

## State Urges Death Penalty as Trial of Mrs. Smith Begins

### 12 Jurors Seated Tentatively in Murder Trial of Portland Widow

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McMINNVILLE, Ore. (AP)—A nervous Mrs. Marjorie Smith, 34, heard a state prosecutor demand her life Thursday for the dynamite slaying of her attorney husband in Portland last April.

Mrs. Smith, who repeatedly has insisted she is behind bars only because of the "terrible lies" of a handyman, picked fretfully at her white gloves as jury selection began for her first-degree murder trial.

By night fall 12 jurors had been seated tentatively. Still to go are two alternates. Any of them may yet be dismissed, for the state and the defense have not used up all challenges, although they ran through 39 names Thursday before the 12 were seated.

Six women were selected, five housewives and a widow. There also were a farmer, a barber, two insurance salesmen, and two retired farmers.

The trial was shifted to this farming area, 40 miles from Portland, after the defense charged a fair trial was impossible in Portland because of publicity given the case there. Smith was slain by a bomb blast when he opened his car door at a Portland country club.

Defense Atty. Bruce Spaulding did not drop this matter of publicity. He asked each prospective juror about his feeling toward the Portland newspapers, which circulate in this area. When one woman said she had no particular feeling, Spaulding snapped, "I do."

Willis West, chief prosecutor, told the first prospective juror that the state intended to seek the death penalty.

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## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The city commission of Portland voted unanimously to refuse a renewal of the franchise of the Portland Traction company which is due to expire on January 31st next; I wonder if the commission has thought this matter through soberly. Suppose the company lays up its buses on Feb. 1st and Portland is left without city transit service and the company's 800 employees are left without jobs—isn't this a logical expectation from the course the commission has pursued?

Commissioner Body admits concern over the welfare of employees but thinks a new franchise is needed and says it is paramount that it be granted to local interests. Very well, where are the local interests which will come forward and take on the franchise? When the street car system was a subsidiary of the old Portland Electric Power Company the trustees of the latter were eager to dispose of the system. Did any Portland capitalist come forward to buy it though the street car system had been quite profitable through the war years? They didn't, but a group in San Francisco did, and paid a good price for the property. In view of the well publicized difficulties of street transit operations in Portland and everywhere else what hope is there that local capital now will make the investment required and take on the headaches?

There is another angle which doesn't look good, and that is the (continued on editorial page, 4.)

### Study Class Popular

CORVALLIS (AP)—A spare time class at Oregon State College, just for the fun of it, drew nearly 300 students—standing room only.

The subject: Hints on how to study.

## Parents 'Trade Places' With 7th Grade Youngsters



A new idea in public school open houses was tried Thursday night at Leslie Junior High School. Parents attending—over 250 of them—spent 10 minutes in each of their children's seven classrooms, while faculty outlined an average day in that particular class. Only parents of seventh grade students attended last night. Next Thursday night will be for eighth grade parents, and the next Thursday for ninth graders. Parents of "A" band members are shown above listening to instructor Glen Williams (left) in the band room. (Statesman Photo.)

## Woman, 82, Struck by Car, Critically Hurt

An 82-year-old Salem woman suffered critical injuries Thursday morning when she was struck by a car at Chemeketa and N. Liberty Streets, city police reported.

Injured was Olive Inez Stevens, a resident of the Argo Hotel and minister of the Salem Truth Center, 341 Chemeketa St., a religious organization. After treatment by first aidmen, she was taken by Willamette ambulance to Salem General Hospital where attendants listed her injuries as skull fracture, concussion and fractures of the pelvis and left leg.

Police said they cited Donald Frank Moreland, 31, of 245 Boone Rd., on a charge of failure to yield right of way to a pedestrian after his 1950 Nash sedan struck the woman about 8:20 a.m. The vehicle reportedly was starting a left turn onto Chemeketa Street.

Miss Stevens is a sister of Mrs. Helen Anderson, Dallas.

## Man Held as Witness in Killing of Chicago Boys

CHICAGO (AP)—Police Thursday night seized a man who said he slept in the forest preserve area where the bodies of three boys were found Tuesday afternoon and that "the bodies weren't in the ditch that morning."

Sheriff Joseph Lohman said the man is Edward Rohlfes, 47, of suburban Glen Ellyn. Lohman said Rohlfes is held without charge as a witness and will be given a lie detector test Friday morning.

The sheriff said Rohlfes was picked up after a forest ranger saw his car and traced his license number.

Rohlfes told police he drove to the area about 8 p. m. Monday, parked near the ditch, entered the woods and went to sleep. He said he had slept there many times in the past.

