

Bishop Oxnam Dies; Target of McCarthy

By GEORGE W. CORNELL, Of the Associated Press
 WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. — Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, 71, dynamic liberal leader of the Methodist Church for many years, died Tuesday night. The bishop, retired from active service, had been a pioneering figure in the ecumenical movement for Christian unity. He was one of the first presidents of the World Council of Churches, formed in 1948. It includes most of the Protestant and Orthodox denominations. An outspoken advocate of Christian involvement in social issues, Bishop Oxnam often came under fire from conservative critics. Ten years ago, he challenged attacks on him before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, attacks that pictured him as pro-Communist.

He demanded a hearing. After an extraordinary 10-hour session, he emerged with this statement, unanimously adopted by the committee: "That the records of this committee show that this committee has no record of any Communist party membership or affiliation by Bishop Oxnam." It was a dramatic affair, in a period of widespread charges of Communist infiltration of the churches, and Bishop Oxnam, one of the main targets of the attacks, made his head-on rebuttal. "I am fundamentally opposed to the whole Communist movement," he thundered. He assailed investigative procedures of the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, Wisconsin Republican. The bishop's fiery collision with the House committee was sparked by accusations by Harvey Matusow, a former Com-

munist and FBI informer, and also by McCarthy. Matusow subsequently admitted in a court hearing that he had lied in associating the bishop with communism. The bishop spoke out often on public issues, often defending labor, civil rights for minorities and the economic have-nots. Bishop Oxnam was bishop of the Omaha area from 1936-39; of the Boston area, which includes almost all of New England, from 1939-44; of the New York area from 1944-52, and of the Washington area from 1952 to 1960, when he retired. Bishop Oxnam also was president of De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind., prior to his election as bishop in 1936. Death followed complications from surgery last December, a spokesman for the Methodist church said. Surviving are his widow, the former Ruth Fisher, who he met at the University of Southern California where he was a football player; two sons, Robert F. Oxnam, president of Drew University, Madison, N.J., and former president of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn; and Philip H. Oxnam of Kenmore, N.Y.; a daughter, Mrs. Robert McCormack of Scarsdale; and eight grandchildren.



(AP Wirephoto) West Virginia National Guardsmen take children rescued from flooded homes to higher ground at Logan, W. Va., Wednesday. Behind Guardsman, young boy clings to his father's leg while father holds baby of the family.

Recaptured 'Trusty' Faces Assault Count

A charge of assault with intent to kill was filed Tuesday against Thomas Edwin Elliott, the 30-year-old trusty who walked away from the Lane County Courthouse Monday and was recaptured Tuesday morning after a short exchange of shots at Goshen. Elliott, who had served five months of a one-year term in the city-county jail for petty larceny, was charged in district court, and he waived a preliminary hearing. He was bound over to the grand jury on the charge, which carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. Bail was set at \$10,000. Elliott, assigned as a trusty to the sheriff's department, was reported missing about 2:45 p.m. Monday. Police said Elliott told them he spent Monday night under the Springfield-Eugene overpass on Franklin Boulevard. Sgt. Robert Baker of the state police office in Eugene said Elliott told him after his capture that he obtained civilian clothing from a washroom in the sheriff's office. He said he

walked along old Highway 99 from Eugene to Goshen, where he was captured. An earlier report said he followed railroad tracks on the four-mile hike. Elliott was first heard of after his escape at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, when a man using that name called the Eugene police department to say he "had kicked in the Oregon Outfitters." Police found a pistol and a box of shells were missing from the outdoor supply firm, located at 61 E. Broadway, Eugene. Later Tuesday morning, state policeman Russell Marsh spotted Elliott at Goshen, and a gun battle ensued, with three other state policemen eventually joining in the exchange of shots. Elliott finally surrendered, and no one was hurt. Professor to Speak Edwin G. Ebbighausen, professor of physics at the University of Oregon, will be a speaker at the Northwest Conference of Teachers and Students at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, March 23. He will speak on "The Exploration of Space."

Eugenean Given Prison Sentence

A 24-year-old Eugene man, Charles F. Demarest, was sentenced to 15 years in the Oregon penitentiary Tuesday night by a Corvallis jury. Demarest, who gave his address as 1325 1/2 W. Fourth Ave., Eugene, when he was arrested last December, was convicted of the armed robbery of a food market in Corvallis Dec. 1, 1962. A second Eugene area man, Marcellus P. Winters, 38, of 3815 River Rd., had been accused along with Demarest of taking \$1,400 from the store safe. Winters is in custody in Clackamas County and being held for trial in connection with a previous armed robbery there, according to Benton County sheriff's deputies in Corvallis. Both Demarest and Winters were arrested shortly after the Corvallis robbery by state police from Eugene.

