

May, Garssons Plead Not Guilty To War Frauds

Former Congressman Shows No Emotion At Arraignment

WASHINGTON—AP—Andrew J. May, former chairman of the House military committee, and the Garsson brothers pleaded innocent today to charges of conspiring to defraud the Government.

Chief Justice Bolitha Laws, who received their plea in United States District Court, fixed March 19 for trial.

Each of the defendants was released in \$2,000 bond.

Appearing with the former Kentucky Democratic Congressman were Henry and Murray Garsson and Joseph Freeman.

The Garssons were organizers of a wartime munitions combine which received more than \$78,000,000 in war contracts. Freeman was their Washington representative.

An indictment returned by a grand jury yesterday charges that May agreed to receive \$53,634.07 and "other sums" from them and to use his influence to get them profitable contracts.

The 71-year-old former Congressman appeared tense but gave no show of emotion as he stood before Justice Laws to answer the charges.

"I plead not guilty," he said in a strong voice.

Similar pleas then were entered by the two Garssons and Freeman. The whole court arraignment took less than 15 minutes.

May had traveled most of the night to get here and the Garsson brothers had rushed to Washington from Illinois.

May's attorney, Warren Magee of Washington asked Justice Laws for at least 15 days in which to go over the 16-page indictment, which he said was "involved."

Similar requests were made by attorneys for Freeman and the Garsson brothers.

Justice Laws allowed 15 days for the study of the indictment and suggested that perhaps the defendants would decide to change their pleas or file some motions in the next 15 days.

Allen Krouse of Washington representing the Garssons, sought to obtain a delay in the trial beyond March 19. He said that date might conflict with another case in which Charles J. Margiotti, chief counsel for the Garssons, is an attorney.

Laws suggested the other case might be postponed to accommodate the May-Garsson case.

All four men were fingerprinted in the District building cell block before making bond.

May, first to finish the fingerprinting process, told the criminal court clerk where he was brought to make bond to hurry the process: "My heart's hurting me—can I sign something and go to my hotel?"

Last Summer, May was subpoenaed by a Senate committee investigating his relations with the Garssons but did not appear. He sent word he was ill and his physician said he had suffered a heart attack.

**Mother Gets 5 Years
In Slaying Of Baby**

SEDALIA, Mo.—AP—A 22-year-old mother was sentenced to five years in prison yesterday after her conviction on a manslaughter charge in the death of her baby daughter. The prosecution said the 13-month-old child received fatal injuries when the mother, Mrs. Barbara Middleton, bumped the baby on the floor to discipline her.

**Ice And Rival Frats Fail
To Daunt Rider Colonials**

In spite of the efforts of rival fraternities to "horn in" on the Tavern, the army was refreshed at a 1776-style USO canteen, presided over by two Colonial misses, Barbara Silcox and Mary Jane Costa.

From here the scene shifted to the Battle Monument in town. A band of "Hessian" soldiers was assaulted there by the "Colonials" in a battle which probably has George Washington and Johann Gottlieb Rall whirling in their graves today. The weapons used in the fight were pillows. After a skirmish which filled the air with feathers the "Hessians" sued for peace and the segment came to a triumphant close.

For a time it seemed that something more than a mock battle might be staged at the monument. A band of Kappa Phi had their heads together across the street and the report spread that they were plotting to kidnap "Washington" when he appeared. Dean J. Goodner, GHI pleaded with the schemers not to do anything rash, but his words might have gone for naught if a detachment of five policemen had not appeared on the scene, summoned by Sergeant Roy Denison, and stationed themselves strategically around the Kappa Phi.

Texas Gas Line Slated In Trenton

Proposed Pipe 1,380 Miles Long Would Feed Mercer Area

WASHINGTON D. C.—Part of a proposed 1,380-mile gas pipe line, designed to serve eastern sea-board cities including Trenton, will cut across Mercer County and will include construction of a branch line and a sales meter station near Trenton, it was learned today.

The outline project will require \$130,000,000 including working capital, according to plans on file with the Federal Power Commission.

