

Supreme Court Upholds Hanging Penalty for Bird

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 4.—(P)—The Supreme Court ruled today that Jake Bird should hang for the slaying of Mrs. Bertha Kludt.

The high court in a 7-2 decision affirmed Bird's conviction of first degree murder in the Pierce County Superior Court. Mrs. Kludt was slain in Tacoma Oct. 30, 1947, with an axe and a knife.

The 47-year-old Negro transient has been in and out of the high court several times since his conviction fighting for his life.

Bird was unable to furnish the Supreme Court with a complete record of his trial in the lower court. He could not pay the cost and the lower court refused to furnish the record at county expense on the ground Bird had had a fair trial.

The two dissenting justices, John S. Robinson and George B. Simpson, said they felt the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction in the case since it did not have the complete record.

Bird had contended that his confession to the slaying had been obtained under duress. The high court majority said the testimony of four witnesses "who heard the confession supports the position of the state that the confession was voluntary." Bird knew what he was doing when he signed the confession, the majority said.

The court denied Bird's contention that a juror was prejudiced against him. It also said the trial court had not acted improperly in his plea for a change of venue.

"We are convinced by a careful consideration of the record before us that the contentions of Bird are without substantial merit," the majority opinion written by Justice William J. Millard said.

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ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 5.—(P)—Overconfidence—that more than anything else is what the people around Gov. Thomas E. Dewey are blaming for his defeat in the presidential election.

It was not so much a case of the Republican nominee, himself, being sure he had the prize in the bag.

Dewey was confident, but he sensed weeks ago that it was an unhealthy thing for the GOP party workers to take it for granted.

The New York governor was pleased but disturbed by the polls which said the White House was his in a walk.

For a while he cautioned that it would be dangerous to let down. Then that seemed to be forgotten. Dewey took the outcome for granted like millions of others.

That was why he stuck to his "high level" campaign and his "United America" theme. He thought, and the majority of his top aides believed, he did not have to slug it out with President Truman.

Although Dewey said at a news conference after he conceded to Mr. Truman that he did not believe failure of the vote to reach the 50,000,000 mark was a big factor in the outcome, he is known to be thinking differently about that now.

The governor is wondering whether many Republican voters decided the election was no contest and on that ground neglected to cast ballots, aides said.

The thing that puzzles him most—as it does nearly everyone else—is how the polls could have been so wrong. Dewey aides blame those predictions of easy victory for him for the overconfidence they believe resulted.

LOCAL NEWS

Lilacs in Bloom—A. E. Davison of Roseburg has purple lilacs in bloom in his garden. Lilacs are supposed to bloom in May.

Attend to Business—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davison of Oakland spent yesterday in Roseburg visiting relatives and attending to business.

Trophy Dinner—The annual trophy potluck dinner of the Roseburg Country Club will be held Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at the clubhouse.

Meeting Postponed—The Hayhurst Extension Unit on "Garmen Finishing," which was to have been held November 11, has been postponed to a later date, which will be announced later.

Meeting Announced—Ladies of the Red Cross Production and Supply Service will meet Monday, Nov. 8, at 1 p. m. in the production room, second floor of the Armory.

To Hold Ceremony—Alpha Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will hold a formal pledging ceremony Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. H. C. Chubb. All members are urged to be present.

Convalescing—Abe Bean of the Olympia Supply Co. is convalescing at Mercy Hospital from a recent motor operation. He has recovered sufficiently to receive visitors.

Meeting Announced—District No. 11, Oregon State Nurses Association, will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Nurses Home at the Veterans Hospital post. All graduate nurses are invited.

Mrs. Kidder Home—Mrs. S. L. Kidder has returned to her home on North Stephens Street, following three months in Santa Barbara, Calif., visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Captain and Mrs. James (Jack) Kidder, and family.

Attend Game—Among Roseburg football fans attending the Roseburg-Grants Pass game at the latter city last night were Mr. and Mrs. Al Parr, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, Mayor and Mrs. Al Fiegel, Bill Chalmers and Bob Bashford.

Mrs. Morris Home—Mrs. Sherman Morris and baby son, Philip, have returned to their home on South Street, Roseburg, following two weeks in Bremerton, Wash., visiting Mrs. Morris' sister, Mrs. Earl Martin, and family. She was accompanied home by her niece, Miss Jeanne Martin, who is remaining at the Morris home for a visit.

Will Talk on Trip—Miss Good, Senior High School Spanish teacher, will be guest speaker at the Lady Lions' 7 o'clock dinner meeting at Carl's Haven Monday night. She will talk on her recent trip to Cuba. Mrs. Earl Henry and Mrs. Ralph Turner are co-

ponsors.

Divorce Suit Filed—Gray—George S. vs. Elizabeth Gray, married in Roseburg Aug. 27, 1948. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged.

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FROM NINE TO FIVE



I've typed this same letter ten times already . . . I don't know how to stop the machine.

Did Joe Read From Wrong Script?

By JAMES THRASHER

A first glance at Premier Stalin's Pravda "Interview" might have suggested that Mr. Stalin was reading from the wrong script. Phrases like "policy of aggression" and "policy of unleashing a new war" are usually flung at his government, and with apparent good reason. Now he was flinging them back at the west, and a lot of people got excited about it.

