

Check made on validity of Doran's 'confession'

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May not have been in Bend February 2nd

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A 34-year-old transient laborer arraigned on a charge of first degree murder in the death here on February 2 of Judi Reeder, 17, remained in the Deschutes County Jail today as officers continue to check on the validity of his confession.

He is Donald Ben Doran, taken into custody Thursday night by Oregon State Police at the Crooked River bridge.

Serious doubt exists that Doran committed the crime to which he confessed in a two-page statement. This doubt developed late Friday as officers attempted to check the erratic travels of the transient through western states in recent years.

When District Attorney Louis Selken talked with Doran relative to places he had reported visiting in recent months, the accused man mentioned that he had been in Watertown, S. D. this past winter. Selken checked Watertown and received from police in that town the information that a man bearing the name Donald Ben Doran was there in early February.

Same Name
Watertown police said the man with the same name as the one being held in Bend worked in a bakery there on February 3, was registered at hotels there on February 3, 4 and 5 and spent a night in the Watertown city jail on February 6 as a sleeper.

Locally, the attempt to fix Doran's whereabouts has yielded the information he was here over the holidays, apparently went to Montana and returned to Bend several weeks ago.

Police Chief Emil Moen said it has been determined that Doran was in Bend as late as March 15. He was seen that afternoon attempting to hitch hike south. He apparently went from Bend to Susanville, Calif., on March 15.

Out of Area
Doran apparently was out of the area this last time between March 15 and March 22, the evening he passed through here on route north with Albert Rose, 34, Susanville, owner and driver of the car in which Doran was riding, and Leonard C. Estes, 37, Yuba City, Calif.

Rose was stopped north of the Crooked River bridge by Officer Kenneth Eldridge, Oregon State Police, on a headlight charge and taken to Redmond with his companions. There Doran made the statement he had killed Judi Reeder, and presented information that closely dovetailed into facts officers had compiled in their month and 20 days of investigation.

Despite the information from Watertown, Doran is holding to his "confession." Confronted with the fact that he apparently was not here on the night of February 2, Doran said the crime was committed on another date.

Sticks to Story
"He is sticking to his story and he knows lots of things about the case that I don't see how he would have known unless he had been there," Chief Moen said.

Selken and Oregon State Police said Doran was very hazy about dates and places.

A picture of Doran was being sent today to Watertown, definitely to check the identity of the Donald Ben Doran that was there about the time the Bend girl was murdered at the edge of the Mirror Pond.

No buyer found for state land
SALEM (UPI)—The Oregon Land Board, which advertised for bidders for 160 acres of land in the Christmas Valley area of Eastern Oregon, had no buyers, clerk Gordon Barnard said today.

A real estate man had offered \$50 an acre and this resulted in advertising for other bids by the board. But the original bidder didn't appear, losing his \$50 deposit, and there were no other bidders.

FILLS WITH DOUGH
ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UPI)—A man walked into Charles Keen's service station Thursday and gave him all the cookies he had in a paper sack.
But Keen wasn't happy because the pistol-toting bandit made him fill the sack with \$75 and then fled.

State police said they have ascertained that Doran has a long record, mostly petty offenses. He was arrested in Fort Dodge, Iowa, as early as 1948, and released. He faced an intoxication charge in Minnesota in 1952. Fresno, Calif., and Billings, Mont., added bits of information to the arrest picture. Once before, in 1955, he showed up as a "sleeper" in the Watertown, S.D. jail.

Not at Cabin
The local investigation revealed that Doran had not stayed at a cabin in the south part of Bend on the night of February 2, as he had indicated, but that a companion was there that night. The coat Doran said he was wearing when he attacked the girl had been left in the cabin. Later it was given to another transient. That coat was being sought today in the Madras area.

Rose, operator of the car in which Doran was riding when the vehicle was stopped by Officer Eldridge, is being held, at present on a traffic charge. When stopped at the high bridge, Rose told Officer Eldridge he has had some brushes with the law. One, he said, was in connection with a molestation charge.

Estes has been released. Officers continued to attempt to check Doran's movements while he was in Bend this last time and learned he had worked briefly at a service station, washing cars, and had attended a local church earlier in March.

