

Police Continue Search, But Believe Gunman Fled

PORTLAND (AP)—A shadowy figure on a houseboat moorage provided the lone lead Thursday night in the hunt for a gunman who apparently got away.

After a long search of the moorage and its many houseboats, police found no trace of Richard Allen Hunt, 27, accused of briefly abducting two men and shooting another.

Though police here continued the search, they said Hunt probably had escaped from Portland.

The manhunt was triggered when Harrisburg Police Chief Ernest McPhee tried to arrest the dairy worker, sought by the FBI on a stolen car charge, for a license plate violation.

McPhee was abducted, and later released unharmed. Later Tuesday, Brownsville Police Chief Robert Kemnow was shot in the head as he tried to stop Hunt's flight.

More than 100 men then searched the Cascade Mountain foothills, but the hunt switched to Portland Wednesday when a motorist said he was forced to drive a gunman here.

A block-by-block check of downtown Portland failed to find Hunt, and police said then he might have gotten out of town.

Those comments came again Thursday, and detective Lt. William Hoff said: "I'm inclined to think he left town."

Another policeman said: "Everybody has seen him. But they all seem to call in 4 to 12 hours late."

It was a report like that which sent police to the moorage Thursday night.

A woman said she saw a man skulking around the area. And a deputy saw the shadowy figure (it) through the maze of houseboats, lines and gangways, only to vanish.

Police said the gunman might have escaped despite the vast search, and roadblocks set up on major highways.

There was a possibility, detectives said, that Hunt might have friends in the Fort Lewis or Natselle, Wash., area, where he was stationed in the Army.

And, the detectives added, Hunt might try to reach them.

Though Hoff said he thought the gunman had escaped, he added: "We will continue patrolling the city on special assignments along with our regular patrols."

Poet Frost Is Now 85

NEW YORK (AP)—Poet Robert Frost, four-time Pulitzer prize winner, celebrated his 85th birthday Thursday.

He was honor guest at a dinner attended by fellow literary lights, including W. H. Auden, Mark Van Doren, Richard Wilbur and Robert Penn Warren.

In a commentary on current events, Frost said: "The moon was made for lovers; now its taken over by science."

At a news conference, Frost was asked if New England wasn't becoming decadent.

"The next president of the United States will be from Boston," he answered. He was asked if he referred to U.S. Sen. John F. Kennedy.

"Yes, Kennedy," he replied. "Did he hope Kennedy would win?"

"Anything from Boston is all right with me," said Frost, whose home is in Cambridge, Mass., just across the Charles River from Boston.

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Solons Table Gas Tax Bill

SALEM (AP)—A bill to increase the state tax on gasoline from 6 cents a gallon to 7 cents was tabled Thursday by the House Highways Committee.

The vote was 5-4.

Rep. Al Flegel (D-Roseburg) said there was no need for the additional funds because the state has adequate money available to match federal highway funds.

The committee delayed action on a bill for a \$6 million dollar bond issue to finance highway projects, including the proposed trans-Columbia River bridge at Astoria.

Jane Swishelm, in 1850, was the first American newspaperwoman to become a Washington, D.C., correspondent. Horace Greeley paid her \$5 a column to write for The New York Tribune.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



WELL, IF HE'S BEEN SO BAD, WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL EARLIER? WHAT? WELL, HOW DID YOU GET LIMITED?...

Yank Radio Broadcaster Reports Iraq Army Purge

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—A vast purge of army officers and government personnel in Iraq is reported by an American broadcaster just kicked out of the country.

The other two were Larry Collins of United Press International, who had been in Baghdad only a week, and William McHale of Time and Life magazines, who had been there two weeks, the same time as Burdett.

Another American newsmen, Dennis Fodor of Time, was refused permission to stay when he flew in to Baghdad from Beirut Thursday.

There are only three Western newsmen still in Iraq—Stan Carter of The Associated Press, Erik Durshmeid of the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. and Douglas Brown of the London Daily Telegraph.

The Iraqi ambassador to the United Arab Republic, Fayek Samir, quit Thursday in Cairo and said he would seek political asylum in Lebanon.

Samir, a leader of Iraq's nationalist Istiqlal (Independence) party, became the revolutionary regime's first envoy to the U.A.R. after the overthrow of the pro-Western monarchy in Iraq last July.

Nikita Seeks To Ban China From Summit Conference

By ELIE MAISSI
PARIS (UPI)—Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev steered the Western powers to a summit conference on purely European matters to keep Communist Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung from joining the talks, informed sources said today.

They said Khrushchev hoped to strengthen his position in the Communist world as regards Red China by scoring a propaganda victory by meeting with the Western chiefs of state.

Western diplomats believe the move may increase chances for success at the summit conference, now tentatively scheduled for sometime this summer, the sources said.

At any rate, they said, the West feels Khrushchev should be allowed to state his case for peace in Europe and, in a wider context, for the rest of the world.

Khrushchev, who had been plugging for a summit conference on the Middle East last fall, suddenly reversed his field after meeting with Mao in Peiping last July 31.

