

Tearful Seaman Held Under Heavy Guard For Murder of Girl

Johnstown, Pa. — (U.P.) — A 39-year-old merchant seaman, who said his tearful confession to the suffocation of a 14-year-old girl was the first time he had "cried in 20 years," was held here under heavy guard today.

Authorities said feeling was "running real high" in Conemaugh, a steel town of 8,000 persons, in the wake of the killing which police labeled the crime of a sex deviate.

Police said Harry Gossard, twice married neighbor of his first-grade pupil victim, made a written statement detailing how he killed Karen Mauk last Thursday night as she was on a "trick or treat" tour of Conemaugh.

Hearing Tonight
The 6-foot, 200-pound sailor, who was arrested Saturday when he returned from visiting a sister in Philadelphia, will be given a hearing before Squire Stephen McGanka tonight.

A heavy guard was posted around Gossard when he was taken Tuesday to the cemetery hillside, about two miles from Conemaugh, where Karen's nude body was found.

Asked if it was the place where he had killed Karen, the bespectacled sailor, who has a

record of at least five arrests, including two of a sex nature, replied, "Yes."

He then was whisked to Johnstown jail before crowds with a minister before making a signed statement. He wept throughout.

Confronted By Evidence
Gossard, who lived with his mother in Conemaugh since his second divorce, first made an oral admission when confronted by evidence which was gathered by police even before his arrest.

Officers said he had been a suspect since the slaying was discovered.

A 14-year-old girl identified him as the man who attempted to molest her in Conemaugh shortly before Karen disappeared. Officers also showed him casts made of tire tracks found on the hillside and scientific proof they were made by the defendant's automobile.

Another Murder
Karen was killed just 36 hours before the body of another school girl was found at Aliquippa, Pa., about 70 miles west of Conemaugh.

The victim, Helen Jean Bryant, 16, had been killed as she walked down a path to catch a schoolbus the previous Monday.

Beaver County Dist. Atty. Richard P. Stewart said Elijah Thompson, 22, unemployed Negro laborer who lived near the victim, has admitted bludgeoning the Aliquippa High school sophomore to death with a rock.

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Alegrian Troops Combat Terrorism
Algiers — (U.P.) — Troops and police turned out in force today from the Sahara to the sea to combat the upsurge of terrorism that has claimed nine lives in Algeria this week.

The bloody clashes, incited by propaganda broadcasts from Egypt, mark the first serious outbreak of mass terror in France's Algerian provinces since World War II.

Two French armored columns converged on the terrorist-held village of Arris, in the bandit-ridden Aures Mountains, while strong patrols of troops and police maintained order in the key cities of Algiers, Oran, Constantine, Batna and Setif.

Bob Hope Receives Forgotten Passport

Paris — (U.P.) — Bob Hope's U.S. passport arrived from London today, in time to save the skinned comedian from threatened confinement in a French jail.

Hope absent mindedly left the travel document behind when he flew here from the British capital yesterday to appear with Maurice Chevalier in a television show. French authorities admitted him to the country, but said they would lock him up unless the passport arrived in short order.

The comedian advised friends in London of his predicament by telephone, and the director of the TV show brought the passport with him when he arrived today.

Spruce Budworm Still Big Forest Threat

Portland — (U.P.) — The spruce budworm still is a big threat in eastern Oregon despite widespread action to control it, the Northwest Forest Pest Action committee was told here yesterday.

Miles Compton, in charge of insect work for the Oregon Board of Forestry, said more than 1,000,000 acres still are badly infested. Some 3,218,660 acres have been sprayed during the six-year program.

Compton said timber most needed spraying included Ocho, 210,000 acres; Malheur 235,000; Powder river-Baker watershed, 76,000, and Eagle Creek-Catherine creek area, 48,000. About two-thirds of the area is in national forests.

McLeod

McLeod — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schroeder from San Anselmo, Calif., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young on Rogue river. The Schroeders had gone to Detroit, Mich., to pick up a car and then drove through Canada before returning home.

Roy Vaughn is in the Community hospital and his friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding Jr. and four daughters from Oakland have been guests of the former's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hume, on October 26 the Hardings were dinner guests at the home of another sister and family at Prospect, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Vaughn.