Trans-Continental Gas Pipe Line Company of Longview, Texas, proposes to construct a 26-inch pipe line from Hemphill, Texas across nine States, terminating in northern New Jersey. The main line will cut across Mercer County and there will be an eight inch transmission line beginning at the 26-inch line near Titusville and running eight miles southeast to Trenton. This branch line will have a capacity of approximately 10,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

In addition the proposal calls for construction of a sales meter station near Trenton.

Trans-Continental has negotiated contracts for sale of natural gas with eight companies, including Public Service Corporation of New Jersey. In addition, EPC was told, various other companies and industries will be served wherever the economic conditions justify construction of necessary facilities.

Natural gas supplied by this pipe line, which will have a delivery capacity of 325,000,000 cubic feet per day, will be used mainly for enrichment and reforming in connection with manufactured gas.

Trans-Continental has agreed with the utilities serving the eastern seaboard area to expand the market for domestic and superior use of natural gas.

The proposed rate at which this gas is to be sold to all distributing companies in the eastern seaboard area will be on a rate schedule basis equivalent to 2.25 cents per therm.

**Eisenhower Shouts
Plea For Vets' Homes**

NEW YORK—AP—General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower raised his voice to a shout when he told the Bond Club of New York that "any country which can pour out all that we did in this war can build enough houses to take care of the veterans who went overseas to fight it!"

Discussion of housing arose during a question period following the Chief of Staff's address to the club last night.

"Take it (housing) to your hearts," Eisenhower said. "See what you can do about it without waiting for Washington to do it."

**Outbreak Of Measles
Hits Allentown School**

ALLENTOWN—What is described as an old-fashioned measles epidemic has forced the closing of the reception grade in the school here. Twelve cases have been reported thus far.

Firemen Free Baby Locked In Bathroom

A two-year-old child who became locked in the bathroom of her home last night was freed by firemen responding to an alarm telephoned by the mother.

The girl is Cherlie, daughter of Mrs. Anna Salvaggio of 822 Southard Street.

The bathtub was being filled with water at 7:30 p.m. and the mother, momentarily left the child alone. Suddenly the door closed and the child was imprisoned. Firemen of Engine Company No. 5 forced open the door.

Small Power Role In Reich Pact Assailed

LONDON—AP—Russia stood firm today in rejecting small nation demands for an equal voice in writing the German and Austrian peace treaties, declaring that the Big Four powers had "paid in blood" for the right to dictate peace terms.

Feodor T. Goussev, deputy Soviet foreign minister, sharply challenged claims by Australia and other small nations to the right of full participation in the preliminary treaty drafts for the Big Four foreign ministers meeting in Moscow in March.

"This right to draft treaties was not grabbed," Goussev snapped at last night's session, authoritative American sources reported. "It was bought with the greatest amount of blood."

Australia's Colonel W. R. Hodgson, leading the fight of the small Allied belligerents, had protested that the little nations were given scant opportunity to determine what went into the treaties for Italy and other Axis satellites and now were being denied a full voice in the German and Austrian settlements.

Feodor's said Goussev declared that the Big Four made major decisions during the war and should continue to do so in the peace treaties.

**Mercury Will
Hit a Hot 50**

Trenton is emerging from the severe cold snap which gave this area its lowest temperatures of the season earlier in the week. It will be warmer today and mild tonight, with the same for Saturday, according to A. E. White, in charge of the weather bureau here.

The mercury, which slumped to 34 degrees this morning, will not get below 40 tonight, he said. It will reach 50 degrees this afternoon as compared to a high of 67 yesterday.

Partly cloudy and warm today is the forecast. Tonight and tomorrow will be cloudy and mild.

**Pilot Dies, 2 Safe
In Crash Of Plane**

SEATTLE—UP—The pilot was killed and two crewmen parachuted to safety when an army C-47 transport ran out of gas and crashed in a thickly wooded district approximately 12 miles north of here last night.

The pilot's body was found in the wreckage.

The plane apparently had plummeted to earth shortly after the crew ordered the two crewmen to bail out. The victim, whose name was not divulged, apparently had ridden the plane to the ground in order to avoid its crashing into nearby homes.

