

Accused Girl Killer's Trial Gets Underway

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The issue over whether Burton W. Abbott could be sent to the San Quentin gas chamber, if proved guilty by circumstantial evidence of the kidnap-murder of Stephanie Bryan, sprang to the forefront in the first hours of his trial Monday.

Rotund, soft-voiced Judge Charles Wade Snook injected it soon after the blue-suited 27-year-old University of California accounting student sat down in the crowded court for the start of a

legal battle which may likely last deep in December — or longer.

Death Penalty
"Both charges involve a possible death penalty," the court noted. The defense, as expected, hammered home to all prospective jurors that the prosecution must prove "Beyond a reasonable doubt."

1. Abbott kidnaped 14-year-old Stephanie on April 23 when she was on her way from classes at Berkeley's Willard Junior High School and was within five minutes' walking time of the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bryan Jr.

Blows on Head
2. Abbott killed Stephanie with blows on the head several weeks before her decomposed body was found July 20 in a shallow hillside grave 270 miles northwest of Berkeley in the Trinity Alps—within 335 feet of a cabin where Abbott stayed the weekend she disappeared.

So far, no witness has said publicly he ever saw Abbott and Stephanie together or that the two ever had met. No actual witness of the kidnaping, the murder or the burial has ever been disclosed.

Eisenhower Called 'Best Guy in World'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Field Marshal Montgomery Monday called President Eisenhower "the best guy in the world."

The British soldier, who served under Eisenhower in World War II and in the North Atlantic Treaty forces, said the President has "made himself the most useful human in the world today."

This, Montgomery said, is because the nations of the world "want someone who can be trusted completely and that they know is completely sincere and will not let them down."

Two Injured In Car Crash

Two vehicles were damaged extensively when one of them swerved into a parked truck about 9:30 p.m. Monday in the 1500 block of Fairgrounds Road, police said.

First aidmen treated Jerry Padon, 1069 N. 15th St., for a scalp laceration, and a passenger, June Wiggins, 390 Biller, for a chin cut.

The truck was owned by the Nico Sales Co., 1550 Fairgrounds Rd., police said. A parked car registered to Eugene Derfler of the Nico Sales Co. was reported also slightly damaged.

Cause of the sudden swerve was not determined, police said.

Michigan Man Sent To County Grand Jury

William Martin Fleming, 31, Grosse Pointe, Mich., charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, was bound over to the Marion County Grand Jury Monday in circuit court. He waived preliminary hearing.

The case reportedly involved a bad \$25 check passed recently at a Salem hotel. Bail was set at \$500.

'Sunny' Might Have Buried Worden Alive

(Picture on wirephoto page)
CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (AP) — Officers rechecking Mrs. Sunny Canales Worden's story of killing her husband agreed Monday that Don Worden may have been placed in his shallow Padre Island grave while still alive.

Attention of officers here and in nearby Kingsville also has been turned to a "reliable" report two women in a blue Cadillac were near the death scene "about the time Worden was killed."

"We're never satisfied with any story," Kleberg County Sheriff Jim Scarborough said Monday about Mrs. Worden's account that she shot the 43-year-old San Antonio real estate man and buried his body. "We'll just keep digging until the grand jury comes around."

Free Under Bond
Mrs. Worden, 42, is freed under \$5,000 bond on a charge of murder. She told officers her 5-year-old daughter, Maria Teresa, was the only witness when Worden made his wife dig a grave, then tried to get her to shoot the child. She said she grabbed the .22 caliber pistol and shot her husband.

"He might have been alive when he was rolled into that grave," Scarborough said. "There was that much blood. He was either covered up or sand caved in on him right after he was shot."

Nueces County Supt. of Identification E. W. Britt, who investigated agreed.

Scarborough said officers had determined Mrs. Worden owns a blue Cadillac sedan and a Pontiac station wagon. She said the Worden family drove to Padre Island in the station wagon.

The sheriff said Mrs. Worden had denied that she had ever been to Padre Island with another woman in a blue Cadillac.

Bloodhound Fails To Locate Hunter

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — A score of searchers led by two Clark County sheriff's deputies and a bloodhound, failed Monday to trace a missing hunter.

He is Ray E. Lemoine, 21, Vancouver, who failed to return Sunday from a deer hunting trip in the Yacolt region.

