

Birmingham Negroes Plan More Protest Demonstrations

Monty Woolley, Famed Actor With Flowing Beard, Dies

Albany, N.Y. - (UP) - Monty Woolley, the bearded actor famed as "The Man Who Came to Dinner," died today in Albany Medical Center hospital. He was 74.

Woolley had been on the critical list since April 6 with a heart ailment. He was moved to the medical center from Saratoga hospital about 30 miles north of here.

He had lived in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. for the past few years.

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was "mild-mannered and easy to get along with."

That was in 1955, when he came to Hollywood to play Omar the tent maker in "Kismet," his last major venture in the movies before retiring to New York.

Woolley, born Aug. 17, 1888, enjoyed a long success as a distinguished actor on stage and screen in spite of, or perhaps because of, his long and unusual beard.

"The Beard" first appeared in chin foliage in the Broad-

way hit "On Your Toes," in 1929. From then on, despite pleas of some film producers, he refused to shave off the magnificent beard and wore it in such films as "The Man Who Came to Dinner," in which he repeated his 1939 stage role that brought him his greatest success. The part was one of a self-centered, booming voiced egocentric who resembled in part a famed theatrical critic and personality of the day, Alexander Woolcott.

California Textbook Selection Measure Before Committee

Sacramento - (UP) - Assemblyman Gordon Winton, making a new attempt today at passage of his controversial textbook selection measures, has predicted they will win approval of assembly committee members.

Winton based his opinion on amendments he has made to the measure, which came before the assembly education committee this afternoon.

The Merced Democrat said the changes, suggested by the attorney general's office, should make the measures more acceptable to the committee, which defeated his constitutional amendment April 1. Prior to that, he had abandoned the bill on the same subject.

In their original form, the measures would have permitted local elementary school districts to select textbooks on a given subject from a state board of education list. Currently, the board generally selects one basic text on each subject.

Under the amended version of Winton's bill, the board would select a list of books for each subject, but the texts would be designed for students of different learning

ability. Also the board would be the final determiner of which books, and how many, each district would receive.

Changes Scrambled On Active Market

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Steels ranged from 1/4 higher in Bethlehem and U.S. to 1 1/2 lower in Armco. Chemicals were firm with Du Pont and Virginia-Carolina up a point or so. General Motors rose a fraction while Chrysler buckled more than a point in a mixed motor section. International oils stood flat.

Louisville & Nashville lost a point in the rails and most utilities showed little change. While Kellogg rose 1 1/2, Jewel Tea backed down a point in the foods.

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Lack of Arrests In Sunday March Said Encouraging

Birmingham, Ala. - (UP) - Negro leaders, encouraged by the first march on city jail in a 34-day campaign that did not result in mass arrests, planned more protests for today while federal officials sought to ease the explosive racial situation here.

More than 2,000 singing, chanting Negroes Sunday marched six blocks from a Negro church to a park across from the city jail. They were permitted by police to hold a 15-minute demonstration aimed at bolstering the spirits of more than 1,200 Negroes who remain in jail for previous demonstrations.

Burke Marshall, head of the Justice Department's civil rights division and considered the chief racial trouble-shooter of the Kennedy administration, met with local officials during the week end in efforts to ease racial pressures.

Both sides remained tight-lipped about the negotiations. U.S. Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy canceled a week end trip to keep an eye on the tense situation in this Deep South industrial center.

Negro leaders predicted students who began skipping school by the hundreds last week to take part in the drive would play hooky en masse today to participate in the protests.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who predicted complete success for the protest movement in a sermon in Atlanta Sunday, was back here today to spearhead the drive.

Negro comedian Dick Gregory, active in a recent Greenwood, Miss., Negro voter registration drive, was to arrive later today by plane.

Police Commission Eugene (Bull) Connor had police keep a tight rein on the march Sunday and set up barricades complete with fire hoses around the park, but the demonstration was not broken up.

Leaders in the campaign were elated over the march, the nearest thing to a victory in the campaign that has brought more than 1,500 arrests, including many young children.

Western Senators Run Into Roadblock in Effort To Change Laws for Public Land Administration

Washington - (UP) - Western senators today ran into a new roadblock in their efforts to change laws under which 477 million acres of public lands are administered.

Interior Department officials, headed by Assistant Secretary John A. Carver Jr., appeared before the Senate public lands subcommittee to oppose a bill calling for the creation of a public lands appeal board.

The legislation, introduced by Sen. Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska), would create a board to review decisions dealing with use of the public lands for homesteading, grazing, mining and other purposes. Gruening said it would help homesteaders and others to cope with the "bureaucratic jungle" of the Interior Department.

But Carver protested that

the bill would take away some of the interior secretary's power to administer the public land laws and create even greater delays in handling applications for public lands.

Admitting that appeals under the current system sometimes had been handled with "bureaucratic callousness, superficiality and lack of imagination," Carver said he was taking steps to correct abuses. Gruening's bill, he said, would not solve basic problems and would "tend to thwart or defeat such administrative reforms."

Westerners on the Interior Committee, all cosponsors of Gruening's bill, said they were not committed to its exact provisions. But they said they saw it as a starting place to provide for appeals from any arbitrary decisions made by interior officials.

Succommittee Chairman Alan Bible (D-Nev.) and Sen. Milward L. Simpson (R-Wyo.) complained of not being able to get copies of the department's unfavorable reports before the hearings. Bible said the committee staff had tried to get the information but that the reports had come "three minutes before we came into the hearing."

The Gruening bill would create a three-member board of land appeals within the office of the secretary of the interior. Appeals from decisions by the Bureau of Land Management or the Geological Survey could be made to the secretary and decided by a

majority vote of the board. The bill also would allow for a hearing to be held at a location "convenient" to the appellant.

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Hickory, N.C. - (UP) - Someone stole her pink elephant, Mrs. Alfred Whitener told police Sunday. Officers said they would investigate the theft of the 75-pound iron statue.

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Foreign Briefs

U.S., PHILIPPINES SIGN RADIO AGREEMENT
Manila - (UP) - The United States and the Philippines today signed an agreement clearing the way for the establishment of 10 huge 250 kilowatt radio transmitters to be used by the "Voice of America."

CASTRO STARTS TOUR OF SOVIET PROVINCES
Moscow - (UP) - Cuban Premier Fidel Castro headed for Volgograd today on the first leg of his swing through the Soviet provinces, the official news agency Tass announced. The Cuban leader returned here Sunday night after a week end of secluded political talks with Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev at a duck-hunting dacha outside Moscow.

Tass did not say whether Khrushchev would accompany his guest on his tour.

POLAND-VATICAN RELATIONS REQUESTED
Warsaw - (UP) - A Roman Catholic member of the Polish Parliament has called for diplomatic relations between Poland and the Vatican.

Jerzy Zawiejski one of 11 Catholic representatives, said the Communist government should hold talks with the Vatican "in order to solve the tense situation" between the church and state.

BRITISH LABORATORY BLAST HOSPITALIZES THREE
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REVEAL MARRIAGE — Two Folies Bergere performers have revealed their marriage after night performance, marking the 48th marriage among Hotel Tropicana entertainers since the hotel opened six years ago. They are singer Christian Cardin, 29, of Paris, and 19-year-old Marie Josee Regnault, of Montrouge, France, a Folies dancer. (UPI)

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