

Miss Starmer Freed by Jury In Stab Trial

'Longest 4 Days,' Relieved Girl Says

By MARVIN TIMS
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Ella Louise Starmer, 16, was found innocent of manslaughter by a circuit court jury Friday evening. The trial lasted a few hours more than four full days.

"It was the longest four days of my life," Miss Starmer declared after the jury reported.

The seven men and five women returned their verdict at 6:07 p.m., 1 hour and 47 minutes after it retired to deliberate.

Miss Starmer, who had been accused of fatally stabbing her stepfather, Archie Swanberg, while "in a sudden heat of passion," remained expressionless as Judge Frank B. Reid pronounced the verdict. She then arose from her chair, walked a few steps toward the door, put her head in her hands and cried softly.

Mrs. Anne Swanberg, the girl's mother, who appeared to be in great pain because of her arthritic condition, bowed her head, and moved her lips in prayer. She was assisted from the courtroom by her brother, John Devereaux.

Miss Starmer's attorneys were William Bartle and Herman Henderson. Bartle told the jury, "It is all over now." He urged her "to resume a normal life."

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Low Bidder Asks \$412,156 For Y Building

Bids on the new Central Lane YMCA-YWCA Building were opened Friday night at the Y Center, with seven Lane contractors bidding on the job.

Low bidder was Waldo S. Hardie and Son, with a figure of \$412,156.

William Lush, chairman of the Y Building Planning Committee, said that all the bids were within the estimates. He expressed pleasure that all the contractors who picked up specification submitted bids.

TO STUDY FIGURES
Lush said his committee planned to meet Saturday afternoon to study the figures. Their recommendations will be passed on by members of the Y Building Assn. before a contract is signed.

All the bids were close. Others in addition to Hardie were Youell and Huffman, \$420,000; Industrial Building Co., \$421,743; Gale Roberts, \$419,565; H. L. Shields and Son, \$424,467; W. H. Shields Construction Co., \$414,760; Albert Vik and Son, \$422,500.

All bids specified that construction would be complete about one year from the present date.

BASIC CONSTRUCTION
Y leaders pointed out Friday night that the contractors' figures cover basic construction of the building only. All other expenses, including gym, athletic and office equipment, architects fees, land scaping and paving, and other expenses of setting up the new Y programs in the building will be additional.

Estimated total cost of the structure, completed and equipped, is from \$525,000 to \$550,000.

Queen to Visit Norway

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh will pay a state visit to Norway June 24-26 at the invitation of King Haakon, who visited here in 1951. It was announced Saturday.

Experiments With Air Mail Ruled OK in Federal Court

WASHINGTON (AP)—A federal judge ruled Friday the postmaster general may conduct experiments with sending first class (three-cent) mail by air, but said they must not be "prolonged."

U. S. District Judge James R. Kirkland turned down a request of five major western railroads for an injunction prohibiting the shifting of three-cent mail from trains to planes along the Pacific slope.

NOT PROLONGED

The judge said that while the postmaster general had the right to undertake the Pacific Coast experiment, it would be unlawful for him to make it prolonged. He did not indicate how long that might be.

The experiment in carrying three-cent mail by air when cargo space is available on planes has been under way since last

President Eisenhower Signs Formosa Defense Resolution

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower Saturday signed the resolution for defense of Formosa, asserting it is evidence of united American determination to "resist Communist aggression" in an area "vital to the security" of the United States.

The President signed in the presence of congressional leaders and Secretary of State Dulles less than 12 hours after the Senate sent the resolution to him by an 85-3 vote.

EVACUATE ISLANDS
The action cleared the way for Eisenhower to use American armed forces—notably the 7th Fleet—against any Red Chinese attack directed toward Formosa. It also gives him authority to order the armed forces to evacuate Chinese Nationalist troops from the Tachen Islands.

The authority to fight also includes the right to defend such places as the islands of Quemoy and Matsu, off the Chinese mainland, if the President considers them essential to Formosan security.

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Some regard it as broad enough to permit him to order an attack on bases or troop concentrations on the Red Chinese mainland as a defense measure.

