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July Trial for Ray Indicated At Corsicana

William Ruthes Ray will go on trial in 13th District Court at Corsicana, probably July 5, for the rape of a 9-year-old girl in Trinity Park.

Criminal District Judge McGregor completed plans for the transfer of the case to Navarro County after granting a change of venue. Corsicana was chosen after a conference among McGregor, District Attorney Clyde and Defense Attorney H. S. Beard of Waco.

Judge A. P. Mays of the Corsicana court said the date probably would be set for July 5 as that is the first open date on the docket.

He told the Star-Telegram he probably would call a special venire of 100 men and said he "anticipated no difficulty" in selecting a jury to try the case.

Formal Order Read.

Judge McGregor read the formal order of change of venue Thursday morning in a 10-minute ceremony.

The application should be granted, he said, "it appearing to the court that there exists in Tarrant County such a widespread knowledge on the part of the citizenship generally of what purports to be the facts in the case, and also a strong and fixed opinion on the part of the citizenship and jurors generally concerning the guilt or innocence of the defendant, all of which has resulted from the great amount of publicity and discussion concerning the case and which amounts to almost a universal pre-judgment of said case . . . to the extent that neither the state nor the defendant would likely be able to secure a fair and impartial trial of this case in this county."

Each of the counties adjoining Tarrant is subject to the same objection, he added.

Dozen in Courtroom.

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HITLER'S 'DEAD' EVEN IF ALIVE

FRANKFURT, May 27 (AP). The old question of whether Adolf Hitler might still be alive cropped up again Thursday at a news conference of U. S. Gen. Lucius D. Clay. Clay's reply: "Even if he were alive, he couldn't be any more dead than he is."

Senate Group Asks MacArthur's Return



—Star-Telegram Staff Photo.
FINDING NEW TRIAL SITE—District Attorney Clyde, left, and Defense Attorney H. S. Beard of Waco as they conferred in Criminal District Judge McGregor's office Wednesday to select a court to try William Ruthes Ray, confessed rapist, after McGregor had ordered a change of venue. The attorneys agreed to try the case in 13th District Court at Corsicana.

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More Rain Likely This Week-End

Cool Front Expected To Move In From Oklahoma Saturday

Rainfall was expected to slow to a stop over most of Texas Thursday, but a mass of cool air pushing south from Nebraska may bring more rain this week-end.

U. S. Weather Forecaster Ferguson said that indications are that the cool front will move into Oklahoma Friday, and on into Texas Saturday. But Friday morning was expected to be fair here, with cloudiness increasing in the afternoon.

Rainfall for the month totaled 4.34 inches in Fort Worth Thursday morning with the addition of .05 overnight. Normal for the month is 4.62, and if rain comes Saturday it may push the total past normal.

Only rain Thursday was expected in the northeast and east portions of the state, where scattered showers are forecast.

Fields Drenched.

Farmers and stockmen in most of West Texas, particularly in the Panhandle and Plains areas, were rejoicing over drenched fields and pastures and the filling of stock tanks. Many felt the heavier falls would benefit wheat, although some felt the moisture came too late. All agreed the rains would be beneficial to row crops.

LECTURE ON STRONG DRINK RECEIVED IN WRONG SPIRIT

JACKSON, Miss., May 27 (AP).—A hitchhiker told state highway police that he was shoved from a moving automobile and then run over by a motorist to whom he had given a lecture on the evils of strong drink.

State Highway Patrolman Billy Jones reported that the hitchhiker, 27-year-old Hollie Leroy Meets of Ashland, Ky., was found unconscious with back and chest injuries on a highway late Wednesday.

The hitchhiker, Jones said, told him later the motorist became irritated when he countered the offer of a drink with a lecture on the evils of liquor, pushed him from the car, which he then put into reverse, and ran over him.

Hirohito May Resign Throne

TOKYO, May 27 (INS). — Rumors that Emperor Hirohito will abdicate on Aug. 15, in order to prevent "Pearl Harbor Premier" Hideki Tojo from becoming a martyred hero, created a sensation in Tokyo Thursday.

