

Democrat Informs Party Of Possible President Loss

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Motherwell Gave Gems To Woman

DOWNIEVILLE, Calif. (UPI)—Jewelry which Larry Lord Motherwell gave to a Laguna Beach, Calif., woman were identified Monday as having belonged to Mrs. Carl Putney.

Motherwell is charged with killing Mrs. Putney and hiding her body in a sequestered spot near here after a cross-country tour with the 73-year-old Washington, D.C., widow.

Monday, Evelyn Daugherty, 38, told of meeting Motherwell on a plane flight from Miami to Cleveland.

She said she later went on a tour across the nation with Motherwell which almost duplicated the trip he had taken with Mrs. Putney two months before.

At Laguna Beach Motherwell gave her some trinkets which she said belonged to his "dead grandmother." Miss Daugherty also said she loaned \$2,000 to meet his income tax payment.

She conceded upon questioning by the defense that Motherwell was "a perfect gentleman" during their association of several months.

Mrs. Ida May Marino, a distant relative of Mrs. Putney and a jewelry dealer, identified the jewelry given to Miss Daugherty as having belonged to Mrs. Putney.

Tracy O'Neil, Atlanta, Ga., jeweler, testified he obtained the diamonds from Motherwell, whom O'Neil said gave his name as Allen Dubar at that time.

Ambassador Views Berlin

PORTLAND (AP)—West Germany is reluctant to see Berlin's status a probable major topic at the coming East-West summit conference, that nation's ambassador to the United States said here Monday.

Wilhelm Grewe warned an audience at Portland State College that the margin of compromise in Berlin is not very big.

Any compromise in the present status of West Berlin, he said, would be dangerous. He said a retreat by the West would undermine the morale of the West Berliners, who have cast their lot with the Western world to considerable personal risk.

The demand of Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev for a "free city" status for Berlin, Grewe said, marks the first threat since the NATO alliance in 1949 of Communist expansion into Western territory.

West Berlin, he said, is a symbol of freedom. He said it serves as a free port for the exchange of news and as an escape hatch in the Iron Curtain.

Grewe said if the West, in accepting Russia's demand for negotiations on Berlin, uses the negotiations to strengthen its own position that would be a sound move.

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Defense Rules Necessary To 'Unconfuse' Public

WASHINGTON (AP)—Legislation to "unconfuse" the public on America's military posture and improve the defense policy-making machinery was under study today by Senate investigators.

The Government Operations subcommittee headed by Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) which last week heard top-run Republican business men criticize the government's decision-making process, weighed proposals affecting the State and Defense Departments and other agencies.

Some bills will be offered for congressional action this session, committee sources predicted. Touchier proposals may be delayed, to avoid having them considered in the politically charged atmosphere of an election year.

Sen. Jackson disclosed, in a television interview Sunday night, that he is considering a resolution calling on the secretary of defense and armed service secretaries not to participate in partisan politics.

One of the Jackson committee's witnesses last week, former Secretary of Defense Robert Lovett, testified that civilian as well as military officials of the Defense Department should be nonpartisan and nonpartisan.

Military men should contribute to national policy but not make it, said Lovett, a Wall Street banker and a Republican who served on the cabinet of President Harry S. Truman.

Jackson, agreeing, said on the "Meet the Press" TV program that defense issues should not become entangled in politics.

"I think President Eisenhower now has a fine opportunity to announce that the defense secretaries will not engage in partisan politics," he said.

It was doubtful that Eisenhower would oblige. He recently declared that members of the executive branch have enjoyed the right to speak at political meetings since the beginning of the nation.

Another Republican business executive, Thomas J. Watson Jr., head of International Business Machines Corp., appeared in his committee testimony last week for curbs on the debate over military issues.

Something must be done to "unconfuse the public," Watson said, and to impress on the nation the true gravity of the Soviet threat. He and other witnesses contended the government's leaders have not yet done this.

There was no comment from

Leap Year Child Born Again

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (AP)—Mrs. Lawrence Parsons four years ago gave birth to a son who celebrated his first birthday Sunday.

She gave birth to another Monday who won't celebrate his first birthday until four years from now.

Mrs. Parsons' second leap-year day baby makes a total of seven children for the family.

Stranded Autoist Mixes Cocktail

DETROIT (AP)—Police spotted a car stuck in a snowdrift here and offered assistance.

The owner, James M. Atkins, 46, was inside, calmly mixing a cocktail.

Brought into Traffic Court on a charge of driving without a license, Atkins said he was not the driver. His wife had given the keys to a friend to drive him home. The friend had gone for a tow car.

Judge John D. Watts gave Atkins until March 23 to produce the friend.

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Hawaii Mayor Praises GOP

PORTLAND (AP)—The Republican Party throughout its history has been labeled the party of big business, and "we are for big business," the mayor of Honolulu said Monday night.

"But we also represent little business; we represent labor; we represent the housewife; and we represent the student," Mayor Neil S. Blaisdell said.

Blaisdell and Arthur D. Woolaway, state GOP chairman in Hawaii, both addressed an Oregon Republican Party Lincoln Day dinner here.

Blaisdell told of the GOP victory in 1954 in Hawaii's first statehood election. He said the governorship, one U.S. Senate seat, the lieutenant governorship, a majority of the state Senate, and gains in the House of Representatives were captured by the Republicans.

The opportunity of strengthening this newly won GOP leadership in 1960, like the opportunity for GOP gains throughout the nation, is good, he said.

He credited the victory to a hard-hitting campaign that changed the Republican Party from "