

Man Admits Bad Check Pass Attempt

A man identified by city police as Lawrence Steele, 22, transient, is booked at the city jail for investigation and a felony charge of possession of a false instrument with intent to pass is being placed against him by the district attorney's office.

Steele reportedly tried to pass a \$12.50 check at the Safeway store on N. Eighth and was arrested a short time after he left the store yesterday afternoon.

The check was made out to "Lawrence Steele" and the signature was "E. L. Mosley." Another check bearing the same names but for \$22.50 was in Steele's possession.

At the city hall, police said the youth admitted writing the checks himself and said he had cashed checks of the same sort at Astoria, Coos Bay, Seaside and Astoria.

Japan Fearful For 305,000 'Missing' In Russia As Soviet Figures Show Errors



BACK HOME come the first shipment of Japanese repatriates from Russia to arrive this year. Relatives wave to a lighter-load of men from Takasago Maru as they arrive at Malheur repatriation center.

By RICHARD C. FERGUSON
TOKYO (NEA)—Four years have passed since the Japanese surrendered to the Allies, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur thinks the Japanese have fulfilled the surrender terms and deserve a peace treaty. But before Japan can sign articles with Russia, there is a little matter still to be cleared up.

There are some 400,000 Japanese prisoners still in Russian hands, by MacArthur's staff estimates. The Soviet, on the other hand, says it holds only 95,000, and that these will all be repatriated by November.

When the slight discrepancy—305,000 persons—was called to Russia's attention, there was at first "no comment." Later, Moscow said that the 85,000 figure does not include civilian internees.

But, in Japan, it makes no difference to mothers and wives and offspring whether their men are civilians or not; they just want them home. And they've stepped up a barrage of letters to MacArthur's Allied Council for Japan demanding action.

The council has done all it could. It has made repeated offers to Russia, volunteering boats and harbor facilities for repatriate transportation.

When Russia said bad weather conditions were responsible for the slow transfer of prisoners, MacArthur offered an ice-breaker to keep sea-lanes open.

Russia declined and clamped on a six-month winter suspension of



COMMUNISTS AMONG the returning Japanese prisoners from Russia were in the majority. When the radio announcer (right) asked one of the group to say a few words, this former prisoner stepped up and made a Red-flavored speech.

transfers. Last winter was mild, leading Japan to hope the transfer would be resumed earlier than it had been the preceding year. But this year's first shipment did not land until June 27, two months later than in 1948.

Russia's claim of bad icing at the shove-off port of Nahodka, near Vladivostok, was refuted by a Japanese repatriate, class of '48, who wrote to the Tokyo newspaper Asahi, "I who spent all winter on the shores of Nahodka can affirm (that) there was not even a day that Soviet vessels were unable to come into port."

Even the Japanese communist party, in a polite but firm note to communist headquarters in Moscow, has protested the delay.

There is one possible explanation for both the slowness of the repatriation and the missing 305,000 men. The first shipments, in 1946, included the sick, lame, lazy and aged. The 1947 group began to show signs of communist teachings.

In 1948, the number of "converted" prisoners increased sharply with the last six ships returning to Japan that year completely controlled by communists. The majority of the first shipment to land at Malheur this year shouted communist songs and many openly pledged to work toward a communist regime in Japan.

As the Takasago Maru steamed into the Japan Sea harbor, the repatriates lined the rails and about three-fourths chanted communist songs. When questioned later, the former Nipponese soldiers said the songs were "songs of democracy" and "songs for international peace."

Many of this year's repatriates, after being schooled for nearly four years in communism, said they had been working for Stalin's five-year-plan "for the masses" and they intended to help build a communist government in Japan to "prevent another war."

They wore Russian boots and clothing. They signed a letter of thanks to Stalin for their good treatment in Russian hands. They continually referred to the friendli-

ness and kindness of the Soviet people.

Many observers believe that, as Malheur's Mayor Shuji Yanagida says, the missing 305,000 are the unindoctrinated "Soviets" are afraid to send back.

Prison Return For Anderson

Official notification was received today by the sheriff's office of revocation of the parole of James Quentin Anderson, 26, and the Indian youth will be returned to prison at Salem to finish out a 10-year manslaughter sentence.

