

Confessed Slayer Given 15-Year Term in The Dalles Case

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Killer Gives Details to Salem Police at The Dalles



Karnes Assigned to State Prison; Trial For Murder Later

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT, JR. Staff Writer, The Statesman

Albert William Karnes, who has confessed to the axe slaying of Mrs. Susan Litchfield, Wednesday was sentenced to 15 years in the state penitentiary for burglary at The Dalles. But the 24-year-old ex-convict will stand trial here soon for first degree murder.

Karnes was sentenced by Circuit Judge Malcolm Wilkinson of Wasco County after county officials at The Dalles questioned who had the authority to release the slender farm laborer to Salem police. He will be brought to the prison here today or tomorrow to begin serving the burglary sentence, handed down after he pleaded guilty to breaking into the home of Ben Callaway in The Dalles last Wednesday.

To Be Kept at Pen
Police Chief Clyde A. Warren said Karnes would be kept at the penitentiary and Marion County will issue a court order to bring him to trial for the robbery-motivated slaying of the 81-year-old widow, Mrs. Litchfield's battered body was found June 8 in the woodshed of her home at 1333 Waller St.

Several clues played a prominent role in the trial which led to The Dalles where Karnes had been arrested, for the Callaway burglary in which he attacked Mrs. Ben Callaway with a hammer, Warren indicated. Prime factor was discovery that Karnes had been a roomer at the Litchfield home in 1950 and the fact that he could have been in Salem on the day of the slaying.

Left-Handed Axeman
Another clue, information of which was withheld until late Tuesday was the deduction by detectives that the elderly widow was hacked to death by a left-handed axeman. Location of the wounds, two of which penetrated the woman's skull, indicated that the assailant had been left handed. Karnes, too, was left handed.

Discovery of what he termed "important physical evidence" in Karnes' suitcase at The Dalles was another prime factor. The evidence was believed to be what apparently was bloodstains on Karnes' suits and socks and the presence of wood splinters, presumably from the woodshed where Mrs. Litchfield was attacked and slain.

Other evidence indicated that the woman was first struck either with a person's fist or a stick of stove wood picked up in the woodshed. The axe was probably used on the victim after she had been knocked to the floor in the corner of the shed where her body was found more than 12 hours after buy Cab Driver Harold Shell, a roomer at the house. (Additional details on page 2.)

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Vote of Confidence
The general told the group that he was "heartily impressed with the tremendous vote of confidence received from the 18 Oregon delegates to the national convention."

In answer to a question from the Oregon delegation, Gen. Eisenhower said that "the office of vice president should be given more administrative power," Hatfield explained, "so that the vice president could be of more immediate assistance rather than just a title."

Texas Dispute
An Associated Press dispatch stated that the general discussed the problem of the GOP national convention delegates from Texas and said that "anytime the will of the people is thwarted I am against it and will fight the issue."

He said he intends to go to Texas Saturday and raise his voice against what has happened. With this statement, Eisenhower for the first time spoke out publicly against the tactics of those who have been accused by the Eisenhower camp of illegally grabbing off Texas convention delegates.

In a rapid-fire series of questions and answers, the general said:

1. He does not have any easy, simple solution to the Korean war.
2. He believes if the United States should quit Korea it would be a "monumental surrender of our position in the world."
3. He would like to see the South Korean Army built up to the point where United Nations troops could be pulled from lines into a mobile reserve.

Stay on Formosa
4. He thinks the Chinese Nationalists troops should remain on Formosa to protect that island rather than be used in Korea as Gen. Douglas MacArthur has suggested.

5. The Germans should be brought into the defenses of Western Europe and when they are, then the threat of Communist domination of Europe will diminish.

Delegates and alternates traveling to Denver from Salem included Gov. McKay, Hatfield, William L. Phillips, Carl Hogg, Mrs. James Mott, Mrs. Marian L. Fischer and Robert L. Jones.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Soroque

After pulling out the provision which the American Medical Association objected to the House on Tuesday passed with a whoop and a holler the bill to raise the benefits under social security. No Congressman wanted to face the old folk with a negative vote on this measure.

It needs to be understood, however, that this bill has no relation to old age assistance grants which are administered by state and county welfare commissions. It deals with annuities to retired persons who are under the government's old age and survivors retirement plan. The way it has been most of the time those under old age assistance were getting bigger grants than those under social security. Recently and now with this new bill if it finally becomes law the latter will fare better.

