

JURY DENOUNCES POLICE CHIEF

In The
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Space travel stuff:
The other day our Air Force (presumably somewhere down in the New Mexico desert) fired what amounts to a king-size shotgun load of aluminum balls about the size of a marble up into the air—away, AWAY up into the air. A booster jigger was used. A rocket nose-cone streaked 34 miles up into the sky and then burst with an explosive charge, flinging the marble-size balls into space.

At least two of them escaped the earth's gravity and scientists think they probably fell into the gravity pull of the sun. (In which event, of course, they went poof! In a burst of metallic vapor, for the surface temperature of the sun is about 12,000 degrees Fahrenheit. In case it interests you, the temperature of the sun at its center is believed to be about 40 MILLION degrees Fahrenheit.)

How does this gravity business work?
Try this on your tabletop:
Park a magnet somewhere on the smooth surface of the table. Place some other magnets around it at varying distances. Get yourself a smooth steel ball—say a ball bearing of modest size. Roll the ball gently away from your center magnet. As long as it stays within the pull of the center magnet, it will COME BACK to the center magnet.

But—
When it gets away from the pull of the center magnet and INTO the pull of one of the other magnets, it will go to THAT magnet.

That's the gravity story in an imaginary nutshell.

So much for how it happened. Now for what it means.

One of our Air Force scientists (Maurice Dubin of the U.S. Air Force research center at Cambridge, Massachusetts) says this break-through of the earth's gravitational barrier MAY POINT A PATH TO THE MOON.

In other words—
The same technique that hurled a bucketful—or a wagon load, or maybe only two—aluminum pellets the size of a marble beyond the earth's grasp could SEND A ROCKET TO THE MOON.

It has another angle:
This experiment, which began over a month ago, is believed to be MAN'S FIRST BREAK-THROUGH TO INTERPLANETARY SPACE.

It is that true—
IT PUTS ONE OVER ON SPUTNIK.

That is to say:
It says to the world at large that whatever the Russians can do we can do BIGGER AND BETTER.

It coppers the Sputnik bet and puts us one up on the Russians in the propaganda race.

Driver Killed
In Lakeview

LAKEVIEW, Nov. 24 (AP)—Randy Romaine, 24, of Eugene, suffered fatal injuries Friday when the loaded gravel truck he was driving overturned.

There was about 10 inches of snow on the road at the time.

Alum was driving for the family business, the Alum Trucking Co., on a private road construction project 32 miles northeast of here when the accident occurred.

He was the state's 44th traffic victim this month and the 400th in the state for the year according to an Associated Press tabulation.

ACQUITTED
PORTLAND (AP)—Elton Campbell, 34, Portland, Friday was acquitted of a charge of first degree murder that grew out of the July 7 knife-slaying of Luther Riden here.

Economists Study Business Trends

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (AP)—Has the three-year business boom skidded into a recession?

The administration avoids the word, but a week-long flow of unfavorable reports from the federal statistical mill added up Saturday to the suggestion that a mild, "high-level" recession has started nevertheless.

The reports were not alarming. They showed economic activity to be higher than in most of the recent prosperous years, with indexes still close to all-time highs.

Privately and publicly, government economists predicted the downturn would be moderate and brief—probably a matter of several months, ending around mid-1958.

But seldom except in recognized periods of recession have so many of the major signs of business activity pointed downwards as in the past 10 days.

In that period the Commerce Department, Federal Reserve Board and the President's Council of Economic Advisors issued their monthly reports. These showed that in October:

Industrial production suffered its biggest drop of the year, after drifting irregularly down for the previous nine months. The rate

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Beck Junior
Found Guilty
Of Charges

SEATTLE, Nov. 24 (AP)—A Superior Court jury Saturday night convicted Dave Beck Jr., of two counts of grand larceny in charges arising from sale of two Cadillacs owned by the union his father heads.

The jury received the case at 12:15 p.m., deliberated until 6:15 when it went to dinner and resumed its discussions shortly before 8 o'clock.

It announced at 8:35 p.m. that it had reached a verdict but it took three-quarters of an hour before court officials, Beck Jr., and others could be assembled.

Beck is accused of picketing \$4,650 from the sale of two Cadillacs owned by the International Teamsters Union.

The pudgy, 37-year-old son of the man who heads one of the nation's biggest unions faces up to 15 years in prison on each count of grand larceny.