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At The Theaters Today

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James Dean in "REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE"
Edward G. Robinson in "ILLEGALLY"

ELGIN
Ralph Meeker, Maria English in "DESSERT SANDS"
Peter Graves, Joan Vohs in "FORT YUMA"

GRAND
Bob Hope in "SEVEN LITTLE FOYS"
Frankie Laine in "BRING YOUR SMILES ALONG"

HOLLYWOOD
Van Heflin, Ginger Rogers in "BLACK WIDOW"
Ann Blyth, Edmond Purdom in "THE KING'S THIEF"

Five Women Die as Auto Dives in River

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A car skidded across an icy highway into the Minnesota River Monday and five Minneapolis women en route home from a dancing party were killed.

The five, friends of long standing, drowned in the frigid waters after their car plunged down a 20-foot embankment.

A sixth occupant, Donna Mae Wills, 24, Minneapolis, fought free of the submerged car and was guided to safety by four St. Paul youths who were first to arrive at the scene.

3 Men Meted Pen Terms

Prison sentences were meted out to three persons Monday in Marion County circuit court.

Richard E. Seidel pleaded guilty to a charge of escaping from the State Penitentiary and was sentenced to 18 months, the sentence to run consecutively to a previous sentence.

Billy Joe Johnson, North Plains, was given a two-year sentence in the State Prison on a larceny charge and John DeWayne Manning was given one year also on a charge of larceny.

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Berle Story Brings Denial

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Did Milton Berle fire Gloria DeHaven or not? He says he did.

Her agent says he didn't. You can get two stories in TV's latest rhubarb, which erupted Monday.

Here's what Berle's office reported:

The blonde actress was signed to appear on his colorcast for Tuesday night. She was supposed to report for rehearsals a week ago Friday. She called from New York that she would be delayed.

She failed to appear at rehearsals on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday morning, Berle declared, "Can her. Get somebody else." Singer Kay Thompson was engaged.

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Newsman Hit 'Suppression' Of Information

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This was the unanimous verdict of a dozen editors, publishers, writers and others who gave informal testimony as a House government operations subcommittee opened an inquiry into freedom of information.

Columist Joseph Alsop Jr. declared Washington newsmen are subject to reprisals including federal investigation when they publish, against the wishes of some officials, news they consider of "life or death importance" to the American people.

More Difficult
Alsop said it has become "infinitely more difficult" in recent years to get information from critical agencies even when the information is well known to unfriendly foreign governments.

"If it goes much farther," Alsop said, "the facts won't be got at all."

Basically, all those who gave their views contended too many officials misuse various "security" classifications to prevent publication of news which actually would not endanger national security.

Going beyond that, Richard W. Slocum, president of the American Newspaper Publishers Assn. (ANPA), said the Justice Department showed at least a "possible hostile attitude" by filing an anti-trust action against ANPA.

Klamath Man Dies in Plane

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — C. A. (Colley) Reed, 41, Klamath Falls lumber buyer, was killed Monday when his borrowed private plane stuck a radio tower and crashed on a railroad right-of-way as he was taking off from a small airfield at Canby, Calif., 75 miles southeast of here.

Bill McKuen and Ivan Grove, who were loading lumber in a boxcar nearby, said the tower sheared off one of the plane's wings. The craft also struck a telegraph pole as it plummeted to the tracks.

McKuen and Grove pulled Reed from the wreckage. He was pronounced dead when medical aid arrived.

He is survived by his widow, Louise, Klamath Falls, and a son, Bradford, of Oakland, Calif.

Cars Crash at RR Crossing

Two persons received apparently minor injuries following a collision Monday evening involving two cars stopped at a railroad track and a pickup truck.

Jesse George Farley, 3745 Brooks Ave., was treated by first aidmen for a nose bleed and his wife for a cut on her knee. The pickup was damaged severely at the front end and had to be towed away from the crash about 9 p.m. on Pine Street at Hazel Avenue, police said.

Drivers of the other two cars were listed as George Andrew Zerr, 2525 Myrtle Ave., and Howard Edwin Ham, 398 Ferry St.

CRASH DAMAGES CARS

A collision about 7 p.m. Monday at Trade and 18th streets caused moderate damage to two cars, police reported. Drivers were listed as Claudia Mary Arnold, 1010 N. 13th St., and Frances Eugene Falk, 2020 Hazel Ave.

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