Aides of General MacArthur denied knowledge of the reported abdication plan, but pointed out such information would not necessarily be available to Allied headquarters.

Japanese sources reported that Hirohito has been persuaded to step down from the throne in favor of his son, Crown Prince Akihito, who would reign through a regency until he becomes of age.

This would be done, according to these reports, for the purpose of saving Japan's ancient imperial line from such a threatened loss of prestige that it might be in danger of collapse.

Testimony Wanted on Far East

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP).—The Senate appropriations committee Thursday voted to request General MacArthur to return to the United States to testify on the Far Eastern situation.

Chairman Bridges announced the committee's action at the end of a closed-door session. The vote was 17 to 2.

MacArthur is supreme commander of allied forces in the Far East, with headquarters at Philippine area at the start of Tokyo.

Bridges said Senators Saltonstall of Massachusetts and Reed of Kansas voted against requesting MacArthur's return. Senator Green of Rhode Island voted present and Senator Ball of Minnesota was out of town and did not vote. Senators McCarran of Nevada and O'Mahoney of Wyoming voted "yes" by proxy.

Motion by Wherry.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska, acting Republican leader and a committee member, offered the motion to request MacArthur to return. Wherry said politics wasn't involved so far as he was concerned.

MacArthur has said he would accept the Republican presidential nomination if it was offered him.

Wherry's was seconded by Senators Ferguson of Michigan and Tydings of Maryland.

General Wainwright. MacAr-

Man Sought For Threat To Sheriff

Police here Thursday were looking for an ex-convict who assertedly threatened Comanche County Sheriff Gaston Boykin in a telephone call from Fort Worth Wednesday afternoon.

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Dozen in Courtroom.

Only a dozen persons were in the courtroom during the proceedings. Mrs. Ray sat at the defense counsel table with her husband and defense attorney. Ray wore tan trousers and a two-tone brown sport shirt. He shook hands with the judge and thanked him for his consideration before he was led back to his jail cell.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed Thursday that the schoolgirl victim of the attack had appeared in the balcony of the courtroom Wednesday afternoon and, her mother said, identified Ray as the attacker. It was her first sight of the rapist since the April 8 assault.

Officers had asked for an identification as they feared Ray's complexion was bleaching because of confinement. The child's mother asked the girl to find the man in the courtroom. The child picked him out and, as Ray suddenly waved to his wife in the

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Symington Says Production of B-36 To Continue Without Interruption

Production of the B-36 Super bomber will continue without interruption and "any rumors the Air Force doesn't want this ship are absolute nonsense," Stuart Symington, first secretary of the nation's independent air arm, said here Wednesday.

The secretary for air, who spent two hours at the Convair plant and saw the world's largest land-based bomber in flight, said he was "very much impressed by the performance reports on the ship's range, speed, altitude and load-carrying capacity. It's what we need if we had to go to war tomorrow against a land-locked enemy that could not be reached quickly by armies or sea-going vessels."

One B-36 in the air for a demonstration flight led the Air Transport Command C-54 bringing the air secretary to Fort Worth around the field for its landing.

Gets New Hat.

Symington was met by R. G. Mayer, division manager of the Convair plant; Maj. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, 8th Air Force commander; Lt. Col. Beverly Warren, Air Force representative at the plant; Raymond Buck and Amnon Carter.

The tall, youthful-looking secretary was presented with a Shady Oak hat by Carter. He handed his old brown one to an aide, remarking, "Put that one away—but don't throw it away. I might need it to wear when I go fishing."

From the Convair plant, Symington went to Dallas to address the Texas Wing of the Air Reserve Association.

Test Flight Praised.

At Dallas, he said the B-36 is one of the two most important developments in the Air Force. "There has been considerable criticism of the B-36 and just why I would like to find out," he said. "I watched it take off this afternoon from a Fort Worth field quicker than any bomber I ever saw, larger or medium, and stop quicker than any bomber I have seen perform, by reversing its propellers."

He called the B-36 test flight two weeks ago on an 8,000-mile non-

stop simulated bomb run with a 10,000-pound load of dummy bombs "a magnificent feat."

