

Ex-Auschwitz guard shouts his innocence

FRANKFURT, Germany (UPI) — A former guard at the Auschwitz Nazi death camp shouted his innocence today before a court trying him and 21 other defendants on charges of mass murder.

Oswald Kaduk, 57, accused of breaking prisoners' necks with a mountain-climbing pick, said he would have remained in Communist East Germany if he had known he would face trial on the charges in the West.

He appeared on the witness stand as West Germany's biggest war crimes trial resumed following a 10-day Christmas recess.

"If I had known there was so much injustice here, I would not have come," Kaduk shouted defiantly.

"Honorable court — I have already been sentenced and pardoned. I stand here innocent," he reported.

Kaduk, a heavy-set former butcher and hospital attendant, said a Soviet army court sentenced him to death after World War II but then pardoned him. He was released from East Germany's Bautzen Prison in 1956 and fled to West Berlin.

Among the accusations against Kaduk is the charge that he selected 40 children for burning and made Russian prisoners stand naked in the snow until they died.

Christmas trees and cardboard cherubs still flanked the doors of the Frankfurt city hall, where the defendants were being tried in the council chamber, the only city facility big enough for the trial.

The 22 men were charged with participating in the murder of an estimated 2.5 to 4 million persons—mostly Jews—during World War II in the camp at Auschwitz, Poland, now known as Oswiecim.

Most of the defendants appeared nervous when today's session opened. Their hands fidgeted and some had visibly twitching muscles. Many gave excuses of their conduct and one did a little boasting.

"I was responsible for preventing escapes and while I held that job Auschwitz had the lowest escape rate of all German camps," said Wilhelm Boger, 56, the former Nazi Gestapo (secret police) agent described by the prosecution as the camp's cruelest guard.

Boger said he felt sorry for the inmates of Auschwitz, however.

Robert Mulka, 68, a former SS (Elite Guard) captain, told the court that when he became adjutant to commandant Rudolf Hoess in 1942, "I did not know it was an extermination camp."

Hoess and two other former Auschwitz commandants are dead. On trial now are their subordinates, the "little helpers" of Hitler.

Had Knee Injury Karl Hoecker, 51, another Hoess adjutant, said he served at Auschwitz "only because a knee injury kept me from service at the front."

More than 250 witnesses from 15 nations have been called to testify at the trial, which is expected to last six to eight months.

The three professional judges and six lay judges waived the reading of the full indictment, which is four times as long as the Bible.

The trial is the largest ever staged by West Germans. In 1946, an international military tribunal tried 22 top Nazis at Nuremberg. It sentenced 12 to death, 7 to prison terms and acquitted 3.

Editor selected for 'Scratches'

Special to The Bulletin REDMOND — Shirli Cowling has been selected to serve as editor of the Panther Scratches, high school publication, during the 1964-65 school year.

The appointment was made by Mrs. Della Bell, newspaper advisor.

Beverly Swanson and Yvonne Wilson were named as editors of this year's edition of the Juniper annual. The journalism class will begin work on the annual in mid-January.

Advertising salesmen are Phyllis Elliott, Virginia Howard, Eric Lawson and Dennis Mahaffey. Activities section will be handled by Natche Bodker, Cynthia Dudley and Pat Hanson. David Stranahan, assisted by Larry Monical, will be in charge of sports.

Linda Arensmeyer is freshman section editor; Karen Copenhaver, sophomore; Barbara Walters, junior, and Mike Giles, senior.



AT COURTHOUSE CONFERENCE — Extension Agent Jane Schroeder orients 4-H members at annual "Know Your County Government" conference today. Looking on are Sandy Mathers, 14, and Stephen Lewis, 15, both of Bend. Forty-six were on hand, divided into groups for tours of departments. Closing event was to be mock trial this afternoon. Sessions were held with county court, sheriff, Civil Defense director, juvenile counselor, roadmaster, Youths brought lunches.

Pair rescued after two-day Colorado ordeal

DENVER (UPI) — Kenneth Stauffer lay seriously ill at a Denver Hospital today, his hand and feet blackened during a two-night ordeal stranded in the mountains at 15 below zero.

Stauffer, 27, took a turn for the worse Sunday night but his friend, James Corbin, 32, remained in "fair" condition. The two were rescued Saturday lying in the snow—marooned in the rugged country 75 miles west of here after Corbin's new four-wheel-drive vehicle slid off an icy road.

Stauffer got through the accident in better shape than Corbin, but he sacrificed his corduroy coat to keep his buddy warm.

