

Supreme Court Rules Out Use Of Stomach Pump In Conviction Of Dope User

WASHINGTON (AP)—The use of a stomach pump to get narcotics evidence from a suspect strapped to an operating table was condemned Wednesday by the Supreme Court.

The suspect, Antonio Richard Rochin of Los Angeles, was alleged to have swallowed two capsules containing morphine as three deputy sheriffs broke into his bedroom.

His later conviction on a charge of illegal possession of the drug was based largely on use of pumped-out capsules as evidence.

Justice Frankfurter delivered the 5-0 decision overturning Rochin's conviction on the ground that use of the stomach pump violated the Constitution's due process of law clause. Frankfurter said the incident "shocks the conscience" and reminded him of the rack and screw of medieval tortures.

Justice Black and Douglas wrote separate opinions concurring with the result. Justice Minton took no part.

In other actions, the high tribunal:

1. Issued an order suspending Alger Hiss from public office before the court and giving him 40 days to show why he should not be barred. Hiss is the former high State Department official serving a five year prison sentence for lying when he denied having passed government secrets to a pro-World War II Communist spy ring.

2. Turned down *Hafeway Stores, Inc.* in its plea that the court intervene in the grocery chain's efforts to compel the Office of Price Stabilization to raise price ceilings on various foods.

3. Set aside a lower court decision that native born American citizens of Japanese parentage may not be denied their citizenship simply because they served in the Japanese army during World War II. At the same time the tribunal ordered the Honolulu court to gather more information about the circumstances under which two Japanese Americans served in the enemy army and rule anew on the basis of that information. The Honolulu judge had ruled that a citizen by birth can lose his American nationality only by going through a formal process of naturalization in a foreign country.

4. Agreed to rule on the validity of a section of the McCarran Subversive Control Act which requires aliens to make "timely" application for travel papers after they are ordered deported. U.S. District Judge William C. Mathes of Los Angeles has ruled that section unconstitutional because of vagueness.

5. Agreed to review an Interstate Commerce Commission order raising railroad freight rates within Florida. The rates were increased ordered previously in interstate rail freight charges. The Florida Railroad and Public Utilities Commission is seeking to have the ICC order annulled.



CHAMP LIAR — Rev. Arthur R. Kirk (above), 34, pastor of the Biggs, Calif., Community Church, has been named winner of the annual tall-tale contest conducted by the Burlington, Wis., Liars Club for his story of rapidly growing melon vines which damaged melons by dragging them along the ground. Rev. Kirk wins the title of "World Champion Liar" for his imaginative narrative.

Young, Light Beef Need Changing Oregon Picture

Demand for younger and lighter weight feeder cattle is bringing about changes in the state's livestock picture.

Whether the trend will continue or not is a topic being discussed preparatory to the state agricultural conference to be held on the Oregon State college campus in March by a beef cattle and horse committee headed by Larry Williams, Canyon City.

Harry Lindgren, OSC extension livestock specialist, is secretary to the committee which includes rabbit, sheep and goat, and swine subcommittees.

While a percentage of the feeder cattle are sold to out of state feeders, recent pasture improvement in the western portion of the state has brought problems to be considered. Among them is the fact that eastern Oregon livestock operations are "big" in comparison with western Oregon set-ups where comparatively few head are kept.

Large operation cattlemen prefer selling feeders and other stock in large-number sales. This works to the disadvantage of the smaller western Oregon operator who must shop for a comparatively few head, the committee has found.

While it is customary to sell feeder cattle in the fall in eastern Oregon, most western Oregon grassland cattlemen prefer to obtain their cattle in the spring at the start of the pasture season.

The state's beef cow population

two years of age and older now approximate 322,000 head of which 50,000 head are located in western Oregon. This latter is a comparatively recent development. In the past, a large number of cattle were sold as two and three-year olds. Today, feeders are looking for younger, lighter weight stock, the committee says.

Steers produced annually approximate 110,000, the committee adds, and a considerable number of them go into California feed lots. Development of more feeding operations in Oregon is one of the points being considered.

OSC Chemists Make Find

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — A new procedure for making chemicals which retard cellular growth and which may ultimately help in unravelling problems of uncontrolled tissue growth has been discovered by a group of Oregon State college chemists.

After a year's study, Dr. Bert E. Christensen, OSC chemistry professor, and associates found an easy way to "build up" new purines and pyrimidines which are cleavage products of nucleic acid. This acid plays an important role in the growth of living cells.

Several of a series of purines and pyrimidines to be synthesized in the OSC chemistry department laboratories have already proved to slow down cell growth. Dr. Christensen reported. Later, these chemicals will be applied to cancerous cells.

After these growth-stopping chemicals are turned out here they are tested on certain microorganisms by Dr. Vernon H. Cheldelin, OSC biochemist, and Dr. Agnar Nygaard, post-doctorate fellow from OSC, who is now at Cornell university.

To carry on this promising synthesis work for a year, the U.S. public health service has granted \$5300 to Dr. Christensen. Associated with the OSC scientist on this project are Dr. C. H. Wang, OSC research chemist, and Roland K. Robins, graduate student from Delta, Utah.

