

ROBIN MOOR OFFICER HELD RESCUE HERO

By ROBERT ST. JOHN
CAPETOWN, Union of South Africa, June 17 (AP)—The Robin Moor's chief officer was praised today by the last saved passengers of the torpedoed American freighter as the man who brought them to rescue after 13 days in a wave-tossed lifeboat.

He is Melvin Mundy, of Bethlehem, Pa., who steered a lifeboat load of passengers—three of them women and one a two-year-old boy—by a sketchy chart he copied from his captain's map, and was at the rudder when a British rescue ship was sighted.

That ship picked up two other boatloads and landed here last night with all of the missing from the Robin Moor—35 passengers and crew members feared lost after the Brazilian ship Ozorio picked up the fourth boatload of 11 survivors June 9.

The survivors said that luck of the sea—not any wireless notification of their plight by the submarine—saved them. The officers and crew members who boarded the submarine declared positively it was German.

All agreed that the submarine's officers and sailors who spoke used good English, "but with a German accent."

There was disagreement, however, as to identifying marks on the submarine. Mundy said a red bull's head was painted on the conning tower. Second Mate Robert Taylor, whose father lives in Hollywood but who is not related to the movie actor, Robert Taylor, said he saw under the bull's head the word "Taureau"—French for bull.

Another crew member said the word painted there was "La Touche."

(On the other hand, 11 survivors of the Robin Moor who were landed at Recife, Brazil, last Wednesday night, said the submarine had a laughing cow painted on her conning tower, along with the name Loricke or Loricke.)

Crew and passengers were given 20 minutes—extended grudgingly to 30 minutes—to get into lifeboats, it was stated. A torpedo was fired into the Robin Moor, and she sank 18 minutes later under shell fire from the submarine's deck gun.

In the 13 days that followed, until rescue June 3, little Robin McCullough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. McCullough, was the only one who enjoyed himself. He seemed to like the "long boat ride," and cooed contentedly at the "pretty fishes"—sharks which followed the boat—passengers said.

He alone could stomach the hardtack, part of the meagre rations aboard the lifeboat. Here in a hotel room last night the two-year-old still clutched a dried biscuit and said repeatedly: "Robin want tack."

Ben M. Cohn of New Haven, Conn., en route to Africa to manage an American-owned theatre, said that Mundy, despite a broken ankle suffered while going to the submarine, took complete charge of the passengers when he returned from his futile effort to dissuade the submarine commander from sinking the Robin Moor.

"We had no sea chart in our boat," Cohn related, "but Mundy made a rough copy of a chart the captain carried in another lifeboat while the two craft bobbed up and down beside each other in the rough sea."

"On this crude map he carefully plotted our course. When we were finally rescued the captain of the ship which took us aboard examined Mundy's chart and found he was less than 10 miles off in his final position."

One of the transients took a silver flower vase from the chapel altar after he had been fed, the mother superior told police.

The thief took the flowers from the vase and walked away with it while the nun looked on. She could not follow him because the Carmelites are forbidden to leave the confines of the convent.

Aluminum plant strikers in Cleveland boasted that they waved the American flag. Some people wave it and others serve it.

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ALUMINUM COMPANY DENIES ICKES RAP

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—Flatly denying charges of Secretary of Interior Ickes, I. W. Wilson, production vice president testified Tuesday the "Aluminum Company of America" has done everything within its power, and more, to aid the president's defense program.

Ickes charged Monday that the huge firm sought to control aluminum production "regardless of consequences to the United States" and through "recalcitrance" and "obstruction" was retarding the defense program.

Appearing before the special senate defense investigation committee, Wilson testified that the Aluminum company "has already doubled and will shortly triple its 1938 output . . . is spending over \$200,000,000 of its own money to advance defense . . . has repeatedly offered to put all its technical resources at the government's command."

If a shortage of aluminum exists for airplanes and other vital defense needs, Wilson said that the Aluminum company could not be blamed. He said that the company had furnished more of the metal than its own estimates and that Secretary Ickes had denied its requests for additional electric power at Bonneville dam.

The witness took particular objection to Secretary Ickes' statement Monday that "when the story of this war comes to be written, it may have to be written that it was lost because

of the recalcitrance of the Aluminum Company of America."

