

GIRL ASSAULTED; SECOND ESCAPES

A masked man criminally assaulted a 16-year-old Beacon Hill district girl early this morning and a would-be attacker failed in an attempt to assault a young woman less than two hours later, although he threatened to beat her to death with a rock.

Both men were sought by police today.

The masked man dragged his victim into bushes on the Cleveland High School grounds at 12:15 o'clock this morning. Her mother said the girl just had left a trolley in Airport Way and was walking to her home when attacked.

Man's Threat Told

"If you call the cops, I'll kill you," the man said, according to the girl. After the attack, he fled in an automobile parked near by.

Miss Orla Vanerstrom, 6703 27th Ave. S., escaped unharmed at about 1:45 o'clock, after struggling furiously with a man who threatened to strike her with a rock.

Miss Vanerstrom told police she was walking near Colorado Avenue and West Spokane Street when the man seized her by the coat and dragged her under a viaduct.

She Flees to Store

She said she fought with him, kicking and scratching. Then the man seized a large rock and said: "Shut up or I'll bash your brains out."

Miss Vanerstrom struggled more furiously, broke free and fled to a store, where she telephoned police.

Mine Strike

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cision of the board due to the fact that we deeply feel that the joint wage contract should have been approved."

It was signed by Van A. Bittner and John Brophy, both former officials of the United Mine Workers.

The critical labor situation was highlighted by these developments:

1. The number of idle mine workers exceeded 76,000 early today and the figure was expected to grow hourly.

2. The War Labor Board referred the strikes to the President, making government seizure of the idle mines virtually imperative under the War Labor Disputes Act. Seizure would immediately make any person who encouraged interruption of production subject to criminal prosecution. If the President orders the seizure before Monday, it will give tremendous impetus to the meeting of United Mine Workers' policy committee on that day.

3. The W. L. B. announced its decision in the Pennsylvania anthracite miners' wage dispute, awarding an increase of 32.2 cents a day under the Little Steel formula, free tools and equipment estimated to be worth 20 to 25 cents a day, and an increase in the annual vacation payment from \$20 to \$50. The anthracite miners had asked an increase of \$2 a day and portal-to-portal pay, and an unfavorable reaction to the decision was seen immediately.

Shutdown Imminent

The most serious impact of the strike was reported from Alabama, where the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company said a shutdown of its vast Ensley steel works was imminent because of a fuel shortage.

The anthracite industry was feeling the effects of the miners' dissatisfaction even before the W. L. B.'s decision was announced. Some local unions voted not to work today, regarding October 29 as a traditional holiday in honor of John Mitchell, a predecessor of John L. Lewis.

Major Leonhardt Is Paine Executive

Maj. John W. Leonhardt has become executive officer at Paine Field following the transfer of Lieut. Col. Henry W. Eitt to March Field, Calif., the public-relations office at Paine Field announced today.

Major Leonhardt was former commander of the 33rd Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron and more recently was base legal officer at Paine Field. As executive officer, he will be the principal assistant to the commanding officer, Col. Ernest S. Moon.

Prior to his call to active service he was principal of the Junior High School at La Grande, Or.

Cold Winter for Britons

LONDON, Oct. 29.—(P)—It looks like a cold winter ahead for Britons. The Ministry of Fuel announced last night that because of declining coal production and increased demand each individual customer will be "limited to 1,120 pounds for house and kitchen use during November and December in Southern England and 1,456 pounds in the rest of England."

Fifty-three plants in India are now making producer-gas equipment.

Rumrich, After Prison Term, Finds Past Keeps Coming Up

The old, trite maxim, "crime doesn't pay," is bitterly true, Guenther Gustav Maria Rumrich, once convicted on conspiracy charges in connection with espionage on behalf of Germany, said today as he arrived in Seattle to face two federal charges.

Rumrich, born 31 years ago in Chicago, was arrested two weeks ago in Richmond, Calif., after the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced October 4 that a nationwide search was being made for him. United States Marshal Herbert W. Algeo brought him to Seattle this morning under \$10,000 bond set by California authorities.

Past Keeps Coming Up

"I could say that 'crime doesn't pay' is obvious," he said with a twisted smile. "I've tried to live down my past and it keeps coming up again in everything I do. That's how I got into this jam."

"This jam" means two indictments returned by a Seattle federal grand jury last month, one charging that Rumrich furnished false information in applying for a Coast Guard pass, and the other violation of the National Stolen Property Act in passing fictitious checks totaling \$110 in Portland and Seattle.

