

# Cancerous Leg Removed Despite Fears, Protests

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UPI) — Christine Simko, the 14-year-old who fled from the hospital last week in fear of the amputation of her right leg to save her cancer-threatened life, today was in satisfactory condition after undergoing the surgery Monday.

Christine's mother, Lillie, who opposed the operation, said after the amputation was completed that her daughter would "fret and fret."

The hemipelvectomy — removal of the leg at the hip — was performed by a team of surgeons at Metropolitan General Hospital in a six-hour operation. A malignant tumor threatened Christine's life.

Physicians said it would be about five years before it would be known if the operation was a success. Mrs. Simko, 53, a divorcee, said she didn't understand how an artificial limb could be fitted to her daughter without a hip, but doctors assured her a waist attachment could be used.

Mrs. Simko's opposition to the operation resulted in a Juvenile Court ruling granting permission for the amputation.

Christine was under the court's jurisdiction because her mother had reported her unmanageable after several instances of running away from home about a year ago.

Referring to court and social workers, Mrs. Simko said, "Now they will always know where she is; she will be in a chair."

Doctors said the operation went well and there were no complications. They said no sign of further spread of the cancer was detected.

When Christine ran away from the hospital last week after the court granted permission for her operation, she went to her mother's apartment. She was found hiding in the basement there the following day and was returned to the hospital.

# High Court Refuses Hoffa Plea

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court refused today to examine the claim of Teamster President James R. Hoffa that he was indicted on charges of jury tampering in Tennessee by an improperly constituted grand jury.

The brief order let stand lower federal court rulings that this legal issue should not be brought up at this stage in the proceedings. It thus cleared the way for the trial to take place.

A federal grand jury charged Hoffa and six others with approaching jurors and their relatives in the fall of 1962, offering cash and other inducements to acquit Hoffa in a trial then taking place. The trial, involving Taft-Hartley Act charges, ended in a hung jury.

A federal district court in Nashville had set Oct. 14 for the jury tampering trial when Hoffa challenged the grand jury. He contended that Negroes, Catholics, Jews, manual laborers and members of organized labor were improperly excluded from the panel. He also contended that the "suggestors" who proposed names of grand jurors were not a true cross-section of the community.

Hoffa also said he didn't get a fair break because the "suggestors" knew the grand jury was especially established to consider the case of one "who has been the target of an unprecedented, well-publicized campaign by the present (national) administration."

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**LITTLE RELAXATION** — Eugene Thompson poses in living room of his St. Paul home as he relaxes by reading a magazine. After a long holiday weekend Thompson, who is accused of the March murder of his wife, returned to the court room today. Thompson's wife decorated the room in blues and greens just before she was slain. A picture of his late wife is in the background.—UPI Telephoto

# Thompson Trial Turns To Details Of Murder

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI) — Something lurid in story form and fact foundation begins in Hennepin District Court today.

The Thompson "hire-a-murder" trial moves from the tedium of the life-insurance policy blank to the gory business of the arena of violent death.

Timlier Eugene Thompson, the insurance man's bonanza, now sits to hear the state's detailing of the hotbed brutality that switched his wife's slaying from alleged pretended drowning to sadistic bludgeoning and stabbing.

The state contends Thompson, a 35-year-old criminal lawyer, went into the hire-a-murder market and put someone else in the driver's seat. This, the state charges, was after an 11-month spree of buying insurance on her life totaling \$1,055,000—with himself as beneficiary.

The insurance testimony in the first-degree murder trial consumed the first week of evidence in the state's case against the baby-faced little tothead, a former Presbyterian elder and a member of impeccable social standing in the Twin City of St. Paul.

The state now turns to the terror of the crime itself. It will attempt to prove the motives were money (the million in insurance—if she died an accidental death) and mistress (a gay, allegedly, palling divorcee who told Thompson she was tired of his "vague" promises and got from him a request to give him just 11 months more to raise "enough money for us to live on.")

But the enormity of the crime's execution will occupy a major portion of the prosecution effort from now on—if they can get the grisly pictures of the savagely killed woman and some of the testimony about her condition into the record. She was so badly beaten that the condition of her face turned the stomachs of hospital doctors.

Among the upcoming witnesses was Mrs. Harry C. Nelson, into whose home Carol Thompson staggered around 9 a.m. last March 6, a knife blade broken off into her windpipe, her face unrecognizable. Another was Dick W. C. Anderson, 34, a hard-drinking salesman who was reported to have confessed performing the actual slaying after bungling his chance to make death appear the result of an accidental fall and bathtub drowning.

The state will attempt to prove Anderson was hired by a middleman named Norman J. Mastran, a college mate of the Thompsons who used cash passed to him by the defendant.