**Guests Flooded Out
By Tank At Hotel**

PHILADELPHIA—AP—Fifty thousand gallons of water flooded the eight top floors of the 30-story Drake Hotel, then spilled out open windows into the street, creating a number of miniature waterfalls, last night.

A broken connection to a huge water tank on top of the hotel was responsible for the flood.

Guests were evacuated from virtually all of the hotel's 750 rooms as water gushed nearly waistdeep through corridors and down stairways.

Sub-freezing temperatures froze the water after it hit the street forcing traffic to be re-routed.

**Potters Get Increase
Of 8 1/2 Cents An Hour**

A pay increase of 8 1/2 cents an hour for operative potters in 12 States, which may affect some workers in the Trenton area, was announced today at East Liverpool, Ohio.

It resulted from an agreement reached between the United States Pottery Association and the AFL National Brotherhood of Operative Potters. Manufacturers of sanitary ware in this vicinity are not directly affected since they operate under different contract schedules. While local china manufacturers had not learned directly of the pay adjustment, some said they expected to be contacted soon.

Call Hearing On Freeway For Trenton

Highway Officials Will Hear City's Views February 21

State Highway Commissioner Miller has called a hearing for February 21 on the proposed new State route through Trenton.

It is proposed to construct an artery from the Brunswick Avenue traffic circle, swing it to the stream bed of the old Delaware and Raritan Canal. At the lower end a connection would be made with the Delaware River bridge.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the alignment. The project has been the subject of numerous conferences over a period of several years without reaching the point of action. It would provide much needed relief of traffic congestion in the center of the city.

Governor Driscoll in his inaugural message cited the necessity of the State giving more aid to municipalities with their traffic problems, citing Trenton as an example.

Kelvin Pitt in Bill
Assemblyman Kelvin Pitt has introduced a legislative bill to designate the proposed route as a freeway. This would mean bridges or underpasses at streets, railroads and streams to eliminate stop lights.

Construction of a new Briele-Point Pleasant bridge to carry Route 35 over the Manasquan River will be considered at another hearing the same day. The site suggested is east of the present bridge which has a temporary deck built after a section fell in last summer. The new span will be higher and wider. The design is intended to speed traffic and eliminate the necessity of frequent openings for boats to pass.

The Trenton route hearing is scheduled for 11 a. m. and the bridge session at 2 p. m. Both will be held in the assembly room of the Highway Department at the State House Annex.

**Masked Thugs
Get \$20,000**

NEW YORK—AP—Two masked men entered the Brooklyn Eagle's business office, held up a girl cashier, and escaped with a weak payroll of approximately \$20,000 today.

The holdup pair walked quickly through the first floor business office where dozens of people were working. They went straight to the cashier's cage which was encircled by wire and bars rising halfway to the ceiling.

One man pulled a gun and held up the girl, who was the only occupant of the cage. The second man scrambled over the top of the cage, seized a canvas bag containing the payroll, and clattered back.

They then ran to the street where two other men awaited them in a car and made a quick getaway.

W. F. Crowell, business manager of the newspaper, said the loss was about \$20,000. Armed guards had brought the payroll to the cashier's cage not long before the holdup men made their appearance.

**F. D. R. Memorial
Unveiling Set**

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng.—AP—Sir Campbell Stuart, president of the Roosevelt Memorial Committee, announced today that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt had accepted an invitation to unveil the statue of her late husband in London April 12, 1948.

Financed by popular subscription, the memorial will be erected in Grosvenor Square.

**Life Term For Woman
In Death Of Infant**

SAVANNAH, Ga.—AP—Convicted of murder in the death of 20-month-old Ronnie Holton who had been left in her care, Mrs. Patricia Bennett was sentenced last night to serve a life term in prison.

A Chatham Superior Court jury recommended mercy for the 39-year-old operator of a boarding home for children but added the recommendation that she never be pardoned or paroled.

