

TWO SAMER PLEADS GUILTY

In The Day's News

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THE curtain rises in England today on what is certain to be one of the great shows of all history. Between now and about a year from now Britain will decide politically between socialism and free enterprise.

It will be a momentous decision. Because we and the British are of the same blood and ancestry, we can be expected to follow the same broad, general lines in our thinking. What happens in Britain within the next 12 months will in all probability foreshadow what will happen here later.

We shall be more than mere spectators at an exciting and magnificent drama. More than that, we shall be going through the year that lies ahead into a crystal ball that holds the secret of our own future. We'd better watch this big show thoughtfully and prayerfully.

ONE of the great leaders of all time comes on the stage as the curtain rises—Winston Churchill. He is no half-way man. He never was gray. What he sees is always WHITE or BLACK. What he is for is FOR. What he is against he is AGAINST.

Characteristically, he opens the long-awaited British campaign with a slashing attack. His opponents, he thunders, "have squandered the reserves and the resources which had been gathered in the past. They have darkened and harrowed the future of every man, woman and child in this famous island."

He raps out: "Every other country west of the iron curtain has made a better post-war comeback than Britain—even beaten Germany and Italy."

He concludes: "The cure for this country's condition is to return to a system which provides incentives for effort, self-denial, initiative and good house-keeping."

CHURCHILL is the leader of the Conservative party—which is out of power. The leader of the Labor party, which is IN power, is Clement Attlee. Attlee comes back at Churchill in the same strain. He says:

"The new Conservative party platform... is one of the most disorienting documents I have ever read. The Conservative program announced this morning and amplified today by Party Leader Winston Churchill—is only a great piece of window dressing."

He adds: "The Conservative party has never been able to put forward a real alternative policy to that of the Labor party... they indulge in wholesale abuse of the government and suggest that somehow or other things would have been better if they had been in power."

Things wouldn't have been better. I shudder to think who would have happened had they (the Conservatives) had control of Britain."

THE Labor party, if returned to power in the long political campaign that has just been officially opened, will go on doing more of the same. That is to say, it will lead Britain still farther along the socialist road.

The Conservative party, in its program just announced, promises to "halt socialism at home and communism the world over." It pledges itself to STOP nationalization of the steel industry, which is now under consideration in parliament. It promises to restore PARTS of the already nationalized highway trucking industry to private or municipal owners.

It will "introduce decentralization into the nationalized coal mines, railroads, gas and electricity and restore as wide a measure of free enterprise AS POSSIBLE to civil aviation."

BUT—It pledges itself to "KEEP health service, old age pensions and other social benefits" while cutting out waste and boosting efficiency to lower costs.

EVEN the British Conservatives, if you see, have bowed to the inevitability of the welfare state in Britain.

Churchill Charges Labor Government With Leading Britain To Edge Of Chaos

WOLVERHAMPTON, Eng., July 23 (AP)—Winston Churchill asserted today the British labor government has led Britain into imminent peril of communism and national bankruptcy.

The conservative party leader said an economic collapse is looming which would "carry many other nations with us into chaos and communism."

In a major policy speech prepared for a party rally at the Wolverhampton football stadium, Churchill declared the socialists have failed to put forth any effective plan to meet the danger.

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Four Arrested In Cohen Shooting

Black Panther Victor In Raging Two-Hour Battle With 300 Pound Gorilla, Cousin Of Gargantua

SPOKANE, Wash., July 22 (AP)—The cousin of Gargantua, a big, 300-pound gorilla, was whipped last night in a raging two-hour battle with a black panther and finally killed by bullets from his trainer's gun.

The panther, age and a 400-pound lion were exhibited in separate compartments of a large cage at a traveling wild animal show when the cat slipped under a gate into the gorilla's 6 by 8-foot section.

Before a crowd of nearly 400, the beasts locked in a fight to the death while the lion roared continuously in the adjoining compartment.

The panther dashed, ripped and chewed as the ape struck sledgehammer blows with his massive arms. Attendants tried vainly to separate the crazed beasts. Finally Trainer Rudy Smith shot and killed the gorilla, one of whose arms was nearly severed at the shoulder.

Not until meat was tossed to the cat could the ape's carcass be pulled from the cage. Chloroform-soaked rags helped quiet the frenzied survivor, which escaped with severe slashes about the head and shoulders.

