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HONOR DEATH TRIAL OPENS IN HONOLULU

Racial Hatred and Politics
Mixed Into Case of Navy
Men and Matron.

DARROW AIDS DEFENSE

Slaying of Native After
Attack Turned Attention
of World to Islands.

BY DAN CAMPBELL
United Press Staff Correspondent

HONOLULU, April 4.—An attack on the wife of a young naval officer, the murder of a native accused of participating in the attack, racial feeling, and Hawaiian politics were well-mixed today in the trial of an American matron and three navy men accused of murder in Honolulu's "show trial."

The defendants, Mrs. Granville Roland Fortescue, her son-in-law, Lieutenant Thomas H. Massie, and enlisted men, Edward J. Lord and Albert O. Jones, were defended by a brilliant legal staff headed by Clarence Darrow.

They were indicted for the second-degree murder of Jon Kahahawai, a native abducted and killed on Jan. 9. He and four other men at the time awaited a second trial on charges of having attacked Lieutenant Massie's wife.

Evidence Is Circumstantial

The defendants neither have denied nor admitted their guilt. The defense has kept silent on plans for the trial. The police claimed, soon after the murder, that they had a string of circumstantial evidence against the defendants, but no witness to the crime have been found.

There have been many theories as to what happened between the time Kahahawai was enticed into an automobile in front of the hall of justice, where a white man showed him a document which looked like a summons, and the time his body was found.

The body was found in the automobile stopped near Koko Head. Three defendants were in the car; the fourth was stationed outside Mrs. Fortescue's residence.

Lieutenant Massie is expected to outline a defense of accidental homicide. The defense may plead "alarm clock insanity," that under the strain of believing the Hawaiian guilty of the attack on Mrs. Massie, the defendants lost their reason temporarily.

World Attention on Islands

Circuit Judge Charles S. Davis indicated that court would be held only in the mornings. It was expected that selection of a jury would take up most of the first week of the trial.

The slaying of Kahahawai, and subsequent charges that conditions in the "Pearl of the Pacific" were not safe for white women, focused world attention on Honolulu.

The background of sensational events there reached from the depths of Honolulu's underworld to the uppermost level of American society.

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Another, Horace Ida, later was kidnapped on a main street and beaten, he claimed, by United States sailors.

Undercurrent of Unrest

The five men were released on bail after the jury disagreed at their trial. A second hearing was scheduled.

Meanwhile feeling between the foreign residents and natives grew with other attacks on white women. Sailors and natives clashed.

On one occasion marines were brought from Pearl Harbor to maintain order.

Sailors from the naval base were not allowed to come into the city.

An undercurrent of bad feeling broke with the kidnapping and murder of Joe Kahahawai.

According to the police story, they found evidence that Kahahawai was killed at Mrs. Fortescue's home, that his body was wrapped in a sheet and placed in a car, and that his killer intended to throw the body into a geyser where it never would have been found.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a.m.	32	10 a.m.	45
7 a.m.	33	11 a.m.	50
8 a.m.	35	12 (noon)	53
9 a.m.	40	1 p.m.	57

Poorhouse Inmate Gets \$80,000, but 'Keeps Cool'

By United Press

VINCENNES, Ind., April 4.—One new suit, or maybe two, and a railroad ticket to California are all that John Wheeler, 70, Knox county infirmary inmate, will buy right away with the \$80,000 he inherited in a week.

Old John worked around the infirmary today the same as ever.

Since he has learned that an uncle he never saw, John Vest, died in California and left him sole heir to a fortune, Wheeler has not changed.

He wears the same overalls, shirt and slouch hat and old shoes.

Each night he washes his clothes and dons the same ones again the next day.

A shiny new auto doesn't interest Wheeler. "If I did buy one," he reflected, "I'd have to have a chauffeur, because I can't drive." If I had a chauffeur, pretty soon maybe I'd need a valet.

"No, just because I haven't had money before, that doesn't mean I don't know how to spend it wisely."

Wheeler said he will stay in the infirmary until he "sees the greenbacks." Then he'll buy "some of the boys here" a little present and leave for the west.

He is the son of Clifford Niles, prominent politician and publisher of the *Anamosa Eureka*.

5-Year Plans

Eugene Lyons, United Press staff correspondent at Moscow, has written a vivid, colorful and realistic series on the Soviet five-year plan. First article of this series, dealing with the second five-year plan, and the wind-up of the first five-year plan, appears on Page 2 of today's Times.

Lyons has been watching the Soviet experiment since the birth of the first five-year plan. His intimate, close contact with the Soviet leaders, his knowledge of their country, has given him an unparalleled background for an honest and fair statement of aims and conditions.