A detailed report of this new

Farmers To Get More Cash

CORVALLIS (AP)—Oregon farmers will have more cash in 1952 but it won't do them much good because they'll have to spend more. A report just published here at Oregon State College says that's the outlook.

M. D. Thomas, Extension Economist, said the year money-wise would be a case of "in one pocket and out the other" with an increasing amount of "out."

The farmers' net income likely will be down this year because of continuing increase in cost of production, Thomas said. He said costs were certain to stay high through 1952.

Fire Gun Top Blows, Man Hurt

The lid literally blew off yesterday for 23-year-old Joe Stewart of Bly who is in Klamath Valley Hospital today with more than 20 stitches in his nose and upper lip.

Stewart, an employee of Spangler Lumber Co. at Bly, said he was trying to fill a foamite fire extinguisher when the top blew off, hitting him in the face.

He was brought to the hospital by Al Schultz, foreman at the Spangler operation in Bly.

chemical method will appear in the Journal of the American Chemical Society, professional and scientific publication.

Car Credit Lid Lifted

Credit restrictions on 1942 or older models of used cars were lifted yesterday, but there was no great rush to take up any offers by local used car salesmen.

One local auto agency said there was a great increase in interest, but it was still too early this morning to tell how the public would react to freeing of credit on the autos.

Another car salesman, dealing strictly in used cars, said he would not change his credit program even though restrictions had been lifted.

The restrictions removed called for one-third down on the selling price or the sales price of the car, whichever was lower.

One agency kicked off the restrictions by offering the cars for as little as \$7 down.

Ski Trail At Collier Open

A cross-country ski run following fire breaks around Collier park has been offered as a recreational feature, according to Park Caretaker Leonard Swanson. Forestlands in the winter are beautiful, he said.

The trail is about one and a half miles long, and runs up and down hill, Swanson said.

The caretaker counted 46,000 persons travelling through the state park this past year, and improvements are already planned for this spring, among them the construction of a drain ditch through the park area.

Snow removal has been the greatest job this winter, Swanson said, with about 27 inches on the ground there.

Basin Pioneer Passes Away

Herman Schmor, 88-year-old Klamath pioneer who died here Dec. 26, was a Klamath county resident for 62 years.

He died in Hillside hospital the day following Christmas.

Born in Germany in 1863, Schmor came to the United States in 1882. He lived a few years in Beatrice, Neb., then came West and settled in the Swan Lake Valley here in Klamath county.

His birthday was Dec. 23—three days prior to his death.

Survivors include two nephews: Henry Schmor, Bonanza, Ore.; John Schmor, Deadwood, Ore.; nieces Mary Sparks, Bonanza; Margaret Heath and Anna Allred, Klamath Falls.

Funeral services were held from the Memorial Chapel Monday, the Rev. Richard E. Graef, Zion Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment was in the family plot in Linkville cemetery.

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Adultery Charge Filed

WASHINGTON (AP)—An Office of Price Stabilization executive facing adultery charges has been suspended until the case is cleared up.

An OPS spokesman said Richard J. Tarrant, acting chief of the fuels, services and export-import branch of the enforcement office here has been "temporarily suspended" pending the outcome of the situation.

Tarrant, 34, and Mrs. Mary Patricia Sheehan, 36, were taken into custody Dec. 28 at the Sheehan's home in West Deal, N. J.

Police said Mrs. Sheehan came to the door clad in nightclothes, and Tarrant was found similarly garbed hiding in the attic.

Complaint was filed by Dr. Daniel Sheehan of Newark. A divorce suit, brought by Dr. Sheehan against his wife, is set for Jan. 7 in Newark.

Tarrant, married and father of five children, and Mrs. Sheehan were released on bail.

December Fire Loss Figure High

EUGENE (AP)—December fire losses added up to nearly one-third of the year's total fire damage figure for Eugene, the fire department reported Wednesday.

Crews answered 84 alarms in December, compared to 51 the month before, for an estimated loss of \$19,625. Most of the damage resulted in house fires.

Despite December, the year's total of 835 fires at an estimated loss of \$62,862.53 is the lowest since 1943 when the loss was \$27,000.

Officials Attend Wilson Funeral

PORTLAND (AP)—Funeral services were held Wednesday for State Sen. Manley J. Wilson, 48, with 300 state dignitaries, labor officials and friends attending.

Wilson, former editor of the CIO Woodworkers' publication, The after an operation.

The party of state officials was headed by Governor McKay, Secretary of State Earl Newby, and Treasurer Walter Pearson.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. O'Toole (D-N.Y.) said Thursday he will introduce legislation to pay holders of the Congressional Medal of Honor \$100 monthly for life. He said the \$8 a month that Medal holders now receive is "ridiculously inadequate."

Santa Claus Now On Honeymoon
MARSHALL Mo. (AP)—Santa Claus is on a honeymoon.

With the Christmas rush out of the way, Mr. Claus found time to get married New Year's Day. The bride was Margaret Viola Poston of St. Louis.

Santa Claus—that's his real name—is a minister of the Church of God.

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