

Bus Boycott Leaders Face Court Today

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Twenty-five Negro ministers and 58 others of their race were called into court today to answer for the prolonged mass Negro boycott of segregated city buses.

But before the trials could proceed, Circuit Judge Eugene Carter had to rule on a defense petition attacking the validity of the anti-boycotting indictments returned by a grand jury Feb. 21.

Negro attorneys filed pretrial demurrers protesting that the prosecution under a seldom used state law violates the defendant's rights of free speech, freedom of worship and peaceful assembly, and equal protection under the law as guaranteed by the U. S. Constitution.

A demurrer is a legal device which argues simply that no unlawful offense has been committed.

By raising the question of constitutional rights, the defense lawyers built the framework for a possible appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court if the boycotting Negroes are convicted. But they declined to comment on their plans before the trials opened.

The anti-boycotting law, enacted in 1921 as a weapon against labor strife, prohibits any conspiracy or agreement to hinder the operation of a lawful business "without just cause or legal excuse." The grand jury said the bus boycott is illegal.

Maximum penalty for violating the law is six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

The indicted Negroes have waived the right of jury trial, electing instead to let the trial judge decide their guilt or innocence.

Although the bus dispute started as a demand for better seating arrangements even if still segregated, it spread ultimately to an outright attack on city and state travel segregation laws.

The mass protest began last Dec. 5 after a Negro seamstress, Mrs. Rosa Parks, was arrested and fined \$14 for refusing to obey a driver's order to move to the colored section of his bus.

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Tulelake Spud Meeting Set

TULELAKE — Specialists in the field of potato production, potato packs, manufacturing, sales promotions and freight rates will be present for a meeting of potato growers, to be held in the Marcha Theater on Friday, March 23.

The meeting is being arranged jointly by the potato committee of the Tulelake Growers Association and by Ken Baggett, Tulelake farm adviser, Wesley St. Peter, chairman of the potato committee, will preside.

Two grower representatives and two alternates for service on the California-Oregon Marketing Order Committee for two-year terms will be named. Final choice will be made by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Present holders of those posts locally are Wandell Schey, grower member and Ivan Rose, alternate. Their terms expire on June 30 of this year.

Klamath County potato growers have been invited to attend the meeting.

Kern Potato Meet Opens

BAKERSFIELD (UP)—The 12th annual convention of the Kern County Potato Growers Association opened today with registration of delegates and a Western States Potato Growers Association directors session.

Some 2000 persons are expected to attend the two-day convention in which the governors of the nation's three largest potato producing states will speak during the closing session.

In the first general session this afternoon, four speakers are scheduled to outline industry problems. They are T. C. Curry of Salinas, director of the Grower - Shipper Vegetable Association's Bureau of Service; R.G. Bressler Jr., Berkeley, director of the University of California's Glanville Foundation; F.E. Wangenheim Jr., San Francisco, general manager of a food firm, and Herb C. Brown, Los Angeles, an account executive.



NEW OFFICERS of the Klamath Air Search and Rescue Unit for the coming year are, front left, Mrs. Ed Scholer, secretary treasurer; Bob Horton, president; Sheriff Murray Britton, director; back row, Elwin Brown, director; Ed Scholer, director and ground commander; Doug Houser, vice president, and (not shown), Chet Stinson, flight commander.

Morty Meekle

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POINT BE SUCH A PRUDE. IT'LL BE FUN! BUT I'LL NEED A NEW SUIT!

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Kidnapers Set For Sentences

ELKO, Nev. (UP)—Two Red Bluff, Calif., youths convicted of kidnaping two Phoenix women and alternately raping one of them will appear before District Judge Taylor H. Wines today at 3 p.m. for formal sentencing to life imprisonment.

Troy Hess, 18, and Mike Sterling, 21, were convicted Saturday by a jury of seven women and five men who deliberated 12 hours.

The jurors found the pair guilty of first degree kidnaping involving bodily harm and fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.

