

Redin Judge Rues Claims Made By U.S.

SEATTLE, July 16 (AP)—Federal Judge Lloyd L. Black said in the jury's absence in the Lt. Nicolai G. Redin espionage-conspiracy trial today that he was "sorry that the dignity of this trial had been threatened by such extravagant claims" in the government's closing arguments.

During the first two and a half weeks of the trial, the judge said, evidence was submitted and the counsel had "confined themselves to the issues."

The government charges are based on testimony of Herbert Kennedy, shipyard engineer, that he sold secrets of the U. S. Yellowstone, a destroyer tender, to Redin for \$250.

"It is my opinion that until the opening arguments the jury was much impressed by the government's case," Judge Black said. (The opening argument was given by Victor E. Anderson, special assistant to the U. S. attorney general.)

"I will now state that there is not a syllable of evidence in this trial that the Kremlin had instructed Redin or even knew he was in this country."

"There was not a whisper of evidence that Russia had any information on Redin's activities."

Asserting government counsel had overstated importance of

Forty-Year Pin Proudly Received



H. E. Nevala of St. Paul, Minn., general chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Great Northern railway, this past Sunday presented a 40-year continuous membership and pin in the brotherhood, to Dean T. Bradley of Klamath Falls, conductor on the Great Northern. Left to right: L. S. Grim, Nevala, M. G. Bruner, president of lodge No. 974, BRT, Bradley, and Earl Epoch; back row, M. D. Klous, A. D. Howell and T. E. McIntee.

the trial, Judge Black continued: "It is not more important than any other trial. It will not decide whether there is another war. Let us keep our feet on the ground."

The judge remarked that defense counsel had "happily" taken advantage of the introduction of such statements.

Judge Black also referred to closing arguments by Defense Counsel Irvin Goodman, and remarked that the Tom Mooney trial in California two decades ago had no connection with this case. Goodman had compared the two.

Baseball Scores

NATIONAL		
	R	H
New York	1	5
Chicago	0	6
Voiselle and Cooper, Lombardi (6); Schmitz and McCullough.		
Boston	10	14
Pittsburgh	0	7
Cooper and O'Dea, Masi (1); Albosta, Gerheuser (1) and Baker.		
Philadelphia	2	6
Cincinnati	0	5
Rowe and Semnick, Hemsley (9); Blackwell, Gumbert (9) and Mueller.		
AMERICAN		
	R	H
Chicago	6	14
Philadelphia	2	5
Smith and Tresh; Fowler, Fagan (4), Flores (8) and Rosar.		
Cleveland	6	10
Boston	3	9
Feller and Hegan; Hughson, Brown (8) and H. Wagner.		

Mrs. L'Rena Slack Dead In Portland

Mrs. L'Rena Slack, a resident of Klamath county for many years, died in Portland July 13 following an illness of two months.

Mrs. Slack was an active grange worker throughout the county and a member of the Bonanza grange for many years. She was also state juvenile matron.

She is survived by her husband, A. D. Slack of Vancouver, Wash. Interment will be held in Grants Pass Thursday.

Play Center Funds Win Ballot Spot

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suggested the chamber might be able to raise, by subscription, the \$60,000 required for the lounge and in this way combine the living memorial with recreational plans. The Jaycees were instructed by the council to find out just how much money they could raise by subscription and report back.

Navy Carriers Get Citations

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—President Truman today bestowed a nation's grateful tribute on eight aircraft carriers and the men who rode them to victory.

In a colorful ceremony on the sun-bathed south grounds of the White House, the chief executive presented presidential citations to Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, wartime commander of task force 58, who accepted them on behalf of each of the veterans.

Mrs. John S. McCain attended the ceremony in place of her husband, the late vice admiral who commanded task force 38. At the conclusion, Mr. Truman shook hands with scores in the crowd, including the officers who served on each of the ships—the Belleau Wood, Bunker Hill, Cabot, Essex, Hornet, Lexington, San Jacinto and Yorktown.

Youth Escapes Death At Lake

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eagle below and finally came to a stop.

Forest service men said injuries consisted of burns on the hands and shock. Rangers and other employees assisted Knapp in making the long difficult climb back to the top. In commenting on this unique experience, Superintendent E. P. Leavitt said:

"The park service is bending every effort to open the trail to Crater lake so that visitors may enjoy in reasonable safety a visit to and on the water. We urge visitors not to attempt to go down to the water until the trail is officially opened as those who make such attempts not only jeopardize their own lives but the lives of others, as well as slowing the work of opening the trail. We are all happy that Knapp emerged from his ordeal virtually unharmed and hope that his experience will deter others from any attempt to duplicate his feat."

Leavitt also said Knapp defied a barricade across the head of the trail, warning signs and pleas of his mother against the adventure.

Todd Lawyer Asks Court For Verdict

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tary manslaughter, and that there were two types of killings covered by the term manslaughter, voluntary and involuntary.

As for the form of the indictment, Humble said that he followed a statutory form which had been sustained by the supreme court and that it was a correct form.

To that Judge Vandenberg answered, "My dear man, those forms are to aid you in writing indictments. You can't take 12 or 14 indictments to cover 3000 laws. If you could, all you'd need is a \$10 code book and a secretary."

"Friendly Struggle"

The prosecution rested at 11:30, then O'Neill made his motion to have the case thrown out. Prosecution witnesses Stanley M. Hendricks and Harry Marin, who were with Simmers in the ice dock office at the time and saw the "horseplay" between Simmers and Todd just prior to the shooting, testified that Todd fired at the climax of a brief and "friendly" struggle and Simmers fell to the floor with a pistol bullet in his head.

It was their testimony that Simmers had taken a blackjack away from Todd and was brandishing it when the railroad special officer drew his pistol and fired.

