Attempted Robbery Ends In Quick Capture, Plea

Less than 12 hours after he was captured and admitted beating an elderly storekeeper, Ben Hughes, 24, pleaded guilty in Circuit Court yesterday afternoon to a charge of assault with intent to rob.

Judge David R. Vandenberg sent him back to the County Jail to await sentencing.

Hughes was arrested shortly before 4 a.m. yesterday at the home of relatives where he was boarding, 3713 Emerald, and made a statement to District Attorney D. E. Van Vactor admitting he beat Andrew Zudell, 66, who operates a small grocery and tavern at Weyerhaeuser Junction.

He said he had run out of money and intended to rob the place.

Zudell suffered a skull fracture.

The robbery attempt took place Monday night after Hughes, who has been working as a railroad laborer, had been drinking at Zudell's tavern earlier in the afternoon. He returned to the place about 8 o'clock, drank some beer and waited until other customers had left. Then, according to the prosecution's summary of events, he ordered some bologna and cheese.

To get it Mrs. Ella Zudell, 59, had to go into a back room. Her husband was sitting by the tavern door. Hughes grabbed up a can of Spanish rice in one hand and a can of meat in the other, and slugged Zudell in the back of the head, apparently hitting him twice.

Mrs. Zudell ran into the room and began pulling Hughes' hair, trying to pull him off her husband. He ran from the store and disappeared.

City and State Police were able to determine that Hughes, who was previously known to officers here although he had been in Klamath Falls only a few months probably was the man, and he surrendered voluntarily after State Police went to the Emerald Street address looking for him.

Hughes waived a preliminary hearing, waived grand jury indictment, said he didn't want a lawyer, and pleaded guilty to the charge of assault with intent to rob.

He told Judge Vandenberg of several previous brushes with the law, starting in Nashville, Ark., in 1943 when he was sent to a reformatory for burglary, and including a prison sentence from Brawley, Calif., for forgery.

Omar William Fromme, 26, tall bespectacled young man brought here from San Quentin Prison Monday, pleaded guilty to an old indictment charging him with larceny of a car, stolen here June 23, 1950. On June 27, 1950, Fromme was arrested in Redding for armed robbery and sentenced to five years in prison. He was paroled Monday.

Fromme, who was honorably discharged after serving one war time hitch in the Marines, received a dishonorable discharge from that service in 1948 after his second enlistment. He said he had deserted from Camp Lejeune, N. C., and served eight months at the Terminal Island military prison for it.

He refused appointment of a lawyer and was returned to jail to wait sentencing.

Virgil Durant Jackson, 24-year-old Indian, also waived preliminary hearing and indictment and pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to support his wife, Shirley Jackson of Bonanza.

He was represented by Attorney Harold Merryman.

Jackson said he and Shirley were married Feb. 8, and after three weeks she left him. He said he was in town Monday, from Prospect where he has been working, to see Merryman about getting a divorce when he was picked up on the non-support charge.

Judge Vandenberg ordered Deputy District Attorney Frank Alderson to have Shirley Jackson in court this afternoon so he could determine whether she left her husband with just cause or without. The judge said if he decides she left without cause, he would dismiss the case even though Jackson had pleaded guilty.

Agents Study Chutist Story

WALLA WALLA, (AP) — FBI agents were silent Wednesday on developments in their investigation of a farm woman's report she saw a parachutist drop from the sky about 50 miles southeast of the Hanford Atomic works.

The agents and State Patrol and Civil Air Patrol officers continued to question residents of the farm village of Eureka near where Mrs. W. M. Westcoot said she saw a parachute "with a man attached" drop to the ground.

Mrs. Westcoot said the incident occurred late Monday. She said she saw the parachute land between two distant grain elevators.

Investigators found no trace of a parachute. State Patrol Sgt. Loy M. Kennedy said he believed Mrs. Westcoot definitely saw something drop from the sky.

"The question is what," he said.

The Volunteer Ground Observer Corps at Eureka reported a four-engined plane was over the area about 15 minutes before Mrs. Westcoot spotted the "parachutist." It was identified as "friendly aircraft," however.

New Leader For Auxiliary

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — Mrs. Robert Kreason, Dallas, is the new president of the Oregon American Legion women's auxiliary.