Hess and Sterling kidnaped at gunpoint last July 15 near Wells, about 50 miles east of here, Mrs. Elsa Oney, 48, and Mrs. Wanda Perkins, 28, and forced them to drive several miles south of the city.

There, one of the youths assaulted Mrs. Perkins while the other guarded Mrs. Oney. Then, they drove a few miles farther south where the other man raped Mrs. Perkins while one of them watched Mrs. Oney.

The defense has not yet decided whether it will appeal the conviction.

'Hot' Musician Does Strip Act

An apparently over-heated piano player was held in the county jail Monday on a charge of indecent exposure after he was alleged to have disrobed in front of the headlights of an automobile on Highway 97 near Midland.

The accused musician is Osvaldo Magallanes, 27, who was arrested Sunday night by state police on a complaint by passing motorists who said they witnessed the alleged strip act.

The officers reported they found Magallanes still unclad in his automobile parked along the highway.

"I got too hot for me," he declared. "It's probably due to the sudden change in the weather."

Magallanes was scheduled to be arraigned Monday afternoon before District Judge D. E. Van Vactor.

GOSPEL SERVICES

Will be held in the Shasta School Auditorium, beginning March 18 and continuing each Sunday, Tuesday and Friday at 7:45 p.m.; the only exception being Friday, March 23. We teach Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life: John 14:6; the purpose of life being conformed to the image of God's Son: Romans 8:29.

E. Swanson R. McDonald

Basin Briefs

Son Born—Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Pratt of Alturas are parents of a baby boy born March 14 at the Modoc Medical Center. Birth weight was 6 pounds 13 ounces.

Named—Marie Elaine is the name given the baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Yeck of Camby on March 18.

Alturas—Arrangements have been made through the courtesy of District Attorney Paul B. Baker of Alturas for eighth graders to visit the courthouse, with a trip through the plant, introductions to county officials and a brief illustrated lecture on criminalistics and other courthouse procedures. The visiting period started on March 16, and is scheduled for March 30, April 13 and 17. Any teacher interested in taking eighth grade students for the visit is asked to write or call one of the county school supervisors to make arrangements.

Meeting—Merrill and Malin Extension Units will meet at the Malin Community Hall at 8 p.m. Monday, March 19 to be instructed on legal matters of interest to the family. Attorney Clarence Humble will be the instructor and will advise on wills, deeds, insurance and other subjects. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

In Corvallis—Those attending the NCAA playoffs in Corvallis from Malin are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stasny and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Stasny.

Leaving—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Quinn and daughter, Jean, will be leaving Malin at the end of the week for Salem where they have purchased a farm. They have been active in the Malin Grange, and Mrs. Quinn has contributed much to 4-H and extension work in the Malin area.

Regular Meeting—of the Keno PTA will be held Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Keno School. There will be election of officers and a special program. Everyone welcome.

Away—Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Rockhill are in Portland where Rockhill will be under medical observation.

Returned—Angeline Galloway, Tulelake, teacher in the city schools at Salem, has returned to classes following spring vacation. During her visit here her fiancée, William Masterson, Redding was a guest. Miss Galloway was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Galloway who spent two weeks with a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillie, Washburn, Washington.

Fremont School—PTA Father's Night will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22 in the school auditorium. Karl Gentr, Tulelake pioneer, will show his colored films on "Wildlife." Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria following the meeting. All parents and friends are invited.

Klamath Lutheran—Ladies Aid will meet in the church parlors on Tuesday, March 20, at 8 p.m. A special program is planned, and everyone is invited.

CITY BRIEFS

The Drama Group—of AAUW will meet Monday, March 26 at the home of Marion Cosgrove, 2137 Waring instead of tonight as previously announced.

Riverside School—PTA will meet Tuesday, March 20, 2:30 p.m. Youth groups, Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will present part of the program. Florence Smith's fourth grade students will present book reports from "Storybook Land, Come to Life." There will be election of officers. Mrs. Brick Patterson, president will preside.