The show, operating out of San Diego, Calif., and playing at a nearby lake resort, was closed last night after the battle. Al Meyers, manager, said the gorilla had been purchased about 18 months ago from the Fisherman zoo at Pasadena, Calif., and was valued at \$2,000. He said it was Gargantua's cousin.

The gate under which the panther crawled apparently was left unlocked, Meyers said, after the cage was cleaned yesterday.

Fire Damage At Hillside Hospital Pared To \$5000 Today; Water Main Cause

Although still unofficial, damage to the Hillside hospital caused by fire yesterday morning has been pared down to about \$5,000.

Hillside patients moved following the roof blaze are resting comfortably at Klamath Valley hospital and, although the latter building is full, operation schedules are being maintained on time.

Repair to Hillside will begin tomorrow.

"No Beer?" Quip Laid To Tokyo Rose

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23 (AP)—"What, no beer?" mused the lady known as Tokyo Rose. "What sort of a war is this?"

"Well, she's sing first, then write jokes afterwards. Maybe he'll run a pipeline to you."

ILWU Asks Truman To End Strike

HONOLULU, July 23 (AP)—Striking CIO longshoremen appealed to President Truman today to end Hawaii's 84-day dock tie-up "on its merits."

Their appeal echoed a Washington request by Senator Morse (R-Ore.), who told the senate yesterday the strike may spread to the world's major ports. He assailed Hawaii employers for rejecting arbitration.

Morse added Harry Bridges' testimony before the senate labor committee "satisfied me he was following the line of the fellow traveler."

Water damage was the main factor in the damage estimate although it was not known today whether some plaster had to be replaced where the water seeped through the three-story structure.

The only structural damage was to the small attic cubbyhole when the fire apparently originated on the roof of the building and cut through the shingles to the attic space.

Hospital officials said today that although they felt it safe enough to move Hillside patients back into the building, they would remain at Klamath Valley for "comfort reasons."

It was felt that repair operations would distract patients in the building.

Consistent rumors that the hospital would be sold were emphatically scotched today when factual information from members of the Klamath Medical Service bureau board of directors said that "there was no thought of selling the hospital and it would definitely be back in operation soon."

Baseball Scores

AMERICAN CLEVELAND, July 23 (AP)—Bob Feller hurled four-hit ball today as the Cleveland Indians defeated the Washington Senators 5 to 3.

A triple by Mickey Vernon in the eighth inning drove in two Tribe runs to break a 3 to 3 deadlock.

NATIONAL BOSTON, July 23 (AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates set off a six-run explosion against the Boston Braves pitcher in the ninth inning today to pull out a 12-9 victory.

PHILADELPHIA, July 23 (AP)—Lefty Ken Heintzelman pitched the Philadelphia Phils to an 8-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds today but his shutout streak was broken at 32 consecutive innings.

BROOKLYN, July 23 (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals scored twice in the ninth over two were out today to nip the Brooklyn Dodgers, 2-1, and cut the Dodgers' National League lead to a half game.

TYPHOON TOKYO, July 23 (AP)—A typhoon struck American held Okinawa today with winds between 100 and 120 knots.

Army weathermen said there had been no contact with the island since 2 p. m. (12 a. m. EST). (The dispatch did not indicate this was unusual.)

The storm veered northwest of Shanghai after hitting Okinawa.



"CASUAL ACQUAINTANCE"

—Mrs. Maybelle Fellows Murphy, lawyer for Miss Florence C. Heppenstall, said picture (above) shows Miss Heppenstall being embraced by R. Joseph Kirkwood Jr., Joe Pollock of the Jefferson, N. H., hotel where they both worked in 1942.

Kirkwood, charged with non-support of 6-year-old twin sons of Miss Heppenstall, called the girl a "casual acquaintance."

Judge Walter D. Allen of the district court at Worcester, Mass., found Kirkwood parent of the illegitimate twins.

Murder Case Hunt Swings To Portland

TACOMA, Wash., July 23 (AP)—The search for an ex-convict charged with the murder of an elderly Tacoma couple branched out today from Portland, Ore., where 32-year-old John L. Summers was last seen Thursday night.

Summers is accused of the rifle slaying of Howard Esley, 62, retired millworker, and his 67-year-old wife in their suburban home a week ago. Their bodies were found by berry pickers two days ago in the Cascade mountain foothills.

The Washington state prison parole was traced to Portland late yesterday when police recovered the 12-year-old light coupe.

