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McGahuey Admits Brutal Murder of Mother, Son

Lumumba Forces Take Luluabourg In Big Advance

Leopoldville, The Congo—(UPI) — Pro-Lumumba troops buoyed by the bloodless capture of the capital of Kasa Province Saturday fanned out through the bush country in an apparent attempt to cut off the rival army of Joseph Mobutu from its capital of Leopoldville.

The precision and speed with which the supporters of slain ex-Perimer Patrice Lumumba moved out from their Stanleyville stronghold in Oriental Province indicated outside support. There was speculation Communist Czech or United Arab Republic officers were helping them.

The Lumumba troop commander technically is Gen. Victor Lundula who was a medical corps sergeant-major before Lumumba elevated him last summer.

Reliable sources said a column from Stanleyville seized Ikela in Equator Province, the home territory of Gen. Mobutu, who has concentrated his forces at Bumba, 135 miles north of Ikela.

The advancing column split at Ikela, according to dispatches and one fork headed for Boende on the road to the Equatorial Provincial capital of Coquilhatville. The other branched out for the north Kasai town of Lomela.

Strength of the columns was not known, but some 300 Lumumba men took the Kasai capital of Luluaborg Friday without firing a shot. The 80-man garrison there surrended to them.

New Congolese Premier Joseph Ileo gave the U. N. command until noon yesterday to get the Lumumbists out of Luluabourg or else he would send troops to do the job. But the U. N. command did not take the ultimatum seriously.

No troops were sent. The deadline passed unnoticed.

The Lumumbists under the regime of Soviet-backed Antoine Gizenga in Stanleyville now control three of the six provincial Congo capitals—Stanleyville, Luluabourg and Bukavi, capital of Kivu Province.

PLANES FLIPPED—During high winds Friday afternoon several private airplanes at Medford airport were forced from their moorings and sent flying into the air . . .but not the way they were meant to. The picture above shows two, one belonging to the Civil Air Patrol, and the other owned by Bill Thorndyke and Doug Gardenier, that were extensively damaged. A Piper cub moored near the Aviation Services building at the airport, also broke loose and landed on top of a 182 Cessna owned by Dr. C. H. Hall of Happy Camp, Calif. Minor damage to wind and tail surfaces on other planes was also reported.

Rogue Basin Study Funds Said Assured

Funds for completion of the study of the Rogue River Basin development project appear to be assured, it was reported here Friday.

Congressman Edwin R. Durno (R-Ore.) told Ben Hilton, Grants Pass, chairman of the Rogue River Flood Control and Water Resources association, that the Corps of Army Engineers has transferred $15,000 from other funds to the Rogue Basin study account. This will carry the studies through the balance of this fiscal year.

Also, Congressman Durno said, and additional $35,000 is contained in the budget for fiscal year 1962 (beginning July 1, 1961) for the purpose, and will be adequate to complete the study.

Public Hearings

It is hoped the report can be completed in time for public hearings to be held in summer or fall, with a bill introduced to authorize construction early in 1962.

The Corps of Engineers has been working on the studies for several years, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies.

The tentative plans include four dams on the Applegate river near Cooper, on Elk creek, at Lost Creek on the Rogue and at the Meadows site on Evans creek.

Preliminary cost estimates, based on 1959 figures, indicate the costs will be in excess of $64 million.

The project is designed to create values and benefits for irrigation, flood control, power generation, water supply, recreation and fish-life.

Old Wimer Bridge Topic of Meeting

The county court and the county engineer will meet with residents of the Wimer area at the Wimer Grange Tuesday, March 14, at 8 p.m. to disuss the old Wimer covered bridge.

The bridge, one of the first built in the county and closed to motor traffic several years ago, is considered a hazard by county officials and is expected to be removed.

County Judge Earl Miller said that the meeting has been arranged through the cooperation of Grange Master Chester Jensen and Evans Valley School Principal Earl L. Covey.