Army Reserve—All Klamath Falls units of the Army Reserve will meet at 8 p.m. today at the Army Reserve Center in the Willis Building, 432 Main Street. Meetings are open to the public. Enlistment information may be obtained from the Unit Adviser, Sgt. H. C. Collier at the center, telephone 4790.

Sick—Mrs. Carl W. Henry, 240 East Main Street, left by train today for the bedside of her sick daughter, Mrs. Sidney Weinstein of Goose Bay, Mrs. Weinstein reportedly was in critical condition.

Women of Moose—The publicity committee of the Women of the Moose Chapter 467 are holding a photo contest and crazy hat party Tuesday night at 8 in the Moose Hall. Refreshments will be served.

PTA Meet—A meeting of the Altamont PTA will be held Tuesday at 2:40 p.m. in the music room of Altamont Junior High School, Camp Fire Girl and Girl Scout problems will be discussed.

Speaker Planned—Elmo Stevenson, president of the Southern Oregon College of Education, will speak at a meeting of the Mills Parent Teacher Association at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium. His topic will be "Reading in Our Schools Today and the Method of Teaching." PTA officials especially urged all parents of children who will enter the first grade next term to attend the meeting.

Rummage Sale—Aloha Chapter 61, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a rummage sale Friday and Saturday at the Masonic Temple. Stuff to be sold may be left at the Temple Thursday afternoon, or persons desiring to have their donation picked up may telephone Margaret Sheridan, 5057 days, 8636 evenings, or Clara Barnett, 2-3603.

Student Nurse—Dixie Lee Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil B. Smith, 1748 Menlo Way, was among 27 student nurses in Burge Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield, Missouri, who was "capped" in ceremonies Sunday, March 18. Presenting the student nurses with their nursing caps signifies the completion of six months of basic training and the beginning of advanced study.

Fairhaven—Home Extension will meet at Joan's Kitchen Wednesday, March 21, 10:30 a.m. Bring patterns and suggestions for gifts from cloth. Don't forget to wear your apron.

Rummage Sale—Anyone wishing

the Yacht Club, sponsored by the Anchor Club, Thursday, March 22, at 1:30 p.m. Call Mrs. H. O. Juckeland, 8822, for reservations. The Town Shop is giving the style show for women and Dick Reeder's the style show for men.

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PG&E Explores Blast Cause

PITTSBURG (UP)—A Pacific Gas and Electric Company crew carefully dismantled a huge generator today in the hope of learning what caused a huge turbine generator unit to explode.

The explosion, which took place last night in the PG&E's steam generating plant here, injured eight persons, one seriously. Five of the injured required hospitalization. The eight victims had been watching the generator as it was speeded up to its full 3600 revolutions a minute under test. The massive rotor flew apart shortly before 8 p.m., breaking the heavy housing and igniting the hydrogen gas used as a coolant.

The work of dismantling the generator had to proceed with extreme caution because of the presence of the highly explosive hydrogen.

A PG&E spokesman said the primary cause of the explosion was "internal." He said it was likely that a two-inch shaft snapped, causing the whole unit to break down.

The 165,000 kilowatt generator was one of four built on a raised outdoor platform. It measured 12 feet in height and 70 feet in length.

At the time of the explosion, it was not tied into the company's transmission network. Thus, the explosion had no effect on the area's power.

The explosion shattered windows in the central building of the steam plant, as well as blowing glass from other structures 80 to 70 feet away.

Chief Returns To White House

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower returned to the White House Monday after a 21-hour drive from his Gettysburg farm—part of it over icy roads.

The trip was without incident despite the bad stretches of road. The President's car stopped about half-way to Washington, at Frederick, Md., while Secret Service agents removed the tire chains.

Some six inches of snow covered the Eisenhower farm when the President left. Several cars were stranded in snowdrifts alongside the road which the President's car took on the trip to Washington.

During the first part of the drive, when roads were slippery, the President's car traveled at only 35-40 miles an hour. The trip took about a half hour more than usual.

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