# Justice Department Fights Grand Jury Action

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Justice Department sought a court order today to block an Alabama grand jury from subpoenaing several U.S. officials in an investigation of free transportation provided to Negro leader Martin Luther King Jr. by the government.

# County Tax Deadline Approaches

The deadline for paying personal and real property taxes is next Friday, Nov. 15, Assessor Clyde "Hap" Caldwell reminded Klamath County taxpayers today.

Taxpayers who pay their fees on or before Nov. 15 are entitled to a three per cent discount. Those who pay their taxes after the deadline will be assessed a small interest charge, accrued quarterly, on the balance due, Caldwell said.

The total revenues to be raised in county taxes this year amounts to \$5,285,394.79, as disclosed by Caldwell.

Generally, the tax burden is considerably less this year than it was in 1962 for residents of the county's 45 taxing districts.

The overall drop in taxes is primarily the result of an increase of some \$2.5 million in the assessed valuation of the county which is up from \$83.1 million to \$91.6 million since last year. The effect of this increased value of the county is to broaden the tax burden among more taxpayers.

Of the 45 taxing districts, taxes were down in all but one district, Caldwell said.

The suit asked the federal court to forbid six Dallas County officials from using the grand jury to "harass, frustrate and obstruct" federal law enforcement efforts in the county.

In its request for the restraining order, the government charged that the grand jury was part of a larger pattern of attempted intimidation of potential Negro voters in the county.

The suit was filed in U.S. District Court. The grand jury had subpoenaed seven Justice Department officials and a number of Negroes active in voter registration efforts in the county.

Named as defendants in the suit were Blanchard McLeod, solicitor of the Dallas County judicial circuit; Henry Reese, county solicitor; James G. Clarke Jr., county sheriff; James Hare, circuit court judge in Dallas County; M.H. Houston, circuit court clerk; Robert D. Wilkinson Jr., foreman of the circuit court grand jury; the Dallas County citizens council and seven of its officers.

The subpoenas in question were issued by the grand jury Nov. 4. They called for the appearance before the grand jury in Selma, Ala., on Nov. 13 of Burke Marshall, assistant attorney general in charge of civil rights; John Doar, Marshall's top assistant; and Arvid A. Sather, David H. Marlin, Richard Wasserstrom and Kenneth G. McIntyre, attorneys in the civil rights division.

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# Mme. Nhu Sets Trip

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (UPI) — South Viet Nam's Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu had airline reservations to go to Rome today for a reunion with her three young children.

But the former first lady of the troubled Asian nation complained of feeling ill late Monday and whether or not she makes the trip hinged on the diagnoses of the Beverly Hills doctor who was called in to see her.

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# Bureau Appeals For Sales Tax

SALEM (UPI) — The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation opened a three-day convention here today with an appeal for enactment of a state sales tax.

Farm Bureau President Harold Beach told delegates the bureau previously had called for enactment of a sales tax and "that should be foremost on our list of projects."

The Farm Bureau proposal is closely aligned with a sales tax plan of Rep. Joe Rogers, R-Independence.

Resolutions asking for lessening of governmental controls on farms were to be introduced.

**GETS EARLY START**  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Theodore C. Sorensen, special counsel to President Kennedy, pointed up a possible 1964 presidential campaign issue Monday.

Sorensen told the Women's National Democratic Club that Kennedy had "devoted more years to major elective office than the leading three Republican candidates combined." He listed Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Michigan Gov. George Romney.

# Reds Orbit 'Cosmos 21'

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet Union today announced it had launched an unmanned artificial earth satellite Monday and preliminary data showed it is operating close to its prescribed orbit.

The official Soviet news agency Tass identified the satellite as Cosmos 21.

"Scientific equipment has been installed in the Sputnik to continue the exploration of outer space in conformity with the program announced by Tass on March 16," the news agency said.

Tass then said the Cosmos series of space vehicles was designed to study radiation and communication and prepare the way for further manned flights.

Tass said Cosmos 21 was "put on an orbit close to the designed orbit."

It said the space vehicle initially completes a journey around the earth once every 88.5 minutes at a maximum distance from the earth of 142.1 miles and a minimum distance of 120.9 miles.

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# Power Granting Proposal Splits Council Three Ways

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VATICAN CITY (UPI) — U.S. bishops at the Ecumenical Council split three ways today in a vigorous debate over a proposal to grant ecclesiastical law-making powers to church groups like the U.S. National Catholic Welfare Conference (NCWC).

James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles vehemently opposed the entire idea as a threat to papal supremacy. Joseph Cardinal Ritter of St. Louis endorsed it as an effective way to promote decentralization of authority in the Catholic Church.