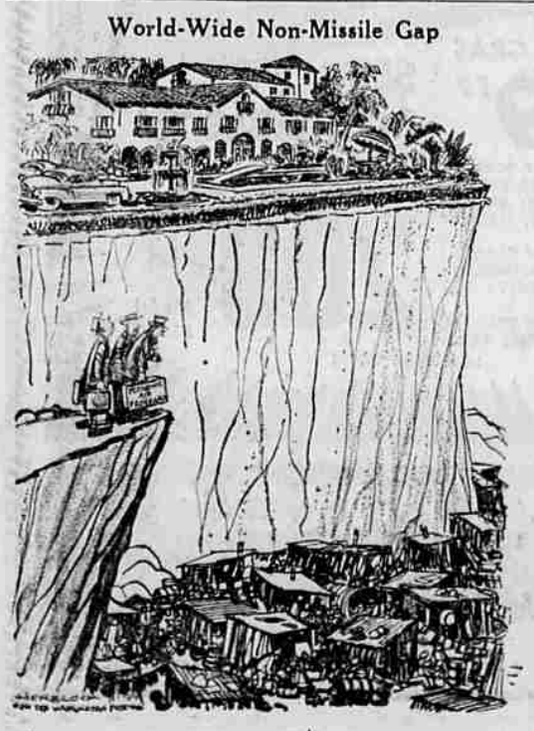
Judge Miller explained that the county plans to construct a temporary bridge across Evans creek to accommodate foot traffic. It was reported that school children use the bridge to reach school.

The meeting will serve to inform the residents on what is being planned. Judge Miller said that the move is being made for the benefit and safety of the area's residents.

HARRIMAN DISPATCHED

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy Saturday dispatched Ambassador-at-large Averell Harriman to London, Paris, Bonn and Rome to convey the chief executive's personal greetings to western leaders "and discuss matters of broad mutual interest."

World-Wide Non-Missile Gap



Valley Residents Take Inventory Of Wind Damage

Rogue Valley residents Saturday took inventory of damage from strong gusty winds Friday which caused numerous power outages, felled trees, blew shingles off hundreds of buildings, and upset four planes at the Medford Municipal airport.

The dollar value of damage resulting from gusts up to 63 miles an hour may never be known since considerable damage resulted to residential area homes, but it probably will reach into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The California Oregon Power company said it received more than 150 complaints Friday of power outages, the majority of them small. Most of them were caused by felled trees or limbs.

Planes Upset

At the Medford airport, planes owned by the Civil Air Patrol and Bill Thorndyke and Doug Gardenier were upset by a strong gust of wind. A Piper cub moored near an airport building also broke loose and fell across a Cessna 182 owned by Dr. C. H. Hall of Happy Camp, Calif.

In Grants Pass, the wind blew in a plate glass window, and ripped part of the roof off Grants Pass High school. Classes were dismissed, and will not be resumed until repairs have been made.

Highway 99 north of the Rock Point bridge was closed for a while Friday afternoon when the wind blew trees and parts of a barn across the highway, according to state police. Traffic was routed along the old stage road between Gold Hill and Rogue River.

Weather bureau officials at the Medford airport said winds sustained a velocity of from 25 to 30 miles an hour between 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday. Gusts ranged up to 63 miles per hour.

The strongest gusts were noted when the actual storm front passed over the area, but precipitation from the storm amounted to only .25 of an inch.

When the winds started Friday morning, the temperature jumped from 39 degrees at 10 a.m. to 61 degrees at 11 a.m., most of rise noted within a 10-minute period. Following the front's passage, temperatures dipped to 39 degrees by 10 p.m. Friday after reaching a high of 63 degrees.

Representative From Pennsylvania Dies

Washington — (UPI) — Rep. Walter M. Mumma (R-Pa.), died Saturday at the Bethesda Naval Medical Center. He was 70.

Mumma suffered a stroke Thursday. His condition had been critical since Thursday. He had represented the 16th district since 1951. He was a native of Steelton, Pa., but had lived in Harrisburg.

NIMITZ TURNS 76

Berkeley, Calif. — (UPI) — Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet in World War II, observed his 76th birthday Friday.