Anderson was picked up at his ranch home near Beatty several days ago at the request of parole authorities. He had been jailed in Lakeview earlier in the month on an intoxication charge.

Sheriff Jack Franey said he probably would take Anderson to Salem this week-end. Anderson was convicted in April, 1941, of manslaughter in the shotgun death of Jerry Zukowski, a ranch hand, and was released on parole December 22, 1945, after serving over four years of his term. In July, 1947, he was returned to prison for parole violation and released again August 4, 1948.

Mrs. Brandt's Rites Tomorrow, 2:30

Funeral services for Mrs. Louisa Brandt, 80, for many years a resident of Klamath Falls, will be held from Ward's Klamath Funeral home Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Brandt made her home with her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Wickersham, 1202 Pine. She died Wednesday at 7:10 p.m.

Mrs. Brandt was a native of Dixon, Ill., and was 80 years old. She was an active member of the First Christian church, and was affiliated with the Narcissa Rebekah lodge of Walla Walla, Wash.

KF Officials Will Attend League Meet

Several Klamath Falls city officials will be on deck when the 24th annual convention of the League of Oregon Cities is held in Portland, September 26 through October 1.

Major problems facing town and city governments in Oregon will be tackled at the four-day confab.

The Oregon Finance Officers' association will meet with the league, marking its 13th annual conference.

Local officials making the trip include Mayor Robert A. Thompson; Councilmen Darrell Miller, Wendell Smith, Matt Finnigan and O. C. Tamm; City Engineer E. A. Thomas; City Attorney Henry Perkins; City Recreation Director Sam Smith; Building Inspector Walter Salberry, and Police Judge Leigh Ackerman.

Governor Douglas McKay; Carl Chatters, director of the American municipal association; Frank Pace Jr., director of the United States bureau of the budget; Miner B. Phillips, director of the municipal finance officers association of the U. S. and Canada; Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee of Portland; League President George Peavy, mayor of Corvallis, and George Stinesville, president of the Oregon finance officers' association, are among the speakers listed on the joint convention program.

As in the past, section meetings for various groups of city officials will be held. Such subjects as city planning, improvement financing, building and zoning regulations, sewage disposal, municipal park and recreation programs, tax assessments, budget procedures, and annexation will be discussed.

Forest Fires Under Control

Klamath Forest Protective association crews were called out on two fires this morning, but by noon both were under control and out of the danger stage.

One blaze broke out about 7 a. m. in the logging region south of Sycan but, L. E. standing timber was destroyed in the fire, which was in an area being logged off.

The second fire was closer to town on the hill over-looking Moore park on the south. The blaze was a small one in a scrub timber area and was rapidly extinguished.

Motorist Fled; Caught, Fined

Richard Thomas Babcock, 26, caught after an automobile chase over the newly-surfaced stretch of the Lindley Heights road and out highway 66 late yesterday afternoon, was fined \$50 in justice court this morning for driving a car while his operator's license was suspended.

State patrolmen were keeping an eye on the newly-paved cutoff road in response to several complaints that it was being used for a speedway, when Babcock came along reportedly exceeding the 25-mile speed limit.

He was held in the county jail last night and in court this morning pleaded guilty to the traffic charge.

Former Newell Official Dies

Word was received today of the death of Joe Freeberg, 59, who was formerly associated with the internal security administration at Newell, Calif.

Mr. Freeberg died at the Mayo Brothers clinic in Rochester, Minn. He was stationed at the Newell WRA center in the war years and is known to many here.

His sister, Mrs. Harry Wiard of 2705 Ward, left today by plane for Cody, Wyo., Mr. Freeberg's home, where funeral services will be held.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie, a daughter, Eileen Thomas, his mother, Mrs. Christine Freeberg, all of Cody, and a brother, Neil Freeberg, of Klamath Falls.

Masaryk Statue Badly Damaged

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (AP)—A huge statue of a Czech knight on horseback, dedicated to the late Thomas C. Masaryk, bumped its head on an overhead bridge girder last night and tied up traffic for half an hour.