The sources here said Khrushchev called off the talks with the West because Mao had insisted

YEAR'S PROBATION
Willard Norman Jessup, accused of shoplifting four small packages of cigars from Payless Drug Store Tuesday, was given a year's probation in district court Thursday. Jessup, 40, 5065 Harlan Drive, pleaded guilty to the charge in an appearance before District Judge D. E. Van Vactor.

Death Claims Noted Author

LA JOLLA, Calif. (UPI)—Raymond Chandler, mystery writer and creator of the fictional, tough talking private detective Philip Marlowe, died Thursday from pneumonia.

The 71-year-old author was dean of the country's mystery writers who featured a hardboiled, clipped style of writing about his man heroes with hearts of gold.

Chandler, born in Chicago and educated at private schools in London, France and Germany, was a newspaper book reviewer, pilot and a businessman before launching his writing career in 1933. He gained national fame in 1939 with his novel "The Big Sleep."

Several motion pictures featuring Chandler's character Philip Marlowe were made and are still being rerun over television. A Philip Marlowe radio series also ran for years and a television series called "Philip Marlowe" is now in preparation.

Thor Flight Said Success

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The Air Force's versatile Thor has logged another apparently successful trip over intermediate range on its 26th flight test.

The 65-foot rocket, which seems to perform equally well as a war weapon or booster for space vehicles, roared aloft Thursday night on what appeared to be a perfect start.

The latest shot was part of the Thor's advanced research and development series aimed at improving reliability—that is, bettering the odds for hitting the target on every launching.

Thor squadrons already are entrenched in the United Kingdom under Royal Air Force control as part of the NATO defenses.

The Thor now is considered 65 per cent reliable, but the Air Force hopes to increase it to 80 or 90 per cent by the end of the year.

Quote from Dr. Albert Einstein: Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.

Battle Opens In Salem On Public-Private Power

SALEM (AP)—The Legislature's public vs. private power battle opened Thursday before the House Judiciary Committee in testimony on whether a state Power Commission should be created.

The Grange, AFL-CIO, Farmer's Union, peoples utility districts and rural electrification organizations assure Oregon's industrial growth.

The opponents, including private power companies, said the bill eventually would wipe out the private power companies.

The bill, by Rep. Al Flegel (D-Roseburg), would let the Power Commission buy federal power or generate its own. The power would be sold to private and public utilities and to large industries. The commission would be financed by revenue bonds.

Flegel said his bill would assure adequate supplies of low cost power that would further Oregon's industrial growth. He said the only way for Oregon to assure itself a supply of federal power is to create the state agency.

Flegel said there is no chance of getting Congress to repeal the Bonneville preference clause, under which public power agencies get the first call on federal power.

Albert S. Cummins, president of the California-Oregon Power Co., said Oregon will continue to have plenty of low cost power as long as the present companies are permitted to serve.

Cummins said the bill "contemplates the progressive take-over of every taxpaying electric utility in Oregon." He also said when this happens, other taxpayers will have to make up the loss of taxes now paid by the utilities.

Cummins said the "cost of power is not a factor in the location of business and industry."

James T. Marr, executive secretary of the state AFL-CIO, said the bill "will help restore the industrial progress that stimulated Oregon during the 1940s but came to a dead halt under the opposition of private utilities to new federal dams."

Marr said it would promote private enterprise and reduce the burden on many taxpayers.

John M. Fulton, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, said there is adequate power available for at least the next 10 years.

"The bill," Fulton said, "would establish an intolerable concentration of economic and legal authority in a three-man commission, would serve no useful purpose, would be an immediate and serious threat to the continued existence of investor-owned electric utilities, is an unwarranted and inexcusable venture of government into business and would cause confusion in the development of our water and other natural resources."

Loose Lion Disappoints; Never Lets Out One Growl

NEW YORK (AP)—Peanut, pink popcorn—and a lion on the loose. The latter was inadvertently served up to about 2,000 persons attending a dress rehearsal Thursday night of the Ringling Bros.-Barnum and Bailey Circus at Madison Square Garden.

Putting on an impromptu, and terrifying, act for about 10 minutes was Ponto, heavily maned, 200-pound lion, said to be one of the largest of his species in captivity. He was finally recaptured in the lobby. No one was injured.

Ponto broke through a door of his cage and started roaring around the big arena while a tiger and lion act was in progress.

Temporarily king of all he surveyed, he leaped over the arena rail into a section of seats—which luckily happened to be sparsely populated.

Some spectators stood their ground, not knowing what else to do. Others scattered, said the boy Hans Naumann, the lion's trainer, dashed after Ponto with whip, chair and pistol. Ponto headed for the lobby. It immediately emptied.

Apparently the huge beast was following the scent to other animals in the basement menagerie. He vainly tried to tear down the locked door to the basement.

Frustrated, he tried to climb onto a telephone booth in the lobby. Men with an aerialist's net cornered him there. With Naumann directing, a cage on rubber tires was wheeled in, and Ponto was safely stored away.

The perspiring trainer said Ponto had never given him trouble before.

One thing was missing. Ponto never let go with even one roar.

LAD DIES

PORTLAND (AP)—Calvin Thomas Kelley, 5, collapsed and died at his home here Thursday.

The coroner's office, which ordered an autopsy, said the boy may have choked on a piece of toast.

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