HOUSE DAMAGED—A large oak tree, uprooted by high winds Friday, came down on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oba Logan, 732 West 2nd st., Medford, while Logan watched helplessly. The tree had already began to fall but had become hung up in telephone wires and Logan was outside trying to get help. As he watched, the supporting limb broke and the tree toppled onto the house, breaking the fireplace chimney and a window.

—(Keith Boyd photo)

Elements Wreak Havoc in East

By United Press International

Floods, foot - deep snows, rain, dust blizzards and the threat of tornadoes mauled the eastern two-thirds of the nation late Saturday and the death toll blamed on the elements rose to nine.

Some of the worst flooding in 42 years forced more than 7,000 persons from their homes in the sodden southeast, which had nine straight days of rain in some sections. Nine persons drowned.

New flood threats rose in New Jersey, where residents along the Ramapoo, Prompton and Passaic rivers were warned of possible evacuation, and at Rosendale, N.Y., where an ice jam on the Roundout river threatened to send water sloshing through the streets.

Surprise Storm

A surprise snowstorm whipped across Indiana and Ohio into Pennsylvania, accompanied by high winds. It left up to a foot of snow, creating a state of emergency in Indiana, where whole counties were paralyzed. Wind gusts up to 49 miles an hour tore off roofs, knocked out windows and shredded utilities wires.

Winter thunderstorms whipped Virginia, accompanied by hail and strong winds. Warnings of possible isolated tornadoes were posted.

Arctic air from Canada sifted into the northwest quarter of the nation, bringing strong, gusty winds which whipped up clouds of dust from the unprotected plains.

OSC SELECTED

Salem — (UPI) — Oregon State college (university) at Corvallis is one of eight institutions in the country selected to train architects and engineers in fallout shelter design. The announcement was made by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

Castro Seeks Better Relations With U.S.

Havana — (UPI) — The Fidel Castro government last night informed Latin American nations with whom it has diplomatic ties that Cuba is willing to accept their good offices to improve relations with the United States.

But at the same time the Cuban regime placed the blame for continuing hostility between Washington and Havana on the Kennedy administration, according to authoritative sources.

An announcement said Foreign Minister Raul Roa sent formal notes to the Latin American embassies. While the contents were not made public, authoritative sources said the documents totaled 25 pages and made three main points.

The notes were delivered as Brazil lodged a formal complaint with Roa over the halting of an embassy official at gun point by military intelligence agents outside that country's embassy residence in suburban Havana.

The complaint, which drew an immediate apology from Roa, said embassy secretary Marcos De Salvo Coinbra was halted by agents with drawn guns when he failed to stop his car upon entering the residence driveway.

Authoritative sources said the wordy notes to "friendly" Latin governments, including Brazil, contained these points:

—Cuba, previously violently hostile to Latin efforts to negotiate a conciliation with the U.S., is now agreeable to such overtures.

—The Castro government, despite the prime minister's statement that Cuba will export its revolution to the rest of Latin America in defiance of the U.S., really does not intend to do so.

—The Kennedy administration has failed to "rectify the mistakes" of the Eisenhower government toward Cuba and is, in fact, continuing the same "hostile" policies aimed at Castro's overthrow.

GB Favors U.N. Seat For Mainland China

London —(UPI)— Britain, after a review of policy toward Red China, now can be expected to favor openly a seat for Peiping in the United Nations despite American opposition, diplomatic sources said Saturday.

There was speculation Prime Minister Harold Macmillan might visit Red China next fall during a scheduled Far East visit.

The sources said Macmillan would be certain to discuss the British position on Red China with President Kennedy when they meet in Washington in April.

Sports Bulletins

Medford High school's basketball team clinched a berth in the Oregon Class A-1 basketball tournament last night by lacing Grants Pass here 75 to 44. Jim Barry and Bob Quinney each scored 22 points for Medford with Barry canning 18 free throws without a miss.

Klamath Falls—Klamath Union High school took sole possession of the Southern Oregon conference basketball diadem by downing Ashland 87 to 54 here last night. Bruce Brickner scored 21 points for Klamath and Jerry Hauck was high for Ashland with 17.

