

KLAMATH CONVICT RECAPTURED

Babe Goes To Bat For Cancer Victim



Lenard 'Buster' Ross, 8, whose life is threatened by cancer, watches from the porch of his Parkertown, N. J., home as Babe Ruth (with bat), and circus clowns Frankie Saluto (left), and Charles Bell (right), put on an act for his benefit. (AP Wirephoto)

Thousands To Attend Sunrise Services, Throng Churches In Easter Celebration

By The Associated Press
Christians throughout the United States will celebrate tomorrow their first peace-time Easter since 1941 in symbolic open-air and church ceremonies.

Sergeant Gets 6-Month Jolt

LONDON, April 20 (AP)—A U. S. army court-martial today convicted Staff Sgt. James M. Jones of Muskogee, Okla., on three specifications charging simple assault on American prisoners at the Lichfield detention camp and sentenced him to six months at hard labor.

The verdict acquitted Jones, who was a guard at Lichfield, on five charges of simple assault and assault with intent to do bodily harm.

The finding of the six-man court was announced after two and a half hours' deliberation by its president, Maj. Anthony Horn of Logansport, Ind.

The court recommended clemency and announced that Jones, 22, would not be confined pending review of his case by Col. Claude M. Thiele, commanding officer of the London area office.

Jones is the second of the Lichfield defendants to be tried. The first man brought to trial, Sgt. Judson H. Smith of Cumberland, Ky., was convicted and sentenced to three years' imprisonment and dishonorable discharge. Smith's case also is awaiting review.

Concluding testimony in the second trial involving cruelty charges at Lichfield, Jones, 22, acknowledged that he hit prisoners with his fists and with clubs and said such practices by the guards "happened every day" on orders from superior officers.

France Faces Grave Crisis
PARIS, April 20 (AP)—The French cabinet faced a serious crisis today following approval by the constituent assembly last night of a new leftist-sponsored constitution which would establish a powerful one-chamber legislature.

The constitution for the fourth republic was adopted by a vote of 309 to 249, over the objection of rightist parties, including the strong popular republican movement (MRP) and the radical-socialists. It will be submitted to the electorate at a national referendum May 5.

Observers said the assembly's action was almost certain to result in a bitter campaign over France's organic law, and might split the coalition government at a cabinet meeting next Wednesday, when President Felix Gouin will ask his ministers to endorse the constitution.

Truce Reached In Dock Tie-Up
KETCHIKAN, Alaska, April 20 (AP)—Gov. Ernest Gruening announced shortly before midnight last night settlement of the 18-day-old longshore tie-up in Alaska and promised that the freighter Taku would be unloaded here today.

Gruening's announcement followed a four-hour meeting between the governor, waterfront employers, longshore representatives and Federal Labor Conciliator A. L. Peterson.

Formal announcement of details of the settlement are expected later today.

Jewish Death Toll Mounts

WARSAW, April 20 (AP)—Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the American and World Federation of Polish Jews, said today that 800 Jews had been slain in Poland since the liberation and that Jews were being murdered and intimidated daily, although the Polish government is doing everything in its power to give them protection.

The federation president charged in an interview that a two-week study of the Jewish situation had convinced him that the Jews were being killed mostly by bandits financed abroad by agents of the former exiled government in London.

Tenenbaum, who conferred with President Boleslaw Bierut and Premier Edward Okmorawski, said the president agreed to suggestions that "an international agreement is necessary to open frontiers of neighboring countries and to permit Jews to seek new homes in Palestine, America and elsewhere" and that the issue "should be placed on the United Nations agenda."

Bus Confabs Fizzle Out
PORTLAND, April 20 (AP)—First negotiations in the two-week Oregon Motor Stages tie-up apparently fizzled out last night, when the meeting adjourned with no indication that it would be resumed.

Union and company officials held conferences yesterday with Mayors Earl L. McNutt of Eugene and I. M. Doughton of Salem, State Utilities Commissioner George Flagg, Salem, and other officials.

City transportation in Salem and Eugene as well as intercity routes is tied up in the wage dispute, aimed at an increase from \$1.05 and \$1.15 to \$1.40 an hour for drivers, \$1.20 to \$1.50 for mechanics.

TIGERS WIN
CLEVELAND, April 20 (AP)—Hal Newhouser held Cleveland to two singles today as the Detroit Tigers defeated the Indians, 7 to 0, in a local season opener before 42,775 fans.

No Trace Found Of Missing Boy
No trace had been found of 13-year-old Laurence Davis, reported missing since Wednesday, juvenile officials said today and the search for the boy and a man he may be with has been extended over Oregon and into Washington.

