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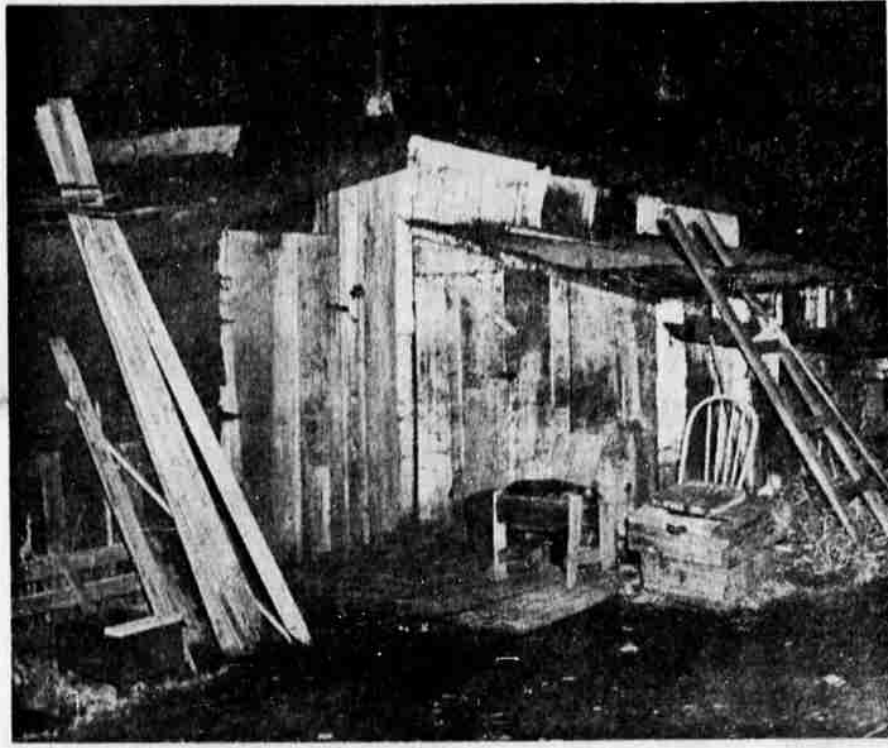
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Jungle Party Ends Fatally

Scene Of Fatal Jungle Shanty Shooting



Outside the small, makeshift jungle shanty pictured above, is where Robert Theodore Melaas, 45, fell when he was hit in the abdomen by a small-caliber rifle bullet allegedly fired by 36-year-old James Elza Wyatt, below. The picture of Wyatt was taken this morning at the county jail where he is booked for murder. Melaas and Wyatt lived at the cabin near the Great Northern railway tracks south of town.

\$500 Per Capita Payment To Klamaths Gets Tribe OK

KLAMATH AGENCY, Jan. 24—A \$500 per capita payment for enrolled members of the Klamath Indian tribes, now in the legislative mill at Washington, D. C., was approved yesterday afternoon by members of the tribe in a meeting here. Originally the tribe had asked for a payment of \$1000, but a house of representatives committee cut the

Draft Eisenhower Clubs To Disband

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (AP)—Leaders of the National Draft Eisenhower League announced simultaneously today that all state units have been asked to disband and that the six organizers of the league had pledged to support the candidacy of Harold E. Stassen.

A statement issued at the league's headquarters here by Stewart Scheffel, chairman, said: "We have read and digested the full text of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's letter to Leonard V. Funder of New Hampshire. As a result of the National Draft Eisenhower League, reluctantly bowing to the wishes of the general and has today asked all of its state chairmen to disband their organizations."

Sheriff's Posse To Meet Monday

The Klamath Sheriff's Posse will hold its first big meeting of the year on Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the Willard hotel.

Among matters to be brought up at this meeting will be activities for the coming year and whether or not the invitation should be accepted to participate in the St. Patrick's parade, March 17, in San Francisco.

Plane Search Party Ready

DENVER, Jan. 24 (AP)—Sixty men, some of them former army ski troopers, assembled at Hollinsville on the western slope of the continental divide today to organize a two-day ground search of the region in which a C-47 plane was lost Wednesday night.

