

Ashland Woman Found Shot to Death in Home

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Ike Suggests Conferences on Racial Tensions

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower today advocated the formation of biracial conferences in every southern community to help settle racial tensions locally rather than depending on the federal government.

Eisenhower, commenting on recent Negro demonstrations in the South against being banned from public lunch counters, said he thought that such demonstrations, if orderly and seeking to support the rights of equality, were constitutional. Therefore, he said, they should be permitted.

Judgment Reserved

The president reserved judgment, however, on disorder resulting from such demonstrations. He told his news conference he was not a lawyer and could not determine the extent to which the federal Constitution might apply. Furthermore, he said disorder was a matter for local handling. That, he said, was one principal reason why he thought there should be biracial conferences in every southern community in an effort to reduce conflict between the races without turning to Washington for the answer.

Arrests and Violence

A chain of "sit in" strikes protesting racial discrimination at lunch counters has occurred throughout the South. Negroes — many of them college students — have filled lunch counter seats where, in most instances, they are refused service while seated. White sympathizers have joined them in some places.

Other highlights of the President's first news conference since Feb. 17:

—He said that, in requesting congressional changes in the sugar quota act, there was no thought whatever of punishing the people of Cuba or the Cuban government. He said because of conditions in Cuba, however, he wanted the authority to turn to other sources of sugar supply should there be some interference with shipments of Cuban sugar to this country.

Says Plan Preferable

—He said he felt the U.S. disarmament plan submitted in Geneva with its provisions for gradual effectiveness and sure safeguards on compliance was vastly preferable to the Russian total disarmament, four-year program.

—He deplored violence connected with the recent elections in South Korea.

—He restated this government's position that there would be no change in policy toward Berlin at the summit conference in May.

Youth Confesses Kidnaping Negro

Houston, Tex. — (UPI) — Police Lt. F. C. Crittenden said today that an 18-year-old suspect has confessed that he helped kidnap Felton Turner, 27, a Negro who was flogged, knife-branded with "KKK" and hanged by his heels in an oak tree.

He told police the first names of the others. Police identified the suspect as Ronald Gene Erickson, 18. Turner, an unemployed printing worker, was forced into a car by four masked white men the night of March 7, taken to a lonely field, flogged with a chain, knife-branded with the insignia of the Ku Klux Klan on his chest and stomach and hanged by his heels in an oak tree.

He soon freed himself and called the sheriff.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Variable high cloudiness tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 36. High Thursday 62.
Highest Yesterday 54
Lowest This Morning 36
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace.
Prec. to 4 p.m. Yesterday .03
Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 6:19 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:29 a.m.
Moonset tonight 10:23 p.m.
Moonrise tomorrow 10:23 p.m.
2ND QUARTER March 19
PLANETARY STARS
Mars in the west 9:45 p.m.
Jupiter in the south 10:13 p.m.
Mercury, high above Sirius
Venus, low in north-east 11:19 p.m.

Russia Proposes Red China Join In Troop Cuts

Peiping Not Asked To Participate

Geneva — (UPI) — The Soviet Union proposed today that Communist China join the United States and Russia in trimming their armed forces to 1,750,000 men each in a 12- to 18-month period to get disarmament underway.

Soviet Delegate Valerian Zorin presented the proposal in a three-stage Communist blueprint at the second session of the 10-power East-West disarmament conference and later read it to newsmen. It asked France and Britain to cut their armed forces to 650,000 each.

Peiping Not Invited

Zorin thus introduced Red China at the beginning of the conference although the Peiping regime was not invited to participate. Red China has said it would not go along with any disarmament agreement it does not help write.

Zorin said the troop reductions would comprise the first stage of the Soviet plan for "complete and general disarmament in four years," proposed by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev last September.

Proposal Attacked

The West already has attacked Khrushchev's proposal as thoroughly impractical. And the Russians lost no time in attacking a rival western plan as meaningless even before they received it officially.

The western plan calls for a step by step disarmament program. In the first step an international disarmament organization would be set up and the Soviet Union and the United States would cut their troop strength to 2,500,000 men each, later to two million each.

Albany Church Gutted by Flames

Albany, Ore. — (UPI) — Fire today gutted the historic 60-year-old First Christian church in downtown Albany. The blaze broke out shortly after 10 a.m. and all available equipment was sent to the scene.

Two firemen narrowly escaped being thrown into the flames when a truck-mounted ladder buckled but they managed to climb to safety.

The church building was described as a total loss. There was no immediate estimate of loss. The church has a new building planned.

The fire was believed to have started in the kitchen or furnace.

Political Debate Scheduled in Salem

Salem — (UPI) — The state chairmen of the Oregon Republican and Democratic parties will square off Friday, March 25, at Willamette University for a political debate.

Democrat Robert Straub and Republican Peter Gunner will debate issues of the coming campaign. It will be open to the public.

