

DAs, Defense Compare Strategy

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Oregon district attorneys and defense lawyers compared trial strategy Thursday at the Capitol during the opening day of the fifth annual District Attorneys Conference.

and Leonard Lindas, members of a panel discussing criminal trial tactics, discussed on whether they'd rather have their client charged with first-degree murder or a lesser slaying charge.

Williams said he preferred defending a first-degree case, because under existing capital punishment it's difficult to get a conviction. "Jurors are against sending a man to his death," he said.

charge, because "With a first-degree charge, you're taking an awful chance with a man's life."

proof of carelessness is not enough for conviction. 2. End to the previous legal assumption that where a wife commits a crime with her husband she has been coerced. Now a wife can be considered just as guilty as her husband.

State's Only Woman DA Surrounded



Marion County District Attorney Hattie Bratzel, only woman DA in Oregon, and her male counterparts from over the state conferred Thursday at District Attorneys Conference opened at the State Capitol. She is pictured here with (left to right) Avery Thompson, Douglas County DA; Walter Foster of Polk and Winston Bradshaw of Clackamas. (Statesman Photo.)

Inside TV Van Johnson to Turn Out Series

By EVE STARR
HOLLYWOOD, June 20 — Van Johnson, who has managed to steer fairly clear of television up to now, is about to put his signature on an ambitious contract calling for him to form his own company and turn out a series of 30 half-hour films in Europe based on stories from Amazing magazine.

Theater on Vine Street, turning it into a virtual movie premiere. NBC has bought, but not yet scheduled, another western film series, "The Californian," starring Adam Kenney, Sean McGory and Nam Leslie. Nam was the lead in the Warner series of two years ago, "King's Row."

STARBUCK: There's a strong possibility that Frank Sinatra, who is nothing if not a showman, will do his first hour-long spectacular for ABC Oct. 18 from the stage of the plush Huntington Hartford

Meanwhile, Van is also about set to star in NBC's filmed spectacular, "Pied Piper of Hamelin," which will be shot here in August.

Treasury to Offer 264-Day Tax Anticipation Bills

WASHINGTON, June 20 — The Treasury said today it will go to the money market again next week to raise about three billion dollars in cash to meet its expected heavy July outlays.

The Treasury will offer 264-day tax anticipation bills, acceptable at face value in payment of income and profits taxes due next March 15.

Norwegian Army Minus Pin-Ups

OSLO, June 20 — Norway has an army without pinups, says Lt. Johan Hagen of the Norwegian Army Welfare Service.

Bear to Cycle at Circus



Zero, a motorcycle-riding polar bear, will appear at Waters Field, Salem, in Shrine Club-Polack Bros. Circus July 19-20.

Salem Shrine Club Circus July 19, 20

Salem Shrine Club will sponsor its annual circus July 19 and 20 at Waters Field, with two performances each day.

Soroptimist Spots Hattie Bratzel

Miss Hattie Bratzel, Marion County district attorney, was honored this month by the National Soroptimist Club as Soroptimist of the Month. She is a charter member of Salem Soroptimists.

Miss Bratzel is featured in a story and picture in the June edition of The American Soroptimist, national magazine of the organization.

Kishi Says Japan Tied to Free Nations

WASHINGTON, June 20 — Prime Minister Kishi of Japan told Congress today his country intends to stand with other free nations of the world in meeting the challenge of communism.

Japan, he said, has a "useful and constructive" role to play in the struggle, particularly in Asia.

He spoke in Japanese which an interpreter translated into English paragraph by paragraph.

The throat of the giant blue whale is only six to eight inches in diameter.

Farmer Kills Wife, In-Laws, Then Escapes

CANTON, N.Y., June 20 (AP)—A young farmer shot and killed his estranged wife and her parents today and fled in an automobile.

Police pressed a manhunt across northern New York for Richard Cota, 27, discharged only last month from a state mental hospital and believed armed with a 30-06 rifle.

CANTON, N.Y., June 20 (AP)—The body of a young farmer who killed his estranged wife and her parents was found early tonight in woods about a half mile from his abandoned automobile.

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Duval Sr.

The shooting in the Duvals' apartment over a garage, followed an argument between the Cotas.

The Cotas' two children, Martha 3 1/2 and Stephen, almost 2, and a doctor who had been summoned to treat Mrs. Cota were not harmed.

Schaefer said he heard a shot in the living room Mrs. Duval rushed from the bedroom and there was a second shot, the doctor said.

Then, Schaefer said, the killer fired twice through the bedroom doorway at his wife. "I don't think he saw me," the doctor added.

Denies Bribe Offer to Keep Pair in U.S.

CHICAGO, June 20 (AP)—A Chicago prosecutor today labeled as "ridiculous on the face of it" a statement attributed to George Kozmin in Moscow that he was offered five million dollars to remain in the United States.

Kozmin and his wife, Russian natives who were patients in a U.S. mental institution in 1953, returned to Moscow recently from Chicago.

They unwillingly left behind their four children as wards of the Family Court which ruled the parents were incapable of providing for and caring for them.

Chicago State's Atty Benjamin Novoselsky said the offer was made to Kozmin for a home and a job to aid in his rehabilitation and the return of his children on a probationary basis to see how things would work out.

Kozmin's lawyer, a Communist newspaper quoted Kozmin as saying the money offer was made to him by Judge John H. Clayton Jr. of Family Court, and Novoselsky.

The Moscow paper said Kozmin related that he turned the offer down and remarked in his interview: "I wouldn't stay there for mountains of gold."

Judge Clayton was away from the city and not available for comment, but Novoselsky said the only offers ever made to the 34-year-old Kozmin and his wife, Nadejda, 35, were "to help in their rehabilitation and not to induce them from returning to Russia."

Baker President Denies Approving Substandard Wage

WASHINGTON, June 20 — Rakers Union President James G. Cross denied today that he approved substandard wage agreements with a baking company official whose father loaned him \$97,000.

He was doing me a favor and getting nothing in return," Cross told the Senate Rackets Committee after acknowledging that he had borrowed \$57,000 in 1953 and \$40,000 last year from Martin I. Philipson, 52, whose son handles labor relations for Zion Industries Inc. in Zion, Ill.

Cross, who went into the hearings yesterday claiming he expected to vindicate himself, told the committee that the loans were the only point among many accusations against him at which anyone "could in any degree point a finger."

With his testimony the committee concluded its inquiry into charges that Cross abused his office and misused the union's funds using thousands of dollars to finance a relationship with a convicted Los Angeles prostitute and had employed gun tactics to intimidate those who opposed him.

Last Sacrament Not Needed as Planned

FITCHBURGH, Mass., June 20 — Virginia Gomez, 46, raced to the parish house to ask the priest to administer the last sacrament to her dying 80-year-old mother, Virginia, collapsed with a heart attack and get the sacrament herself just before she died. The mother survived.

Bay Post Closed

WINNIPEG, June 20 — The Hudson's Bay Co. post at York Factory 500 miles northeast of here is being closed June 25 after 275 years of trading with the Indians.

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