



### Vets' Record Checked By Cops

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Police here planned a check of records on all Veterans Administration patients examined by murdered psychiatrist Elnor M. Langton.

Dr. Langton, 52, chief of the Mental Hygiene Clinic of the Veterans Administration Hospital here for three years, was found dead Saturday on the rear floor of her car, parked in nearby Chester.

Found in the car was a belt which police said apparently came from an Army-issue coat. Investigators theorized that she may have been murdered by a veteran whose claim for compensation she had disallowed.

### Ground Observer Director Speaks To Klamath Members

Lt. Col. C. L. Aubrey, assistant director, Civilian Air Defense Hamilton Field, California, addressed the Ground Observer Corps meeting Wednesday night.

Also present at the meeting in the Pilots Lounge, airport, were Capt. Herbert Frary, Bend, and Lt. Luke E. Ayres, Medford. All three Air Force officers praised the work of the local GOC post and encouraged members to continue being alert.

Col. Aubrey said Air Force personnel reason that if an attack comes, it will be most likely within the next two years; therefore observers should be alert not so much for number of planes as for that one plane that could be the Soviet long range jet.

He stressed sight over radar as a means of identification by the air defense identification zones, since radar can go out of action or fail to record low flying aircraft. Lt. Ayres corroborated the colonel's statements by citing particular instances.

Col. Aubrey is a veteran of the Korean War, was shot down by Communist Koreans and held prisoner for 30 months.

"I speak as an American citizen, not as an Air Force officer, when I say that I have learned by close study that we and the Communists cannot live side by side unless they (the Communists) can dominate us," he said. "The Russians have a stock pile of atom bombs, and their long range jets would be difficult to knock out of the air."

"The American people are not fully aware of the threatening danger," the colonel continued, and urged all to do everything possible to prepare themselves to help America in her fight for peace.

"The time for preparedness is now," he concluded.

Russell Avery, airport manager, conducted the meeting. Team captains reported no vacancies at present on the 24-hour schedule. Hope Berry, assistant chief observer, reported that 26 new volunteers have been placed on regular two-hour watches.

Orville Gehrke, with seven new recruits to his credit in the past month, won the free airplane ride given by Menlo-Newman Aircraft Co. Air Force wings, for 30 hours of more of sky watching, were awarded by Col. Aubrey to Elsie Cook, John Cook, Gall and Mary Kenega, Sidney Munier, Carol Wolftrum, Charles Paulsen, Larene McCollum, Ruth Schumire, Marilyn McPherson, Hush Hawthorne, Vivian Winzel.

Merit awards were presented Serilda Fetters, Dorothy Brinson, Leveta Beard, Jesse Barker, Walter French, Emmett Hill and Martha Hurd. Awards were 250-hour

bars, Hope Berry received a 750-hour bar and the honor of being the only member of this unit with that many hours to her credit.

Entertainment was furnished by the GOC chorus and singers. The chorus is led by Martha Hurd.

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STATIONED AT ATSUGI, near Tokyo, right, Richard W. Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Dixon, 1145 East Street. With him is friend Eugene Marotti. Dixon is expected home on leave in February. His mailing address is Richard W. Dixon, AN, USN, 423-90-07 NAS Box 23, Navy 3935, care Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

### Uncle Confesses Killing Niece; Leads Cops To Body

LEBANON, Mo. (AP)—A mild-mannered bookkeeper who developed an infatuation for his pretty 11-year-old niece admitted last night that he killed her. Then he led officers on a 226-mile hunt for the body.

Police found the fully clothed body of Jeannette Earnest about four miles east of here in a pile of leaves just off U.S. Highway 66. The schoolgirl, missing from her Fort Worth, Tex., home since last

Tuesday, had been shot in the right temple.

Her uncle, Thurman Priest, 48, of Grand Prairie, Tex., is charged with kidnapping.

Sheriff Bill Decker quoted Priest as saying:

"I was afraid the family was going to take the girl away from me. If I couldn't have her, no one else could."

The child's mother recently restricted Priest's visits with the girl.

Officers said that during the 226-mile trip through Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, Priest sobbed hysterically several times. He finally directed officers to an oak tree grove and said:

"The body's out there."

He remained trembling in the car.

Sheriff Decker quoted Priest as saying he had "struggled with the girl in the woods, blacked out and heard an explosion."

"The next thing I knew she was lying there dead."

After an autopsy, Coroner Stanley R. Palmer Jr. reported there were "no signs of criminal attack."

Until yesterday Priest arrested Wednesday at Mount Vernon, Mo., had steadfastly denied knowing what happened to Jeannette.

The girl, who looked older than her 11 years, was taken Tuesday while waiting near a self-service laundry for her mother. Witnesses reported Priest had picked her up.

Priest told detectives and a newspaperman that after leaving Fort Worth he drank heavily. He said Jeannette had left Texas willingly with him and they were going to Ohio and then send for his wife and his 18-year-old daughter.

"I loved the child for so long. I wanted her so bad to be happy. She was like another daughter to me," he said.

Mrs. Priest is a sister of Jeannette's mother. She and Priest were married about a year ago. His 18-year-old daughter is by a previous marriage.

Decker said Priest told him he had killed Jeannette about sunrise Wednesday morning with a .32-caliber automatic.

After blurring out that he was ready to lead officers to the body, Priest said it could be found in Miami, Okla. After reaching Miami, however, he changed his story and said the body was in Missouri. He then directed officers to the spot near Lebanon in south central Missouri.

Prosecutor Edgar Mayfield planned to file first-degree murder charges against Priest, who is held in jail at Marshfield, about 30 miles from here.

### Bridges Eyed For GOP Post

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Bridges of New Hampshire today was reported in line for chairmanship of the Senate GOP Policy Committee.

Such a move would fill two top leadership posts with Republicans critical at times of Eisenhower administration foreign policies.

Sen. Knowland of California, the GOP floor leader, has told friends he has no intention of giving up that job although he diverges from President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles over some aspects of international policies.

While Bridges has not publicly indicated his intentions, colleagues said there is little doubt he can have the chairmanship of the party's policy committee if he wants it. The present chairman, Sen. Ferguson of Michigan, was defeated for re-election.

Bridges, senior Republican in point of service in the Senate, was one of those who fought unsuccessfully against confirmation of Eisenhower's nominee for ambassador to Russia, Charles E. (Chip) Bohlen.

Knowland and Bridges are advocates of stronger action against communism in Asia than the Eisenhower administration thus far has been willing to undertake. Both are bitter opponents of admission of Communist China to the United Nations, a possibility Eisenhower has said this nation opposes now but on which he has not foreclosed a possible future change in policy.

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### Spreckels To Be Freed From Jail

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—Jailers say sugar heir Adolph Spreckels II, 43, will get time for good behavior lopped from his 30-day jail sentence for wife beating.

He should be released about 3 a.m. Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, and should be able to eat turkey—instead of soup, the jail fare—for Thanksgiving dinner. Jailers said he is getting five days off for model behavior.

He was convicted of beating his former wife, Kay Williams, at his Balboa home last year and started the sentence in Orange County Jail Nov. 1 after appeals failed.

**FIRE**  
LYNN, Mass. (AP)—After a week-end fire caused \$5,000 damage to her apartment, Julia Vinard, 39, told firemen she had hidden \$400 in the sleeve of a fur coat. The coat was ruined—but the money was safe.

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