USC 74, OSC 68

Stevenson Says Russia Wants End To Congo Efforts

U.N. Said Blocking Red Penetration

Washington — (UPI) — U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson accused Russia Saturday of trying to "destroy" United Nations peace efforts in The Congo as an opening wedge for "Soviet penetration of Central Africa."

He gave his views after a conference of the powderkeg Congo situation with Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

Stevenson, who heads the United States U.N. delegation, said the effectiveness of the U.N. is an "obstacle" to a Red drive to win domination in the turbulent Central African area.

Rusk also conferred on The Congo and other African matters with Ambassador Telli Boubacar Diallo of Guinea, who was paying his first formal call on the new secretary.

Concrete Steps

Diallo said he expressed to Rusk his country's hopes that the new U.S. administration would "take very concrete steps to bring about a just solution in The Congo." The ambassador said Rusk explained the U.S. position on The Congo.

Stevenson said he and Rusk during their meeting gave "top billing" to consideration of Soviet Nikita Khrushchev's renewed demand for elimination of the United Nations from The Congo and recognition of the pro-Communist regime of Premier Antoine Gizenza in Stanleyville.

He said that in his view "It seems a pity that the Russians won't give the Afro-Asian U.N. resolution a chance for implementation before renewing their attack on the Secretary General (Dag Hammarskjold) and the U.N. itself."

Refers To Resolution

Stevenson referred to the resolution sponsored by the United Arab Republic, Ceylon and Liberia, adopted by the Security Council last Tuesday, which gave Hammarskjold increased authority to use force if necessary to pacify The Congo.

American officials said a key element in the success of the new plan would be India's decision whether to supply the additional troops necessary to enable the U.N. to exercise its increased efforts.

Khrushchev renewed demands for an end of the U.N. operation in The Congo was addressed particularly to Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, although copies went to other government leaders in Europe, Asia, and Latin America.

Eight Drunk Driving Trials Scheduled

An unusually high number of trials for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor are pending in district court, according to District Judge L. L. Sawyer.

Eight persons charged with the offense have entered innocent pleas, he said, and trials have been scheduled.

Judge Sawyer reminded drivers that a person convicted for the first time of driving under the influence may receive a maximum sentence of one year in the county jail and/or $1,000 fine. According to state statute the guilty person's operator's license is suspended for 90 days.

The usual fine for first offense has been $300, although recently 10 days in the county jail has been added to this.

Josephine County First in Program

Grants Pass — (UPI) — Josephine county is the first county in the state to set up a surplus food program.

County Judge Raymond A. Lathrop, a member of the State Public Welfare commission, estimated April 1 as the date distribution will start.

Plans call for certification by the welfare department for those on welfare and also certain low-income families who will be eligible for surplus food.

Man Shoots, Stabs And Chokes Victim

By PEG HUTCHINSON
Mail Tribune Staff Writer

LeeRoy Sanford McGahuey, 43, Central Point, admitted Saturday afternoon in a signed confession the brutal murders of Mrs. Loris Mae Holt and her 21-month-old son, Rod.

The bodies of Mrs. Holt and her son were found Wednesday afternoon at the Bishop apartments, 415 South Front st., Central Point. McGahuey, who was wanted by Medford city police on a check charge, was known to be a friend of Mrs. Holt. He was arrested Thursday morning in Medford and questioned about the murders.

According to the confession Mrs. Holt was killed about 7:20 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13. Her son was killed later that morning. No motives were given for the crimes.

Extreme Brutality

District Attorney Alan B. Holmes reported that with the confessions, the extreme brutality of Mrs. Holt's death became known. He said that she had been beaten with a hammer, strangled, stabbed in both the chest and back and shot once in the head with a small caliber hand weapon.

Both the hammer and knife were found in the closet with the bodies. Holmes said that McGahuey has told officers where he put the gun.

District Attorney Holmes said that a formal charge of first degree murder will be filed against McGahuey Monday.

In the confession, according to Holmes, McGahuey stated that he returned to the Holt apartment at least once if not twice after Feb. 13.