Salem — (UPI) — Sale of 214 acres in north Portland to the city of Portland has been approved by the Oregon Land Board. Price is \$29,700.

Sail On! O Ship Of State . . .



CHECK FINGERPRINTS—Sheriff's Deputies Kaye Vaughn, right, and Lee Rice check fingerprints on the front door of the Lester G. Hamilton home at 2700 East Main rd., Ashland. Hamilton found his wife, Mrs. Marion Hamilton shot to death just inside the door yesterday afternoon. —(Knackstedt Photo)

Snow Strands Basketball Fans In Middle West

By United Press International

A driving snowstorm stranded thousands of basketball fans, stalled hundreds of cars on snow-blockaded highways and closed schools throughout the Midwest today.

The storm, striking with blizzard-like fury, bowled out of the Central Plains, powered eastward through the heart of the Iowa-Illinois corn belt and aimed heavy punches at the heavily populated lower Great Lakes area.

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Britt Home Again Damaged by Fire

Jacksonville — The once-damaged Peter Britt home here was again heavily damaged by fire and water about noon today.

The fire, believed to have started near a fuse box, damaged the first floor and roof of the structure. A fire in 1957 burned the building's third floor and did extensive damage elsewhere in the structure.

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Mrs. Hamilton Shot Nine Times; Motive Is Vague

Body Found by Returning Husband

Ashland — Mrs. Marion Stella Hamilton, 40, of 2700 East Main rd., Ashland, was found shot to death at her home here yesterday afternoon.

Jackson County Sheriff Joseph Walsh said Mrs. Hamilton was shot nine times with a .22 caliber weapon. There were wounds in the head, body and legs, he said.

Reason for the shooting has not been determined, Walsh said, but he indicated there was a vague possibility of robbery as a motive. He added that the house had not been disturbed, although a wallet may be missing.

Found by Husband

Mrs. Hamilton's body was found about 2:30 p.m. by her husband, Lester G. Hamilton, who returned from working in a field. The body was in the living room just inside the front door, Walsh said.

The shooting apparently occurred between 11:30 a.m. and the time Hamilton returned home, sheriff's deputies said. Mrs. Hamilton was seen in the yard about 11:30 a.m. by a neighbor, they said.

Walsh said the shooting "was typical revenge or a mad-type killing." No weapon has been found, and as yet there are no suspects.

Fingerprints Taken

Walsh and sheriff's deputies took fingerprints at the scene, and searched the house, but found nothing disturbed. They said they found a roast in the oven, and laundry stacked by an electric dryer.

Mrs. Hamilton was the only one home at the time of the shooting, deputies said.

One son is in the Air Force in Germany, and two other sons, ages 14 and 19, were attending school. Hamilton and the children are staying with relatives, deputies said.

The Hamilton home is about two miles south and east of Ashland.

Mrs. Hamilton's body was taken to Ashland Mortuary.

Orchard Heating Meeting Scheduled

An orchard heating meeting has been scheduled in the Jacksonville county courthouse auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Friday, according to Clifford B. Cordy, county horticultural agent.

Cordy and W. J. Rogers, of the fruit frost forecast warning service of the U.S. weather bureau, will discuss the most efficient heating procedures and weather factors involved.

Orchard thermometers have been tested and will be ready for distribution Thursday afternoon, Cordy said.

McAllister Lauds Choice of Lusk

Salem — (UPI) — State Supreme Court Chief Justice William McAllister said Tuesday that Associate Justice Hall S. Lusk is "a man of great wisdom, tolerance and sympathy" and that Lusk's appointment to the U.S. senate was "excellent."

Justice McAllister said Judge Lusk "is a man of great ability, one of the outstanding appellate judges in the nation."

"We in the court," the chief justice said, "regret we will not have the benefit of his help but we are happy that he has received this honor and wish him the best of everything."

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Hatfield Names Lane Judge To Lusk Vacancy

Salem — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield today appointed Lane County Circuit Judge Alfred T. Goodwin, 36, Eugene, to succeed Justice Hall S. Lusk on the Oregon Supreme Court.

Judge Goodwin said he will seek election to the post in November.

Hatfield said "it is a pleasure to appoint Judge Goodwin an associate justice of the State Supreme Court and to commend him to the voters for reelection in November."

The governor said the high court's make-up after the appointment of Lusk to the U.S. Senate was that of two former circuit judges, three from

private practice and one from a law faculty.

"Therefore, it seems both appropriate and imperative that the present vacancy be filled by a member of the circuit bench.

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Goodwin said "I am tremendously honored by this appointment. It will be a challenge to try to carry on in the footsteps of Justice Lusk, who probably has as distinguished a record as a jurist as can be found."

Goodwin said it would take some time to clean up Circuit Court matters in Eugene before he could assume the Supreme Court duties but added this should be "soon."

Hatfield said he has asked the State Bar for a Lane county poll to recommend a successor to Goodwin on the Circuit bench.

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