





ON TRIAL IN SLAYING OF MAN, 33 — Joyce Schumaker (left), 17, is questioned by defense attorney Sidney M. Block during her trial in which she was accused of murder in the fatal shooting of Carl Reeder, 33, a clerk in the high school she attended. She testified in her own defense in Waukegan, Ill., saying she tried to break off a romance with Reeder when she found out he was "old enough to be my grandfather." (AP Wirephoto).

### CROWD CHEERS VERDICT Girl Acquitted In Death Of Paramour

WAUKEGAN, Ill., July 28 — Joyce Schumaker, an 18-year-old pale, blonde girl was freed by a jury last night of charges of murdering her 33-year-old paramour. There was an outburst of cheers from the courtroom crowd as the verdict was read. Many bobby soxers, former schoolmates of Joyce were present.

"I was really worried until I heard the verdict," Joyce said. "I feel wonderful. It is a wonderful surprise. I have never stopped praying in four months."

Joyce was tried for the slaying of Carl Reeder, 33-year-old school clerk.

She said she was uncertain about her future. She said she may become a missionary or, perhaps, a professional soft ball player.

Her mother, Mrs. Edna Schumaker, said the family will leave Waukegan so her daughter can start life anew and finish high school.

The state had not asked for the death penalty or life imprisonment, asking only that Joyce be punished.

Defense Attorney Sidney H. Block, in his closing statement to the jury, termed Reeder a "moral degenerate, a big brute, a pure moral leper." He said Joyce was an "emotional happy-go-lucky kid of 15 before Reeder entered her life."

Joyce was on the witness stand for 2 1/2 hours yesterday. She contended that the shot which killed Reeder as they sat in his car on the Lake Michigan beach last April 4 was fired accidentally as they grappled for the gun. She admitted she had her finger on the trigger.

She testified she had sexual relations with Reeder during her early courtship with him, before she learned he was married. She said Reeder pursued her despite her repeated demands that they end their affair.

Joyce told the jury she drove with Reeder and a girl friend, Joyce Kirkpatrick, 17, to the lake front "to see if she could persuade Reeder to leave me alone."

She said she pointed an empty

### Waukegan, Ill., July 28 —

### Gun at him and then loaded the pistol with three cartridges. She said Reeder took the gun away from her and when Miss Kirkpatrick asked for it he returned it to Miss Schumaker.

### "I held the gun loosely in my hand," she testified. "He grabbed it and the gun faced my chest. Then it faced down toward my leg, then toward his body. I could feel the pressure of the gun on his body and the gun went off."

### GOPS Ready To Challenge Laws They Don't Like

WASHINGTON, July 28 — House Republicans are laying the groundwork to challenge in the courts any major legislation enacted by Congress against their wishes after July 31.

With present plans calling for adjournment around the end of August, a considerable volume of major legislation may be enacted after the end of this month. For votes next month are minimum wage, health aid to school children, foreign military assistance, and social security extension bills, in addition to some big appropriation measures.

GOP leaders have reported privately that some of their members will object to action on any bills they don't like after July 31, unless Congress by resolution keeps itself in session after that date.

The objection would be based on a provision of the 1946 Congressional Reorganization Act which says Congress shall adjourn annually not later than July 31 except in time of war or national emergency or unless Congress takes affirmative action to extend the session.

The Democratic leadership of Congress presently has no intention of offering an extension resolution. It takes the position that since the nation still is technically at war and is in a national emergency, the adjournment provision of the 1946 law isn't binding.

Speaker Sam Rayburn made that clear yesterday when Republican leader Martin of Massachusetts wanted to know about plans for adjourning.

Martin contended that technically the nation still is at war, but said he thought that was a "filmy excuse" for ignoring the 1946 law's adjournment deadline without passing a resolution.

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### Love Chained Her To Fernandez, 'Lonely Hearts' Defendant Says

NEW YORK, July 28 — "Hefty," 29-year-old Martha Beck says that a "great love" chained her to Raymond Fernandez while he piled his trade as collector of hearts and bankrolls of lonely women.

Testifying in her own defense, Mrs. Beck said Tuesday that Fernandez, her "murder trial" defendant, is "just all that a woman could ask for in a man."

"My love was so great for him that if he had told me to hold my breath and stop breathing, I would have done so," she said. "If in the end, he and I could be married, I'd consent to anything."

She called love-merchant Fernandez a "lovable, kind and considerate" man, who "cared me quite often" and who was wholly unlike the scheming, deceiving men she had encountered in her earlier life.

"His treatment of me," she said, "was something I had never had."

She and Fernandez are on trial on charges of killing Mrs. Janet Fay, 66-year-old Albany, N. Y., widow last Jan. 4. This is one of three sayings that allegedly grew out of their "lonely hearts" operations.