Cuts Screen

He admitted cutting the window screen to give the appearance that someone had broken into the apartment from the room. He also stated in the confession that he had telephoned the Central Point cleaning establishment Feb. 13 where Mrs. Holt was employed saying she was ill and would not be to work.

According to Holmes, McGahuey admitted going to California and had only returned to the valley shortly before his arrest.

Jackson County Jailer Paul Hanlin was credited by Holmes with obtaining the confession from McGahuey. Holmes said McGahuey talked with Hanlin when he would not talk to officers. It was to Hanlin, Holmes indicated, that McGahuey gave the first oral confession of the murders.

Discrepancies Noted

Holmes explained that there were discrepancies in McGahuey's statement and medical reports. Preliminary autopsy reports show that Mrs. Holt died from strangulation.

The lie detector test which McGahuey had voluntarily undergone Friday proved to be inconclusive, Holmes said.

The sheriff and undersheriff of Lewis county, Wash., are in Medford this week end to question McGahuey about a 1957 murder in Lewis county. The physical characteristics of the two murders are said to be similar. McGahuey was wanted in Washington for violation of probation for a January, 1960, conviction of taking indecent liberties with a minor child.

Joint Efforts

Holmes stressed that the murder investigation was made through the joint efforts of the Jackson county sheriff's office, Oregon state police, and Central Point police.

Friday afternoon McGahuey was arraigned in district court on a charge of uttering and publishing a forged check. He was bound over to the grand jury and held on $1,500 bail. Holmes indicated that McGahuey had passed more than $600 worth of forged checks in the Medford area.

Also questioned regarding the murders was Mrs. Holt's estranged husband, Charles Theodore Holt, who returned voluntarily from Nevada. He voluntarily underwent the polygraph tests Friday afternoon.

LEEROY SANFORD McGAHUEY
Admits Murder

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair today with increasing cloudiness tonight and Monday. Chance of showers Monday. High today 52. Low tonight 30. High Monday 50.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	48
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To 5 p.m. Yesterday	.25

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today ..... 5:57 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow ..... 6:51 a.m.
The Moon sets ..... 5:13 a.m. tomorrow and is in Apogee, that point on its orbit furthest from the Earth.
The planet, Venus, sets ..... 9:18 p.m. tonight and is in Perihelion, that point on its orbit nearest the Sun.
Note: The Moon orbits around the Earth; Venus orbits around the Sun.

ANG Jet Crashes Near Portland

Portland —(UPI)— An Air National Guard F-89J jet fighter crashed in an isolated area about two miles north of here Saturday.

One of two men aboard the plane was found. He was identified as Lewis E. Hamilton, the radar observer, from Monmouth, Ore. He was taken to the Air Base hospital here where his condition is reported as fair.

Multnomah county sheriffs officers were looking for the second man.

Parachutes Found

Two parachutes were found in the area, one dangling from a tree. No one was found in the wreckage.

The Portland Air base would not identify the two men but said both were from Portland, Ore.

The control tower at the Portland International airport said the plane was in-bound for a landing.

A woman, who said she was looking out of her window at her house near the crash scene, said she saw the plane burst into flames.

County Opens Bids For Two Buildings

The contract for the construction of two buildings for the Jackson county extension service is expected to be awarded Tuesday, according to County Judge Earl Miller.

Bids were opened Friday afternoon with the apparent low bidder Don Jacobs construction company, Medford. The bid was $116,231.

Six other bids were received. They were Ausland Construction company, Grants Pass, $119,300; Loren Ritchie, Medford, $124,902; Myer Jones, Medford, $125,900; Harold Salter, Rogue River, $127,883; Wiley company, Ashland, $132,200; and Strand Inc., Seattle, Wash., $136,150.

The buildings, which will be an auditorium and an administration building, will be constructed adjacent to the Jackson county fairgrounds.

Prosecution Seeks Death for Menderes

Yassiada, Turkey — (UPI) — The prosecution Saturday demanded the death-penalty for ousted former Premier Adnan Menderes and 17 ex-government officials being tried on Yassiada island.

It was the fourth time in the mass treason trials of more than 400 former government officials that the death penalty had been asked for Menderes, who is accused on a number of wide-ranging counts.