Wilson said "Secretary Ickes may know how wars are lost, but you gentlemen know that wars are won by using as quickly as possible every available resource for the production of war materials."

SCHOOL HEADS IN LAKE AREA NAMED

WESTSIDE — It appears that most of the people of the Union and Vernon school districts will not have much justification this coming school year for "kicking" about the way their schools are run. Only six people in the Vernon district, and eight in the Union, used their right of electing the persons of their choice for school director and clerk, and of approving or rejecting the budget for school expenses for 1941-42.

Francis Smith and Mrs. John Crowl were reelected director and clerk at the annual Vernon school meeting Monday afternoon; Floyd Reed will be chairman of the board, and Ernest Bussey is the third member.

At the Union meeting Harry Crowl and Mrs. Roy Peterson were reelected director and clerk; Henry Albertson is chairman of the board for 1941-42, and Jim Bernard the third member.

Rather than argue with a youngster about taking a bath, just let him water the lawn.

ROPE SOUGHT FOR CLUE TO GIRL'S DEATH

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—Washington police searched for a piece of hemp rope Tuesday in the hope it might be a vital clue in the strangulation-rape death of comely 23-year-old Jessie E. Strieff, war department worker, whose nude body was found in a garage yesterday.

Homicide Chief George Darnall said an eight-inch mark on Miss Strieff's right hip indicated she had been bound with a rope about three-eighths of an inch in diameter.

As police pressed their search also for the missing clothes Miss Strieff wore when she left her apartment Sunday, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt expressed concern to her press conference over the safety of young women who take defense jobs here.

Mrs. Roosevelt suggested that no young Washington women should return to their homes in the late evening without an escort. Miss Strieff disappeared in mid-afternoon, however.

The First Lady also advised that girls be extremely careful in accepting favors from strangers or casual acquaintances, and that if a young woman takes a drink at all it should only be in the company of well-known friends. She pointed out that such rules were generally wise at all times, in any city.

Police said discovery of the missing clothes and rope might give them valuable leads in the mystery. The girl's body was found sprawling in the garage of a retired professor, who was vacationing in St. Mary's.

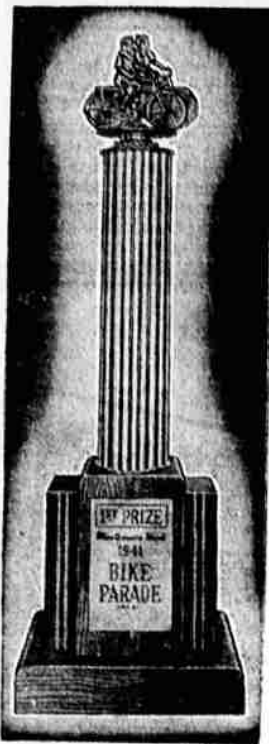
All evidence indicated that the crime had been committed elsewhere and that the girl's body was thrust into the garage for temporary concealment. Abrasions on her back and legs led authorities to believe that she had been dragged some distance.

Meanwhile, investigators inclined to the theory that the slaying took place during a torrential mid-afternoon storm which plunged the city into sudden darkness.

Miss Strieff, an aviation enthusiast with a private pilot's license, left her apartment to go to a nearby delicatessen store just as the storm was coming up. She was wearing the missing blue hooded raincoat and a blue play suit with a button-on skirt.

One possibility that detectives considered was that she took refuge in some doorway to escape the worst of the downpour and there was seized by her assailant. A variant of this was that she accepted the offer of some passing motorist to take her home.

BICYCLE TROPHY



Bike Parade First Prize Trophy

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This handsome 19 1/2-inch trophy will be awarded for the best and most originally decorated bicycle in the Bicycle Safety Parade to be held June 27, under the sponsorship of Montgomery Ward & Co. Nine valuable merchandise prizes from the sporting goods department will be given the runners-up.

These prizes are: croquet set, Joe Gordon glove, major league bat, softball, Lawford tennis racket, 3 tennis balls, roller skates, King air rifle, bicycle light.