Mrs. Beck said that because of her love for Fernandez she had agreed to his, amorous, fund-raising escapades with other women.

She said he told her that "by obtaining money from other women would be able to finance a divorce from his wife in Spain, thus paving the way for a marriage to Mrs. Beck."

Nevertheless, she admitted, his profession aroused her jealousy on more than one occasion.

She told of Fernandez' meeting with Mrs. Esther Henne, of Laurel Dale, Pa., through a lonely hearts club, and of his subsequent par-

riage to Mrs. Henne.

Mrs. Beck said that when the clergyman asked if there was any reason why the couple should not be wed, "I had all I could do to keep from screaming."

She was consoled, however, because during the ceremony, she said, Fernandez turned from his bride to her and whispered, "I love you."

She said they met another lonely hearts member, Irene De La Pointe, at Springfield, Vt., but that Irene decided not to marry Fernandez after Mrs. Beck became hysterical with jealousy.

Eventually, they returned to New York, took an apartment at Valley Stream, N. Y., and contacted Mrs. Fay in Albany. It is at Valley Stream where they allegedly killed the widow.

The 185-pound Mrs. Beck repeated her testimony that she "did not know" whether she killed Mrs. Fay, but swore that she had not planned, alone, or in concert with Fernandez, to do so.

The state claims Mrs. Beck beat the widow over the head with a hammer, and that Fernandez then

### From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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"Mother," I says, "the only diet I would ever recommend to anyone is simply moderation. I wouldn't

trust any of those get-thin-quick diets. Simply cut down on desserts, bread, butter, sweets and fats—but when you do, even do your cutting down moderately."

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## Russia In Move To Repay Obligations

WASHINGTON, July 28. (AP)—After months of American prodding, Soviet Russia showed signs of willingness today to do something about its wartime lend-lease obligations to the United States.

Face-to-face negotiations over American claims which may range up to \$1 billion bogged down more than a year ago. The State Department recently has been urging Moscow through Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panushtkin, to try again for a settlement.

The first signs of results came yesterday. It was disclosed that Moscow has named two naval experts to work out details with American officials for the return of 21 vessels loaned to the Russians in wartime. These include three icebreakers and 28 frigates which were used largely to protect convoys from Axis raiders.

The return of the warships is only a fringe issue in the dragging lend-lease negotiations, but officials hailed the action as a "favorable indication." Moscow agreed to

the return last December but had taken no action since. Meanwhile, however, the Red navy returned the borrowed cruiser Milwaukee under terms of an agreement separate from lend-lease.

Russia alone among the wartime foes of the Axis has failed to settle for the assistance received as lend-lease from the United States.

The American cost estimate for the flood of arms, motor trucks, supplied to the Soviets during World War II is \$11,700,000,000 in round figures. However, the American claim for repayment is only for goods which were still useful to the Soviet civilian economy at the end of hostilities. Munitions used up in fighting to defeat Hitler and the Japanese were written off entirely.

On this basis, the same on which settlements were worked out with Britain, France, and the other allies, Moscow might be called on to pay 5 or 10 cents on the dollar of costs. Actual figures have never been disclosed.



PFC. SALVADOR B. ABREO

## Italian Solons Given Lecture After Fracas

ROME, July 28. (AP)—Senate President Ivanoe Bonomi warned bruised and battered senators today that unless they behave the nation faces dictatorship.

He cancelled the scheduled resumption of debate on the recent bloody farm-strike and announced that an extraordinary council of the presidency would meet shortly "to guarantee peaceful handling" of the subject.

## Abreo Reburial Services Will Be Held Here Today

Reburial rites will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday for Pfc. Salvador B. Abreo, one of the Big Spring boys who didn't come back.

The remains arrived here Wednesday and were taken to Nalley chapel. Services will be held at the Mexican Baptist church with the Rev. Trinidad Cano officiating. The American Legion will be in charge of graveside rites.

Reared in Big Spring, Pfc. Abreo was 18 at the time of his death in Germany on Nov. 17, 1944. He was an infantryman. Burial was made in Holland at the time.

Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Abreo, 605 NW 5th; four brothers, Efrem Abreo, Noe Abreo, Jim Abreo, David Abreo; and four sisters, Mrs. Fay Acosta, Ackerly, Gloria Abreo, Marie Abreo and Esperanza Abreo.

The Senate erupted in a violent, 20-minute brawl last night after Luigi Allegato, 53-year-old Communist senator, opened attack against Interior Minister Mario Scelba. Black eyes and bruises resulted.

Senate sources said the fight may have upset a Communist-led plan to push through an order of the day deploring the strike action of Scelba and the government. These sources said that the leftist strategy was aimed at bringing the proposed order to a vote, many while pro-government senators were absent from the chamber.