Its performance, he said, was best summed up by a remark of the Carter, who said that "The B-36 is the first thing that has ever been big enough to rate coming from Texas."

Symington told his Dallas audience that a "planned Air Force can and will provide against sudden and stunning defeat."

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Film Drives Vet to Stab Wife, Self

SHELBY, N. C., May 27 (AP).—A medically discharged combat veteran stabbed his wife and himself in a theater Wednesday night because, he said, bombing scenes in the motion picture drove him "nuts."

Police said Arbuth Bunnarner, 26, pursued his 18-year-old estranged wife, Melodonia, to the balcony, threw her down and stabbed her eight times with a pocket knife. He then turned the knife on himself and inflicted three wounds in his chest before an usher kicked the knife from his hands.

Bunnarner told police he went "nuts" when he saw the movie "Homecoming," which depicts the bombing of a Normandy hospital. Bunnarner's mother, Mrs. R. O. Bunnarner, said her son was wounded while serving as an infantryman in Normandy and was taken to a hospital which subsequently was bombed.

U. N. Deputy Named

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP).—Philip C. Jessup of New York was nominated Thursday to be deputy United States representative in the United Nations Security Council with the rank of minister.

Tom Blanton Recovering

Thomas L. Blanton of Albany, 75-year-old former Congressman, was in satisfactory condition Thursday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital, where he is recovering from a major operation. He entered the hospital May 9 and underwent surgery May 19.

Tran, if Firm Raises Wages Of Employees

A 5-cent-a-hour wage increase, effective June 1, for the 525 hourly employees of the Fort Worth Transit Company, was announced Thursday by A. J. Rowe, operating vice president of the firm.

Rowe said comparable increases would be given the other 125 employees. Transit employees received a previous cost-of-living raise of 5 per cent on Oct. 16, 1947.

The new wage scale for bus drivers will be \$1.15 an hour, Rowe explained. The new pay scale will total approximately \$100,000 annually.

City Council recently granted the transit company a fare rate increase.

Rowe said employees will receive the pay increases for the period ending June 15, on the June 20 pay day.

YES, WE'LL HAVE NO BANANAS

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP).—The Agriculture Department announced Wednesday that Hawaiian bananas will be barred from import into the continental United States after June 24. The ban is designed to prevent spread of the fruit fly.

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Stab Victim's Condition Only Slightly Better

Jack Willard Pyland, 26, Dallas, stabbing victim of a funeral mourner, Thursday morning was slightly improved but still was in serious condition at Harris Memorial Methodist Hospital. Attendants said he was resting fairly well, but was unable to see visitors.

Pyland, concession operator at Fair Park in Dallas, was stabbed in the chest Tuesday afternoon near Rose Hill Burial Park on Highway 80.

L. L. Ingalls, 58-year-old carpenter, of 3115 Ave. N., has been charged with assault to murder in connection with the stabbing. Ingalls was in a procession en route to his mother's funeral. A traffic incident occurred and the altercation resulted.

JAIL AFTER HELD IN UNDISCLOSED SHERIFF HELD IN UNDISCLOSED JAIL AFTER WOMAN IS SLAIN

COOPER, May 27 (Spl).— Charged with murder with malice, Sheriff Nolan Maynard, 43, was held in an undisclosed jail Thursday, as county, district and state officers continued an investigation into the fatal shooting Wednesday afternoon of Miss Dorothy Palmer, 22.

Miss Palmer was brought to a hospital here by Maynard at 1:45 p. m., Dr. Ed S. Blair said. She had been shot in the throat and was dead on arrival at the hos-

pital. He said Maynard left and he telephoned County Attorney Sam Radliff.