She was elected here Tuesday at the organization's annual meeting held along with the Oregon American Legion convention.

Other auxiliary officers: Mrs. Forrest Erickson, Estacada, vice president; Mrs. Mae Whitcomb, Portland, secretary, and Mrs. McKinley Kane, Dundee, treasurer.

District vice presidents: 1. Mrs. A. A. Thibodo, Portland; 2. Mrs. Harry Humphreys, Stayton; 3. Mrs. T. A. McMinn, Corvallis; 4. Mrs. Charles Hamilton, Malin; 5. Mrs. Harold Leach, Bonneville; 6. Mrs. Leonard Rath, Athena; 7. Mrs. Merton Davis, Union; 8. Mrs. Robert Hopkins, Portland; 9. Mrs. William C. Foster, Portland; 10. Mrs. John Devereux, Bandon; 11. Mrs. Una Pope, Mt. Vernon; 12. Mrs. Wesley H. McDowell, Redmond.

King Gets New Plane

WASHINGTON (AP) — The King of Saudi Arabia is getting a four-engine American airplane equipped with a king-size bed and an elevated revolving throne, complete with safety belt.

Transocean Air Lines said the plane, one of five Douglas DC-4 Skymasters sold to Saudi Arabia, is being converted at Oakland, Calif., into the "most plush of all personal transports."

The throne and 18 luxurious seats will be installed at Transocean's Bradley Field, Conn., maintenance base.

The company said the throne, on the king's orders, must be raised above the floor and must rotate 360 degrees. It will have a safety belt stressed to withstand a "10-G force"—a pull 10 times that of gravity.

Transocean said the remodelling is being rushed to enable the king to fly from his winter palace at Ryadh to his summer palace at Taif, to lead off the annual pilgrimage of Moslems to Mecca.

FAROUK SECLUDED

ISLE OF CAPRI (AP) — Ex-King Farouk and his girl-queen Narriman remained secluded in their hotel Wednesday to the great disappointment of scores of curious waiting for a glimpse of Egypt's exiled royalty.

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July 22 — August 8

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July 30 Malin, near postoffice, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Beatty, store, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

July 31 Merrill, near postoffice, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sprague River Chet Williams station, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

August 1 Merrill, near postoffice, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Fort Klamath, Community Building, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

August 4 Bly, Sycan's Store, 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

August 7 Keno, near postoffice, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

August 8 Bonanza, near postoffice, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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MRS. CYLDE DICKEY, who was elected president of 8 and 40, the Legion Auxiliary fun group.

Maryland Says Bridge Done

SANDY POINT, Md. (AP) — Maryland Wednesday presented its greatest public work to the nation, a 45-million-dollar bridge across the Chesapeake Bay.

Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin and William Preston Lane Jr., who talked down all the opposition and got the bridge started when he was governor before McKeldin, had four black and gold ribbons to cut at formal dedication exercises.

Their ribbon snipping opened the first bridge ever built across Chesapeake Bay, reaching over a 4.3—mile stretch of water just above Annapolis.

Third longest bridge in the world, it marks the end of an era of division for Maryland, since the Bay sets apart nine counties on the Eastern shore from Baltimore and the 14 other counties.

General Grow Convicted

FT. MEADE, Md. (AP) — The American general who was reported by the Russians to have kept a diary advocating a hit-'em-first war with the Soviet Union has been convicted of letting his diary fall into Communist hands.

Technically, Maj. Gen. Robert W. Grow was found guilty by a court martial Tuesday of two officers: Jotting down military secrets in his personal diary and failing to safeguard classified data.

He was sentenced to a reprimand, which will count against future promotion, and suspension from command for six months.

Maximum penalty would have been five years confinement, discharge, and forfeiture of pay and allowances.

The hush-hush week long trial before eight generals was so secret that even now the actual evidence against Grow, 57-year-old hero of two World Wars, has not been made public. Newsmen were even forbidden to contact those involved.

What his diary really contained also is veiled in secrecy.

But if propaganda Russia poured out last year to bolster war-mongering charges against the United States is correct, the diary said in part:

"War! As soon as possible! Now! . . . The time is ripe for a blow this year (1951) . . . We must learn that in this war it is fair to hit below the belt. We must understand that this war is total war and is fought with all weapons."