Beck Jr., who had waited hour after hour in the courtroom while the jury considered his fate, sat expressionless while the jury read its decision. His only movement was a constantly twiddling thumb.

His hands were resting on the table before him and his face was flushed—as it frequently was throughout the 12-day trial.

He was permitted to remain at liberty on \$3,000 cash bond. Sentencing will be done later. The trial began Tuesday, Nov. 12.

The jury went to its deliberations with an impassioned plea by defense counsel Charles S. Burdell for an acquittal. Crying emotionally, Burdell said young Beck was "being tried because he loved his father and because he trusted his father. If that makes him a felon, we're living in a pretty miserable society."

Beck and his supporting witnesses, who included his father, said the two Cadillacs were sold and the money turned over to Beck Sr., on the latter's orders.

Beck told the jury the money was placed in the union safe deposit box and still was there. He said the vault also held the \$1,900 from the sale of a third Cadillac. It is the proceeds from the sale of the third car which Beck Sr., is charged with keeping.

His trial on grand larceny charges arising from this sale will open Dec. 2. The indictments were returned by a county grand jury.

Beck Sr., was not in the courtroom when the verdict was returned. He could not be reached at his home or office for comment.

Burdell said he would file an immediate appeal and "carry the case as high as necessary."

Asked if he had any comment, Beck Jr. replied shortly:

"Hell no."

It was all he was heard to say in the courtroom.

In the state's summation, Deputy Prosecutor Charles Z. Smith told the jury that the case against the younger Beck had been proved "beyond a shadow of a doubt."

Smith contended the Becks had "obviously contrived" the story that Beck Sr., gave the bookkeeper, Fred Verschueren Jr., \$6,000 immediately after the sale of the cars and told him to see that it got to the proper Teamster agency.

Smith referred to Beck Sr., as the "King" and Beck Jr., as the "crown prince" in the "royal hierarchy" of the union.



CLYDE CLOUD, 52-year-old Klamath Falls man, remains in the Klamath Valley Hospital where he is being treated for a compound fracture of the lower right leg and a broken bone in the lower left arm. Cloud told investigating officials he suffered the injuries when being beaten by city police on the evening of November 3.

—Photo by Kettler



POLICE CHIEF Orville Hamilton on Saturday morning apprised grand jury recommendations that he be discharged and said he has no comment to make at this time concerning the jury action. In addition to recommending that the city council immediately remove Hamilton from his post, the jury also recommended several alterations in the police department operation.

—Photo by Kettler

Panel Recommends
Sweeping Changes

By JOHN GUERNSEY

The Klamath County Grand Jury concluded its five-day session late Friday afternoon with an explosive recommendation calling for the immediate dismissal of Police Chief Orville Hamilton. The recommendation asking for Hamilton's release and specified modifications within the police department operation followed a Thursday action in which the grand jury indicted 26-year-old police officer John Wilson on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon.

The officer was investigated on charges by a 52-year-old Klamath Falls man, Clyde Cloud, stating that on the evening of November 3 he was taken up on KFIJ hill by the police in a city squad car and beaten. Cloud was discovered on the hill the following morning suffering from shock and a compound fracture of the lower right leg. It was subsequently ascertained that he also had a broken left arm. The man maintains that his injuries were the result of a police beating.

Concerning the Friday evening grand jury action seeking Hamilton's removal, the police chief said Saturday morning that he has no comment to make at this time.

When Mayor Lawrence Slater was contacted relative to the grand jury recommendations, he issued this statement to the Herald and News:

"I have not yet received an official copy of the grand jury's recommendations. I understand that I will get a copy sometime today (Saturday). You can rest assured that the council and I will go over the grand jury's report very carefully and thoroughly.

"We are interested in giving the people the best possible government. We shall be glad to give consideration to any of their recommendations that we find feasible... within the financial or functional limitations of the city."

The full text of the grand jury report of findings and recommendations are as follows:

"We, the grand jury of Klamath County after having made an exhaustive study of the underlying factors which may have motivated that incident which led to the indictment of a Klamath Falls city police officer, have reached these conclusions:

"That there has been a practice within the Klamath Falls City Police Department of escorting drunks, vagrants, and trouble some people to the city limits and directing those persons to leave town.

"That this practice could not have existed without the full knowledge and acquiescence of the chief of police of Klamath Falls and his administrative assistants.

"That there is evidence that there has been, in the immediate past, illegal gambling taking place within business establishments in the city of Klamath Falls.

