

Two Negro GI's convicted of unpremeditated murder in death of white airman

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EVREUX, France (UPI) — Two Negro American soldiers were convicted Monday night of unpremeditated murder in the death of a white airman as a result of a fight at the U.S. air base here.

Four other soldiers, including one white, were scheduled to be tried Wednesday on similar charges arising from the same incident last Sept. 6.

The verdict Monday night was handed down after PFC Raymond C. Bost Jr., 22, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and PFC Robert Burrell, 20, of Philadelphia, Pa. The court martial board was made up of 10 white officers.

Bost was sentenced to 15 years at hard labor and Burrell was sentenced to 12 years, but each of the terms is subject to an automatic review by Army officials in Europe and in Washington.

Say Attack Unprovoked

They were convicted in connection with the death of Airman I.C. Robert Padgett of Woodlawn, Va., in a base hospital a few hours after the fight. He received a fractured skull and a blood clot.

The prosecution charged the soldiers rushed into an Air Force barracks carrying steel bars and sticks in an unprovoked attack. Some other airmen were injured in the fight, but not seriously.

'Summit' of religious leaders eyed

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — The possibility of a religious summit conference during Pope Paul VI's visit to the Holy Land next month stirred increasing speculation in the Vatican today.

The Rev. Pierre Duprey of the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity flew to Istanbul, Turkey, Monday night and said he would consult today with Patriarch Athenagoras, 77, spiritual leader of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Athenagoras suggested the Jerusalem summit conference last week after learning of the pontiff's scheduled Jan. 4-6 pilgrimage.

Vatican sources said the Pope will probably answer Athenagoras by note within a few days. They said that if the Pope agrees to a meeting, he will probably send similar notes inviting other Christian church leaders to the conference.

In Amman, Jordan, Msgr. Nimeh Saman, Roman Catholic patriarchal deputy, said today "no convention of Christian faiths will take place in Jerusalem as such a convention is undesirable." He also said the Pope's Holy Land visit will be purely a pilgrimage and added, "the Pope does not have the time for conventions."

It was confirmed officially Monday that the pontiff will fly to Amman, Jan. 4 to begin the Holy Land pilgrimage.

Jerusalem, holy city of Christianity and Judaism, is about 40 miles southwest of Amman. It is divided between Israel and Jordan, with most of the sacred shrines of both faiths located in the old city, on the Jordanian side of a barbed-wire barrier.

Layman placed on probation

PORTLAND (UPI) — An ex-convict now paralyzed as a result of a gunshot wound received five years on probation Monday after he pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon.

Gilbert Layman, 27, of Portland originally was charged with assault with intent to kill after he tried to shoot two Portland detectives who were taking him to jail in a patrol car.

The car crashed, injuring Sgt. Donald Chapin, and Layman became paralyzed after he was shot in the ensuing struggle for the gun.

An additional charge of being an ex-convict in possession of firearms was dismissed.

The defense claimed the soldiers entered the barracks to discuss racial questions and that the fight broke out when someone shouted a racial insult to the Negroes.

"I am shocked," Capt. Norman H. Kirshman, a defense attorney, said after the verdict.

"I hope you have clear consciences," he told the court. "Any possible future they (the defendants) have had you have destroyed."

Bost and Burrell stood stiffly at attention and showed no emotion when the verdict was announced. But they looked downcast when they were taken away.

The prosecutor, Capt. James Ritchie, had blamed both soldiers directly for Padgett's death.

"Don't convict them because Padgett is dead," he had told the court, "but don't acquit them because they are Negroes."

"The facts speak for themselves," he said. "These men are killers, both of them."

Prior to the opening of the trial last week, American officials had described the fight as a barracks brawl. There was testimony of drinking before the incident.

Ritchie asked the court to make the sentences "appropriate for the offense and the offenders." In addition to the murder charge, Bost also had been accused of assault on another airman.

Three of the four soldiers still to be tried asked that enlisted men sit on the court martial. The other was granted a special trial on the ground that part of the pre-trial investigation report referred to him as a troublemaker, prejudicing his case.

