



JIM SOWDER, left, who has been transferred to Minnesota, brought his successor at Bend down to Klamath Falls to introduce him in forestry and timber circles. New director of Deschutes Research Center at Bend is Carl Berntsen, right, who has transferred after two years at the Willamette Research Center at Corvallis. Sowder was moved to the Lake States Forest Experiment Station, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, earlier this year and returned in July to move his family to their new home.

American Exhibit In Moscow Goes Over With Bang; Crews Say Russians Are Friendly

By A. I. GOLDBERG
MOSCOW, (AP) — The American exhibition is the biggest hit in town, and it looks like every knock is a boost.

Rape Case In South Heard

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI) — Attorneys for a young Negro today were handling an appeal to the state Supreme Court of his conviction and death sentence for raping a socially prominent white woman.

Dewey Aaron, 23-year-old Negro truck driver and father of three, was found guilty Thursday night by an all-white jury. The jurors took two hours and seven minutes to find Aaron guilty of rape, a capital crime in Alabama. The jury recommended the death sentence.

The rape victim, Mrs. Maurine Peacock, 31, a registered nurse and member of a socially prominent family, identified Aaron Wednesday by his clothes and voice as her assailant.

Aaron was expressionless as Judge Eugene Carter read the verdict and sentenced him to death in the electric chair. The case under Alabama law is automatically appealed to the state Supreme Court.

Solicitor William F. Theiford told the jury in a closing argument: "This is the roughest, meanest, nastiest, most horrible rape case I've seen in nine years I have been here."

The victim testified for an hour and a half without showing emotion, but she was near collapse when she left the witness stand.

Aaron was convicted of entering the woman's fashionable home, hiding in her closet, beating her during 20 minutes of a violent struggle and raping her on the floor of her bedroom while her-year-old child lay crying nearby.

Cool dry air spread across most of the Midwest today to bring welcome relief from the warm and humid weather of the past several days.

But muggy weather clung to wide sections from Texas eastward and northeastward through the Gulf states and Ohio Valley to the lower Great Lakes region and the Atlantic seaboard.

Warmer air also returned to Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas but it was fairly dry. Clear skies prevailed across most sections of the country this morning but showers and thunderstorms were in prospect during the day in the warm and humid belt.

Moscow newspapers has only sharpened Soviet curiosity about the exhibit. When Soviet citizens stream under the wonder dome and around the displays filling the glass pavilion, they give every evidence of a sincere interest in what is being shown.

The young American guides say almost all the questioners are friendly. They deny they have felt any personal animosity such as implied by the Soviet press.

The Communist detractors of the fair are probably learning the publicity man's first lesson—say anything you want as long as you spell the name right and you've got it made.

The crowd Thursday—the sixth day of the fair — looked bigger than ever, and there was a festive air throughout the fair grounds.

Sharpshooting in the Moscow papers let up a bit, possibly because so much space was devoted to the foreign affairs speech by Premier Nikita Khrushchev in the Ukraine.

But the army newspaper Red Star had a fling at Ramac the electronic question-and-answer machine.

Citing The Associated Press story that Ramac was closed down to avoid dust damage to its delicate machinery, Red Star jibed: "Our opinion is that it is not because the mechanical guide has swallowed a certain amount of dust. The machine is tired of lying. It is on strike."

The army newspaper criticized the electric brain for refusing to answer questions dealing with U.S. military bases abroad and what the paper called disastrous conditions of life in America.

The concrete dust which blanketed exhibits and fair personnel appeared licked in the dome show-room by a quick overnight asphalt flooring job. Most of the floor of the glass pavilion was also given a new covering. Now it's a pleasure to walk through the area without clouds of dust rising up.

So far the fair has been blessed with clear weather, although Moscow is sweltering in a tropical heat wave. The fashion models' dressing rooms are so hot that the popular style show has two performances from three to two a day.

The fair director, Harold McClellan, is still sitting on the 100 or so books removed from the fair's book exhibit before it opened. McClellan pulled most of them out because he thought the Soviets would object. Soviet officials demanded that the others be removed from view.

McClellan won't say what books were removed and obviously hopes the flap about them will subside. His office says he has not reached a decision yet on his next step. McClellan himself said he didn't intend to let one facet of the fair upset the Soviets and thus endanger the success of the whole exhibition.

Souvenir booklets and lapel pins bearing the symbol of the fair are the favorite handouts.

One 8-year-old youngster walked proudly through the fair grounds sporting a button evidently given him by an American tourist. It proclaimed "I like Ike."

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THE CASE OF
THE POISONED DRINK

By Donald J. Sobel

"We're holding Eddie Jordan on suspicion of murder," Inspector Winters told Dr. Haledjian. "Yesterday Jordan and Harry Lewis ate lunch together at a crowded restaurant. When and how Jordan slipped the poison into Lewis' drink in front of all those people is a mystery."