Kennedy visits ex-President at Palm Springs

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (UPI)—President Kennedy was expected to compare notes today on the unremitting nature of East-West tension when he pays a courtesy call on former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Kennedy flew here Friday night for a few days rest after a punishing Friday schedule which included a major foreign policy speech at the University of California in Berkeley and later, witnessing his first intercontinental missile shot at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

The President, spending the weekend at a secluded house owned by singer Bing Crosby, planned to motor to the nearby Eldorado Country Club in Palm Desert and visit Eisenhower.

From the protocol standpoint, it was unusual for Kennedy to make the trip, however brief, to see the President. It was Kennedy who initiated the meeting, and Kennedy who said that since he was in the neighborhood, he thought he should drop in on the former Republican chief executive.

Fourth Time
This will be the fourth time Kennedy and Eisenhower have met since the President took office. Outwardly, the purpose of the Chief Executive's expected brief visit was a matter of courtesy.

Kennedy, however, was heavily preoccupied by the continually tense contact with Russia and world communism on a number of fronts and this seemed certain to figure in his conversation with Eisenhower who has spent the winter here on the southern California desert.

The President put in about an 18-hour day Friday, starting with his early morning departure from Washington by jet transport for the Alameda Naval Air Station on San Francisco Bay.

Falling Behind
He paraded through dense crowds in Alameda, Oakland and Berkeley to the university campus for the 94th anniversary of the school, an honorary degree and a speech that seemed to say to his fellow Americans, "Russia may be giving us trouble, but the Communists are beginning to fall behind in the tide of world opinion."

"No one who examines the modern world can doubt that the great currents of history are carrying the world away from the monolithic idea toward the pluralist idea—away from communism and toward national independence and freedom," he told an amazingly large crowd estimated at 68,000 that overflowed California's cavernous Memorial Stadium.

French forces move against OAS hangout

ALGIERS, Algeria (UPI)—French troops moved into position today to wipe out the Secret Army Organization's (OAS) key stronghold in the Algiers suburb of Bab-El-Oued.

Twenty truckloads of French soldiers and gendarmes, supported by halftracks and armored cars, ringed the European quarter where the OAS was entrenched. The tense city was gripped by near civil war.

Sporadic firing and plastic bomb blasts punctuated the pre-dawn hours as the French army attempted to crush the OAS, which has vowed to keep Algeria French.

At least 15 soldiers were killed and 74 wounded Friday in bloody, all-day street fighting, mostly in Bab-El-Oued. Unofficial sources said 50 European civilians were seriously wounded in the clashes, but the actual count was believed to be much higher.

Terrorism throughout Algeria Friday killed 48 persons and wounded 176, bringing the toll since last Monday's cease-fire to 286 dead and 295 wounded. The 1962 count now stands at 2,043 killed and 3,962 injured.

The French army's counter-offensive against the OAS, along with President Charles de Gaulle's orders to smash the extremist uprising "without pity," seemed to spell the beginning of the end for the European extremists who had hoped to wreck the Algerian cease-fire by provoking a Moslem insurrection.

Moslems Remain Calm
So far, the Moslems have remained calm. And the army, angered by OAS attacks on French soldiers, blasted the settlers' optimistic predictions that Frenchmen would refuse to fire on Frenchmen.

For months, observers have been saying that the fate of any OAS uprising would depend on whether the French army stayed loyal. But its loyalty in the five days since the cease-fire was announced has been without a doubt.

Friday's fighting in Algiers marked the first time that the OAS attacked the French army. They hit troop patrols with machine gun fire, grenades, mortars, bazookas and Molotov cocktail bombs.

But the army fought back with heavy anti-aircraft guns firing at rooftop snipers' nests. Machine guns picked off one OAS commando after another throughout the strife-torn day.

The fighting lasted almost to midnight.

Army Begins Search
As night fell, the French troops began a house-to-house search of the larger buildings on the edge of the European quarter which served as nests for OAS snipers.

"It's just like Hungary," screamed one European woman as French soldiers opened fire at OAS commandos in an apartment house. Women and children hurled abuse at the soldiers as they swept through the narrow streets under a hail of gunfire from the OAS.

"Get out, leave us," they shouted.