The missing plane, a civil aeronautics administration patrol craft, carried a pilot and two passengers. Lowry field officers said they were "hopeful" but that faint radio signals heard from the snow-packed wilds in the Rocky mountains some 35 miles northwest of Denver "were possibly freak squeaks from receiving equipment." Capt. William Coleman of Lowry field said that frequently the ore-laden slopes cause radio sounds similar to genuine signals.

Aboard the missing craft were Pilot Fred Shavelly, Kansas City, Kan.; Co-pilot Warren L. Lungstrum, Leavenworth, Kas., and Ross C. Brown, Denver, a CAA aeronautical inspector.

Death Penalty Ban Sought

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24 (AP)—A move to abolish capital punishment in Oregon was under way today as the aftermath of the gas-chamber execution of Wardell H. Henderson, 27, Portland negro.

Mrs. John R. Catlin, president of the Oregon Prison association, said a bill to abolish capital punishment would be introduced in the next legislature.

The execution yesterday of Henderson, convicted of slaying Walter Poole, Vancouver, Wash. butcher, in a robbery two years ago, followed a series of protests that his death penalty was imposed as the result of racial prejudice among jurors at his trial.

The Oregon Prison association was among groups attempting to obtain a stay of execution. Henderson left behind a note saying, "You got to be white before you can consider yourself American. . . . They didn't look at the case after they saw that I was a negro. They just convicted me because of my race."

France To Cut Value Of Franc

PARIS, Jan. 24 (AP)—France had decided to devalue the franc even without the permission of the international monetary fund, a spokesman for the foreign ministry declared today.

The spokesman said there was no question of France withdrawing from the fund. He added, however, that the French government believes a member of the fund has every right to carry out a money reform without the approval of the international organization.

France, he said, is obliged by her present financial position to create a devalued external franc and a free money market even in the face of an adverse vote by the fund's board of governors. Earlier, Secretary of State Pierre Abelin said the fund in Washington would announce a final decision in the matter today.

Logger Dies From Wound In Stomach

A wine party in a railroad jungle shanty late yesterday afternoon was climaxed by the gunshot death of Robert Theodore Melaas, 45-year-old logger, and James Elza Wyatt, 36, who bunked with Melaas in the cabin is booked for murder at the county jail.

No formal charge had been placed against Wyatt today.

Melaas was hit once in the stomach with a .22 calibre rifle bullet, fired at close range. The shooting occurred around 4:15 p. m. and state police said when arrested Wyatt admitted firing the shot. Later he retracted the statement.

Two material witnesses to the fray, George Rucha, 54, and Joe Butler, 43, are held in the county jail on intoxication charges. They allegedly had been drinking with Melaas and Wyatt prior to the shooting.

Outside Door
State police said the shooting took place just outside the door of Melaas' shanty, located across the Great Northern tracks from the John D. O'Connor feed lot south of town. They quoted witnesses as saying that Wyatt shot Melaas with the rifle, but divulged no reason for the act other than "a drinking argument."

A half-filled gallon jug of red wine was found inside the cabin and confiscated by police.

Melaas fell to the dirt in front of the shanty, the witnesses related. Joe Butler was standing near another cabin and he said he heard Wyatt say, "You son of a b---, I'll kill you. . . ." before the shot was fired.

Butler said he started toward Melaas' shanty but Wyatt pointed the rifle at him and forced him back. Then Henry Nelson, who was some 30 yards away coming across the railroad tracks when he heard the shot, came up and was also forced back.

Nelson said Wyatt threw the rifle over to another shack. Nelson picked it up to turn over to police. He drove to the state police headquarters and told the story.

Dragged Inside
When two officers arrived at the shanty, Wyatt apparently had dragged Melaas back into the cabin and rolled him under a bunk. The

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Judge Studies Runaway Case

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24 (AP)—Superior Judge I. L. Harris refused yesterday to hold the seaman, 19-year-old Wallace Wells of Hood River, Ore., on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Instead, he referred both his case and that of the vivacious starlet to juvenile court.

