



'FAIREST OF THEM ALL.' Miss May-Louise Flodin (second from left, of Sweden, chosen "Miss World, 1952," in London's Lyceum Theater, stands with runners-up for the title. At left is Miss Sylvia Muller, of Switzerland, who placed second; and second from right is Miss Vera Marks, of Germany who placed third. Fourth in the competition was Miss Eva Hellas of Finland (right).

Treason Trial Hears of Clash

NEW YORK (AP)—Two treason trial witnesses against John David Provoost testified yesterday about a clash between the defendant and an American officer who was executed by Japanese captors on Corregidor.

The executed officer was Capt. Burton C. Thomson of Swea City, Ia., hospital mess officer on Corregidor. Provoost was an Army sergeant allegedly in the good graces of the Japanese.

Charles Benjamin Walker, 34, retired Army noncommissioned officer who was a hospital mess sergeant after the fall of Corregidor in 1942, testified that Provoost threatened Thomson.

The witness told this story: Provoost entered Thomson's mess after the meal hour and demanded to be fed, and the captain told Provoost he would have to take his meals at the regular hours. Provoost became insolent, and the captain told him that as long as he wore the uniform of a U. S. Army sergeant he owed respect to superior officers.

Provoost replied: "I take orders from nobody. I'm working for the Japanese and I'll give you three minutes to get me something to eat or I'll turn you over to the Japanese."

Walker said he himself walked away at his post—and "I never saw Capt. Thomson again."

The government charges Provoost, 33, of Beaumont, Calif., with responsibility for the execution of Thomson. Provoost is accused of going over to the Japanese and selling out his fellow prisoners. He could get the death penalty if convicted. The defense has contended that Provoost did nothing except what the Japanese forced him to do under pain of death.

Walker's testimony was supported by Col. John K. Borneman, 51, of Lancaster, Pa., a retired major of the U. S. Army Corps of Chaplains.

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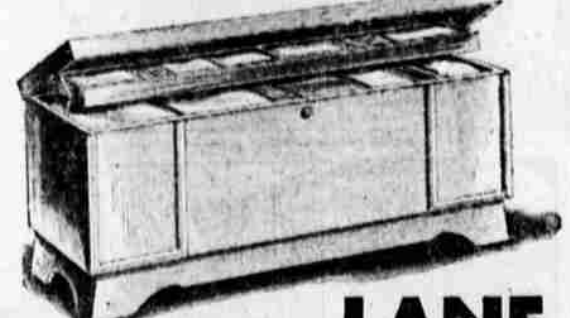
LOS ANGELES (AP)—A psychologist says two-thirds of the American people believe a man is or has been a Communist when he declines to testify on that score.

Dr. Floyd L. Ruch, professor of applied psychology at the University of Southern California, expressed that conclusion yesterday in the trial of contact suits involving RKO Studio and screenwriter Paul Jarrico. Jarrico was fired in 1951 by Howard Hughes, then owner of RKO, because he refused to tell a congressional committee whether he was or had been a Communist.

Dr. Ruch testified that he conducted a poll for RKO in Munich, Ind., interviewed 531 persons and learned that 69.7 per cent believed persons declining to testify about Communist party membership really do belong, and that 30.3 per cent voted no, with 1 per cent undecided.

Dr. Ruch said he and his staff also asked those interviewed if they would hold any ill will toward those refusing to answer the Communist question. The answers were 41.4 per cent yes, 37.1 per cent no.

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Sabu Accused Of Firing Home

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An insurance company accuses Sabu, former elephant boy of the movies, of being directly responsible for a fire which damaged his home, and demands return of \$19,388.68 he received in fire insurance.

In a civil suit filed yesterday, Northwestern Mutual Fire Association stated that last Aug. 25 it found that the fire which destroyed the second floor of Sabu's Northridge home was "originated by the act, design and procurement on the part of the insured," Sabu Dastagir, 28. At present the actor is touring with a circus in Italy.

Andre Perez, 21, and Arthur E. Wall, 27, were arrested soon after the fire, which occurred Armistice day, 1950. Charges against Wall were dropped.

On July 17, 1951, Perez pleaded guilty to arson, saying he had started the fire as a favor to Wall after the latter told him Sabu needed the insurance money. Perez served a term in jail.

At that time the actor was involved in a paternity suit filed by Mrs. Brenda Marian Juliet Ernst, who accused him of fathering her daughter, Michaels, 4. A lower court ruling favoring Sabu was reversed on appeal and another trial is set for next year.

William Upshaw Critically Ill

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP)—Former Georgia Rep. William D. Upshaw, 66, is critically ill in Glendale Sanitarium.

Upshaw, who polled 80,000 votes as a candidate for president on the Prohibitionist ticket in 1922, became ill after returning from an extended speaking tour in Europe. His wife, the former president of the California WCTU, did not disclose the nature of his illness.

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