"I thought he would need it more because he couldn't move around," Stauffer said.

Walked in Circle A rescue team found Stauffer incoherent in a foot of snow. He had set out for help, hobbling along with a stick for a cane, but apparently just walked around in a large circle.

"I lost my glasses so I couldn't see too good," he told the rescuers. "But every time I fell down I just swore a little bit and got up again."

When he failed to find help, he said he "just lay down in the snow and went to sleep."

Corbin was found semi-conscious under a clump of bushes near his overturned vehicle.

Both men, who live in Frisco, Colo., and work at the Big Climax Molybdenum Co., plant near Leadville, suffered from severe frostbite on their hands and feet. Stauffer also received a fractured leg and Corbin a broken pelvis when the vehicle plummeted 200 feet down a steep slope off the road.

Started For Help The accident happened late Thursday afternoon and Stauffer started for help Friday morning. Corbin spent Friday and Friday night alone, huddled in a tarpaulin which had been in the back of the vehicle.

"Saturday morning I tried to crawl on my hands and knees through four to eight inches of snow to a house I thought was about a mile away," he said.

He held up his hands, puffed and blackened. "This is how they got so frostbitten," he said.

"I could only go about 100 feet, before I had to turn around."

The men were dressed in cotton shirts, jeans and denim jackets. Corbin was wearing looper shoes and Stauffer had on boots and the corduroy jacket.

FREE FROM WIVES LONDON (UPI)—The 35 male employees of the Capital Paper Company will begin a free weekend in Paris Friday—without their wives.

The four-day weekend is the reward of the company management which promised the free trip if the men broke the weekly output target every week in 1963.

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Central Oregon Obituaries

C. J. Leverett

Charles J. Leverett, Bend pioneer and ex-member of the city council, known to his many friends of the area as "C. J.," died this morning about 3:30 o'clock at the Sunset Nursing Home, following a short illness.

A native of Little Rock, Ark., Mr. Leverett was in time of service, one of Central Oregon's oldest realtors, and was active in this field until his final illness. Mr. Leverett came to the Bend area in 1912, year following the coming of the railroads to Bend, and homesteaded in the Deschutes Junction area. He moved to Bend from his homestead, and made his home here since.

Mr. Leverett was preceded in death on Aug. 6, 1961 by his wife, the former Addie Waught, a native of West Virginia. One son, Vernon J. Leverett of Milwaukee, survives, as do four grandchildren, Martha Lynn, Barbara Louise, Pamela Jean and Patricia Ann Leverett.

For many years, Mr. Leverett, referred to by many of his friends as the "Sage of the Deschutes," was author of "Side Talks" that appeared in The Bulletin, in connection with Mr. Leverett's realty advertisements.

In the early 1920's, Mr. Leverett served for several sessions on the Bend City Council, prior to the adoption of the city manager form of government.

Mr. Leverett was a member of the First Baptist Church, and of the Deschutes Pioneers' Association.

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Maude E. Cliff

Funeral services for Mrs. Maude E. Cliff, long-time resident of Lake County, were held recently in Medford with burial at the Silver Lake Cemetery. The Rev. Donald Krug, pastor of the Central Point Presbyterian Church, officiated.

Mrs. Cliff was born April 7, 1874 in Ashland, the daughter of Erastus and Ellen Wells. For nearly half a century she resided on a ranch at Silver Lake, moving in 1950 to Gaston with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Toner, where she lived three years, moving to Central Point where she made her home until her death December 16. She was married in 1901 to James L. Cliff who preceded her in death in 1939.

Survivors include one son, Cameron Cliff, Burns; one daughter, Mrs. Barbara Toner, Central Point; one step-daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Smith, Lebanon; one sister, Mrs. Ida Tucker, Portland; and three grandchildren, Larry and Lloyd Toner, Central Point, and Theresa Cliff, Burns.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m., at the Niswonger & Reynolds Chapel, with the Rev. Ronald M. Lundy in charge. Burial will be in the Pilot Butte Cemetery.

Members of the family said that memorials to the First Presbyterian Church would be appreciated.

Eddie J. Regnier Eddie J. Regnier, 75, a World War I veteran and a resident of Bend for the past five years, died at his home here, at 1645 Galveston, Sunday evening. He was a native of Clark County,

Walter J. Connolly

Walter J. Connolly, 77, a long-time resident of Bend, died Saturday evening at the Ideal Nursing Home. He was a resident of 354 Union.

