

Envoy Faces Breach Of Promise Suit

LONDON, April 28 (AP)—U. S. Vice Consul Ernest Griffin testified Tuesday his British fiancée, Mrs. Imelda Catherine Price, was "forcing the pace" with an offer to go to bed with him before they were married.

Mrs. Price, 40-year-old widow of an RAF bomber pilot, has denied making the proposal. She testified that she did take off her dress and go to bed in Griffin's apartment for a cat nap because she was tired.

Mrs. Price sued Griffin, 39, a native of Galena, Kansas, for breach of promise. The case went to the jury today.

Griffin said their engagement was broken off by oral agreement.

He admitted authorship of love letters submitted by Mrs. Price's attorney, who asked:

"Are you saying now that it was this lady who was forcing the pace?"

"I think she did her share," Griffin replied.

"You were pretty enthusiastic yourself?" the cross examiner demanded.

"Yes, I was very fond of her," Griffin said.

"Are you really asking the jury to believe that within three minutes of entering the apartment she took her clothes off?"

"That is so."

"And then ordered you into bed?"

"That is right," Griffin answered.

Seattle Star Sells Equipment

SEATTLE, April 28 (AP)—The machinery and other equipment of the defunct Seattle Star have been sold for shipment to South America.

Payne Karr, attorney for David Stern III of Camden, N. J., disclosed the sale Tuesday, apparently putting an end to recurrent rumors.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"Don't be so scared! You've been expecting it at this corner for twenty years, haven't you?"

Harriman In After Much Hurry, Worry

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—W. Averell Harriman took his oath of office as roving ambassador for the economic cooperation administration (ECA) Tuesday on a hastily borrowed Bible.

Chief Justice Fred Vinson swore him in. He showed up at ECA's new headquarters at 10:30 a. m. to do the job, but it was nearly an hour later when he got it done. There were a lot of complications.

First it was discovered that ECA had no Bible. Someone started to send a messenger to borrow a Gideon Bible from the Hay-Adams hotel next door. Then officials had a brighter idea; they borrowed a brand-new Bible from a neighboring book-seller.

Next, cameramen protested there was no American flag for the background. One was brought from the budget bureau two blocks away. When it arrived, the staff was found to be six inches too tall for the room.

Rather than let the banner list rakishly during the picture-taking, ICA officials stalled proceedings.

STETSON Cowboy Hats The Gun Store

Montana Opposes Columbia Dams

VICTORIA, B.C., April 28 (AP)—Any plans to build dams on Columbia river headwaters above Grand Coulee will be opposed by Montana, L. A. Colby of Missoula said Tuesday.

The Montana delegate told the Pacific Northwest Trade association

the paper would resume publication. The Star halted publication last August 13.

Without disclosing the price, Karr said the equipment was sold through a New York broker. Stern bought the plant and equipment November

13.

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while they unscrewed the staff's metal tip.

Then Vinson discovered that Harriman's commission had not been received from the White House. He said he couldn't function without it.

Another messenger sped to the White House. The commission wasn't there; he sped on to the state department, got it and sped back.

Truman To Speak At Girard College

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—President Truman will make a 15-minute address at Philadelphia May 20 before the student body of Girard college.

The White House announced Tuesday Mr. Truman will go by train to attend the 100th anniversary of the College for Fatherless Boys.

The Philadelphia trip is the third out-of-town speaking engagement Mr. Truman has scheduled before the democratic national convention July 12. He will speak at the University of California June 12 and at Bolivar, Mo., July 5. Still other engagements are in the making.

Comic Books Get Praise

ATLANTA, April 28 (AP)—A juvenile delinquency expert thinks that comic strip characters should replace King Arthur and Sir Galahad in reading matter for school kids.

And if heroes of the fannies need backing up, says Miss Carmelite Janvier, who not ring in Van Johnson, Gregory Peck and some of the other movie stars?

Miss Janvier is director of the special services division of schools at New Orleans, La. Here to address a juvenile delinquency conference today, she balked against teaching today's children—in terms of King Arthur and Sir Galahad.

The comic strips or the movies, she said in an interview, would be more interesting.

"Our generation," said she, "is a generation of comic strips and movies. That's more than a figure

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