When he got up at 6:45 Tuesday morning and walked back to the truck, Rohlfes said he went right past the ditch and he is positive there were no bodies there then.

Rohlfes said he returned to the area in his truck with his daughter at 10 a. m. and, although they did not walk to the edge of the ditch, he is sure that they would have seen the bodies if they had been there.

Old Model Ford  
Driving out of the parking lot, Rohlfes said, he noticed three youths drive up in a "faded blue Ford, old model". They were between 17 and 20 years old, he said.

Lohman said he had a pickup order on the car Rohlfes said he saw. The sheriff said the license number was not known.

Meanwhile, handpicked detectives made a door-to-door search for clues in the brutal slaying, while a scientist deduced the youths had been given savage beatings by two or more grown men.

Went to Priest  
Meanwhile, in Brookville, Ind., a 19-year-old girl who went to a priest to confess an automobile theft told authorities there she knew "who the fellows was" in the Chicago triple slaying.

Sheriff Lohman in Chicago reserved judgment on the possible lead. He said he had conferred by telephone with Sheriff James Hixon of Brookville and had asked Hixon to question the girl on specific points.

The girl, held without charge in Brookville, said she was in Chicago over the weekend.

## Weathermen Say Some Clouds Due

Partial cloudiness preceded by early morning fog patches is the weather prospect for the Salem area today, according to McNary Field forecasters. No rain is expected.

Thursday's high reading was 67 and today's maximum will be about the same. A minimum of around 40 is expected tonight.

DIVIDEND DECLARED  
PORTLAND (AP)—Portland Gas & Coke Co. directors declared Thursday a dividend of 22½ cents a share on common stock.

## The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	67	41	.00
Portland	64	51	.00
Baker	66	28	.00
Medford	70	43	.00
North Bend	53	46	.00
Roseburg	54	42	.00
San Francisco	72	57	.00
Los Angeles	64	53	.00
Chicago	74	44	.00
New York	62	51	.00

Willamette River—4 feet.  
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Patches of early morning fog, otherwise partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Saturday; high today 64-66, low tonight 40-42.

SALEM PRECIPITATION  
Since Start of Weather Year, Sept. 1  
This Year Last Year Normal  
6.52 2.31 3.47

## Leslie Junior High Parents 'Go to School'

Parents—some 253 of them—went to school Thursday evening at Leslie Junior High to see classroom procedure as their children see it.

It was all part of a novel idea hatched by school faculty in cooperation with the Leslie PTA. The affair was designed, said Principal Earl Hampton, to acquaint parents with the inside of operations and to familiarize them with the daily experiences of their children.

Turned students for a night Tuesday evening were parents of seventh graders. Next Thursday parents of eighth graders are scheduled and the following Thursday the Leslie faculty will play host to fathers and mothers of ninth graders. The school has an enrollment of more than 1,300.

Seventh grade parents had a chance Thursday evening to see the new educational environment into which their sons and daughters jumped after making the transition from elementary schools. They spent 10 minutes in each of seven classrooms—ranging from physical education to physical science. Members of the faculty explained an average day in class, told of subject matter, manner of grading and home work requirements.

Principal Hampton conducted an orientation session and introduced the faculty prior to the trek to the classrooms.

## State Parking Lots Readied

Some relief of the parking problem around state buildings in Salem was promised Thursday by a report from state officials that three long-planned parking lots will be ready soon. They will handle 100 cars.

These will be on property owned by the state within three blocks of the Capitol—at the southeast corner of Marion and Summer Streets, on the west side of Summer between Marion and Union, and at the rear of Glendora Apartments on North Winter Street.

The lots will be used by state employees. The city of Salem will grade and gravel two of them. The other will be handled by private contract for the state.

## Defense Department Sending 2 Planes to Europe to Pick Up 3 Senators, Wives; Solons Deny Requests

By GARDNER L. BRIDGE  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department said Thursday it is sending two big four-engine transport planes on special trips to Europe to provide transportation home for three U.S. Senators and their wives.

But two of the Senators said they had not asked for government planes to fly them back. One of them said he is coming home on "a scheduled aircraft."

The estimated cost of the two special roundtrip flights outlined by the defense department is \$20,000.

## Statement by Adlai Shows Intent to Run

### Stevenson 'Not Counting at All' on Backing of New York Delegation

NEW YORK (AP)—Adlai Stevenson made it virtually clear Thursday he will be a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"I'm not counting on the New York delegation at all," he told newsmen. They took this as a plain indication he would be in the race.