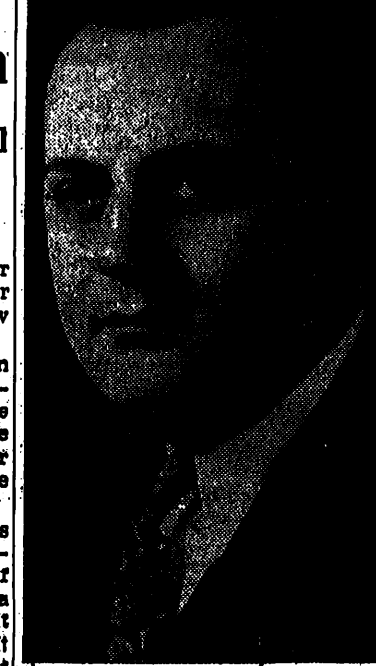
Auto Injuries Fatal

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C.—AP—Injuries sustained Tuesday in an automobile-truck collision in which his bride of two days was killed proved fatal to Joseph J. Gardner, 22-year-old marine corps veteran. Gardner died yesterday at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

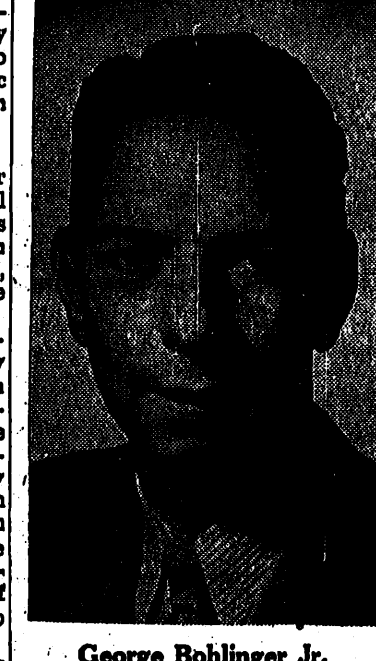
Troops Repulse Indians

LIMA, Peru—AP—Press dispatches from Huancayo today said that nine Indians were killed and 11 wounded in a clash with government troops who were trying to prevent them from invading pasture lands.

Slated For New Duties



Judge Mario Volpe



Philip S. Vine

Shuffle of Jobs Gets Approval of Republicans

City District Court Judge Mario H. Volpe is the unanimous choice of Mercer County Republican leaders to succeed Walter D. Coughle as prosecutor.

Philip S. Vine, county counsel, has been endorsed to succeed Volpe as judge.

Their names will be presented to Governor Driscoll for appointment when the term of Coughle, a Democrat, expires next month.

Other recommendations at a meeting last night of the executive committee of the Republican county organization were: George Bohlinger Jr., for county counsel; Frank Lawton, assistant prosecutor; and Arthur S. Lane, legal assistant.

Vine like Volpe was unopposed. Both are veterans. Volpe served with distinction in the last war, rising from private to the rank of captain. Vine saw service in World War I.

There were contests for the other three positions. John J. Roscariello, another veteran, an assistant county counsel, was placed in nomination against Bohlinger for the place to be vacated by Vine. The final vote was reported as 24-12. Bohlinger is solicitor for Ewing Township.

Irving Lewis was a candidate for assistant prosecutor. He received 7 votes and Lawton, a Hamilton Township resident, 29. For the legal assistant's berth which went to Lane, also a veteran of the last war, Robert Queen received 3 votes. The count for Lane was 34.

Townships' Water Rate Boost Voted

A threatened 50 percent boost in water rates was a reality today for residents of Hamilton, Ewing and Lawrence Townships.

The City Commission approved the increase yesterday over the protests of township representatives. The new rates are retroactive to January 1 and will be reflected for the first time in April water bills.

George H. Bohlinger Jr., Ewing Township solicitor and secretary of the Mercer County Planning Board, and Foster D. Jemison, chairman of the Lawrence Township Committee, tried for nearly an hour to ward off the increase. In the end, however, the four members of the City Commission voted unanimously to raise the rates.

The new rates are expected to boost city revenue by almost \$50,000.

Under the new schedule the basic rate for township users of city water is increased 40 percent. The 10% discount for prompt payment of water bills has been eliminated and in its place has been substituted a 10 percent penalty for delinquent accounts.