Early last year Grow was a military attache at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. He went to Frankfurt, Germany, on official business.

While there, a Russian spy allegedly crept into his room during his absence, stole his diary, photographed it, and returned it.

The Soviet agent turned photographic copies of the diary over to Richard Squires, described as a British writer, who used them in a book entitled "On the Path to War."

Russia used the book as ammunition for a propaganda barrage, hammering home the Communist theme that the U.S. wanted war.

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Four Oregonians On Casualty List

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Oregon soldier was killed in Korean action and three other Oregonians were wounded, the Department of Defense reported in its casualty list No. 615.

The list:

Killed in Action

Army Pfc. Donald P. Younce, son of Mrs. Lorene Helgesen, Portland.

Wounded

Army Pfc. Olaf V. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peterson, Portland.

Marine Sgt. Clifford O. Herrmann, husband of Mrs. Clifford O. Herrmann, 4050 Beck Ave., Salem.

Marine Sgt. Marshal T. Wright, brother of Mrs. Beverly J. Neely, Tillamook.

Sparkman Faithful to Fair Deal, New Deal Except For Civil Rights

By RICHARD KLEINER

WASHINGTON (NEA)—John J. Sparkman has a skeleton in his campaign closet. He's the Democratic nominee for vice president, but once upon an election he came out for the man who is now heading up the Republican ticket.

It happened in 1948, when, for the first time, the civil rights issue threatened to upset Democratic equilibrium. Before the '48 convention, Senator Sparkman came out for Dwight Eisenhower for the Democratic presidential nomination.

JOHN J. SPARKMAN— He has many friends . . . few enemies.

Afterwards, when Harry Truman had been formally nominated, Sparkman joined the Dixiecrat movement and supported the States Rights candidacy of J. Strom Thurmond.

Except for the question of civil rights—and allied issues, such as the filibuster problem—Sparkman has diligently and faithfully walked the New Deal, Fair Deal road in both the House and Senate. But, as a native Alabaman, he has broken with President Truman over civil rights and makes no bones about it.

He is, however, not as vehement as most Southern legislators. He simply says he does not favor a federal law compelling fair employment practices, and lets it go at that. He makes no enemies over it.

And that's fairly typical of John Jackson Sparkman in action. He has many friends, few enemies. He's a big genial popular man, given to the gay social life.

He has a youngish ruddy-cheeked face — someone once called him "the only cherub in the Senate"—topped by curly, graying hair. Some of his colleagues feel he'll "grow up into another Alben Barkley." Sparkman looks far younger than his 52 years.

The junior senator from Alabama is a vice-presidential candidate of the old, traditional school. He was a poor boy—the son of a tenant farmer—who got where he is by dint of hard work and a winning personality. He's a self-made vice-presidential candidate.

Sparkman bolled his way through college. He borrowed money on a cotton crop he raised during the Summer after he graduated from high school. That financed his freshman year at the University of Alabama, and he worked his way through the other three years. He was a Phi Beta Kappa student.

He graduated right into World War I, and, after his discharge, tried to get into newspaper work. When he couldn't find a job, he went to law school instead. He practiced law in Huntsville, Ala., until he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1936.

Appropriately, his first speech in the House was in support of a law to aid tenant farmers.

After five successive terms, he ran for the Senate, to fill out the unexpired term of the late Sen. John H. Bankhead, of the Tallulah Bankhead clan. He was re-elected again in 1948.

His Congressional record has been studded with important issues.

In the House, he had much to do with pushing through legislation having to do with the Tennessee Valley Authority.

He was one of the first to urge President Roosevelt to seek a fourth term. During his last term in the House he was Majority Whip.

In the Senate, he authored a vital bill on housing. Although he first voted for the Taft-Hartley law, he later turned around and voted to sustain President Truman's veto of that measure.

Northerners, as well as his Southern colleagues, respect his ability to make and keep friends, to see both sides of a question, to keep calm in times of crisis. They figure those qualities are prerequisites for a vice president.

New Highway To Be Opened

EUGENE (AP) — A 12-mile section of Highway 58, relocated around the Lookout Point Dam reservoir will be opened Wednesday.

The old highway will be flooded after the dam on the Middle Fork of the Williamette River is completed. The Corps of Engineers began work on the new highway in 1949.

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