Driving the car was Richard Aust Jr., 24, of Portland, who said he bought it Thursday night from a man giving the name of Howard Esley, Aust identified him as Summers from police pictures.

After the transaction, Aust said, he drove Summers to the Trailways bus depot where he let him out at an alley entrance.

Eastern States Cool Off Today

CHICAGO, July 23 (AP)—The eastern states got relief today from the recent hot and humid weather as some cool, dry air moved in from the Midwest.

The hot, sticky weather continued in the southern part of the country and higher temperatures are in prospect for the Great Plains and Northern Rockies.

The mercury dropped to 40 above in parts of Northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan today and readings over most of the Great Lakes were slightly below normal.

Thunderstorms occurred over several areas—near the Ohio river, Minnesota, the southern plains, New Mexico and the eastern gulf states. More general rain fell along the Washington coast.

Cloudy Skies Seen For Basin

Three Bay City Men Questioned

LOS ANGELES, July 23 (AP)—Four men, three in San Francisco and one here, were taken into custody today and one man was released in the latest developments of the Mickey Cohen shooting.

San Francisco police arrested James Tarantino, editor of a Hollywood film trade publication; My Porter, his San Francisco representative; and Joseph Tenner, San Francisco nightclub owner.

They were picked up at the request of Sheriff Eugene Biscailux of Los Angeles county and booked "en route to Los Angeles" for questioning.

Meantime, one of three other men named by Sheriff Biscailux as wanted for questioning in the case, was apprehended here today. He is Tony Brancato, ex-convict once queried in the Buggy Siegel slaying two years ago.

Brancato was arrested at the home of Anthony Trombino, formerly of Kansas City, Mo., and one of the trio named by Biscailux as wanted for questioning. Brancato was shaving and told officers he was preparing to give himself up.

"My skirts are clean," he told Detective Sergeant R. T. Hopkinson. He denied knowing Cohen. He said he had read in the papers that he and Trombino were wanted for questioning and went to the latter's home to discuss it with him.

He said Trombino had gone to a store. Officers were waiting for him to return.

After questioning, Brancato was booked on suspicion of attempted murder and placed in jail.

Another of the trio, Joseph E. Messina, 35, prize fight manager, who surrendered yesterday, was released after intensive questioning.

"His alibi will stand up for the time being," said Sheriff's Inspector Gordon Bowers.

Gambler Cohen and three other persons, including an attorney general's agent assigned to guard him, were wounded by heavy shotgun slugs as they emerged early Wednesday from a night club at a movie colony playground called the Sunset strip.

William Hall, Messina's attorney, said his client could account for all his movements the morning of the alleged assassination and that he did not know Cohen or the other two men named by the sheriff.

Small Loan Leads Up To Wild Scramble

NEW YORK, July 23 (AP)—A dispute early today over whether a man should borrow money from a woman had this chain of consequences:

A rifle was fired but no one was hit; a man leaped from a window and was seriously hurt; another man fell into the East river; and a woman was booked on felonious assault charges.

Police gave this account: William Sarich, 37-year-old cab driver, approached a party in a second-story restaurant and borrowed \$5 from Martha Kelly Jackson, 40. William Levadas, 31, and another man present, objected, saying a man shouldn't borrow from a woman.

The argument hit a climax when Sarich produced a rifle and fired at Levadas, who, unhit, leaped from a window to the ground, suffering a possible broken neck.



HONORED—Above is a likeness of the late Jackson F. Kimball, old-time Klamath forester, in whose honor the memorial park around the head of Wood river will be dedicated Sunday.

The affair will start with a picnic about noon, and the formal program begins at 2:30 p. m. The public is invited. John Houston will preside at the outdoor exercises. For map showing location of park and route, see page 10.

Forced Labor Charge Made By Britain

GENEVA, Switzerland, July 23 (AP)—The British government claims to have documentary proof that forced labor is an established legal policy of the Soviet government. It says it believes about 10,000,000—10 per cent of Russia's working population—are in forced labor camps.

The British delegate to the United Nations economic and social council, Corley Smith, yesterday made public a set of documents he said were laws and regulations covering the forced labor policy of the Soviet government.

The British published photostatic copies of what they claimed were the original Russian texts, running to 8000 words, plus full French and English translations.

These documents will form the basis of Britain's case against alleged Russian slave labor which is being investigated by the council under terms of an American motion approved last March 7.

Sports Bulletins

MONTREAL, July 23 (AP)—Australia advanced to the final round of the North American zone Davis cup competition today when Frank Sedgman defeated Brendan Macken of Canada, 6-2, 6-2, 6-0.