Mrs. Henry Schuder has returned to her home here after two weeks in Temple City, Calif. Mrs. Shirley Wilson of Vallejo, Calif., is visiting her mother Mrs. Audrey Collier here.

Mrs. Ralph Young has returned to her home here after a visit with relatives in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kohernik of Roseburg were recent guests of Mrs. Kohernik's parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyles Berry have been called to 29 Palms, Calif., by the serious illness of his mother. The Hardings are taking care of the motel during their absence.



HAPPY VOTER — Former President Harry Truman is all smiles as he leaves voting booth after casting ballots at Independence, Mo. He refused to make vote predictions.

Truman Well Pleased With Election Results

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — Former President Harry S. Truman received election news with a wide smile today and said the results "suit me very well."

But he said returns were not "overwhelmingly enough" in favor of Democrats.

He listed two Democratic victories as "particularly pleasing," Alben W. Barkley's senatorial triumph in Kentucky and George C. Marshall's defeat of Jeffrey P. Hillelson, Republican incumbent, in the Fourth Missouri Congressional district. That is Mr. Truman's home district.

The former President was asked if he thought the Democratic trend in the election expressed more than casual dissatisfaction with the Eisenhower administration.

"Yes," he said. "I think it does."

Japanese Tuna Threat in California

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The director of the Tuna Research Foundation said today a "rising flood" of imported Japanese tuna threatens the livelihood of 18,000 southern California fishery workers.

Edwin L. Morris told the Ad club the Japanese portion of the American tuna market had risen from 15 per cent before World War II to 35 per cent at the present time. He said the imports posed a "grave threat" to California's "fourth largest industry."

Morris warned that large inventories of Japanese canned and frozen tuna would be shipped to the American market as soon as Japan is granted full membership in the general agreement on tariff and trades, now meeting in Geneva.

West Coast Ship Tieup Expanded

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A tactical walkout by AFL sailors tied up another ship here yesterday, bringing the total of vessels affected on the Pacific Coast to more than a dozen.

The tieup came about as a result of the sailors refusing to work overtime in port. Election day is an overtime pay day under waterfront union contracts, and the sailors do not have to accept overtime.

The no overtime went into effect last week end at Pacific Coast ports as an outgrowth of a jurisdictional dispute between the sailors and the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union over the unloading of ships.

Latest vessel to be affected was the Matson Line freighter Hawaiian Planter.

The squabble began over which union had the right to unload at a specific hatch on the coastwise freighter Pacificus in Long Beach. The ship was deserted by both factions Wednesday. It was still idle today. Other vessels were idled in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, and San Pedro.

Chairman To Ask End Of Un-American Group

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Francis E. Walters (D-Pa.) who is in line to become chairman of the House Un-American Activities committee in the next Congress, announced today he will ask the House in January to abolish that controversial committee.

Walter said he would ask the new Democratic controlled House to transfer the functions of the Un-American Activities committee to the Judiciary committee, of which he is second ranking Democratic member.

The Un-American Activities committee, headed during the last Congress by Rep. Harold H. Velde (R-Ill.) has been one of the most controversial groups in Congress.

Scientists Study Armadillo Births

Houston, Tex. — (U.P.) — Two Rice Institute scientists have tackled a curious problem — when a female armadillo gives birth, why does she have identical quadruplets?

Dr. Roy V. Talmadge of the biology department and Dale Buchanan, 26, a graduate student working on his doctor's degree, plan to spend the next two years on the project, financed by a \$15,000 grant from the National Science foundation.

Dr. Talmadge said the foundation made the grant because it thinks the study of armadillos may give humans the key to more and better parenthood.

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Baker Uranium Tests Planned Soon

Baker — (U.P.) — Testing of the 22 uranium claims filed in the Wallows mountains by Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles will be under way soon, according to Leo Adler.

Adler, who returned this week from a visit with Mayor Poulson and his administrative assistant, Col. Frye Herbert, said a new corporation was being organized to make the exploration tests.

"Large investors from all over the United States are seeking to enter the corporation," Adler said. The tests, by geologists, would begin "as early as possible" next year.

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