

'To arms—the sack coats are coming'



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The normal course of a murder trial is completely reversed in this one

A few months ago a Negro named Medgar Evers, field secretary in Mississippi for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was shot and killed in front of his home. He was slain with a high-powered rifle, which police found a few hours later in some bushes near the scene. Ballistics tests apparently proved the rifle the source of the fatal bullet. On the rifle was a fingerprint, which was sent to the FBI.

The fingerprint was traced, to the satisfaction of a Jackson grand jury, to a man named Beckwith, who was indicted and arrested. He retained an attorney. Then started an unusual chain of events, one which completely reversed the normal pre-trial procedure in a case of this type.

Quite often, in murder cases, attorneys for the defense request psychiatric examination for their client. If a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity is not possible in the state, the mental condition of the defendant is referred to as often as possible during the course of a trial. Often it is nearly the whole content of the closing arguments of the defense.

The prosecution, on the other hand, usually tries to counteract psychiatric testimony. Its job, frequently, is to make the defendant out to be a perfectly sane man, who planned and carried out the murder in cold blood.

But not this time. Immediately following Beckwith's arrest the prosecuting attorney, not the counsel for the defense, asked a judge to commit Beckwith to a state mental hospital for examination and possible treatment. This was done. After a few weeks, Beck-

with's attorney, not the prosecutor, asked a court to release Beckwith, so he might stand trial. The prosecution opposed the move, and carried the unfavorable decision of a lower court to the Mississippi Supreme Court. Just last week the state's high court upheld the defense, and ordered Beckwith released to stand trial.

What's the reason for the switch? Why is the defense so determined to bring its man to trial, when it is faced with what appears to be a pretty strong circumstantial case against him? Why is the prosecution so intent on keeping him cooped up in a mental hospital, rather than taking a chance on sending him to prison and possible execution?

The whole answer lies in the state's present racial problem, Mississippi has never, in 100 years, sentenced a white man to death for the murder of a Negro, no matter what the circumstances. It has legally executed many Negroes for crimes against whites, crimes generally considered in other states to be less heinous than murder. That is Point One.

Point Two is similar. Few Negroes ever serve on juries in Mississippi. It is quite probable that if Negroes are put on the Beckwith jury they will be few in number. The most they could do, if they believe Beckwith guilty, is cause a hung jury.

The prosecution, apparently, fears it cannot get a conviction. And underlying this is the fear that an acquittal will result in considerable racial unrest in Mississippi. And a number of white Mississippians would like to see Beckwith convicted for just that reason.

Unfortunate

Members of the Oregon State Bar have turned down the proposal to establish a fund to reimburse any client suffering loss through illegal means used by an Oregon lawyer. The vote was 658 for the proposal and 1,079 against. 109 Oregon lawyers declared they had insufficient information on the matter to enable

them to make up their minds.

This is unfortunate. Such funds have been established in some other countries, and are being set up fairly rapidly in many other states. It is too bad Oregon lawyers seem almost certain to be at the tag end of the state legal groups which adopt client indemnification funds.

Boardman in good hands

It's pretty easy to question the decision of the Legislature to put the Boardman project into the hands of the state's department of Veterans Affairs. It may even be easy to question some aspects of the entire Boardman deal. It's hard to agree with the assessment of the Boardman operation held by Howard Morgan, part-time Deschutes county resident. Morgan is equipped with the 20-20 vision of hindsight, and his visual acuity is heightened by his desire to become governor of Oregon.

The Legislature has dropped

Boardman to the Veterans Affairs office only because the department has money. Some members may have voted in part for the shift as a slap at Governor Hatfield, who has taken more lumps than he deserves in recent weeks. But the main reason for the vote was the financial situation of the department.

No matter what the reason, Boardman is in good hands. Hub Saalfeld, director of the department, is one of the state's two or three top professional administrators. He is capable of doing a good job on any duty assigned to him.

Soviet Russia continues its African effort

By Phil Newsom
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Although not one of Black Africa's 25 newly independent nations has gone Communist, Soviet Russia never stops trying. These efforts are both open and subtle and recent days have provided two more examples. In Leopoldville, the Congo, Congolese police roughed up and held two Soviet diplomats accused of carrying compromising documents. The Russians have been suspected of backing a Congolese government-in-exile.