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Fire Delays Edition

PORTLAND — Fire broke out in the press room of The Oregonian Tuesday evening. Newspaper officials blamed a short-circuit in electrical wiring. They estimate damage at \$1,500. The fire was controlled quickly, delaying the printing of one edition about 20 minutes.

3 Doctors Offer Views On Sex Offenders Bill

By ANN H. PEARSON
 SALEM — Three psychiatrists testified Tuesday night that it would be difficult to identify "sexually dangerous" persons and there would be a margin for error. If such persons could be weeded out and committed, the doctors said, it would cost several hundred thousand dollars just to try to treat them. In spite of the unknowns, the psychiatrists agreed that an effort to learn how to treat the sexually dangerous would be worthwhile.

Dr. Dean Brooks, superintendent of the Oregon State Hospital, Dr. J. H. Treleven, administrator of the State Mental Health Division, and Dr. George Saslow, head of the psychiatry department of the University of Oregon Medical School, testified before the House Judiciary Committee. They discussed a bill providing for civil commitment of sexually dangerous persons—one of a package of five bills before the committee aimed at sex offenders. The other four deal

with court procedures. The commitment bill provides for a court hearing. Commitment would be based mainly on the findings of two psychiatrists. The definition in the bill includes "propensities to commit any kind of sex act which physically threatens harm to a child of the age of 12 or under." There would not have to be any previous offense. "I would have an awful feeling if I would have to go by rule of thumb." "In most cases of mental illness you can see . . . hear something peculiar," Dr. Treleven said. "The sexually dangerous person . . . only looks peculiar if you follow his behavior over a long period. "Taking away liberty . . . warrants a thorough and complete investigation." He suggested temporary commitment for study. The two doctors agreed, however, it would be of value to try to treat the sexually dangerous "if we take every precaution to see that we put the finger on the right man." Treleven estimated that a "bare minimum . . . no frills" program of treatment would cost \$265,000 for 30 men. Brooks estimated \$200,000 for 40. He said the State Hospital now has 90-100 patients per doctor. "We don't know how to treat these people yet, but I think it's high time we try," Brooks said. He said a sound program should include research, both on the patients and in their communities. Treleven said custodial facilities would be needed for the untreatable.

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Witnesses spoke for and against the bill, and hearings were continued to allow the committee more time for study. The measure, similar to laws in 17 other states, would tax real property sales at 55 cents per \$1,000. It was estimated the measure would net the state about \$1 million a biennium.

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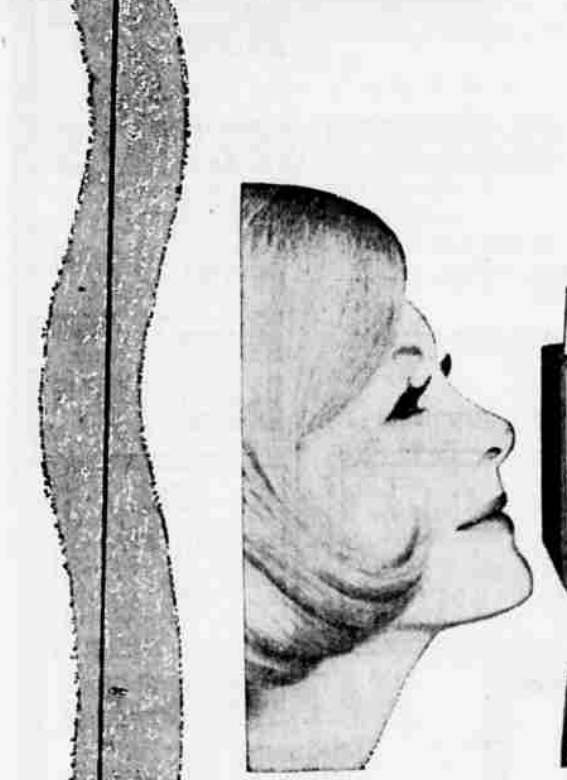
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Committee Chairman Berkeley Lent, D-Portland, questioned several aspects of the bill. He asked whether motorists who work out their aggressions on the highways couldn't be isolated and treated in a fashion similar to that proposed for the sexually dangerous. "I think that would be as possible if not more possible than this," Treleven replied. Rep. James Redden, D-Medford, also questioned commitment. During a discussion of treatment, he remarked, "what a lot of us are concerned about is how that person got there." The big hearing room was full. Most of the spectators were women who favored passage of the bill.



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