The eight-ton, 18-foot statue honoring the Czechoslovak statesman toppled off a truck and crushed the fender of an automobile. The \$30,000 statue was badly damaged.

Merrill Road Being Oiled

Oiling work began yesterday on an eight-mile stretch of the Klamath Falls-Merrill highway, but the road is being kept open for traffic.

The stretch, extending from Henley almost to the outskirts of Merrill, is being widened and several bad curves straightened. Surfacing probably will take two weeks.

The work is being done by the J. N. and M. J. Conley construction company of Portland.

Brothers Each Fined \$15

Two brothers, both employees of the SOS ranch, were fined \$15 each this morning in municipal court on charges of disorderly conduct growing out of a fight last night.

City police reported Homer Clinton, 32, and his brother LaVern, 24, were embroiled in a lively fight late yesterday afternoon at E. Main and Stokol, and continued the brawl after they were placed in jail. Finally they were put in separate cells for the night.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



"Our marriage was made in heaven, all right—in the thunderbolt department!"

Morals Count Hearing Today

A preliminary hearing on one of two morals charges against Raymond Johnson, 37, was being conducted this afternoon in justice court.

Johnson is charged with contributing to the delinquency of two minor girls, both eight years old, and is free on \$5000 bail. A preliminary hearing on the second count is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Attorneys Clarence Humble and E. E. Driscoll represent Johnson.

Suits Of Armor For Army?

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Sept. 15 (AP)—The army may be returning to suits of armor.

Mrs. Gen. W. H. Middleswart of the quartermaster general's office disclosed yesterday the development of bullet-resistant body armor for soldiers—made of plastic and nylon.

The general said the cloth-like substance will resist a .45 caliber bullet fired from only 15 feet away. The material is nearly a quarter-inch thick.

Heikkinen Concludes Series Tonight

Rev. Chester R. Heikkinen of Seattle will present his last talk on the theme, "The Assurance of Salvation," tonight at 8 o'clock at the Klamath Lutheran church.

His topic for this evening will be "What a Difference!" Special music will be an anthem by the Klamath Lutheran senior choir, the Lutheran Bible Institute in Seattle.

Mills Auditorium Acceptance Set

Tentative date for acceptance of the Mills school auditorium is Tuesday, October 4, it was announced today by Superintendent Arnold L. Gralapp.

It is expected that Architect Howard Perrin and the contractor, Ed Brosterhouse, will officially turn over the building at that time and there will be a program presented by Mills school at the evening meeting. The public is invited and the building will be open for inspection.

Bureau Plans More Basin Farm Tracts

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struction costs of the project, to continue over a long term of years.

District Planned
The department of the interior and the USBR will help work out problems in organizing a district when that time comes, he said.

Several protests were registered on the annual depredations of migratory waterfowl on land adjacent to the wildlife refuge. It was brought out that several of the 1949 homesteads are within the boundary of the refuge.

Warne was unable to answer the query as to responsibility for removal of such land from the refuge confines.

His only solution for handling the problem of crop damage by birds was to obtain permits from the fish and wildlife for herding.

Damage to grain ready for harvest was not as serious this year as in past years since the date of harvesting was approximately two weeks early and the fall migration is a little late.

Preference To Vets
Veterans will be given preference in further land openings, Warne stated, at least for a 10-year period.

Warne was accompanied here by E. Layton Stephens, manager of the Klamath irrigation project following a short trip through the new homestead area.

Richard L. Boke, regional director of the USBR out of Sacramento and Rep. Michael J. Kirwan (D-Ohio) who lunched with Warne in Klamath Falls went directly to Redding after Kirwan became slightly ill on his trip down from Bend.

Cramer To Address Rotary Club

Dr. John F. Cramer, dean of the extension division for the state board of higher education, will speak at Rotary club luncheon Friday discussing the Community college project.

Arnold I. Gralapp, superintendent of public schools, will introduce Dr. Cramer, who is here in the interests of the college. There is a meeting of the teaching staff of the Klamath Falls and Bend groups Friday afternoon to work out details on the program of classes which will start simultaneously in both towns Monday night.

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