Rescue teams press search for bomber

PORTLAND (UPI)—Mountain rescue teams began moving into the area southwest of Mt. St. Helens at dawn today trying to find a trace of a missing Navy patrol bomber which vanished Wednesday with 10 men aboard.

Aircraft also were standing by ready to move back over the area when weather permitted. F-102 jets from the Portland Air Force base were aloft looking for holes in the clouds.

A gusty storm hit the area during the night.

The Air Force said the 150 ground searchers included both trained military and civilian personnel. It said the terrain was so rugged that requests from volunteers to join in had been turned down.

The plane disappeared late Wednesday about 30 miles north of here after encountering engine trouble on a flight from Whidbey Island, Wash., to Alameda, Calif.

Emergency tax clause favored by committee

SALEM (UPI)—That part of the Oregon constitution which says the legislature can't put an emergency clause on any tax measure should remain in a new constitution, the Oregon Constitutional Revision Commission decided Friday.

Putting an emergency clause on a measure means it goes into effect immediately. On a tax matter, an emergency clause would mean there would be no chance for an initiative petition and referral to the voters.

The commission said this is "an Oregon tradition and an Oregon right." The vote was 9-5.

The commission voted to remove from the constitution a section saying punishment for a crime shall be based on the principles of reformation. Commissioners felt reformation cannot be forced, and therefore the section is meaningless.

The commission voted to do away with the present section which says the state shall not incur any debt of more than \$50,000. This, too, is meaningless because it can be bypassed with bonds approved by the people. The commission approved a rewritten version saying any debt must be approved by the voters at a November election.

The only thing changed is that a bond issue, if approved, wouldn't become a permanent part of the constitution and clutter it up.

Sections relating to freedom of the press and speech were retained in substance, as were a number of others.

The commission agreed upon removal of the section which prohibits the state and its political subdivisions from owning common stocks, but this doesn't mean stocks can be purchased because this is forbidden by statute also.

Driver of bus in Colorado tragedy freed

GREELEY, Colo. (UPI)—Diane Harms, 23, was found innocent of involuntary manslaughter today in the deaths of 20 school children killed when a Union Pacific passenger train crashed into their school bus at a rural crossing near here last Dec. 14.

The jury deliberated the case for about nine hours, starting at 9:30 p.m. The verdict, returned at 7:05 a.m., was reached on the fourth ballot.

With the young school bus driver when the verdict was read were his wife, parents and sister. They had been up all night and said they were "too tired to comment."

Harms showed little emotion when the jurors filed into the courtroom and made known their decision.

Jury Voted Twice
The jury voted twice during the long deliberations whether to retire for the night—once at midnight and again at 1:30 a.m. Both times the jurors decided to continue until they had reached a verdict.

District Judge Donald Carpenter had instructed the panel of 10 men and two women to consider two verdicts—innocent or guilty of involuntary manslaughter. The maximum penalty was one year in prison.

Harms testified Friday that he did not remember actually stopping the school bus before it was hit by the train, the City of Denver. It was a reiteration of earlier statements. But he added he never before had failed to stop at the crossing.

Merely Slowed
The engineer and fireman of the train testified Harms merely slowed, then, continued across the tracks.

But Jerry Hemby, 16, a survivor of the crash, and Arthur Larson, father of one of the small victims, came to Harms' defense with testimony he did stop. Hemby said he saw certain Harms stopped the bus about 30 feet from the tracks before proceeding across.

Larson, who lost a 9-year-old son in the tragedy, said he was driving nearby at the time and could see the bus at the crossing. "I was sure the bus stopped," he said, "so I went on to town."

"I don't remember for sure stopping at the crossing," Harms said. "But I do recall I tried to look over the heads of the children and noticed my visibility was poor, so I looked through the mirror and was able to see better through it. I also remember opening the door to look."

Snow falling over passes

One of the heaviest storms of the season enveloped the Oregon Cascades last night, with heavy snow still falling this morning on Cascade passes.

Twelve inches of new snow was reported this morning from Government Camp, six inches from the Santiam divide and four from the Willamette Pass. Chains were required on all three routes.