Divorced While in Prison

When Rumrich came out of prison he found his wife had divorced him and been given custody of their sons, 9 and 7 years old, he said. And from then on he became—on both coasts—hospital orderly, doorman, bookkeeper, dishwasher, timekeeper, welder, jobs he held and jobs he lost, as soon as employers heard of his prison record.

"First I got a job as orderly in the New York City hospital at \$85 a month," Rumrich said. "I was discharged after four months when they found out about me."

"Then I became a doorman at a Forest Hills apartment house—you know, just 'good morning,' and 'good night,' and opening and closing doors. I lost that job in six months."

"Next I got a job as bookkeeper in a New York City firm of certified public accountants. I held it almost a year and then one day the fellow across the desk from me looked up from a magazine he was reading. 'This must be a story about you, Joe,' he said. I always called myself Joseph Rumridge."

"Well, there must have been a hundred people in that room and I turned all colors and said I had a headache, went home and never went back."

Shipyard Job Lost

"So I came out to the West Coast and got a job, first as timekeeper, in the Kaiser Swan Island Shipyard. Later I became a welder. Then on June 29 the personnel manager said, 'Come in my office, Joe.' He said they had nothing against me and that my work had been excellent but they would have to let me go."

"Give me a break," I asked. But they did give me a clearance paper. And Rumrich brought it out of his wallet.

"What was there left for me to do?" he went on. "I had been in the Army for seven years—I was a sergeant. I was discharged because of my crime. So after Pearl Harbor I wrote a letter to the draft board, asking to be put in A-1 so I could serve my country. I had a hearing and was put back in 4-F—because of my past."

Rumrich said he came from Portland to Seattle, got another job which he left of his own accord after two weeks "when they started taking pictures and fingerprints." Then he got a job as dishwasher in a restaurant near Ballard, he said, but left it after three weeks because he didn't like it.

"You can get by with dishwashing jobs," he said, "but who wants to do that all the time?"

Joins Merchant Marine

So he joined the merchant marine as a mess boy. "I wasn't a member of the union so I had no seaman's card," Rumrich went on. "I took one trip to Alaska and back and I got to thinking on the way up that they would find out about me, so when I got back to Seattle and got paid off, I quit."

"I was up a tree. I started to write fictitious checks—that is, knowingly overdrawing my account. I intended to make restitution when I got gainful employment again."

Rumrich said he left the ship in August, stayed here a few days and went to San Francisco. The false application charge is in connection with his application for the merchant marine job.

Not Wanted

"You know where it says, 'Have you any criminal record?'" he added. "Well, I put 'yes' down. I knew I wouldn't get the job."

"There's a manpower shortage, but they don't want me."

"I've paid and paid bitterly for my crime. I paid with nearly three years in prison, almost one year



GUENTHER GUSTAV MARIA RUMRICH

"That's how I got into this jam"

waiting for my trial and the two-year maximum sentence."

Rumrich was the son of a secretary to the Austria-Hungarian consul in Chicago. According to F. B. I. reports, given out at the time of his arrest, Rumrich went A. W. O. L. while in the Army, later surrendered and returned to active posts in the United States, but again deserted in 1936.

Plans Espionage Work

After this desertion, the records show, he went to New York City, and it was while he was eking out a precarious existence on menial jobs that he conceived the idea of working with the German espionage system.

"I never lived in Germany," Rumrich said. "My people are Czechs." He said that his parents, if they are still living, are "on the other side," probably in Czechoslovakia. "I was in Germany during the inflation in 1923," he said. "My father and I went to a fair in Dresden."

Rumrich said after his conviction he had no help from Germany. "Why should I?" he shrugged. "I didn't expect it. I am a citizen of this country."

Rumrich probably will be arraigned for plea in United States District Court this week.

'Silver Fire' Of Nazis Ignites Flying 'Forts'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—"Silver fire," one of the Nazis' new weapons against raiding bombers, recently set fire to a Flying Fortress, the War Department revealed today.

Fortress crews returning from a raid over Germany reported seeing massed clusters of whitish phosphorescent discs of "silver fire" falling in front of the formation. One cluster struck a Fortress and instantly engulfed it in flames.

The department said study and analysis of other new enemy weapons showed that:

Rocket guns are being used from the ground as well as from the air, the rocket principle permitting an unusually powerful shell to reach extremely high altitudes.