Albert Cardinal Meyer of Chicago, speaking for 120 of the approximately 160 U.S. bishops at the council, took a middle position.

He said national conferences of bishops should have authority to adopt binding legislation on matters which have been delegated to them by the Pope for decision.

Cardinal McIntyre, one of the most conservative members of the U.S. Catholic hierarchy, said he favors national conferences of bishops only if they are completely voluntary, like the NCWC at present, and have no power whatever to force any individual bishops to abide by their decisions.

Cardinal Ritter, one of the most liberal U.S. prelates, told the council that "it is false" to assert that the national conferences would amount to an intervening authority between the Pope and individual bishops.

He said concerted action on the part of all the bishops of a country is an imperative necessity in these days, especially on social and moral problems.

Ritter urged approval of the document before the council as it stands.

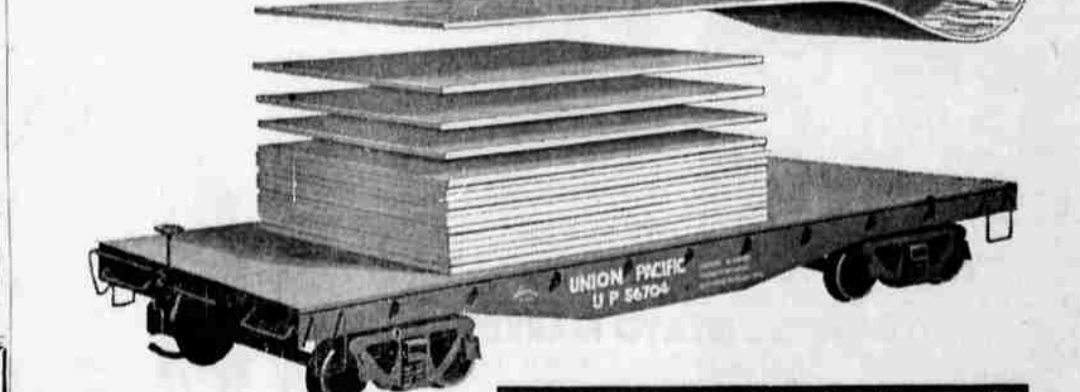
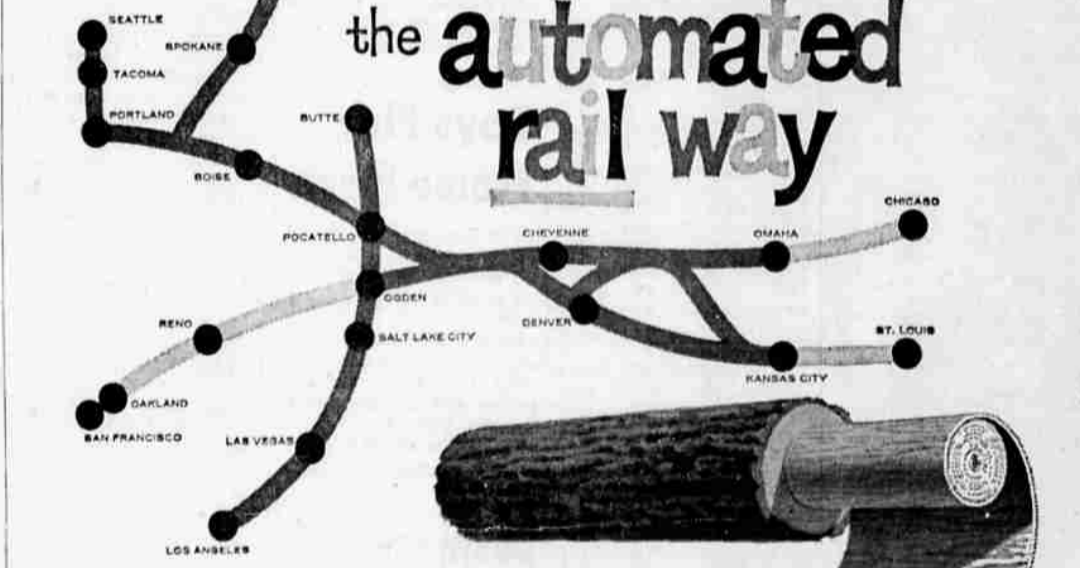
# Boat Capsizes, Pair Survives

BANDON, Ore. (UPI) — Two Coast Guardsmen escaped injury when their 14-foot aluminum boat capsized in the mouth of the Coquille River Monday.

The men, wearing life jackets, drifted in the ocean about a mile down the coast line and were washed onto the beach near here.

They were Larry Sims, 25, and Martin Mas, 21, both stationed at the Coast Guard Electronic Repair Station at Empire.

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