The boy, a Fremont junior high school student, left the residence of his aunt and guardian, Dorothy Smith, at 303 Pine, Wednesday morning and has not been seen since.

The older man, a Southern Pacific roundhouse employee, left his hotel Wednesday. He and the boy were acquainted, Miss Smith said, and the man had given Laurence presents and talked of adopting him.

Japanese Plot To Regain Power Disclosed In Probe
By FRANK L. WHITE
TOKYO, April 20 (AP)—Many former Japanese army officers are forming groups, some on government-subsidized farms, and secreting supplies in the obvious hope of one day regaining power.

This I learned from reliable sources—Japanese, allied nationals and American occupation officials—during a careful investigation of more than two months. American officials, rather than looking upon it with undue alarm, see in the situation a naturally expected one. In many instances, the identities and locations of the groups are known. They are being watched.

"To date there has been no evidence of any subversion on an extensive scale," said an authoritative source at General MacArthur's headquarters. Former Major Robert D.

Car-Bus Crash Kills Ex-Sailor

SALEM, April 20 (AP)—A recently discharged sailor, Lester Eugene Marynee, Salem, was killed in West Salem early today when the car in which he was riding crashed into a parked bus.

State police said the car was traveling at high speed. The bus was empty. Two other occupants of the car, Ann Kennedy of Detroit and Douglas Brown of Salem, were cut and bruised.

State police said they did not know who was the driver of the car.

In an accident in Salem, Clarence A. Hunt, 29, was injured critically when he rode his bicycle into the side of a moving Southern Pacific freight train.

Soaring Food Costs Close Geisha Houses
TOKYO, April 20 (AP)—Soaring food costs and public criticism of lavish spending caused 25 geisha houses and five high class restaurants to close today.

The proprietress of one of the largest geisha houses said she was giving her girls "a holiday during which they will devote themselves to improving their talents."

Cartoon Movies For Children Launched
CHICAGO, April 20 (AP)—Some Chicago theatres, spurred by a bus driver who believes children should have their own movies rather than adult pictures, have begun Saturday morning matinees consisting entirely of 15 cartoon shorts.

An estimated 40 to 50 houses are running the cartoons, some every Saturday, others once a month.

Screen Siren Sets Sights For Slicker
LOS ANGELES, April 20 (AP)—Beauteous Hedy Lamarr is more dangerous than ever.

The screen siren, who lost thousands of dollars worth of jewels and clothing to a burglar two nights ago, yesterday was granted a gun permit with her husband, John Loder.

Herald and News

PRICE FIVE CENTS KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1946 Number 10800

Flour Consumption Pared

Chinese Reds Forge Ahead In Manchuria

By The Associated Press
Chinese communists announced today they would occupy the northern Manchurian city of Harbin when the Russians withdraw next Thursday "if a state of civil war still prevails" then.

The communist determination to follow up the success in occupying Changchun, Manchuria's capital, was announced in Chungking by a party spokesman.

Possession of Changchun gave the Chinese communists a firm grip on central Manchuria, and a government spokesman admitted that the situation there was "very grave."

Reports reaching Peiping said Chinese government officials in Harbin had fled to government-held Mukden in South Manchuria by plane, fearing capture by communist troops ringing the city.

Seek Americans
Meantime at Chungking, General Marshall's headquarters sought the removal of seven Americans to leave Changchun, whose fall to Chinese communist forces after five days of fighting was acknowledged by the central government.

Marshall's headquarters said a request had been made through communist channels for permission for the seven Americans to leave Changchun. The group was comprised of two army men and five news correspondents, including one woman.

The Chungking dispatch did not make clear whether Marshall's action meant he had word of the safety of the Americans.

Portland Man
The seven Americans were Maj. Robert Rigg of Chicago, assistant military attaché; M/Sgt. Clayton Pond of Portland, Ore., his pilot; Tom Masterson, Associated Press; Reynolds Packard, United Press; Charlotte Ebener, International News service; George Walker, Chicago Daily News; and Henry R. Lieberman, New York Times.

Simultaneously, an official spokesman in Chungking conceded that the communists could take Harbin without a struggle after Russian troops withdraw from that important north Manchuria city next Thursday. He said the government has no troops there. The communists dominate north Manchuria.

He made the startling acknowledgment that national troops have not captured Szepkingal—despite previous claims.

Townsend Backs New Deal Policy
Lamar Townsend, Klamath Falls attorney and democratic candidate for congress from Oregon's second district, told a special meeting of the Eagles lodge in Nyssa that if elected to congress he would earnestly strive to serve the people with a view of their continued prosperity and to broaden the social gains they had obtained under the late President Roosevelt.