City and state police officers, called to the scene of the shooting, testified on court today they smelled alcohol on Todd's breath and said Todd had them Simmers had the saw in his hand and he, Todd, "let him have it."

Indictment Attacked

When the state rested, O'Neill attacked the indictment on the grounds that it did not state facts to constitute a crime, there was no such crime in Oregon as voluntary manslaughter, the indictment was not in good form and also maintained that the evidence did not prove the crime.

O'Neill said in this state the law specifies six types of manslaughter and that the word "voluntary" was not a part of any of them.

He also said that the evidence showed only involuntary killing in the commission of an unlawful act, the act being the pointing of a gun, which is a misdemeanor.

The indictment against Todd reads: "... voluntary manslaughter ... on the 25th of January, 1946, ... did then and there unlawfully feloniously and voluntarily kill one Rose Simmers by shooting him with a 32-20 revolver."

WAA Authorizes Work At Airport

The city today received authorization from the war assets administration in Portland to permit United Air Lines to go ahead with necessary remodeling of office facilities at municipal airport.

The first floor of the control tower will be converted into offices and waiting rooms. According to Wilbur Whitcomb, airport manager, the tower will not be put in operation until such time as it is found necessary in the maintenance of the field.

Bikini Blast Kills 15.3% Of Animals

ABOARD USS MT McKINLEY, July 16 (AP)—The atomic bomb which burst over Bikini lagoon July 1 has taken the lives so far of only 15.3 per cent of the animals exposed to its blast and radioactivity. Vice Adm. William H. P. Blandy, atom test commander, said today.

Ten per cent of the animals, he said, were killed outright. He added that other deaths from radiation were expected to occur during the next three months and commented that mortality so far was at the "expected rate."

His report said 2982 of the 3519 animals used in the test were still alive.

(Blandy's statement was in sharp contrast with that of an officer who reported at Kwajalein Monday that the animals were "dying like flies." The officer indicated there soon would be no animals left to take to the United States for further study.)

Prison Camp Will Be Probed In Court

PORTLAND, July 16 (AP)—A will written in a Japanese prison camp in Manila and smuggled out before the death of the Rev. Richard E. Carberry, 42, aboard a prison ship a few months later, has been probated in circuit court here.

The former Silverton priest in the document written Oct. 21, 1944, bequeathed \$8000 to the archbishop of Portland and a sister and a brother. The Rev. Father Carberry died of wounds on a Japanese ship Jan. 24, 1945 after twice previously having been aboard prison ships that were torpedoed. He was captured on Bataan while a chaplain for Philippine scouts of General MacArthur's forces.

Next Action Up To Joint Conference

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and many other food items should be exempted from price controls.

The issue for the house was whether to accept the senate bill or seek a compromise through the conference route.

Wolcott said he did not know what would be the result of a conference but was "hopeful we can work out something."

Lower Costs Reported

On the other side of the debate, Rep. Jenkins of Ohio, chairman of the republican food study committee, said he had figures indicating the cost of filling the market basket actually had dropped in the last two weeks.

Rep. Michener (R-Mich.) lined up with Wolcott in recommending that the bill be sent to the conference group.

Rep. Sabath (D-Ill.) also urged that action.

"The public must not be misled and held up," Sabath said. "We must legislate in the interest of the public."

Sabath, chairman of the rules committee, asked the house to send the measure to a senate-house conference committee which could rewrite it "to protect the consumers of this country."

Many essential living cost items, he added, have jumped "20 to 30 per cent" since OPA died 18 days ago.

Mercy Refused For Mihailovic

BELGRADE, July 16 (AP)—Gen. Draja Mihailovic and his 10 co-defendants sentenced to death on charges of treason have lost an appeal to the presidium of the Yugoslav parliament for mercy.

It was officially announced today that the presidium had turned down the requests.

The bearded Chetnik leader, once the war minister as well as field commander for the exiled government of King Peter, was convicted yesterday by a military tribunal of treason and collaboration with the Germans and sentenced to be shot.

Convicted with him were 23 others, of whom 13 were sentenced to die and 13 were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 18 months to 20 years.

All requests to the presidium for mercy were made personally with the exception of those of two absentee defendants—Mladen Zujewich and Peter Zibljovich, who appealed through their defense attorneys.

When the court president informed the accused men yesterday they had the right to appeal for pardons he told them they could apply personally, through attorneys or through relatives.

Only about eight and one-half hours were given for completion of these appeals.

Legion Frames Barracks Plea

PORTLAND, July 16 (AP)—American Legion convention delegates were framing a resolution today calling upon the state department of veterans' affairs to take over the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks immediately.

The resolution, to be presented either this afternoon or tomorrow, was made after Governor Snell told the convention that "3000 veterans will be walking the streets this fall looking for a place to get an education."

Legionnaires said taking over the barracks would keep it available for either college courses or a vocational training center.

Army To Ask Bids On Dorena Dam Job

PORTLAND, July 16 (AP)—Bids for construction of the main spillway of Dorena dam on the Row river in Lane county will be called about Aug 1 for Sept. 3 opening, Col. O. E. Walsh said today.

Dorena dam, to be built at an estimated cost of \$9,000,000, is part of the Willamette valley basin flood control project. It is located six miles southeast of Cottage Grove.

Two of the project's seven authorized dams—Cottage Grove and Fern Ridge—were built before the war.

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His doctors said Hughes' average pulse beat now is 120, his average temperature 101 and his white blood count 16,000. They administered a blood transfusion late last night to give him a lift, since he has moderate anemia.

The airplane builder-pilot has nine rib fractures, a collapsed left lung, and severe burns.

But for the first time, the physicians' bulletin last night omitted reference to his condition as "still critical."

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