"That this action has been open and that the police have failed to take action against it.

"That there is a total lack of esprit de corps among the members of the Klamath Falls Police Department and that this lack is, in part, caused by a failure of leadership on the part of the chief of police and the assistant chief of police.

"That there has been a breakdown in discipline within the Klamath Falls police department.

"That there is undue misunderstanding between members of the police department and the municipal judge.

"That there is evidence that violations of law are not treated in a uniform manner, but that the identity of the accused is sometimes given more weight than the identity of the offense.

"That there is no adequate training program for new officers in the Klamath Falls Police Department, nor is there any attempt to have continuing instruction for regular members of the department.

"That members of the department are not adequately paid.

"That there is evidence of instances in which excessive force has been used by officers in the handling of accused persons.

"That the grand jury has confidence in the integrity and ability of the majority of the rank and file members of the Klamath Falls Police Department and feels that with proper leadership, they could adequately discharge their duties.

"That these findings are not an indictment of the present mayor and city council, as it is the opinion of the grand jury that many of these conditions are of long standing duration."

The grand jury also made the following recommendations:

"That the chief of police be immediately removed from that office.

"That the city council go outside the present police department to obtain the services of a new chief.

"That an adequate salary be appropriated for the position of chief of police, so that the best trained and qualified man might be obtained.

"That the new chief of police be given a free hand and full authority to reorganize and operate the police department.

"That the city council give consideration to separating the offices



OFFICER JOHN WILSON
... Indicted by Jury

of city recorder and municipal judge, and give consideration to the establishing of a minimum qualification, for municipal judge, membership in the Oregon State Bar.

"That immediate steps be taken to establish a training program for new officers and a program of continuing education for regular members of the police force.

"That a study be made of the feasibility of establishing a work program for prisoners held in the city jail.

"And that a study be made of the salaries of all members of the police department and, if possible, an adjustment in salaries be made so that they may receive salaries comparable to those paid to members of the Oregon State Police holding similar positions."

The above listed report of the grand jury does not constitute an official indictment of the police chief or any member of the department. The report is alone a series of findings and recommendations which are now subject to either acceptance or rejection by the city council.

With reference to the assault with a dangerous weapon indictment which was returned against Wilson, the patrolman is scheduled to appear November 29 in circuit court arraignment on the charge.

During testimony given to investigating officials prior to the November 18 convening date of the grand jury it was established that Wilson was the senior patrolman in the squad car which transported Cloud up on the hill and that Floyd Pierce, the other officer in the car, was a rookie patrolman with less than a month's service on the force.

Wilson and Pierce further agreed in pre-grand jury testimony that Pierce had remained in the squad car when the officers took Cloud up on the hill, and that Wilson had been the officer who had gotten out of the car with Cloud. It was testified that Wilson tongue-lashed the man and "shoved him around a little."

However, during the early investigation under the direction of District Attorney Richard Beasley, the officers maintained that the man was taken up on the hill at his own request so he could leave town and that he had not been beaten. It was further testified that Cloud was picked up in the first place on suspicion of being intoxicated in downtown Klamath Falls.

The physician who attended Cloud said he was found on the hill the following morning in a state of shock, with a compound fracture of the lower right leg, with a broken bone in the lower left arm, and with multiple abrasions about the body.

Police Chief Hamilton said that Wilson has been suspended from the force and that the suspension will remain in effect until or after the case involving the accused officer is concluded. Officer Pierce has in no way been charged by the grand jury and remains with the force.

Members of the grand jury which was recessed late Friday were Peter Rowe (foreman), Carl T. Cus, Melvin Smith, Robert E. Barry, Bert L. Eastman, John G. West and Donald D. Van Fleet.

Upon being recessed, the foreman of the jury told Circuit Court Judge David R. Vandenberg that the jury still has a couple of items it would like to study. The judge instructed the jury that it will be called into session upon request and that it has already been called into session during the December term of the circuit court.

The preliminary investigation of the police case was under direction of District Attorney Richard Beasley, and the grand jury was called into session by Judge Vandenberg at Beasley's request. Beasley was originally requested to make a study of the alleged brutality charge by Mayor Lawrence Slater.

Disarm Talks
Still Debated

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 24 (AP)—A Soviet spokesman said Saturday the Soviet U. N. Delegation was ready to discuss any "serious approach" from the West for new disarmament talks.