Mr. Connolly was born on May 14, 1886, in LeMars, Iowa. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Rollie Reinhart, Bend, and a son, W. J. Connolly, Jr., of Portland. There are five grandchildren. A brother, Frank C. Connolly, lives in Texas, and another brother, Arthur Connolly, is in Iowa.

Recitation of the Rosary will be this evening at 8 o'clock, at the Niswonger & Reynolds Chapel. Graveside services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., at the Pilot Butte cemetery. The Rev. William Coughlan will be in charge.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Niswonger & Reynolds Funeral Home.

Carroll E. Sanborn

Carroll E. Sanborn, 73, a 40-year resident of Bend and an employee of The Shevlin-Hixon Company until the plant closed in 1950, died Saturday morning at the Deschutes Sunset Home. He was a native of Minneapolis, Minn., where he was born on Sept. 27, 1890.

Surviving Mr. Sanborn are his widow, Agnes, and three daughters, Mrs. Norman Symons, and Mrs. James Lance, both of Bend, and Mrs. James Lain, Salem. Also surviving are ten grandchildren, Mike and Tim Symons, Jim and Jean Kerron, Leslie and John Laing and Gayle, Bob, David and Steven Sanborn.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. James McGugin in charge. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery. The Niswonger & Reynolds Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Bodies taken off Mt. Index by rescuers

EVERETT (UPI)—A 25-man rescue party, working in relays, Saturday recovered the bodies of a Seattle man and his 12-year-old son from the slopes of Mt. Index where they died early Friday morning of cold and exposure.

Foggy conditions prevented the use of a helicopter in recovering the bodies of Horace Gates, 41, and his son, Frank.

Sheriff's officers said it was "a long, slow process" in getting the bodies down the mountain.

Two other sons who survived the ordeal on the frozen mountain with their father and brother were recuperating at their Seattle home.

The two survivors, William, 16, and Louis, 13, were returned to their home Friday afternoon.

The bodies of Gates and Frank were found earlier in the day about 50 yards from where Louis had lain through the night huddled next to a fire.

Louis was taken down the mountain, about 40 miles east of here, by a helicopter from Paine Air Force Base.

William walked out, for the second time. The older boy made the same hike early Friday after his father and brother became too tired to make it to safety. William then led a 31-man search party to the area in time to save Louis' life.

The hiking expedition began Thursday morning, when Gates, an experienced mountain climber and his three sons drove to Mt. Index from Seattle.

They missed a trail while scaling the peak and night closed in on them on an icy slope at the 3,000 foot level of the 5,369-foot mountain.

"Louis and I were about 50 yards ahead of my dad and Frankie when Frankie collapsed, William said. "Louis and I built a fire. It was about 11 o'clock. We went back to try to get dad and Frankie to the fire, but they couldn't make it. That's when I left to come down the mountain to get help."

Searchers found Gates and Frankie lying face up. The father had his arms around the son.

Word has been received here of the death in Phoenix, Ariz., on December 27 of Mrs. Harry Athon, a former Bend resident. She lived here when her husband was Union Pacific agent.

Aside from her husband, Mrs. Athon is survived by two sisters, Mrs. H. C. Smith, Drexel, Mo., and Mrs. James Springer, Clovis, N.M., and three brothers, Donald Nepp, San Francisco, Calif.; Harry H. Nepp and Lee Nepp, of Trimal, Ill.

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READING ACCELERATOR USED — Robert Tarlton, standing, explains the reading accelerator to Ross Cady, Central Oregon College student. An increase in reading speed is the objective set for a class to start in January.

Increased reading speed, comprehension aim of class

An increase in reading speed and comprehension is the objective set by the reading class offered at Central Oregon College. The next such class will begin with registration at COC Monday evening, January 6, and extend through Winter Term.

Robert Tarlton, instructor, said the course is tailored to provide for readers with varying degrees of reading skill. Experience, Tarlton said, has shown that the advanced reader who is capable of reading at the rate of 600 or 800 words a minute with high comprehension can improve his reading significantly. At the same time, the relatively slow reader who reads about 250 words a minute can, and usually does, show startling improvement in his rate and comprehension after having taken work in speed reading.

Tarlton has emphasized that the class is kept small in order that the students may receive individual attention, important in such a course. The reading instructor said the students have access to several reading accelerators or pacers, as well as books on vocabulary. Reading projects are provided which permit the student to proceed at his own pace.

Educators say the student who achieves the most in school is the student who is able to read more in less time with greater comprehension.

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