In addition, the commissioners increased the annual rental for fire hydrants from \$17.50 to \$25. This charge is not paid directly by township residents, however, but is paid to the city out of township funds.

Jemison urged the city commissioners to delay action until the townships had a chance to study the water situation.

Prosecution Rests In Tojo Crimes Trial

TOKYO—AP—The prosecution today rested its case against former Premier Tojo and 25 other wartime Japanese leaders in a dramatic race against the clock.

Today was the 180th session of the international war crimes tribunal which began hearing the case April 29.

At 3:55 p.m., associate prosecutor A. Comyns Carr of Britain paused while racing through a document and informed the judges he could finish in a comparatively short time. He requested permission to continue past the usual 4 o'clock adjournment.

The judges assented and at 4:10 p.m., acting chief prosecutor Carlisle W. Higgins of the United States announced "the prosecution has concluded."

Only 25 of the original 28 defendants were in court. Former foreign minister Yosuke Matsuoka and Admiral Osami Nagano, chief of the Navy general staff at the time of Pearl Harbor, died since the trial opened. Dr. Shumei Okawa, a propagandist, was declared insane and confined to a hospital. Okawa however is being tried in absentia on the possibility he later might be pronounced sane.

Commissioner Connolly replied that the Public Utility Commission had been asked to study the water rates but had refused on the grounds they had no jurisdiction over them.

This prompted Bohlinger to report that the Public Utility Commission could be given jurisdiction over the matter "by proper legislation."

Connolly pointed out that the city is faced with the prospect of spending \$1,000,000 to enlarge the water system. He said this was made necessary by the continued strain township residents were putting on the present system.

Amputee Drivers Pass License Tests Readily

Only one of the 12 amputee veterans who have taken tests for a New Jersey license to drive a car failed on the first attempt, and he passed with flying colors on his second try. Motor Vehicle Inspector Daniel T. Coleman announced today.

"Funny thing about it," said Coleman, "was that his trouble wasn't due to his handicap. Last time he insisted on taking corners on two wheels. It was just a driving fault many beginners have. He did very well today. Most of the amputees do."

All amputees are eligible to receive automobiles purchased for them by the Government, but they are requested to obtain a driver's license beforehand.

GI Burns To Death

TOKYO—AP—The death of Private Walter Boris, South River, N. J., in a fire which destroyed the cooks and bakers school at Camp Drake, near Tokyo, was announced today by the Army.

Teachers, Police, Fireman Slated For \$400 Boost

Cent-a-Quart Milk Slash February 7

Home-Delivered Price In Trenton Will Be 19 1/2 Cents

Minimum retail milk prices will be cut a cent a quart, effective February 7.

The decrease was announced last night by State Milk Control Director Foran at a dinner meeting of more than 300 dairymen in Trenton for Farm Week. It restored the minimum prices in effect prior to December 21, when a cent a quart boost was allowed. For producers the decrease means a drop of 43 cents per hundredweight, bringing the figure from \$5.55 to \$5.12.

In Trenton and Mercer County the new minimum for home-delivered Grade B will be 19 1/2 cents a quart. Milk bought in stores will be a cent cheaper, while Grade A delivered will cost 22 1/2 cents a quart. For price fixing purposes, Mercer is bracketed with Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Gloucester and Salem Counties.

Foran, who held a public hearing January 15, said there has been no appreciable reduction in production costs since the last increase was allowed. He pointed out, however, that conditions in neighboring States have changed. The December boost, he explained at the time, was designed to safeguard against the Jersey supply going to competitive areas where higher prices were paid.

Under a Federal order, the producer price of milk has been cut back in the New York Marketing Area to \$5.02 per hundredweight for February, a drop of 44 cents.

Foran said he hoped the reduction in New Jersey would tend to encourage milk consumption during the coming flush season of high production.

Testimony at the recent hearing was cited to the effect the present dealer profits amount to only about \$1.87 per \$100 of sales, which is about the same level, he said, as last September.