Rocket guns have been reported on Nazi planes, the cylinders attached beneath the wings. The rocket gun has the advantage of less load and less recoil, but also has less accuracy.

Aerial bombs equipped with time fuses are being dropped by German planes on top of Allied bombers.

Radio-controlled "glide bombs" reportedly have been used against surface targets but not against aircraft.

Seattle Men Overseas Freed for Mill Jobs

Four Seattle men were among more than 300 western members of the Canadian Forestry Corps released from overseas duty to work in sawmills and logging operations on the West Coast. The men arrived in Vancouver, B. C. last night, en route to their homes and 14-day leaves before assuming new duties, the Associated Press said today.

They are Pts. J. P. Steen, A. Parsons, J. A. Reid and W. E. Spackman. Another Washington man, Pvt. A. McDonald of Spokane, also was included.

Gestapo Plot Reported

LONDON, Oct. 29.—Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler and a powerful clique of Nazi leaders are organizing an underground movement to keep the party alive after Germany's defeat and lay the groundwork for another attempt at world conquest, usually reliable sources said today.

DISLOYAL JAPS CONTINUE STRIKE

TULE LAKE, Calif., Oct. 29.—(UP)—Two thousand Japanese, who seemingly have entered into a pact of silence under the leadership of skilled strike organizers, refused to work in the vegetable fields at the War Relocation Authority's segregation center for disloyal internees.

Silent and sullen, they lounged about their quarters while a strong detachment of Army troops and W. R. A. internal police redoubled their vigilance to prevent any possible outbreak.

W. R. A. spokesmen said only the adult men—about 2,000 of the camp's 15,000 population—were involved in the sit-down work stoppage, now entering its third week. The demonstration was revealed publicly yesterday in San Francisco by R. B. Cozzens, field assistant director of W. R. A.

San Francisco Bay area payrolls in January, 1943, reached an all-time peak of \$13,000,000 a week.

Kiss Unhealthy? Salt Lakers Don't Want to Live Forever

By Associated Press.

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 29.—Everything's hunky dory in lover's lane again.

The Salt Lake City Council of Women has withdrawn its proposal of several months ago for a moratorium on kissing for the duration. It contended then that kissing, be it in play or earnest, interfered with health and safety.

There was just too much objection. A group of soldiers, who called themselves the "Fighting Sons of Utah," objected after reading an account of the club women's action; Mayor Ab Jenkins objected; J. H. McGibbeny, assistant Chamber of Commerce secretary, objected, and finally, the women objected.

"Put a ban on kissing where my husband is," urged Mrs. Grant W. Mason, whose mate is a Field Artillery captain somewhere in the Pacific area. "Then they will really be doing something."

Mayor Jenkins spoke out: "We can't have any kissing moratorium."

We want to make the boys feel at home when they come here. . . . Decrying the poor publicity resulting from the moratorium suggestion, the Chamber of Commerce's McGibbeny asserted: "I'm for more and better kissing. . . ."

Perhaps the height of understatement was reached in the complaint of a soldier from North Carolina. "I don't favor your suggestion," he wrote.

Pig (1,125 Red Points) Reported A. W. O. L.

Roy York, 3233 33rd Ave. W., asked police today to help him find a potential supply of about 1,125 red ration points, in the entity of "one 7-month-old registered boar hog, weighing 250 pounds."

Police said the pig is strictly on the hoof—unless it has found its way to a black market. The animal broke out of a pen and wandered away during the night.

AUXILIARY MOTOR ON R.A.F. PLANES

LONDON, Oct. 29.—(P)—A fifth engine to serve as a "flying power station" soon may be added to the Royal Air Force's big four-engine bombers, it was announced today. Developed at the request of the Air Ministry, the extra engine was designed to cut down the load on the regular four and at the same time reduce the risk of crash landings.

The London Daily Mail's air expert immediately saw in the new a hint that Britain might be preparing bombers "far beyond the size of any presently in use."

The fifth engine, operating independently of the others, is designed to supply power for undercarriage retraction, gun turret operation, radio, lighting and all other auxiliary services on an aircraft.

The British Red Cross will spend \$10,000 on playing cards for prisoners of war in Italy.

French Press Curbed
Chicago Daily News Foreign Service
BERN, Oct. 29.—(Special Radio)—French daily newspapers of the former unoccupied zone, now called the south zone, will henceforth be limited to a half page three times a week. On other days they may print complete editions. Weeklies will be published three times a month. (Copyright, 1943.)



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