiday died early today in Metropolitan hospital after a long illness. She was 44.

Miss Holiday entered the hospital May 31 in serious condition with several ailments. Death, which came at 3:20 a.m. (EST), today, was caused by "congestion of the lungs, complicated by failure of the heart," an associate said.

Her husband, Louis McKay, had been with her until a few moments before her death, the hospital said.

The Negro singer, who had hit the top of her profession, then fell to the depths in the throes of narcotics addiction, was said to have licked the habit and to have been on her way back when, in the words of her booking agent, "her motor just wore out."

'UNREADY FOR SUB WAR' Washington — (UPI) — Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover has said the United States is in no better position today to fight the Russian submarine "menace" than it was to defeat the German submarine threat in 1941. "The great danger we face from Russian submarines is an attack on our country, particularly our coastal cities, by Russian submarines that carry missiles," he said.



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