GOP's chances seen brighter

NEW YORK (UPI) — Two powerful Republican senators, one of them a principal backer of Sen. Barry Goldwater, agreed today that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy heightened the chances of a GOP presidential victory in 1964.

Sens. Norris Cotton, N.H., and Thurston B. Morton, Ky., were among the first political figures to weigh in public the GOP's chances of winning the 1964 presidential race since Kennedy's death.

"The Republican chances are immensely brightened," said Cotton, who said Goldwater is still the leading candidate for the Republican presidential nomination. "Men come and go — men die — but principles remain the same. Goldwater is still the man to give the party character and direction."

Morton, a former GOP national chairman, said he thought Goldwater's bandwagon had come to a "temporary halt" as the result of Kennedy's tragic death and that Vice President Richard M. Nixon was "about even" with Goldwater as a result.

Chemeketa Hills name approved

PORTLAND (UPI) The name Chemeketa Hills was approved by the Oregon Geographic Names Board last week for some 60 square miles of elevated land southwest of Salem. The Marion County Historical Society had voted 9-8 earlier in favor of Chemeketa Hills over other proposals that the land be called Salem Hills, Red Hills or Illao Hills. Chemeketa is an Indian word thought to mean "place of rest." It was the original name of the city of Salem.

The names board decided to name the highest point in the Tillamook Burn Nels Rogers Peak in memory of Oregon's state forester from 1940 to 1949.

The board also honored the memory of two brothers in naming the first of seven waterfalls in the Salmon River Canyon in Mt. Hood National Forest Stein Falls. Johnny and Bobby Stein of Welches were killed in World War II.



WEDDING BELLS?—For the first time in 50 years, there may be wedding bells heard in the White House. President Johnson's oldest daughter Lynda Bird is engaged to Navy Ensign Bernard Rosenbach. They have tentatively planned to marry next year.

Farmers in SW U.S. voting today on marketing quotas

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Farmers throughout the southern part of the United States vote on three referenda today to decide whether marketing quotas shall be retained for upland cotton, extra-long staple cotton, and rice.

At least two-thirds of those voting must approve quotas before they will continue in effect. Cotton has been under marketing quota controls since the 1954 crop, and rice since 1955. The farmer-producers are expected to approve marketing quotas for each of the commodities.

The Agriculture Department Monday presented a reason for strict controls on cotton production by estimating the 1963 crop at 15,548,000 bales, the largest in 10 years. The 1963 crop was estimated to be 681,000 bales larger than the 1962 crop. This huge production is expected to cause the cotton carryover on next Aug. 1 to total more than 13 million bales. The department already has estimated consumption of U.S. cotton in

the 1963-64 marketing year at 13.8 million bales. This includes 5 million bales for export and 8.8 million bales for domestic mill use.

The 1963 crop was harvested on 14,230,000 acres, about 9 percent less than the harvested acreage in 1962.

The record-high average yield of 524 pounds of lint per acre was responsible for this year's huge crop. The yield compares with 457 pounds in 1962 and the previous record of 466 pounds in 1958.

Of the 14 major cotton producing states, only five failed to produce an average of a bale an acre or better. These states were North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Oklahoma, and Texas. The highest average yield was registered by California, 1,125 pounds per acre. Arizona was close behind with 1,048 pounds.

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) said U.S. agricultural exports to the European Economic Community — the Common Market — in calendar 1962 were nearly as high as in 1961.

FAS said last year's exports to the EEC amounted to \$1.15 billion, only \$6 million less than in 1961. The 1962 value compares with \$822 million in 1958 and \$1.1 billion in 1957, when exports received unusual stimulation because of the Suez crisis.

Common market members are Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, and West Germany.

FAS said U.S. agricultural exports to EEC gained 7 percent in July-September, 1963, over the same three months a year earlier. They totaled \$261 million compared with \$245 million a year earlier.