Snow was falling even in the Ochoco, with chains required on the pass between Prineville and Mitchell. Motorists reported about four inches of new snow at Burns this morning. Packed snow covered U.S. Highway 97 at Chemult, where the new pack measured four inches.



TEACHING MACHINES CONTRASTED—Harold F. Gierloff, Taft, center, demonstrates two types of teaching machines to Mrs. Fred Lohner, left, LaPine teacher, and Ty Brown, right, OCE teaching research center. The machines, a costly electronic computer (bottom) and a simple type hand-made machine based on "flash card" principle (top) were shown at Central Region Oregon Elementary School Principals meeting today at Allen School.

Portland has two slayings

PORTLAND (UPI)—A downtown restaurant owner and a mother of two were slain in separate shootings here today. A musician and the ex-husband of the woman were charged with murder.

Willard D. Glover, 31, was shot as he closed up his Bruiler restaurant about 3:35 a.m. Guitar-player Lloyd Wesley Allen, 25, was held without bail on a first degree murder charge.

Mrs. Sandra Lee Thompson, 48, was fatally shot at her home. Her former husband, Charles K. Thompson, 48, was accused of the slaying.

Detectives said the shooting at the Bruiler occurred some 20 minutes after Glover and Allen had argued over whether Allen was tardy in reporting to work at the downtown night spot.

Officers said following the argument, Allen left the restaurant, then returned with a rifle. The restaurant had closed, but some employees were still there at the time of the shooting.

Allen told officers the rifle discharged accidentally after Glover grabbed the barrel. The bullet struck Glover in the chest. He died in surgery five hours later.

Two cab drivers at the scene called police. Allen was booked on an assault charge, but the charge was changed to murder after Glover died.

Mrs. Thompson was shot at her home and died soon afterward in a Portland hospital. Police said the shooting followed an argument between the woman and her ex-husband. The bullet from the .45 caliber automatic pistol struck

Session held by mid-state school heads

"Exploring Ideas in Elementary Education" was the theme of the annual conference of the Oregon Elementary Principals' Association, Central Oregon region, held here today.

The meeting was held at the Allen Grade School with Ford Hunnell, Bend, association principal, in charge. School principals were here from Hood River, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Wasco, Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes Counties.

Visitors were welcomed by R. E. Jewell, Bend superintendent of schools, following the invocation by the Rev. James S. Thompson, Bend, Boy Scouts of Troop No. 69 led the flag salute.

The business phase of the conference opened with an overview of state study by Ty Brown, from Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, Darrell Wright, Madras, presented comments on regional study.

"Technology in Education" was the topic of an address by Henry C. Ruark, Jr., consultant on instruction materials for the state department of education.

A part of the program was to be devoted to teaching machines, with equipment to be demonstrated. Various officials of the Oregon Elementary School Principals' Association were on the program.

Election of officers for 1962-63 will take place this afternoon.

Police report more vandalism

Reports of vandalism involving Bend cars mounted today, as officers continued their investigation. In addition to the three cases of car-window breakage reported Friday morning, four others were on record today.

Officers suspect that all breakage was inflicted through use of a sledgehammer, with marbles apparently used. A marble that had entered a rear window of a car was found inside.

WEATHER

High yesterday, 45 degrees. Low last night, 33 degrees. Sunset today, 6:22. Sunrise tomorrow, 6:00.

Occasional light rain; highs 48-53; low 38-43.

'Comedy of Errors'

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI)—What he once termed "a comedy of errors" was turning into a nightmare today for California State Assemblyman Charles Edward Chapel, accused of giving a false bomb report involving an airliner.

Turns into nightmare

Chapel is accused of delaying a March 15 United Air Lines flight from Sacramento to Los Angeles by telling a stewardess that he had a gun and nitroglycerine in his briefcase. More than 30 passengers waited 53 minutes while police questioned and searched him.

Lawmaker accused of false bomb report

Federal officials declined to prosecute because the flight was not interstate.

But Sacramento County Dist. Atty. John Price obtained the warrant against Chapel Thursday under a state measure which parallels the federal statute. Conviction under the measure carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison. Chapel, an assemblyman since 1959, had voted for the bill in 1961.

Price acted despite Chapel's contention that the incident stemmed from a joke. "I find no exception in the statute for comedians," Price said.

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