Bicycle riders young and old, large and small, are eligible for entry in the parade. This parade is certain to be a spectacular and colorful pageant if the enthusiastic ideas of some of the entrants are realized. All contestants must register with Mr. Milne, manager of the sporting goods department of Montgomery Ward & Co. Mr. Milne says that all prizes are now on exhibition at the store, and invites prospective contestants to see them.

The Klamath Falls Bicycle Parade is staged in the interest of safer bicycle riding in this community. Every mother and father should welcome and encourage any event that calls attention to the constant need for

careful bicycle riding. A set of 10 rules of safety are given with each entry blank, together with a set of colorful wheel disks bearing the slogan, "I Ride Safely . . . Do You?" Boys and girls are urged to register now, obey the safety rules, use the wheel disks, and prepare their bikes for the big parade.

The Parade will start from the Montgomery Ward store at 10 a. m. Friday, June 27, and will proceed down Main street to Sixth and return to the store where the prizes will be awarded.

Each participant in the parade will receive a bottle of Royal Crown Cola from the Lost River Dairy and a special Bike Parade matinee will be presented by the Esquire theatre.

PLANE DETECTOR USED IN BRITAIN

LONDON, June 18 (AP)—A secret plane detector which contributed to the RAF's success in the battle for Britain last fall has since been developed further with "high promise in many directions." Major Clement R. Attlee, lord privy seal, told the house of commons Tuesday.

"Our industries now are turning out increasing quantities of this ingenious apparatus, whose maintenance and repair demand large numbers of skilled men, especially radio mechanics," Attlee said.

"Training in this work is being given by the fighting services, assisted by universities and technical colleges throughout the country. Dominions and other parts of the empire also are helping us, Canada particularly organizing powerful aid."

His statement was made after a member's reference to an assertion by a government official in Canada that Britain had a "secret and powerful" weapon against night raiders.

AIRPORT GRADING UNDER WAY HERE

Bulldozers, carryalls and tractors are working away on the grading job at the Klamath Falls airport where Jones and King of Hayward, Calif., hold a \$279,000 contract for expansion of the municipal field, according to E. A. Thomas, city engineer.

With the completion of the grading project, the next step will be to set up a rock crushing plant in preparation for laying the pavement base. After the digging ditches and putting in the lighting system will be handled by the crews now on the job.

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HOLD EVERYTHING



"I want this sent C. O. D.—a grouchy man might answer the door and tell your driver to take it back, but don't pay any attention to him!"

NAVAL OBSERVER MISSED IN FLIGHT

WASHINGTON, June 18 (AP)—The navy department said Tuesday Lieutenant Commander George Wilson Grove, of the United States naval reserve, had been reported missing since June 13 on a flight with the royal air force in Iraq.

Commander Grove, 46, had been assigned to duty with the RAF as a naval observer. The navy gave no details as to the apparent cause of the plane's disappearance, but it was understood that because of flat terrain in the region hope existed of finding Commander Grove alive.

His wife, Mrs. Katharine Grove of Cornwall, Conn., has been notified that the search is being continued by the RAF.

Sheriff Breaks Up Cockfight, Arrests Six in California

FAIRFIELD, Calif., June 18 (UP)—Six men captured in a sheriff's office raid on a cockfight near Rio Vista were fined or sentenced to 12-day jail terms yesterday.

Deputy sheriffs, acting on a tip, found 200 spectators and bettors at a secret "arena" in the sand dunes off the Ryer Island road. More than 60 game cocks, equipped with spurs, were confiscated and destroyed.

The crowd dispersed in several directions when the deputy

ties appeared, and the six men arrested were captured only after a cross-country chase. The sheriff's office said virtually all the men were Filipinos.

PAROLE VIOLATOR FACES SENTENCE

Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon left Tuesday for San Francisco to bring back Robert Ogden, a parole violator, who faces service of a four-year term in prison. Ogden was paroled here in 1938, after conviction on a charge of forgery. Ogden stole two checks from the Klamath Forest Protective association of offices and forged an endorsement upon one of them.

Early this year Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg revoked Ogden's parole, after Ogden had been arrested in San Francisco. He has served time there on a misdemeanor charge and upon release will be taken into custody by Mattoon and brought back here.

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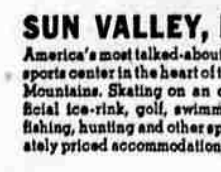
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