While this implied he expected Gov. Averell Harriman to be a rival candidate, at least in a favorite son capacity, Sen Herbert H. Lehman (D-NY) came out a few hours later with a pledge of support to Stevenson.

This presaged a split in the New York delegation.

Carmine G. DeSapio, Democratic national committeeman, had been working for a delegation 100 per cent for Harriman.

Lehman was the first major Democrat in New York to pledge support to Stevenson since Harriman's name has been mentioned prominently as a possible candidate at the Chicago convention next year.

Stevenson made his comment at Idlewild Airport before boarding a plane for Chicago.

Asked About Report

Newsmen had asked him about a New York Herald Tribune story that his supporters had started a move to keep the New York state delegation from giving solid backing to Harriman.

Stevenson, the Democratic candidate in 1952 and former governor of Illinois, replied:

"I neither know of nor have heard of such a thing. I'd be interested but I don't think I'd approve. I'm not counting on the New York delegation at all."

The New York delegation will have 90 votes at the convention, more than any other state.

Later Stevenson remarked: "I haven't even said I'd seek the nomination. However, as I said last July, I expect to have something to say about that in November."

## Martial Law Ends at Piston Ring Plants

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Martial law ended in the Perfect Circle Corp. strike areas Thursday. George N. Craig said he was assured a reduced force of National Guard troops, operating under civil control, could maintain order.

The troops on duty in the Eastern Indiana area were cut from 330 to 150 by Craig's order.

The governor called out the guard the night of Oct. 5 after eight persons suffered gunshot wounds in a riot outside the piston ring firm's foundry in New Castle.

More than 1,200 members and sympathizers of the striking CIO United Auto Workers Union marched on the plant. Shots were fired from the plant and returned from the crowd.

Craig imposed full martial law Oct. 10.

## Atheist Asks Chaplain Ban

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Frank C. Hughes, 73, who identifies himself as an atheist, said Thursday he has started legal steps to force an end to employment of chaplains in the United States armed forces.

Hughes, a retired mechanical engineer who is acting as his own attorney, said he filed a law suit with this objective in Washington, D. C., for filing in U. S. District Court there.

Named as chief defendant in the suit, he said, was Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, treasurer of the United States.

Hughes contends the chaplain system denies the freedom of religion guaranteed in the First Amendment of the federal Constitution.

In paying income taxes, he said, he is "forced to pay a part of the cost of promulgating religious doctrines which he abhors, and is obliged to support, financially, religion entirely alien" to his own.

## UF Leaders See \$175,000 Figure Today

Salem United Fund directors expect to count upwards of \$175,000 today in their campaign for \$205,000 for the coming year's support of 27 youth and welfare agencies.

Chairmen of each campaign division continued their close-check Thursday of coverage in their solicitation.

Volunteer auditors at the UF campaign headquarters counted \$167,000 in pledges by late Thursday, with more coming in and with much new money predicted for the regular report session of division leaders today noon at the Marion Hotel.

Campaign Chairman Kenneth M. Potts has urged all UF officials to complete their soliciting work in time for a victory report next Wednesday.

## Salem Chosen For Telephone Warehouse

Salem is chosen for a new warehouse and distribution center for North Electric Co., an Ohio manufacturer of telephone equipment, it was announced Thursday by D. C. Dye, manager of the new operation.

A half million dollar annual business is expected to be done out of Salem by the firm, selling equipment to some 350 independent telephone companies of the nine Western states and Alaska.

No manufacturing or assembly will be done here, and new employment will be limited to a clerical office to serve Dye, a salesman in California and one in Washington.

Storage will be handled by Capital City Transfer personnel in a part of its warehouse at 1325 Johnson St. in North Salem. Dye will have his office there. Opening date is set for Dec. 1.

The Salem installation is the first in the West for the electric concern. Four other warehouses are located at Atlanta, Ga., Dallas, Tex., Minneapolis, Minn., and at Galion, Ohio, where the north factory employs about 1,800.

Dye said Salem was selected for the distribution center after a study of many Western cities. "From here we can serve better the telephone industry," he said.

Salem Chamber of Commerce helped the company get established here.

GUARD DRAFT URGED  
NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The National Guard Assn. Thursday urged Congress to pass laws drafting men into the national guard.

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## First Marion County Tax Statements Mailed



First of more than 50,000 Marion County tax statements were mailed Thursday night as preliminary work in the county tax collectors office at the courthouse neared completion. Shown checking several hundred of the completed statements are (from left to right) Mrs. Patricia Savage, Mrs. Ruth Wood, Howard Evans, chief deputy county tax collector, and Mrs. Sydney Nelson. Bulk of the statements will be mailed today, according to Evans. (Statesman Photo.)