Bonomi, gentle-mannered, 75-year-old senate president, soundly lectured the senators on good behavior. He said that when "violence supersedes free discussion the democratic institutions lose the appreciation of the country and their downfall foretells dictatorship."

The pro-government ranks applauded vigorously. Communists and their Socialist allies remained glumly silent.

## 16-Year-Old Gets Life In Slaying Of Great-Uncle

WAYNE, W. Va., July 28. (AP)—Sixteen-year-old Bernie Martin awaited transfer today to the state penitentiary, where he will serve a life sentence for the torch slaying of his great uncle.

Martin and two other youths were accused of beating 68-year-old John Caldwell to death last May, pouring kerosene over his body, and setting it afire. The state contended they did it for \$1,500 which was stolen from Caldwell.

Judge C. W. Ferguson imposed the life sentence yesterday immediately after a circuit court jury returned a verdict of guilty of first degree murder, with recommendation of mercy. There were tears

## Texans Purchase Racing Stock

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 28. (AP)—King Ranch of Texas and a Texas oil man made major purchases at the Keeneland Yearling Sales here last night.

King Ranch paid \$21,100 for a bay son of War Admiral-Darby Danes consigned by Doug Davis, Jr. Sam E. Wilson, Jr., Corpus Christi oil man, paid \$18,000 for a dark bay colt sired by Himelech, another Coldstream consignment.

In Martin's eyes as the judge pronounced the sentence.

The other two youths, Walter Copley, 20, and Ervin Caldwell, 19, will be tried at the November term of court. Ervin Caldwell is a grandson of the victim.

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## Senate Gets Busy On Big Money Measure As New Wrangles Loom

WASHINGTON, July 28. (AP)—The Senate ploughed today into the \$7,630,000,000 independent offices money bill, and the prospect of several disputes.

Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), chairman of the appropriations committee's independent offices subcommittee, sought to anticipate the critics and presented the argument that more than 86 per cent of the money is for war-connected expenditures.

This includes, he said, more than \$2 billion for the Veterans Administration and lesser amounts for the Battle Monuments Commis-

ion, Maritime Commission, and the Atomic Energy Commission.

Thirty-three agencies are lumped into the bill. They are called independent offices to distinguish them from cabinet departments.

The Senate yesterday left unchanged the \$1,000,000,000 awarded the atomic commission, the same amount approved by the House. This represents a cut of \$76,879,603 from the budget estimate.

However, the Senate did approve AEC to spend what it had left from the year ended June 30, reported to amount to \$40 or \$45 million.

Two amendments offered by O'Mahoney may prove fireworks. One would, in effect, put a check on AEC spending. The other would require a full FBI check of all AEC scientific research fellowship candidates.

Another fight threatened over cuts made in the maritime training program. Amendments to the committee bill are expected to be offered on the floor.

The Senate yesterday refused on two roll call votes, to reduce increases recommended by the appropriations committee for the Budget Bureau and for President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers.

## HER LADYSHIP'S CAR WAS READY

LANCASTER, Pa., July 28. (AP)—The young woman who walked into an automobile repair shop was about 25 and quite respectable in appearance.

Approaching a mechanic working on an expensive sedan, she asked if the car was ready. Told that it was, she said: "Okay, I'll drive it." And out she and the car went.

A half hour later, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. Green arrived to pick up their car.

Now police are looking for that "nice" young woman and the Green's car.

## C-C Photographic Contest Announced

A West Texas photographic contest, open to both amateurs and professionals, has been announced by the West Texas chamber of commerce. J. H. Greene, manager of the Big Spring chamber, has been named to receive local entries in the contest.

Prizes for both divisions of the contest will be Crown graphic cameras, according to L. A. Wilke, manager of the service department of the WTCC. The contest will close Sept. 30.

Only pictures made in West Texas in 1949 will be eligible for entry, according to Wilke. All photos must be enlarged to size 8 x 10 inches with a glossy finish.

## Texarkana Woman Charges Swindle

WYTHEVILLE, Va., July 28. (AP)—A Texarkana, Tex., woman told Virginia state police that she gave Ernest I. Torrence between \$5,000 and \$6,000 after he wrote her love letters.

Torrence, 37, is in the Hillsville jail waiting trial on a charge that he swindled a Carroll County woman out of \$2,500 after wooing her by mail.

The Texas woman wrote State Police Capt. Edward J. McDermott that Torrence told her he had lots of cattle and a big farm for them but no water. She said Torrence turned on the charm and she withdrew from the bank and \$5,000 from the bank. Later she signed a note and borrowed \$1,000 more to give him to dig a well.

She said she had not heard from Torrence in some time.

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