'Trick' results in stiff fines

COLLINGSWOOD, N. J. (UPI) — A man and woman were fined \$1,000 each Monday for "reckless disregard" in giving drugs and tranquilizers to a number of children making "trick or treat" calls last Halloween.

Frederick E. Waterhouse, 60, of Collingswood, and Mrs. Edna McCrory, 39, of Philadelphia, were convicted by Municipal Judge David Greenberg. They also were given six months suspended sentences.

Four children testified during the seven hour trial. John Kosters, 8, testified he heard Mrs. McCrory laughing inside the house after he and his twin brother had been given cellophane-wrapped packages of "candy pills."

Mrs. McCrory admitted laughing but said she was amused at the costumes of the two boys. She said she made a mistake in thinking the pills she found in a cookie tin in the Waterhouse home were candy.

The judge found Mrs. McCrory guilty of reckless disregard for not having inquired about the pills. He said Waterhouse was responsible for his home and what was in it.

Waterhouse said the pills had been prescribed for his late wife during her fatal illness.

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Soviet leaders begin debate on chemicals plan

MOSCOW (UPI) — The leadership of the Soviet Communist party today began debate on Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's \$46 billion plan for a speedy buildup of the chemical industry, possibly with the aid of entire plants purchased in the West.

The party central committee held its second plenary session in the Kremlin Hall of Congresses, with chemical experts, party and government planners, and industry officials speaking on Khrushchev's plan, which was virtually certain of approval.

Khrushchev said the seven-year program, "unprecedented in world practice," would regenerate a failing agriculture with chemical fertilizers and also help satisfy demands for more consumer goods.

He disclosed in his long speech to the opening of the party meeting Monday that Soviet collective and state farms delivered 21 percent less grain to the state-controlled markets this year than last. He defended his decision to buy more than \$700 million worth of wheat in the West and said Stalin let people starve during bad harvest years while continuing to export wheat.

Then he outlined the seven-year program to increase farm yields and make such grain purchases unnecessary in the future.

Khrushchev's plan for the chemical industry was double what had been expected. Its goals and details included:

- Trebling the output of the chemical industry by 1970.
- Investing \$46 billion, including more than \$25 billion for the plants themselves.
- Producing 70 to 80 million tons of chemical fertilizer by the end of the plan, which would make it possible to double present grain and fodder production.
- Buying entire plants in the West if the equipment is not available in the Soviet Union or its satellites.

Assurance given on dredging

OLYMPIA (UPI) — State Land Commissioner Bert Cole Monday gave his assurance that the state would cooperate with U.S. Army Engineers to dredge a channel in the Columbia and Lower Willamette rivers.

Cole said he signed a letter assuring cooperation in the project to dredge a 40 by 600-foot channel that "will open up the ports of Longview, Woodland, Kalama and Vancouver to major shipping."

Tidelands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources have been approved for the project, Cole said.

Gov. Albert D. Rosellini recently appointed Cole to represent the state in negotiations with the engineers and local port districts involved in the project.

Economic crisis confronts Studebaker auto workers

EDITOR'S NOTE: An economic crisis confronts thousands of workers at the Studebaker plant in South Bend, Ind., today, 15 days before Christmas. Here is a UPI team report on the dislocation. David Smother of UPI, Chicago, Robert Page of UPI, Indianapolis, and South Bend newsmen cooperated in the production.

A UPI Team Report
SOUTH BEND, Ind. (UPI) — It's 15 days before Christmas but South Bend isn't waiting for Santa Claus.

This prosperous city along the northern edge of Indiana is waiting for the word at the gates of the Studebaker Corp. — how many more hours, how many more days before the auto production line stops.

South Bend isn't afraid. But it is sad.

A tradition — of great-grandfather to grandfather to father to son — passed Monday with the word from New York that the Studebaker Corp. was through making cars in South Bend.

Studebaker men showed up for work today as usual, slushing through moist snow outside the gates of the 291-acre plant on the west side of South Bend. Some thought it would be their last day, some their last week.