Townsend is currently on a speaking tour in eastern Oregon and the Nyssa appearance was his fifth address this week. He is travelling over the district with A. C. Friesen, state president of the Eagles, and M. L. Shepherd, state vice president.

Two other meetings, in Bend and Burns, are scheduled before Townsend completes his tour of the district. He is unopposed for the democratic nomination in the May 17 primary and will run against the incumbent, Rep. Lowell Stockman, in the November general election.

Easter Observance To Be Held In Japan
TOKYO, April 20 (AP)—American and Japanese Christians will join in the singing of hymns at sunrise services in Meiji Stadium here tomorrow as Japan observes its first peaceful Easter in nine years.

The stadium celebration is sponsored by the allied forces and the Japan Christian association. Throughout the empire other services will be held.



This Australian kangaroo seems a little confused as he plays the role of an Easter Bunny in Hollywood. The oversized "rabbit" was brought to this country by Producer William Cagney to appear in a movie. (AP Wirephoto)

Senator Sees Hope For OPA

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—Senator LaFollette (Prog-Wis.) today gave OPA a fighting chance for its life in the senate, but only if the price agency speedily corrects what he termed its mistakes.

Pointing out that OPA has a two-week breathing spell for this purpose before the senate takes up the legislation, LaFollette declared that the agency's past tardiness in instituting reforms was responsible for its present uncertain plight.

The Wisconsin senator, who said he wants to see OPA continued with some "reasonable" amendments, told a reporter he is convinced that the house vote ripping the lid off the agency's controls bespoke pent up anger to reach the decision point.

"When OPA was first set up," he said, "it established what was called a 'defense in depth.' It pushed its first lines far out ahead of the area where final decisions can be made."

"As a result, when an injustice in price control is called to its attention, the case has to crawl upward through a series of divisions and it takes months to reach the decision point. That's one way to hold the line, but I don't think it's the right way."

What's A Joke Son, Joke, That Is--Broadway Ponders

By JACK O'BRIAN
NEW YORK, April 20 (AP)—The gentleman named C. C. Richardson in Huron, S. D., who bequeathed an estimated \$5,000 to anyone best defining the word "joke," has managed to arouse the greatest head-scratching bewilderment among Broadway comics in the history of that street's addition to the dignified works of Joe Miller.

Intentionally or not, C. C. has succeeded in sending Broadway skidding along on its collective funnybone. I took up his search for an explanation among some of the comedians. Next time I'm going to start looking for Judge Crater and Staff Faithful. Might be easier, that is.

I fell happily upon the delicate neck of Rags Ragland, whose funnyman background includes 52nd street night clubs dedicated to the glories of the amusing minstrel, more recent movies with MGM vaudeville, and a good many years in burlesque. Rags would, naturally, be able to tell me what is a joke.

"A joke? Sure, that's easy," said Rags. "Ah-er-now let's see—well, you take someone with baggy pants and abig nose. No, that's not it. That's just a joke, it won't tell what one is. But—"

Rags pondered, at length. Not, however, successfully. But Leroy sat in the cub room of the Stork club and pondered the question.

"Call me tomorrow at home and I'll have something figured out," Rags said. "I'll be out, wrinkled his brow into a road map and came up with approximately nothing."

"I'll tell you 10,000 jokes, all guaranteed, if you can sit that long," said Henny. "But I'm stuck as to why they're funny. I guess it's just something you set up and knock the props out from under. That doesn't sound so good, though, does it?"

No, it didn't.

The office dictionary lists these under "joke":

1. Something said or done for the purpose of exciting a laugh, often at the expense of some particular person or thing; especially a witty or humorous remark or paragraph.

2. A subject or object of merriment.

3. Something not in earnest or real; sport.

That, son, is a joke.

Self-Ration Of Edibles Called For

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—The United States opened an intensive new attack on the global food crisis today, ordering a 25 per cent slash in domestic flour consumption and calling for even more vigorous self-rationing of food in American homes.

The emergency, President Truman revealed, has become so acute that this country's already low wheat reserves are going to be cut even further to furnish famine relief.

Mr. Truman somberly told the nation it confronted "the greatest threat of mass starvation in the history of mankind."

Many Will Die
"Millions will surely die unless we eat less," he said in a plea to "the warm heart of America" for greater voluntary food conservation by the people.