But he did more than toss phrases. He also charged the American and British governments with breaking agreements. One charge referred to the arrangements made in Moscow on Aug. 30 for lifting the Berlin blockade and at the same time introducing the Soviet-zone mark as Berlin's on legal currency. The other referred to, or rather hinted at, a preliminary agreement on Berlin by the UN Security Council members in Paris.

Both these agreements, Mr. Stalin said, were declared "null and void" by the U. S. and Britain. He said that the two governments repudiated their representatives at the Moscow meetings in August and violated the agreement because they had decided to refer the question to the Security Council. He also implied that they wished on the solution reached in Paris.

Those charges do not conform to the facts. The Moscow arrangement was subject to agreement by the military governors in Berlin. Marshal Sokolovsky, the Soviet commander, refused to live up to Moscow's end of the bargain outlined in the August meetings. It was only after that that the western governments announced their intention of turning the Berlin problem over to the UN.

Dr. Juan Bramuglia of Argentina, acting president of the Security Council, said that there was never any draft decision which was agreed to by the major powers and the six "neutral" governments which were trying to write a compromise resolution.

Mr. Stalin probably knew, when he made those charges, that they could and would be refuted. But the refutations would never be published in Russia, of course. So it is reasonable to assume that the whole thing was whipped up for home consumption.

The reason why the usually aloof premier let go with this blast may have been Mr. Vishinsky's rather sorry showing at the veto session of the Council. His excuses were lame and hinged on the technicalities of precisely when the blockade should be lifted. He gave no indication

that his government really wanted an agreement or that it intended to pursue the matter further. It wasn't a performance likely to impress anybody—even the Russian people.

That may be why the Soviet dictator cast aside his role of "good old Joe" and spoke of the west as he usually does for domestic audiences. About the only difference this time was that handouts of his question-and-answer session were given to representatives of the world's press assembled in Paris.

We doubt that the temperature of the cold war is really much different as a result of his charges. The hope of a German settlement is remote, just as it was before. But unless the Kremlin's strategy has been revised, any change in Russian policy will probably manifest itself in actions, not in speeches.

Baby Born to American Couple in Japan

Word has been received from Sendai, Japan, of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Drica, Sept. 26. The baby was born in the 172nd Hospital, Mrs. Drica, the former Gail Hufford, taught home economics in Yoncalla High School in 1939-40. Mr. Drica is a civilian employed by the Army, as chief of education section, with the Miyagi military government in Sendai. He previously was an instructor in the Portland schools.

SUIT DISMISSED

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly, upon motion of the attorney for the plaintiff, has ordered dismissed the suit of Harold D. Toy vs. Norman Williams.

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FOOTBALL VICTIM—Harry Bitman, Denver, Colo., tailor, offered a free suit to any Denver fan who could pick 10 football winners in a weekly contest. Last week he had a fantastic 412 winners. He figures it will cost him \$22,000 and tie up his small factory for weeks to make the suits. Bitman, who usually acts like an executive, is shown above as he helps turn out the free garments. (AP Wirephoto)

hostesses. Members are asked to get their dinner tickets at Harth's store by this evening.

Attend Celebration—Mr. and Mrs. William Castor, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schosso, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Churchill and Ervin Rice, of Rice Valley, motored to Portland Sunday to attend the golden wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Castor. A. B. and William Castor are brothers. Mrs. A. B. Castor is a sister of Ervin Rice.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses—McLEAN-MUSTARD—Horace Daniel McLean and Eileen Jane Mustard, both of Roseburg.

PAGE-POWELL—Harmon Le-on Page and Patricia Lee Powell, both of Oakland.

LARSON - RAINWATER—Wayne Henry Larson and Marjorie Ruth Rainwater, both of Roseburg.

PERRY-JOHNSON—Jesse L. Perry, Roseburg, and Lois Elsie Johnson, Riddle.

MEYERS-WILLIS—Paul William Meyers and Marion Louise Willis, both of Vallejo, Calif.

SWAYZECADLE—Ralph E. Swayze, Reedsport, and Virginia Swayze Cadle, North Bend.

Divorce Decrees—LANE—Alice Gertrude Lane from John Overton Lane. Plaintiff granted custody of two children and \$60 a month support. Property agreement ratified.

McDONALD—Arthur Ross McDonald from Anna Marie Hulda McDonald. Defendant granted custody of two children and \$25 a month support from plaintiff. Property agreement ratified.

SHOBERT—Jean from Hubert J. Shobert. Custody of one child and \$35 a month support granted plaintiff.

HAHN—Della H., from Charles L. Hahn.

PACKARD—Unita K., from Philip B. Packard. Plaintiff granted custody of children and \$100 a month support.

COUEY—Viola M., from William J. Couey. Custody of one child granted defendant. Property agreement ratified.

BUCKNER—Gladys M., from Harold M. Buckner. Plaintiff granted \$50 a month alimony and restoration of her former name of Gladys Patterson.

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sea swell made it impossible to get the bathyscaphe on board the ship after an unmanned trial dive of 4,250 feet.

A few gallons of water penetrated the cabin of the cage. On seeing the extent of the damage, Prof. Piccard decided to call off the venture, the Belca reporter said.

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