Moving openly in Somalia, the Russians closed a deal to help equip a Somali army of 20,000 which, according to Western experts, is far larger than the country needs and which, it is feared, is intended for use against Somalia's neighbors, either Ethiopia or Kenya.

Washington estimates of Soviet arms exports since the first deal with Egypt in 1955 place the total at around \$3 billion.

Indonesia Best Customer
Probably the best customer has been Indonesia, which has received about a third of the total. Also high on the list is Cuba.

Since these weapons were intended either for use against governments friendly to the West or at least to stir up trouble for the West, a summary put together by analysts of Radio Free Europe is interesting. Some idea of the scale of Soviet arms shipments to Egypt may be had from the fact that in the Sinai clash with Israel, the Israelis captured more than 300 Soviet-built T-34 tanks, about 600 guns and about 4,000 Soviet-made jeeps or tanks.

Moscow also has delivered to the U.A.R. submarines, destroyers and torpedo boats.

In black Africa, Guinea bought some 8,000 rifles and some armored vehicles from the Soviet Union and then proceeded to kick out the Soviet ambassador.

A Costly Mistake
Iraq also so far has been a costly Soviet mistake. The country has modern T-54 Russian tanks, Mig-21 jet fighters and Soviet transports. Yet Iraq oil continues to flow to the West, Kuwait is still "unliberated" and the most use the weapons have had against the Kurds who receive at least the tacit support of the Soviet Union.

Afghanistan obtained both Migs and small arms from the Russians as a threat against pro-Western Pakistan. But when Pakistan began flirting with Red China, the Russians decided to compete with Peking for Pakistan favors.

The Indonesian armed forces, despite huge supplies from the Soviet Union, remain under what is basically an anti-Communist leadership. The Indonesian Communist party is siding with Peking against Moscow.

Cuba represented one of the Soviet Union's greatest post-war success stories. Yet Cuba is reported shopping around in Western Europe in an attempt to reduce its dependence upon Russia and Castro has sided with Red China in refusing to sign the partial nuclear test ban.

The Radio Free Europe analysis concludes: "If the Soviet arms export drive was aimed at acquiring political leverage in the underdeveloped countries, it has on balance been a costly failure."

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Equal Rights
The handwriting is not on the wall, it has been in the Constitution of the United States since Aug. 28, 1920. On that day more than 40 years ago, became effective the 19th amendment providing votes for women. There was a lot of whooping-it-up in 1960 about a Catholic in the White House and the sin of bigotry. Friends, if it is bigotry to oppose a presidential candidate because of religion, what is it to oppose a presidential candidate because she is a woman? Whatever it is, it isn't right. Stupid, maybe.

'Early Christmas' brings new rebuke
To the Editor:

We wish to join Mrs. Gerda Links and Mrs. June Dealy in their rebuke against the placing of Christmas decorations so prematurely.

Of course the lame excuse of not having help later on is supposed to rectify this deplorable situation.

Upon entering a department store looking for traditional Thanksgiving decor, we searched through four aisles of Christmas decorations (and I do mean packages) of Thanksgiving napkins and one dilapidated paper turkey thrown in as a corner.

And so, the only word fitting the situation arises — commercialism.

It is our belief the Pilgrims upheld Thanksgiving Day to give "thanks," and celebrated Christmas December 25th.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Marie Lewerenz
Mrs. Lola Pausch

Bend, Oregon
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Capital Report

Kennedy's college construction bill labeled mostly handouts by Norblad

By Yvonne Franklin
Bulletin Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Rep. Walter Norblad blasted the Kennedy Administration's college construction bill this week as mostly "just plain hand-outs."

"This bill provides for the bulk (of the money) to be simply gifts to the schools and for this reason I voted against it," he said. "The figure is around \$250 million in grants, and next year it will be about \$300 million per year."

"The amount in loans is \$120 million with reasonable interest. I don't see that it is our function to dish out \$300 million a year. Loans I don't object to."

Norblad was asked what he thought about funds in the higher education bill which had been written in especially to aid construction for a proposed graduate research center in the Portland area.