The flour consumption cut was a direct step toward helping the country supply famished overseas areas with a million tons of wheat monthly—the target set by the president for the next three months. The reduction order is effective at midnight tomorrow and will continue in effect until June 30.

Agriculture department officials estimate that the flour cut will yield the equivalent of 25,000,000 bushels of wheat in the period.

Mr. Truman summoned the nation to redoubled famine-relief efforts in a nationwide all-network radio broadcast last night. He was joined on the program by former President Herbert Hoover, speaking from Egypt, UNRRA Director General Florello LaGuardia, and Secretary of Agriculture Anderson.

It was Anderson who announced the flour reduction order as part of a six-point administration program to provide more food for export.

Camp White Clamor Hot

GRANTS PASS, April 20 (AP)—The Camp White hospital clamor continued at fever heat today as local veterans and civic organizations received answers to telegrams they have been sending to the members of the congressional body and high veterans officials.

Throughout southern Oregon fuel has been fed into the fire to keep this pot boiling, said Hugh W. Gould, county service officer, who was visited by Medford representatives of veterans groups in Jackson county.

The flare-up resulted from the recent surprise announcement from the navy that it would close the hospital which it took over from the army last year, on May 1, and that veterans now being treated there would be transferred to another facility.

The situation is aggravated by the failure of the veterans administration to indicate that it will continue the hospital under its own supervision.

Balmy Weather Seen For Easter
Portland women are invited to bring their Easter bonnets and come to the Klamath Falls on Sunday—and leave their umbrellas at home.

Fair weather, warmer too, is predicted for Klamath Falls on Sunday, with a moderate northwesterly breeze to flutter the veils in the Easter parade, while clouds and showers are on the weather menu for Portland.

Sailor Drowns In Willamette River
PORTLAND, April 20 (AP)—James S. Coughlin, 19-year-old seaman first class, tumbled overboard from his ship to drown in the Willamette river early today.

A fellow-seaman, Vernon A. Ronin, 20, was treated for shock after he and another dived in a rescue attempt.

WEATHER
Max. (April 19) 50 Min. 38
Precipitation last 24 hours 11.5
Stream year to date 11.5
Normal year to date 11.5
Forecast: Fair and warmer

Ivan Leeper Escapes Out Of Solitary

Prisoner Makes Rope From Bedding To Scale Wall

SALEM, April 20 (AP)—Ivan Leeper, 22, who escaped from solitary confinement in the state penitentiary last night, was recaptured today in the MacLeary district, about eight miles southwest of here.

A desperate criminal from Klamath county broke from his solitary confinement cell in the state prison at Salem last night by picking the lock of the cell and going over the wall using a rope made from his bedding. Prison Warden Alexander said at Salem today.

The prisoner, Ivan Leeper, 22, was sentenced to serve 10 years for assault and robbery, armed with a dangerous weapon, from Klamath county two years ago.

He pleaded guilty in circuit court here to beating and robbing Lee M. Prouty, Klamath Falls theatre projectionist, between Klamath Falls and Bonanza April 21, 1943. Leeper, a ranch hand, had been given a ride from Bonanza by Prouty and on the way stuck a gun in the theatre man's ribs, robbed him of \$7, forced him out of the car and drove away.

Leeper was picked up later in Bly on a traffic charge and was held for investigation when he couldn't prove ownership of the car.

Trouble-Maker
Since entering the prison on April 26, 1943, Leeper has spent much of his time in solitary for trouble-making.

Alexander said this morning that he is a "bad boy and a habitual trouble maker. He threatened many times to stab other convicts, refused to work, and got in many other kinds of trouble, too."

The warden said that Leeper picked the lock of his cell, took a bar off the top of the door, and then went over the wall by using a rope he had made out of his bedding.

He was missed at breakfast time this morning and it is not known just when he escaped.

Leeper is the eighth man to escape from the Oregon state prison in the past month.

Klamath county law officials had not been officially notified of the prisoner's escape this morning.

Pope Decries Youth Morals

VATICAN CITY, April 20 (AP)—Pope Pius XII said today that "divorce, Godless schools and unbridled books and licentious entertainment" were threats to Christian morality.

The pontiff made the statement at a reception of 200 Italian Catholic Action leaders, at which he deplored that "much youth is rotten and corrupt" and expressed pity for "millions of children exposed to famine."

He urged the leaders to "be courageous, do not be taken by fear or fright in fighting against 'Godless' political theories."

He said Catholic action "is not a political party," and added that it was the urgent duty of Catholic nations to defend the church's doctrine and reconduct to the church all those who have left it.

"History teaches that people who leave the church rarely return to it in the same proportion," he said.