Moving Company
The final word had to come from President Byers A. Burlingame, who Monday in New York announced he was taking his automotive production business out of South Bend into the seaway port of Hamilton, Ont.

He didn't say when. That word may come at various news conferences scheduled in South Bend today, or in New York, where the Studebaker executives were gathered.

To South Bend, a pleasant city of 135,000, which has boasted of the highest per capita income in the state of Indiana, the time and the minute seemed of secondary importance. South Benders knew it might happen. It was just hard to believe when it hit.

According to the United Auto Workers, that meant 7,000 hourly workers out of jobs — and thousands of families without a regular paycheck. The Chamber of Commerce put the number of jobs at stake at about 4,000.

Stunning Effect
Nobody denied the shutdown at Studebaker would have a stunning effect on life in South Bend. Conservative estimates ran at \$500,000 to be lost in weekly paychecks.

The word from Studebaker was, to all appearances, rushed. It had been scheduled

for a New York news conference Wednesday. Press leaks forced Burlingame to this announcement.

—That Studebaker would discontinue auto assembly at South Bend and shift its primary auto base to Hamilton.

—Studebaker would stay very much in business with the diversified industries which have provided much of its profit since its automotive business went sour after the great year of the Lark in 1959.

—Studebaker "regrets the necessity of curtailing South Bend operations, but the economics of the operation permit no other course."

—On automobile row in Detroit, that meant a shift in the basic statistics. Now there were only four automotive giants producing in the U.S. — General Motors, Ford, Chrysler and American Motors.

It also was the end of an American story which began 111 years ago when the brothers Studebaker came to this simple agreement:

"I, Pete Studebaker, agree to sell all the wagons my brother Clem can make."

Actually, the Studebaker boys had been making wagons in South Bend for 11 years before the 1883 agreement was signed.

In the Civil War, and as the West was opened, Pete sold all the wagons Clem could make.

And in 1902 the Studebakers had a new-fangled electric car on the road and in 1904 the latest thing — a "gas buggy."

Studebaker was a proud name on the roads through the first decades of the automotive age. The South Bend company boasted of craftsmanship — of how South Bend father handed down his knowledge to South Bend son. In large part it was true.

But at the end, this week, that meant that a great many of the men of Studebaker were past their prime as far as the labor market is concerned. Men of 50 or older are made, and there are many of them at Studebaker. But it is tough for them to line up at the employment office.

Crothers asks cut in his pay

SALEM (UPI) — Rep. Morris Crothers, a Republican and Salem physician, has asked the secretary of state to cut his monthly legislative pay from \$250 to \$150, the secretary of state's office revealed today.

Earlier this month, Rep. Edward Elder, R-Eugene, also voluntarily reduced his pay to \$150 a month.

Dyna-soar may be on way out

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Air Force's Dyna-Soar, a winged spacecraft designed to be boosted into orbit and flown as a glider under the control of a pilot, may be on its way out.

Neither the Pentagon nor the White House would comment on the report that the Dyna-Soar was on the chopping block. But President Johnson was understood to have concurred in Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara's proposal to eliminate any new funds for the manned orbital vehicle in the budget, which goes to Congress in January.

Elimination of the project would be one of several steps being taken to hold next year's defense spending in the neighborhood of this year's, which will run between \$50 billion and \$51 billion.

The Dyna-Soar is under development by the Boeing Co. at Seattle, Wash. The Air Force had planned to produce several of the spacecraft and make as many as 20 flights.

The project would cost more than \$800 million, of which about \$400 million already has been spent.

McNamara apparently decided that the program was too costly for what the Air Force would get out of it.

The Air Force, under a Defense Department agreement with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, is to participate in the Gemini spacecraft program. Whether its participation, minimal so far, will now be expanded has not been made clear.

PRESS FOR RIGHTS
WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson has told the African nation of Zanzibar that he will press for equal rights both at home and abroad.

In a message of greeting to the nation on its Independence Day Monday, Johnson said he "will continue to press for equal rights for all."

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