PATTERSON ON HAND

The President signed the document just before leaving for Augusta, Ga., for a weekend of golf and rest.

White House press officer Murray Snyder, asked by reporters whether the President took any immediate action in the Formosa situation after signing the resolution, said he could not say of his own knowledge whether the President had done so.

Among the witnesses at the early morning White House ceremony were Oregon Gov. Paul Patterson and Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington, with whom the President had breakfast.

494-6 TOTAL

The resounding 85-3 vote for the resolution Friday night completed congressional action just five days after Eisenhower sent it to Capitol Hill.

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Piled on a previous 409-3 House count, the Senate action gave a 494-6 congressional backing for a measure supporters said was aiming at keeping the peace but which critics contended might signal shooting that would set off World War III.

Also included was general authority to defend "related" areas, such as the off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu, with the possibility of strikes at the mainland if Communists mass there for an attack on Formosa.

Only Sens. Langer (R-ND), Lehman (D-Lib-NY), and Morse (Ind-Ore) voted "no" on final passage. They said they did so because of this latter provision.

They were the remnants of a small band that reached its top strength in a 74-13 vote defeating an amendment by Lehman to strip this provision from the resolution.

OTHER AMENDMENTS

Two other proposed amendments were defeated by roll call votes even more decisively. Both would have restricted the general grant of authority.

The final passage votes of 43 Republicans and 42 Democrats overrode the contention of the critics—that the President already has the requested powers, that Congress was writing a "blank check" and an "advance declaration of war."

Cold Plagues Wide Area

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A broad stretch of land from the Western plains to the Atlantic was in a deep-freeze Saturday.

A fresh subzero wave rolled across the Midwest. The East remained on the cold standard although temperatures were higher than on Friday.

The cold spread over much of the South.

A new blast of icy air from the north dropped Chicago's temperature to 8 below zero.

NASHVILLE SHIVERS

In the South, Nashville, Tenn., felt the pinch of 8 above zero cold. That was the lowest there since Feb. 19, 1951. The 15 above at Memphis was the lowest there in three years.

Muscle Shoals, Ala., had 10 above and a trace of snow.

At least 11 persons have died from causes attributed to the cold and snow since Thursday, when the winter's worst widespread cold wave started to roll.

3 DIE IN MICHIGAN

Deaths included three in Michigan, two in Cleveland, two in St. Louis, and one each in Chicago, Cincinnati, Alliance, and Leontia, Ohio.

Below-zero lows included: International Falls, Minn., -16; Duluth, Minn., -12; Rockford, Ill., -12; Green Bay, Wis., -10; Minneapolis-St. Paul, -8; Milwaukee and Madison, Wis., -5; Des Moines, Iowa, -3; South Bend, Ind., -10.

New Tax Deadline Proposed in State

SALEM (AP)—Legislation to relieve Oregon residents from having to pay their state and federal income taxes at the same time was introduced Friday in the Legislature.

The bill, by Rep. Maurice Neuberger, Portland, would change the deadline for filing state tax returns from April 15 to May 15.

Congress voted last year to change the federal tax payment deadline from March 15 to April 15, thus causing the conflict with Oregon's tax date.

Life, Liberty And Pursuit

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP)—When Air Force Sgt. James Wesley asked Miss Bonnie Baird for a date on a downtown street she had him charged with disorderly conduct.

But Municipal Judge Berry J. Sisk ruled Friday that the 26-year-old airman's "right of free speech" was violated.

In dismissing the charge, Sisk held that an old Sioux City ordinance which prohibits men from trying to make the acquaintance of women in public places was unconstitutional.

Motorist Dies In Car-Train Crash Friday

Clyde William Bowman, 45, of 851 Mill St., Springfield, was killed at 4:40 p. m. Friday when the car he was driving collided with a northbound passenger train.

The collision was at a crossing near the Eugene Water and Electric Board steam plant in Eugene.

Bowman, a fireman at the steam plant, was on his way home. Coroner Fred Buell said a skull fracture was the cause of death.

Buell said the train, the Klamath, was running about 45 minutes late. This apparently fooled Bowman, who traveled the same route each day.