Jackie spoke up at the hearing in defense of the sailor off the navy tanker Cimarron. He was "gentlemanly and nice" at all times during their five days together, she said. Police found the two in a hotel room last Wednesday morning. Jackie reiterated in court "He never touched me," she told Judge Harris.

Whether the young pianist will become a ward of the juvenile court will be determined next week. Her case is scheduled to be heard Thursday. She has maintained she was motivated in leaving home on January 13 by rebellion against long hours of study and practice.

Paul Hill, Los Angeles attorney representing Jackie's mother, Mrs. Clara Horner, announced he would oppose any effort to make the girl a ward of juvenile court. She is a "very good kid," he said, and "the state has nothing to offer her."

New Insecticide Gets Indorsement

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24 (AP)—A new insecticide called parathion today had the endorsement of the annual western spray conference.

Scientists of the western states and British Columbia said it was particularly effective in controlling orchard mites. They predicted it would supplement orchardists' use of DDT, which has the disadvantage of destroying enemies of mites and aphids. The scientists reported parathion was tested extensively last year under the names of formulation 3422 and AATP.

Crater Lake Sets Sunny Day Record

All January records at Crater Lake national park were shattered this week when park officials reported the "clearest" January in the history of the service.

There have been 16 clear days, 14 in a row, during the month. The former record was for 11 clear January days in 1936. The maximum temperature the past five days has been in the 50s.

Hunters said there has been a skin of ice on the lake most all this past week. As for skiing, rangers advised devotees of the sport to remain off the trails, which they termed "in very bad shape." The trails are deeply rutted and no new snow has fallen in more than two weeks. Skiers are only in fair condition and skiing is possible only during mid-afternoon hours when the sun thaws the icy covering. The ski tow will run Sundays, despite the poor skiing prospects and the lunch counter will be open all day.

There was one accident during the week which occurred shortly after noon Friday when Dick Camdes, 16-year-old student youth, suffered a possible fracture to the left ankle at the top of novice trail. The ankle was splinted by rangers and Dick went home with members of his party.

Rangers advised The Herald and News this morning that skiing was excellent and picture possibilities good at the park this week-end.

Reds Denied DP Camp Visit

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 24 (AP)—Eleven Russian correspondents touring the U. S. zone of Germany will not be permitted to visit displaced persons camps. "Their visit might cause trouble," a U. S. army spokesman said today.

Most of the 300,000 displaced persons in the American zone "are still here because they don't like Russian communism," explained Col. George S. Eyster. They have refused repeated chances to return to their homes in Russia or other communist dominated countries, he said.

"If these Russian journalists were permitted to enter their camps, the likely result would be trouble," Eyster said. "We would have to have armed military police standing by to protect them. We want to avoid any trouble."

"There are Russia repatriation missions here who have access to these camps, and whose job it is to handle such matters."

The Russian newsmen began yesterday a 12-day conducted tour of the American zone. American correspondents recently returned from a similar tour of the Russian zone.

Soldier Runs Wild In Tank

LAWTON, OKLA., Jan. 24 (AP)—An intoxicated Fort Sill soldier ran berserk in a tank-like 21-ton self-propelled 155 mm. howitzer here shortly before midnight—leading frantic MPs on a dizzy 12-mile chase through the heart of town before they trapped him with a roadblock.

The one-man armored force crashed three cars on his stormy passage and started a near-panic in Lawton, a town of 20,000, where startled citizens jammed the police telephone board with queries and play-by-play reports.

Maj. Gen. Clift Andrus, commander of the fort, identified the soldier as T/4 Donald S. Williams, 24, Decatur, Tex. He is a radio operator attached to a rocket battalion and Williams told investigating officers he had never operated a howitzer before. Andrus said the soldier said he did not know what he was doing until after he was taken into custody.

Son Kills Father Through Mistake

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., Jan. 24 (AP)—A 41-year-old Clinton township father was shot to death today and police said his 17-year-old son had fired the fatal shot in the mistaken belief that his father was beating the boy's mother.