Provisions of the house bill authorize an increase of \$5 per month in annuities, or 12 1/2 per cent of the present amount, whichever is higher. This goes to those now on retirement. For those who retire in the future the monthly annuity is raised \$15 a month. There are proportionate increases for survivors: widows, children. Also retired persons are permitted to earn up to \$70 a month, instead of just \$50, without having their monthly check from the government cut off.

This paper had questioned the wisdom of rushing through this legislation—it looked too much like an appeal for votes. However, the Washington report says that the cost—some \$300,000,000 annually—can be borne by the fund without the necessity of increasing rates. So the objection may be withdrawn. It is desirable to have this system of earned annuities on a sound fiscal basis, and at the same time its beneficiaries ought to have larger checks to combat the price inflation which has occurred since the system was instituted.

Tractor Kills Willamina Man On Woods Job

Statesman News Service

DALLAS—Clarence Kihlstedius, about 25, Willamina, was killed three miles from nearby Pedee on Wednesday when a tractor overturned on him. He was logging on the Ralph Tharp place.

Kihlstedius, who operated a portable mill with four partners, was working with Fred Wood, Pedee, and had just hooked a log when the tractor started over. He jumped but was caught underneath.

Kihlstedius, a native of Roseau County, Minn., was a veteran of World War II and had lived in Willamina a year. Survivors include his widow, two children and his parents, all of Willamina.

Funeral services will be in charge of the Sheridan Funeral Home.



THE DALLES—Calm after confessing the slaying of Mrs. Susan Litchfield last June 7, Albert William Karnes sits amidst police officers in the interrogation room of the Wasco County Courthouse here (above). From left to right are Salem Detective David M. (Mac) Houser, Karnes, The Dalles Police Chief Jack Lyons, Salem Detective Wayne Parker and Salem Police Chief Clyde A. Warren. Karnes broke down a few minutes after Warren began questioning. Officers (bottom) investigate stained clothing taken from Karnes suitcase found in a hotel at The Dalles. Left to right are Chief Lyons, Deputy Sheriff Henry Re of Wasco County, Detective Houser, Chief Warren and Detective Parker. (Statesman Photos.)

Heavy Cherry Crop With Moderate Profits in View

By LILLIE L. MADSEN Farm Editor, The Statesman

Cherry growers won't be buying Cadillacs with their profits this year. Beyond that statement, processors refused to make predictions Wednesday.

The independent buyers agreed that with the prices being offered, growers would not have "too big a profit," but would likely "come out" on their crop this year. The quality is reported "excellent." In a few areas there has been some suffering from recent rains. In the valley floor some growers are reporting cracked fruit. Hillside growers, however, report no difficulty yet.

When queried as to the outlook on the cherry market, Robert Shinn, manager of the Willamette Cherry Growers, a cooperative, said that in as much as this was a cooperative, one could not predict the outcome. Any upswing in the market will be shared by the growers, he pointed out, as he, too, remarked at the fine crop in the valley.

Market "Unsteady"
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Kelly Farquar is starting at 6 1/2 cents for Royal Annes and 5 1/2 for the top quality blacks. These prices compare to last year's start at 12 cents, with its later drop to 10 cents.

Briners report there is some carry-over in their product. Halverson, like Shinn, believed that California's bumper cherry crop is a major factor in the price drop this year. There is some competition, too, from France and Italy, Halverson said, as he told that the briners had been working toward a duty on cherries from foreign lands.

"We'll have to do something to save our fine Northwest cherry crops," he said.

10,000 Bonus Checks Mailed On First Day

By LILLIE L. MADSEN Farm Editor, The Statesman

The initial mailing of Oregon veterans bonus checks got off to a slow start Wednesday but bonus officials said the process would speed into high gear today.

About 10,000 checks were mailed out Wednesday—about half of the anticipated output for the first day's mailing. But mailing is expected to speed up today to bear out a previous prediction that 40,000 checks would be mailed out by Friday night.

Stubborn envelopes with stuck-together flaps slowed up the high-speed sealing, inserting and stamping machine in the State Tax Division Office. From the commission developed checks were taken to Salem post office and mailed.

Director W. F. Gaarenstroom of the State Veterans Affairs Department said the work of processing bonus applications was being expedited as rapidly as possible. As fast as applications are approved the checks will be issued and mailed. Checks totaling \$31,500,000 in payments are expected to be in the mails by late July.

R. F. Lockard, state income tax division supervisor, is in charge of the mailing operation. (Story and picture also on page 2.)