**Devine Kidnap
Hunt Broadens**

LODI, Calif.—AP—The J. Edward Devine and their 17-year-old daughter Alice were in strict seclusion today while police broadened their search for a man who, they said, kidnaped the girl, threatened her and struggled with her but did not otherwise molest her in a 20-hour abduction last Monday.

Alice, a guided officers yesterday over the trail she said her captor had followed, and District Attorney Chester Watson said the inspection yielded "several pieces of evidence" substantiating her story and some "leads" in the case. He did not amplify on the clues.

**Optimistic Report
On Steel Parleys**

PITTSBURGH—AP—Top strategists of the U. S. Steel Corporation, the "Big Steel" of the industry, and the CIO-United Steelworkers gathered today to open 1947 contract sessions with both sides steadfastly silent on rumors that unpublished agreements already have been reached on many issues.

The union's 24-man bargaining committee headed by CIO and USWA President Philip Murray have held almost daily sessions here for the past week preliminary to the contracts talks.

**Children, Back In Newtown
After 8 Years In Germany,
Meet Parents All Over Again**

Two American children, trapped by the war while on a visit to their grandparents in Germany, were getting acquainted today with their parents whom they failed to recognize. They are unable to speak a word of English.

And the acquaintanceship is fast growing into love and affection, said Frederick Schiller, a baker employed at the George School near Newtown, Bucks County. Schiller and his wife, Berta, who met their youngsters at LaGuardia Field, New York, after a separation of eight years, immediately brought the children to the quiet campus of the Friend school where they may learn to be Americans all over again.

The children are Frederick who is 12 years old, and Marlan, eleven. For the first hours they were shy almost bewildered by the excitement of travel and the meeting of strange people. Their years of rationed diet had its effect on their appetites. For the first two meals they refused tempting items of meat. But their eyes opened wide with a bowl of oranges which they had not seen in eight years and stacks of cake and candy.

Next week or the week after they will be enrolled in a public school at Langhorne to resume their education under American guidance and methods.

The arduous trip from Frankfurt, Germany by clipper with a stopover at London where they obtained a peek at Princess Elizabeth and Princess Rose, did not dampen their childish spirits. Last night when Schiller returned from his

Other City Employees' Pay Adjustments \$120 To \$700

Trenton's school teachers, policemen and firemen are slated to receive a blanket salary increase of \$400 per year. Other city employees will receive individual boosts ranging from \$120 to \$700 per year.

Well-informed City Hall sources said today those were the decisions resulting from four solid days of budget conferences by the City Commission.

None of the commissioners would comment on the reported salary agreement but these facts supported their accuracy.

Mayor Duch, it was learned, has asked the police department to submit to him a budget based on a \$400 yearly increase for all personnel. A similar request was made to the fire department.

A member of the Board of Education, who does not wish to be quoted, said the board has been told the commissioners "will go along" with a \$400 increase for teacher personnel.

The salary question, it was understood, was settled late yesterday afternoon when members of the Board of Education met with the city commissioners. The commissioners had previously decided to limit raises to \$300 per year. The school board insisted the teachers would not be satisfied with less than \$500.

After lengthy discussion, the city commissioners agreed to grant the teachers a \$400 increase. Other school system personnel, however, will get only \$300.

Although members of the board of education would not comment on this report, it is assumed at City Hall they will draw up their 1946-1947 budget on this basis. Members of the City Commission outnumber school board members 2 to 1 on the Board of School Estimate, which must approve the school budget.

When the commissioners agreed to grant the teachers \$400, Mayor Duch was reported to have insisted that policemen and firemen be given a similar boost. He argued that policemen and firemen must buy their own uniforms, run greater risks and work longer hours than teachers, and are prohibited by city ordinance from working at outside employment.

Eva Leaves \$500

LOS ANGELES—AP—The former queen of vaudeville, Eva Tanguay, left only personal effects valued at \$500, her nurse, Miss Ruth Weeks, stated in a petition for letters of administration. Miss Tanguay, who once earned \$3,500 a week, died January 11 at 68. She had been bed-ridden for years almost destitute since the stock market crash.