Authorities said the victim, Stephen Kallis Sr., 41, actually was trying to apply first aid measures to his wife, Henrietta, 37, whom he mistakenly believed had swallowed some poison.

Assistant Prosecutor Frank G. Giambone said the fatal shot was fired by Stephen Kallis Jr., but added that no charge had been placed against him pending further questioning.

Giambone and Deputy Sheriff John Verbecke said the youth freely admitted the shooting, which he termed "a tragic mistake."

Officials Study Food Strike Out

MUNICH, Germany, Jan. 24 (AP)—The German economic council of the British and American zones—spurred by a 24-hour hunger strike by 1,000,000 Bavarians—look steps today to wipe out black marketing and food hoarding and thus increase rations.

The Bavarian state government in the U. S. zone announced it would wage a similar drive and called on trade unions and farmers' associations to help divert food from illegal channels into a common rationing pool.

The bizonal council, in the severest law in its six months' existence, decreed that all farmers and food handlers must report their complete stocks. Food not reported can be confiscated under the new law and fines up to \$3000 can be levied for false reports.

The lone communist delegate was the only council member to oppose the measure.

Step Up Ration
Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American military governor, said in Washington the U. S. army intends to step up the German basic ration from 1550 calories a day to 1800 by July 1. He said food collections from German farmers would comprise about 80 per cent of the target.

The strike, which gripped 25 major cities and many towns in the American zone yesterday, paralyzed communications, industry and most trade. It ended at midnight.

Marked by mass demonstrations and scattered incidents, including angry shouts against "well-fed Americans," the walkout was nevertheless orderly in general.

Communists who supported the strike played a prominent part in the demonstrations with their red banners.

Union leaders said 800,000 of their members walked out in Bavaria and 200,000 non-union workers joined them.

Steam Shovel Blast Fatal

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 24 (AP)—One man was killed and two others injured today when a power shovel detonated a hidden charge of powder in the Umatilla county rock quarry about 20 miles north of Pendleton.

Dead was Ronald Simmons, about 36, of Kamiah, Ida., the shovel operator.

Harley Stradley of Spokane, a truck driver, was injured seriously by a flying rock. Orlando Haney of Pendleton was injured slightly.

Willard Brown, county roadmaster, said the powder apparently was an unexploded portion of a charge that had been set off more than a month ago by crews of the Curtis Sand and Gravel company, Spokane, contracting firm.

The shovel was wrecked. About a dozen other men working in the quarry's vicinity at the time of the blast escaped injury.

Bradley Hints At Red War

DALLAS, Jan. 24 (AP)—Gen. Omar Bradley, the next army chief of staff, said here that "if Russia had the atomic bomb I don't believe they would hesitate to use it on us."

In an interview last night he also said, "I don't think she could—or would—fight now if she could help it."

"I don't think there will be war 'now' unless some country blunders into it."

But he said he would not apply his remarks about Russia "to the long run."

There is danger of a blunder causing war because "Russia has taken such an aggressive stand in pushing around other nations," he declared.

Hospitalized



Kay Francis, 43-year-old stage and screen actress, shown in one of her most recent portraits (above) has been admitted to a Columbus, O., hospital, seriously ill under mysterious circumstances. Her stage manager, Howard Graham, 37, was held by police for questioning. The actress was appearing in Columbus in the stage play "State of the Union."

Pauley Raps Stassen Story

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP)—Edwin W. Pauley charged today that Harold E. Stassen combined "ignorance and falsehood to indict me solely in pursuit of his own selfish ambitions."

Pauley made the assertion in a statement read to a senate appropriations subcommittee investigating to learn whether public officials operated in the commodity markets with inside knowledge.

Stassen, candidate for the GOP presidential nomination, has charged that Pauley, a special assistant to the secretary of the army, used inside information in profiting on the commodity markets. Pauley accused Stassen of uttering "poppycock" and has denied he had such information. He said his \$932,703 profits in three years was made on facts available to anybody who reads the newspapers.