Meanwhile Bob Palmer Jr. of Dallas, brother of the slain woman, who was visiting his parents' home, about a mile north of Cooper, called State Highway Patrolmen Ross Kemp and Bob Ashmore, who are stationed at Paris. They arrested Maynard in his car, which had been stopped partially on and partially off the pavement two miles north of here. Kemp said he and Ashmore found Maynard slumped under the

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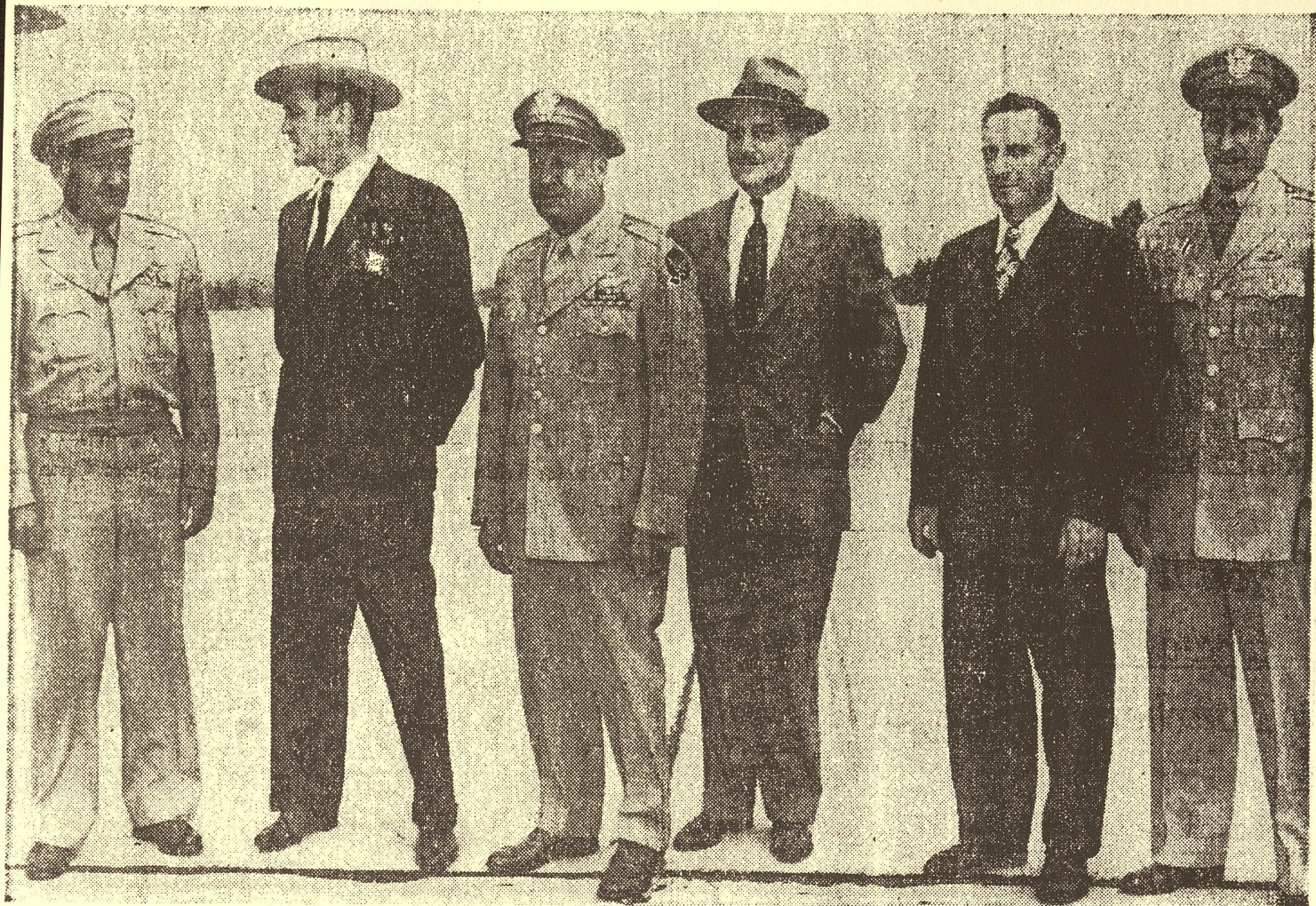
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SUPERBOMBER PRAISED — Consolidated - Vultee's B-36 superbomber drew praise Wednesday from Secretary for Air Symington, second from left, after a two-hour visit at the aircraft plant here. Those who watched the huge Fort Worth-made craft land and take off were, left to right, Maj. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, 8th Air Force commander; Symington; Maj. Gen. Fritz

Borum, commander, Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area, Tinker Field; Brig. Gen. Robert H. Smith, Dallas, national president of the Air Reserve Association; R. G. Mayer, division manager of Convair, and Brig. Gen. John P. McConnell, chief of the civilian composite of the Air Staff.