"I don't know a thing about it," Norblad said, "I presume it would be a good thing, but all I know is what a recent editorial said about it. I haven't heard from anybody in my district about it."

The three year, \$1.2 billion aid to college construction bill has passed both Houses of Congress, survived a Senate-House conference which ironed out major differences, and the final

bill was passed in the House two weeks ago.

The bill has not come up for a final vote on the conference report in the Senate because Sen. Wayne Morse will not allow the bill to be voted on until House conferees come to terms on the Vocational Education bill, Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield said this week.

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-NY) told a reporter that Morse had informed the House conferees that he (Morse) will not hold another conference on the Vocational Education bill until after Thanksgiving because "he can't get his members together."

Powell said it looked as if this year was becoming a duplication of last year when the higher education bill died at the end of a bitter congressional session.

Although some members of the House committee doubt whether Morse really wants a higher education bill, Powell said "he didn't question Morse's good faith."

Questioned as to what his views were on the hold-up on the bill, Rep. Al Que (R-Minn.) key Republican conferee said, "Evidently Morse wants to extract as much from the Administration as he can get as his price for letting the higher education bill come to the Senate

floor."

Rep. Charles Goodell, (R-NY) another influential Republican conferee, said, "Frankly, I think Morse is using the higher education bill and vocational education as pawns in some power game."

Opponents of a higher education bill, such as the Council of State School Officers, whose Executive Secretary Edgar Fuller last year took credit for defeating the bill, along with Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, reportedly want to delay passage of the higher education bill until they get the bills they want, then scuttle it.

These are extension of Impacted Aid (funds to locations "impacted" with children as a result of federal installations) and the National Defense Education Act. These two measures have not passed the House. NDEA is still before Rep. Edith Green's education subcommittee and Impacted Aid is stalled in the House Rules Committee because of a civil rights rider.

However, Morse's committee added the two measures to the Vocational Education bill. The House and Senate conferees must now reach a compromise on 3 bills before the Senator will allow the House-passed higher education bill to reach the Senate for a vote.

Washington Merry-go-round

Lady senator would be asset to GOP ticket

By Lyle C. Wilson
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The Republican Party has grown shabby in defeat. It is short on self-confidence and in the confidence it inspires among others. Under these gloomy conditions it is an astonishment to all right-minded persons that the GOP fails to kidnap or elope with the lovely Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, R-Maine.

The lady is willing. She is muttering about entering the Republican presidential primary next March in New Hampshire. Then why do not Sen. Barry Goldwater, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, Richard M. Nixon and others among the Republican leadership sound off as a cheering section for Mrs. Smith?

Why? I'll tell you why. It is because Republican leaders are a kind of stick-in-the-mud outfit. They think but they are unable to think big enough to think of a woman on a presidential ticket.

Glamourize Ticket
They will not think of Mrs. Smith on their 1964 ticket as the vice presidential nominee until after the November election and the Republicans have been licked again and look even more shabby than usual. Only then will the Republican leaders wonder out loud to themselves what they might have done to pretty up their 1964 ticket so that the voters would like it.

"Maybe we should put Margaret on there for veep," someone will mutter.

"Yeah," another will agree. "Yeah?"

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Schedule For Peace
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Russian editors urge U.S. to patch up Cuban relations

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON — During the height of the Professor Barghorn crisis I had an interesting and very frank talk with five Russian literary men who had just arrived in Washington. They included two of the top editors of the Soviet — Nikolai Polyanov of Izvestia, Nikolai Inozemtsev of Pravda, Boris Polevoi, author of war novels, Prof. Nikolai Mostovets, the historian, and Lev Bezymensky, editor of the New Times, who is the son of the famed poet Alex Bezymensky.

Since Soviet newspapers are part of the government, these men spoke with a certain degree of authority. They also spoke with great frankness, apparent friendship and sometimes with considerable humor.

Said Author Polevoi regarding an American newsman who had heckled him regarding Professor Barghorn: "He was trying to make an elephant out of a fly and then sell ivory."

Our conversation ranged from Fidel Castro; from Berlin to Red China; but especially how the United States and Russia could improve relations.