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These articles will bring home to every reader the hardships, sacrifices and labor demanded of Russians by their leaders.

It is a portrait of a country on trial in the eyes of the world.

FOUR KILLED IN AIRPLANE CRASH

Sleet Coats Wings, Blinds
Pilot in Storm.

By United Press

ALBORN, Minn., April 4.—Four business men-fliers, speeding to the air show in Detroit, ran into a sleet squall near here today which blinded the pilot, weighted the wings of their plane and sent them to death in a crash at more than sixty miles an hour.

The dead were: Cheron Fuller, 25, pilot; H. E. Kurvinness, 35, garage owner; G. J. Sorenson, 32, owner of the plane; W. Sorenson, his brother.

The four left Elly, Minn., at 6 a.m. They ran into a snow squall near Independence, Minn., and swung northward to escape it.

Steve Watson, on whose farm they crashed, gave the United Press the details of the accident.

The plane was less than twenty-five feet from the ground, Watson said, "when I first saw it. They appeared to be trying to find a place to land. The plane was going at a terrific speed. The wings were coated with sleet and it seemed that they had no control over it."

"They went lower and lower, apparently not knowing how low they were. The ship crashed on its propeller and rolled over and over along the highway.

The pilot apparently had sensed the danger and turned off the ignition switch, as the plane did not catch fire."

T. B. UNIT IS URGED

Women's Groups in Favor
of Mission Offer.

Resolutions urging the city to acquire and operate a proposed new building to house advanced tuberculosis patients on city hospital grounds have been passed by a number of women's organizations recently, it was announced today.

The Indianapolis Flower Mission has offered to finance the proposed new building, confirming to architecture of city hospital buildings, and recommends, under the resolutions, the city maintain the institution.

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The resolution will be presented to the city council.

JOBLESS MAN SLAYS WIFE, SELF IN GARY

Woman's Skull Crushed With Ax;
Suicide With Razor.

By Times Special

GARY, Ind., April 4.—A laborer hacked his wife to death here Sunday and then ended his own life by slashing his throat. Their five small children, the eldest 11 and the youngest 2, were in charge of police officials today.

The father, Dan Moicin, 50, had walked into the kitchen where his wife was preparing dinner and crushed her skull with a heavy ax. He then slashed his throat with a razor. Mrs. Moicin was 40.

Katherine, 4, saw her mother struck down and ran to the home of neighbors.

HOWARD'S LIFE ON AIR

Frazier Hunt to Discuss Success
of Scripps-Howard Head.

By United Press

NEW YORK, April 4.—The life story of Roy W. Howard, chairman of the board of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, will be told by Frazier Hunt, magazine editor, author and former war correspondent, during his "Great Personalities" program over a NBC-WJZ nationwide network Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (Central Standard Time).

KIDNAP THEATER HEAD

Iowan Believed Captive of Movie
Show Bandits.

By United Press

ANAMOSA, Ia., April 4.—Charles Niles, 20, manager of the Niles theater, was believed today to be the prisoner of robbers who held up the showhouse Sunday night, escaping with \$500.

Niles is the son of Clifford Niles, prominent politician and publisher of the *Anamosa Eureka*.

Loftus readily told how he moved

POLICE RENEW HOPE IN LINDY KIDNAP HUNT

Important Leads Continue
to Withstand Probe,
Say Officers.

FLIER'S TRIP MYSTERY

Colonel Believed to Have
Visited Yacht; Agent Is
in England.

BY DAN RANEY
United Press Staff Correspondent

HOPEWELL, N. J., April 5.—Important leads in connection with the kidnapping of Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr. continue to withstand investigation, police announced today a few hours after Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh had returned from a mysterious visit away from Hopewell.

The colonel, garbed in a flying coat and heavy gloves, drove into his estate shortly after midnight. He was accompanied by one man whose identity was not certain.

Nothing definite could be learned of where he had been, although the visit of a seaplane to Martha's Vineyard, Mass., had been connected by some with the trip of Lindbergh.

Lindbergh returned to his

PAUPERS IN LIMOUSINES

You Must Have Front in Hollywood



Here are two who went broke with a last big splurge and another who Dame Rumor said was almost in the same boat in Hollywood movie circles.

Francis X. Bushman (left) ran through \$7,000,000 and after it was gone, he still had a big limousine

and liveried chauffeur. Gloria Swanson (center) was reported near financial ruin several times, but she stuck it out, kept her palatial home and servants, and came out on top. Charles Ray (right) spent enough to keep a man for a year on a final big party the night before his crash was announced.

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