It gave the Aussies the necessary three victories.

PARIS, July 23 (AP)—Italy took a 1-8 lead over France in their best-of-five European zone Davis cup championship today when Gianni Cuccillo defeated Robert Abdessalam, 1-6, 6-3, 10-8, 6-4, 6-2.

CHICAGO, July 23 (AP)—Skeel Riegel, Umpire Darby, Pa., 1947 national amateur champion, today eliminated John Levinson, Chicago, defending titlist, in the quarter finals of the Great Lakes amateur golf tournament, 3 and 1.

Grand Jury Condemns Part Of KF City Jail; Indicts Driver In Anderson Death

Condemnation of a portion of the city jail and advancement of a plan to house women prisoners at the county lockup was the gist of a report made by the grand jury late yesterday afternoon.

The jury ended its session after almost five days of work, turning in a total of 17 criminal indictments along with the official disapproval of the Klamath Falls jail.

There were seven open true bills, 10 secret indictments and two not true bills. The open indictments charged:

William Howard Rice with second degree murder. He has pleaded guilty.

Richard Shuck with negligent homicide. He will enter a plea September 1.

Rice Faces Life Rap In Wife's Death

Twenty minutes after a grand jury indictment for second degree murder was returned against him yesterday afternoon, William Howard Rice came into circuit court to plead guilty to the torso slaying of his wife, Jennie.

In effect, he settled for a life prison sentence, mandatory in second degree murder. Sentence will be passed Monday morning.

District Attorney D. E. Van Vactor had asked the grand jury to indict the 43-year-old cement contractor for first degree murder, a charge that carries a possible death sentence, but the jury took the lesser course and Rice was willing to plead guilty.

The prosecutor said he was satisfied with the second degree indictment and if Rice had not pleaded guilty he would have been certain of a conviction in a trial. As it is, Van Vactor said, the county is saved from \$3000 to \$5000 expense for what undoubtedly would have been a three-week trial.

Tough Case If a trial had been held, Van Vactor said, the result might have been a conviction of second degree murder and a life sentence for Rice, because the prosecution would have had a tough time proving the slaying of Mrs. Rice was premeditated.

Rice, a contractor, would have used a self-defense "spur of the moment" defense.

To convict on first degree murder, the prosecution would have had to show the crime was committed "premeditated and of deliberate and premeditated malice" with some other evidence of malice "than the mere proof of killing." The premeditation would have to be shown by "poisoning, lying in wait or some other proof that the design was formed and matured in cool blood and not hastily upon the occasion."

The quotations are from Oregon criminal law.

Although a strong case of circumstantial evidence had been uncovered by investigation of Mrs. Rice's death, the element of premeditation was weak.

The investigation began on a bizarre note May 27 when the headless, legless and armless body of a woman was found in the tules along Klamath river below the US 91 bridge. The body remained unidentified until the next morning when Rice, with Attorney E. E. Driscoll, came to the courthouse and the contractor told Sheriff Jack Franey the dead woman was his wife.

The only other information he would give was that the dismemberment was not the cause of death and that the missing portions of the body should be found in the river vicinity.

Nothing Said On advice of his attorney, Rice said nothing more about his wife's death and disposal of the body, and he still has said nothing more. There is no indication that he will.

Mrs. Rice's head and limbs have not been located. Her torso was sent to Yankton, S. D., to relatives for burial. During a search for the missing appendages, Sheriff Franey took Rice out to the river to see if he would help locate them.

Rice said he was "blacked out," that he couldn't say where the head and limbs were thrown.

The torso was found wrapped in a counterpane and bound with wire. A trailing length of wire indicated a rock or weight probably was tied to the bundle but jarred loose when the bundle hit the water. Otherwise it would have gone to the bottom and never been located.

According to the district attorney's evidence, Mrs. Rice probably was killed by strangulation at the family home, 304 S. Rogers, the night of April 9. She was not seen by neighbors after that date.

On April 10, Rice revived a divorce proceeding and on May 19 received a divorce.

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One of the secret indictments was against 47-year-old Olaf Olson, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Olson allegedly made improper advances toward one or more small girls at the federal housing project where he was employed as a painter. He was arrested yesterday afternoon and in court today was given until Monday to employ an attorney. He said he could make \$5000 bail.

No arrests have been made in the other secret indictments. Most are reported to involve bad checks.