"Both men ordered club sandwiches and soft drinks," continued the inspector. "Just as the waiter brought the drinks, Lewis was summoned to the telephone. The head-waiter says that Lewis complained to him that he'd picked up a dead line."

"You believe that the call was a decoy to allow Jordan a chance to poison the drink?" asked Haledjian. "So it seems. We know the drinks were all right when they were brought to the table. The waiter admits it."

"Admits?" "The waiter says Lewis ordered a root beer and Jordan a sarsaparilla. He placed the order in the kitchen, and when he returned to pick up the drinks, he didn't know which was which. The chief didn't remember either."

"In glasses, the two drinks look alike," went on the inspector. "The waiter admits he sipped one to find out which was which. He tasted the root beer, which Lewis ordered. That means the root beer was not poisoned till afterward, or the waiter would have been poisoned too."

"A kitchen is a busy place," said Haledjian. "It was easy for the waiter to slip the poison into the drink he served Lewis."

"But—why?" "Undoubtedly because somebody—perhaps Jordan—paid him well. You won't have any trouble. The waiter will confess once you confront him with his lie."

"What was the waiter's lie?" "The inspector looked startled. "But—why?" "Undoubtedly because somebody—perhaps Jordan—paid him well. You won't have any trouble. The waiter will confess once you confront him with his lie."



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Churchman Sees Danger In Present Tax-Free Setup

NEW YORK (AP) — A leading American churchman today predicted eventual revolutionary repercussions if present tax exemptions are continued for religious institutions.

The Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, of Philadelphia, said tax-free churches could "control the whole economy of the nation within the predictable future."

He added, in an article in the publication, Christianity Today: "I suggest that 100 years from now the present pattern of religious tax exemption by federal, state and municipal authorities, if continued, may present the state with problems of such magnitude that their only solution will be revolutionary expropriation of church property."

He said there already are signs of resentment.

Dr. Blake, chief administrative officer of the United Presbyterian Church and a leader in national and world interdenominational organizations, urged churches to re-study their position regarding tax policy.

Some other church authorities have raised similar questions in recent years, as church endowments grow, and increasing taxes and government programs absorb a spiraling proportion of private income.

Dr. Blake noted that churches pay no inheritance or real estate taxes, and may own and operate businesses free of the 52 per cent corporate income tax. With such advantages, he said, churches could eventually dominate the nation's wealth.

BIDS
PORTLAND (AP) — Bids for a bank construction project on the South Santiam River two miles north of Lebanon will be opened Aug. 19, and one 12 miles north of Lebanon Aug. 21, the Army Corps of Engineers announced Thursday.

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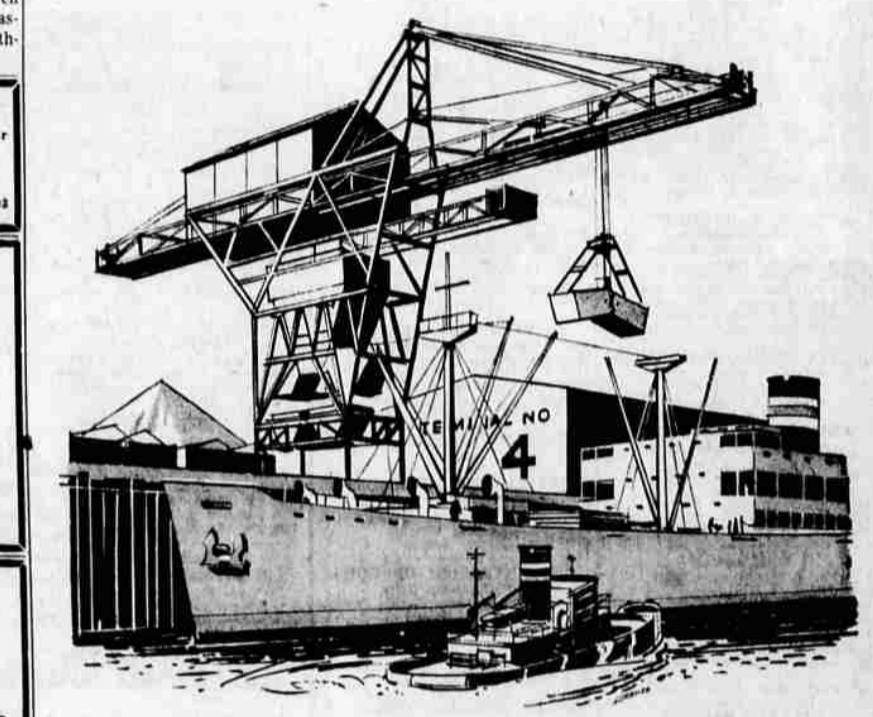
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — A 33-year-old woman prisoner was killed Thursday when her head got caught between a jail elevator and a wall. Asst. Police Chief Lee Quianthy said the woman, Temple Wanda Bell Lee, was drunk and struggling with officers when the accident occurred.

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