Pauley declared in his statement that "I have been seriously and perhaps irreparably harmed by Mr. Stassen's falsehoods and unfounded charges." He added:

"It is only fair that the full measure of this man and his charges be made public. I have accused him of utterly deliberate untruths. In addition, I charge that he is utterly lacking in comprehension and understanding of the dealings and functioning of the commodity markets, the very subject matter of his charge. x x x

Denham Defends Anti-Red Ruling
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP)—Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the national labor relations board, today defended the non-communist affidavits required of union leaders under the Taft-Hartley law as a proper exercise of congressional power to prevent reds from mis-using unions to "provoke strikes."

In a brief filed with a three-judge federal court, Denham asked for dismissal of a case attacking constitutionality of the pledge requirement.

The action was brought by the CIO national maritime union, whose president, Joseph Curran, contended that while not a communist himself he was opposed to signing the pledge.

The NLU suit mainly contended that it is an infringement on personal rights to be required to state political views.

NYC Braces For Second Heavy Fall

By The Associated Press
A heavy snowstorm swirled up the Atlantic coast today, threatening to give New York city a blizzard, while subzero cold, leaving the Midwest, gripped New England, and icy highways slowed motor traffic in the freezing South.

A blizzard struck Central and Southern Ohio, plucking six inches of snow in some areas before noon. Airplanes were grounded in the affected area.

The U. S. weather bureau announced that a storm "attended by widespread and drifting snow is moving into the New York area from West Virginia and Georgia" and is expected to hit the Northeastern and Middle Atlantic states by tonight.

10-Inch Fall Seen
Ten to 15 inches of snow were forecast for the New York metropolitan area, already shivering in the coldest weather of the winter.

A minimum for the season of five degrees above zero was recorded in New York early this morning. Three deaths during the night were attributed partly to exposure.

New England, where the early morning temperatures dropped as low as 22 below at Burlington, Vt., 21 below at Portland, Me., and 20 below at Concord, N. H., also was in for heavy snows.

Winds accompanying the storm were expected to be strong enough to bring blizzard conditions to the New York area, the weather bureau said.

Dixie Hit
"Moderate to heavy snow" was forecast through Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and the Western Carolinas and "sleet mixed with snow" for the Eastern Carolinas and Southwest Virginia.

Snow already had blanketed much of Dixie. Nashville, Tenn., had a fall of more than five inches; Meridian, Miss., five inches; Jackson, Miss., four inches, and Lake Charles, La., two inches. Snow fell in Alabama as far south as Cullomberg, 86 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, and in Georgia it reached Atlanta.

Temperatures in some Southern states plunged to near record lows.

Chamber Gets Sand Appeal

Strange mail received at the chamber of commerce this week included a small bottle of sand.

Each week the mail brings requests for all types of information on this city, community and state plus appeals for the city's support of various projects.

This little bottle contains "smelt" sand—the kind a certain type of smelt likes for spawning, and it came from Yachats on the Oregon coast. With the bottle was an appeal for assistance in keeping the beach from being removed from the smelt fishing. Yachats residents contend.

Fishermen Protest Bonneville Count

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 24 (AP)—The CIO International Fishermen's and Allied Workers' union today voiced the opinion there is something fishy about the fish statistics from Bonneville dam.

A resolution accused the army engineers of placing their own "interpretation and coloring" upon fish counts, and asked that the job be transferred to the federal fish and wildlife service.

The union in company with most of the fish industry long has disagreed with army engineers over effect of the dams on salmon runs.

The New Look In Grandma's Day



There was a new look, even in grandma's day, according to this collection of charming old costumes modeled by a group of Fremont Junior high school students at an assembly held Friday afternoon. The gowns were loaned by Mrs. Louis Gerber and Mrs. Stella Bowne. Two of Mrs. Gerber's granddaughters, the Gerber twins, were among the models. Left to right, wearing "The New Look in Grandma's Day," theme of the program, Beverley Eels, Margaret Gerber, Frances Stearns, Janice Larson, Marilyn Wheeler, Marilyn Gerber, Nancy Klingler, and Nancy Haglund, who also demonstrates the pointed shoe look which today's fashion-wise woman recognizes as a "new look" for 1948.