He told reporters the position of the U. S. Delegation created the current stalemate over getting the talks started again. He said that "it's up to that delegation to make any initiative."

A U. S. spokesman commented: "The Western position has never been other than serious. The General Assembly four days ago proclaimed that it wants disarmament talks to continue. . . . It's up to the Soviets."

The U. N. Disarmament subcommittee — Britain, Canada, France, the Soviet Union and the United States — broke off deadlocked discussions in London Sept. 6. The Assembly Nov. 14 adopted a 9 to 9 24-nation resolution endorsing the Western position in the discussions.

But the Soviet Union had served notice it would no longer sit on the subcommittee, nor on the 12-nation Disarmament Commission, unless it was enlarged. In an effort to meet its wishes, the Assembly Tuesday voted 60-9 to expand the commission to 25 nations. It turned down an Albanian amendment to add seven others so as to make the Commission half Western and half Communist or neutralist countries.

The Soviet Delegation reiterated in a statement Friday night that the Soviet Union would "not participate in the work of the Commission" on grounds that most of the members were "participants of the aggressive military blocs."

Two Republicans Announce N.W. Timber
Sale Planned

PORTLAND, Nov. 24 (AP)—The U.S. Forest Service plans to sell 500 million board feet of Pacific Northwest timber in a move aimed at bolstering the sagging lumber market.

J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, told a conference of forest supervisors Friday night that the increased sales program is made possible by the addition of \$375,000 in Forest Service funds.

Half the timber will be offered for sale by next July 1 and the remainder by the end of August, 1958. Stone said it will bring timber sales up to the annual allowable cut of 2 1/2 billion board feet for the first time.

Heretofore, a shortage of funds for access roads and manpower has prevented offering the full allowable cut.

Stone said the lumber industry has not been sold fast enough and that this has tended to keep timber prices up.

"We're going to at least make available the full allowable cut to try to contribute just as much as we can to timber needs and make some contribution to the employment situation," Stone said.

Discussing the question of whether increased timber supplies might not aggravate the industry's present surplus problem, Stone said operators have been complaining of the lack of timber they can manufacture at a profit.

The increased sales will be mostly of Western Oregon and Southwestern Washington Douglas fir.

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ties." Speaking as chairman of the Nonpartisan Tax League, she deplored the suppression of freedom of opinion and honest differences within the confines of each party, and condemned the efforts of the "so-called king makers" to control the choice of candidates in the political arena.

As an example, Mrs. Kittredge singled out both Hatfield and Under as possible candidates for the gubernatorial nomination in the 1958 primary. She stated "Efforts to make Republican Party members choose one or the other of them to run in the primary campaign is wrong. This decision is theirs to make, not ours."

She also stated that in her opinion, "California Republicans injured themselves when Gov. Goodwin Knight left the race against Sen. Knowland." She also speculated on the possible Democratic action in regard to next year's governorship race in Oregon. She stated that the newspapers in their accounts of Democratic candidates assume that Gov. Robert Holmes will be the nominee.

"However," she suggested, "Sen. Richard Neuberger might be a candidate for governor of Oregon, and his opponent might be Governor Holmes, as well as any other Democrat, perhaps Lew Wallace, who wishes to run."

She also voiced the possibility that if Senator Neuberger were successful in a governorship bid that Governor Holmes might become U.S. senator to serve out Neuberger's unexpired term.

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Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Sunny Sunday. High Sunday 45-50.

High Saturday 47

Low at Midnight 39

CRATER LAKE

Saturday was a beautiful day at the park with temperature at 8 a.m. registering 33 degrees. Fair to good skiing is expected for Sunday. Highway 62 was clear and bare and no chains required. Snow depth was 36 inches.



SHOOTING HOURS

OREGON

November 23

OPEN 6:36 CLOSE 4:42

CALIFORNIA

November 25

OPEN 6:36 CLOSE 4:10

Horror Killer
Enters Asylum

WAUPUN, Wis., Nov. 24 (AP)—Edward Gein walked quietly through the doors of Wisconsin's Central State Hospital for the criminally insane Saturday, after a week in which he won an unquestioned place in the nation's annals of horrifying crime.

Just seven days ago, authorities found the butchered body of a 38-year-old widow hanging in Gein's woodshed. In ensuing days, they found remains of 10 other female corpses in his home. One other woman he admitted killing. The other remains he insisted he took from graves.