Pigeon-Hole Parking Said 'Blighting'

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon architects criticized pigeon-hole parking Wednesday as "blighting . . . ugly and ill-conceived."

Quads Born in Massachusetts

WEYMOUTH, Mass. (AP)—Quadruplets—three boys and a girl—were born at South Shore Hospital Wednesday night to Mrs. Marion L. Manning, 27-year-old auburn-haired wife, already the mother of three other youngsters.

Speculation that Mrs. Manning might bear quintuplets was ended a half hour after the fourth birth when hospital authorities told waiting newsmen that no more were expected.

All were described as healthy.

Hells Canyon Dam Bill Killed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress put the freeze Wednesday on a bill to authorize the 357-million-dollar Hells Canyon dam and power plant on the Snake River.

A House interior subcommittee voted to indefinitely postpone consideration of a bill which would enable the Reclamation Bureau to build the project in a remote spot where the Snake forms the Idaho-Oregon border.

This in effect kills the bill so far as this session of Congress is concerned.

Silverton Pool Schedule Cut To Help Berry Picker Drive

The growing campaign in the valley to recruit young people as berry pickers was reflected on Wednesday in Silverton by a decision to close the swimming pool during the afternoons for the remainder of the berry season.

"Closing of the pool in the afternoon is meant to encourage the children to help out in this strawberry crisis," City Manager Robert Borland stated. The pool will now be open from six in the evening until 9 p.m. Normally the pool was open from 7 to 9 in the evening.

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Taft Promises 15 Per Cent Tax Decrease

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Taft of Ohio promised Wednesday that if he is the next president he will cut taxes 15 per cent and ask Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's advice on military problems.

But for the most part Taft banged away hard at Eisenhower. The Senator and the General are the top rivals for the Republican presidential nomination.

About the nicest thing the senator could find to say of Eisenhower was that he "would be most anxious to secure his advice on the matters on which I'd have to deal in the military field."

Whereas President Truman's budget proposed the spending of \$5 billion dollars in the year beginning July 1, Taft said he thought spending could be whittled down to 70 billions in his first year as president, and to 60 billions in the second year.

"I think that can be done," he said, "if so, we can have a 15 per cent cut in taxes."

Ingrid Gives Birth to Twins

ROME (AP)—Ingrid Bergman gave birth Wednesday night to husky twin girls. The babies named Isabel and Ingrid, were about two weeks overdue but both they and Miss Bergman were described by their physician as doing well.

Roberto Rossellini was with his wife and the new arrivals at fashionable Salvatore Mundi Hospital.

The babies weighed seven pounds three ounces and eight pounds five ounces.

The twins are the third and fourth children for the Swedish-born film star. She has a son, Robertino, born two and a half years ago, and a daughter, Jenny Ann Pia, born of Ingrid's previous marriage to Dr. Peter Lindstrom.

100 Fighters Guard Alaska

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP)—An Air Force commander said Wednesday only 100 U.S. fighter planes are based in Alaska and 50 per cent would probably be effective in case of a sudden Russian attack.

Col. Thomas H. Beson, commanding officer of the 57th Fighter Interceptor Group, told the American Legion's 33rd annual Alaska convention that Russia could seize all but the major air fields in Alaska any time.

The colonel added, however, that reinforcements could arrive from the United States within 48 hours, and the four fighter squadrons in Alaska are on a 24-hour alert with planes ready to be airborne within three minutes.

Falling Bark Injures Logger

MEHAMA — Falling tree bark dealt a severe back injury on Wednesday to Frank James, Mill City logger, while he worked in the woods near Marion Forks.

James was working at falling trees when the bark crashed on him from a tree overhead. The accident occurred at about 4 p.m. He was taken out of the woods on a stretcher by fellow workers and carried to Salem Memorial Hospital by the Mill City Ambulance Service.

He was reported by the hospital Wednesday night to be in a "good" condition.

TO COMPLETE MOVE KOJE ISLAND, Korea

Another compound move on Kojé Island Thursday will complete the transfer of more than 70,000 of the 80,000 Communists held on this prisoner of war island.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	83	48	.00
Portland	83	54	.00
San Francisco	84	44	trace
Chicago	90	68	.00
New York	88	73	.00
Willamette Valley	88	1 foot	

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Cloudy today and tonight except partly sunny this afternoon. Not quite so warm today with the highest temperature near 73 and the lowest tonight near 53. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. was 52 degrees.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year	Last Year	Normal
41.28	49.77	36.33



Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH

"Hang on kids! Tomato soup for supper!"