Full Story Behind 'Voice' Broadcasts Is Demanded

WASHINGTON, May 27 (P).— Sputtering mad senators called the State Department on the carpet Thursday for a full story behind Voice of America broadcasts they labeled as sabotage, slander and libel.

Angered congressmen ordered a double-barreled investigation into the broadcasts.

Senator Ferguson of Michigan, the Republicans' top investigator, will head one by the Senate.

Representative Chenoweth of Colorado will direct one for the House.

Sample broadcast excerpts: "New England was founded by hypocrisy and Texas by sin."

Nevada's two main cities compete with each other because "people get married in Las Vegas and divorced in Reno."

Sample reaction: From Senator Hatch of New Mexico: "Drivel, nonsense and downright falsehoods."

Rescind Appropriation.

From Senator Ferguson of Michigan: A demand that Congress rescind the \$27,000,000 appropriation it voted for next year to finance the world-wide radio programs intended to portray the democratic way of life in this country.

From Senator Capehart of Indiana: A promise to introduce a resolution for a top-to-bottom congressional inquiry into the State Department's operation of the information program.

From the National Broadcasting Company, which handled the

saboteurs. They are traitors to their country."

Senator Brewster of Maine said the author of the broadcasts "is worthy of language I don't think this chamber would entertain."

Senator H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey said he had been in touch with the State Department and was told a preliminary report would be submitted to the Senate Thursday. It was Smith who led the winning battle earlier this year for full authorization of the voice programs, previously carried out under wartime White House authority.

Smith said the department told him the series had been "farmed out" to NBC. The programs were neither written nor supervised by the department. But Smith added that this is "no justification" and the State Department will have to shoulder the responsibility.

William F. Brooks, NBC vice president, gave the network's side in a statement at New York Wednesday night.

Brooks explained that at the time of the broadcasts "changes were being made in the operational setup of the Voice of America and as a result personnel was not available to provide English translations so that the scripts could be checked in English." He added that NBC could review only the Spanish texts.

"The supervisor who was employed to review the Spanish texts unfortunately permitted these texts to go on the air in Spanish," Brooks said. "As soon as the matter came to NBC's attention the

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Air Force Reserve and president of Pioneer Air Lines. "Unfortunately Bob had spent so much time in the war he couldn't arrange his personal affairs so that he could leave," Symington said.

Symington and his party went to Austin Thursday and then to San Antonio, where he was to

address a luncheon meeting. He will spend the night at Corpus Christi. He will stop Friday at Longview en route back to Washington.

The air secretary arrived in Texas at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday at Perrin Air Force Base between Sherman and Denison. He was introduced there by Representative Rayburn of Bonham, who accompanied him from Washington.

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courtroom, jumped back in her seat.

Will Be Transferred.

Sheriff Montgomery will transfer the prisoner Friday to an undisclosed jail.

Navarro County residents, who are not familiar with the case, will be summoned for jury service and Judge Mays will preside at the trial. Clyde will head the prosecution and Beard will conduct the defense. Montgomery will be responsible for the custody of the prisoner throughout the proceedings.

McGregor ordered the change of venue Wednesday afternoon, declaring there were too many Tarrant County citizens familiar with the case.

Questioning 211 special veniremen disclosed that only 44 expressed the opinion they could give the defendant a fair and impartial trial.

3 Lawyers Relieved.

The court's final action Wednesday was to relieve Byron Matthews, Paul McClung and Jack Ray from their duties as court-appointed defense attorneys.

The judge commented, "I appreciate your duties under appointment as attorneys at this time. I'm sure you see it was

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