Asked Polyanov of Izvestia: "You have what you call your black horses. One of them is named Romney. Does he have a chance to be president?"

"Nichivo," I replied, using one of the few words in my Russian vocabulary.

They were greatly interested in the right - wingism of Goldwater, the Rockefeller divorce as it affected the woman's vote, and Kennedy's reelection chances. There's was the natural curiosity of men who knew they would have to coexist with the next President of the United States.

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Mystery figure noted in Soviet space program

By Alvin B. Webb Jr.
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CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI)—Into the mysterious fabric of the Soviet Union's space program is woven an elusive figure identified only as the "Chief Designer."

He is honored as the creator of the giant Vostok spaceships that have taken six Russian cosmonauts on spectacular voy-ages into orbit.

He constantly crops up as a voice at the other end of the line in radio conversations with the high-flying Soviet spacemen.

He makes pronouncements about Russian space programs ranging from weather satellites to plans for building huge platforms in orbit around Earth and for landing cosmonauts on the moon.

And, if only one-fourth of the accomplishments the Soviets give him credit for are true, the Chief Designer is a scientific genius fit to stand beside Albert Einstein, Robert Goddard, Neils Bohr and Werner von Braun in science's hall of fame.

Who is He?
But just who is the Chief Designer?

No one this side of the Iron Curtain seems to have any idea. And Russia isn't saying—yet.

One name, however, is getting more and more mention in speculation as to the identity of the Chief Designer. He is Valentin P. Glushko, a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

Glushko seems nearly as mysterious as the man he is supposed to be. He is 58 years old, has been a full member of the Academy of Sciences since 1958 and has been a bureau member of the Soviet Department of Technical Sciences since 1960. He is identified variously as a military technologist and as a combustion and rocket expert.

In the outpouring of papers, treatises and studies by Russian scientists, Glushko's name appears rarely.

In 1926, when only 21 years old, Glushko wrote an article for a Leningrad scientific journal in which he speculated on the use of an earth satellite to "observe and photograph inaccessible countries."

In the same article, Glushko mentioned that, with the aid of giant mirrors on such a satellite, "one can detonate munitions factories, provoke whirlwinds and storms, annihilate marching troops, burn cities and, in general, wreak colossal devastation."

Yuri A. Gagarin, Russia's first orbiting astronaut, described his initial meeting with the Chief Designer: "We saw a broad-shouldered, merry, witty man, a real Russian... and he treated us as equals, as his chief assistants."

Barbs
It's easy to borrow money from a bank if you can show enough evidence that you really don't need it.

Burn fares went up in an eastern town. Another jolt for a standing army.

What the baby elephant said to its mother's mother: "My, what big ears you have, grandma!"

A doctor says sandals and moccasins can cause flat feet. Put 'em on, teenagers, and settle down.

Moon Rocket

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ACROSS
1 Moon
2 Rocket launch site
3 Old musical note
4 Inoquoian Indian
5 Refractive index
6 Walk in water
7 Whole
8 Sliced
9 Solenoid
10 "spread"
11 Female deer
12 Batsman's associates (cricket)
13 Alaskan island
14 Future rocket target
15 Malt beverage
16 Mr. Hoitz
17 Operation
18 Function
19 Spar
20 Outcry
21 Faucet
22 Drosophila
23 Swamp
24 Storehouse
25 Close
26 Russian cavalryman
27 Greek earth goddess
28 Individual
29 Fat
30 Fruit drink
31 Affirmative
32 Italian prince

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1 Egg dish
2 Number
3 Arabian city
4 Straighten
5 Small fishes
6 Morning moisture
7 Talker
8 Extends
9 Requisite
10 Jacksonian
11 Scam
12 Car
13 Printer's measure
14 Gulf state (ab.)
15 Zoroastrian
16 Arabian city
17 Ancient
18 Arabian city
19 Small fishes
20 Morning moisture
21 Jacksonian
22 Scam
23 Car
24 Printer's measure
25 Farthest moon
26 Poem
27 Type of saw
28 Jarvisville
29 Adventure
30 Foxglove
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32 Enzyme (suffix)

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