

Dr. Sam Asks Appeals Court To Set Aside Murder Finding

Cleveland, O. — (U.P.) — Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard Saturday asked the court of appeals to set aside his Dec. 21 conviction of second degree murder because of errors in trial procedure and evidence that someone else committed the crime last Independence day.

The plea was in the form of a 365-page brief. The list of errors was similar to ones made earlier as basis for appeals, but refused. The new evidence and theories were made by Dr. Paul Kirk, University of California criminologist, who investigated the crime after the 31-year-old osteopath's conviction.

Kirk in Berkeley, Calif., said his findings made a "very strong case" for the innocence of Dr. Sheppard, but added "that is for a judge and jury to decide."

His conclusions were contained in a section titled "circumstantial evidence" near the end of the paper-bound brief. They included the theories that Marilyn Sheppard's murder was committed by a left-handed sex deviate who probably was bitten on the hand by the victim.

He described the position of the body to support the thesis it was a left-handed killer, and said tooth chips found under the body indicated Mrs. Sheppard had bitten her attacker. There were no cuts inside the mouth, he said, to show the teeth had been broken by one of the 25 blows that killed her.

Kirk, 53, said "things just didn't look right" as he reviewed the state's case against Dr. Sheppard. He said details had been "overlooked" or not "adequately explained," and for that rea-

son he became "suspicious very quickly."

The brief was the final legal step taken by Dr. Sheppard's attorneys in preparing their appeal. Earlier, they had submitted a 7,391 page bill of exceptions—including all the testimony of the lengthy trial—and a 37-page assignment of errors accompanied today's brief.

Although Chief Defense Attorney William J. Corrigan

10 Hurt as Train Plunges From Rails

Schodack Landing, N.Y. — (U.P.) — The New York Central's crack Pacemaker passenger train was derailed Saturday and ten persons were injured.

The locomotive of the 14 car train plunged into the Hudson river. William Kelly, the engineer, was trapped in his cab but a young doctor who was a passenger on the train crawled on ladders out to the locomotive 30 yards offshore and helped free Kelly.

The engineer was rushed to Albany Memorial hospital, eight miles north of here, in serious condition after a priest who also was a passenger had given him last rites.

A landslide that swept away part of the tracks was believed to have caused the wreck. Some of the passenger cars flipped over on their sides, but only the locomotive went into the river. The tracks are only about two yards above the river here.

Camp White Art Class Has Pictures on Display Here

The first public showing in Medford of the work of members of the Camp White domiciliary art class, who have completed six months of instruction, opened Friday at the Art Center. The exhibit of 16 oil paintings will be on display during April.

This gesture of recognition was made possible through the courtesy of John Ahern, prominent local artist and vice-president of the Southern Oregon Society of Artists.

The Camp White art class was formed through arrangements made by special services for volunteer instruction given by Viola Tolman Blue, Gold Hill artist; who visits the camp each Tuesday morning to teach the group of a dozen or more beginners.

Pleased With Gesture

Frank Glonning, chief of special services, who is in charge of

the volunteer program at the domiciliary, offered the following comment on the showing: "I am very pleased with Mr. Ahern's gesture of inviting our artists from Camp White to exhibit their work in Medford. It certainly exemplifies a healthful association of member relationship with the community that we so desire to foster at all times."

"This will also do much to instill greater confidence in our exhibitors, through such association. We hope everyone in the community will take advantage of this opportunity to view the work of our disabled veterans."

Winifred Welch and Augustine Arnold have five paintings each in the exhibit. Eugene Roeder and H. L. Williams have two each and George Jennings and Dan Dyer offered one apiece.



STEPHEN A. MITCHELL
Memorial Dinner Speaker

Former National Democratic Leader Slates Talk Here

Stephen A. Mitchell, former Democratic national chairman, Chicago lawyer, will be guest speaker at the fifth annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner to be held Saturday evening, April 23, at the Medford Junior High school boys' gymnasium, according to Democratic County Chairman Robert A. Boyer.

Mitchell, a close friend of Adlai Stevenson, Sen. Paul Douglas, Oregon's two senators and Democratic leaders throughout the nation, recently made it clear that in accepting the Medford invitation he was making an exception to his previous decision "not to speak this soon," Boyer said.

Praises Group

"The spirit and idealism with which the Democrats of Jackson county have launched and built this unique Roosevelt Memorial dinner has a special, warm appeal to many of us," he said in a letter. "I not only gladly accept this invitation but shall try and induce Mrs. Mitchell to accompany me on the trip."

Elected Democratic national chairman in September, 1952, Mitchell, following the national election, faced the task of eliminating a campaign deficit and rebuilding and strengthening a party suddenly out of power after 20 years. His work took him into 42 states the first year where he met party leaders and rank and file workers. During his first year as chairman the party initiated the "Democratic Digest" as well as a program of publicity, research and speakers' programs.

War-time Service

During World War II Mitchell served as chief of the French division of the Lend-Lease administration, as chief advisor for French economic affairs of the State department and advisor in the U. S. Embassy in Paris.

Mitchell, a native of Rock Valley, Iowa, attended Creighton university and is a graduate of Georgetown university law school in Washington. He is 52, married and the father of three sons.

Dinner tickets now out are in the hands of a committee headed by Attorney William A. Deatherage, chairman, Medford. Assisting him are Mrs. Albert Straus, Mrs. Thomas Higgins, James Main, Bruce Manley, Cecil Norris, Medford; Mrs. Doris

'Welfare State' Finds Most Violet Critics North From Arctic Circle in Finland

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles written for The Mail Tribune by Walter Mattila, Portland newspaperman who is now touring the Scandinavian countries.)

By WALTER MATTILA
Mail Tribune Special Writer

Kemijarvi, Finland — (By Air Mail) — "The welfare and security social aim" of Scandinavian countries in general finds its severest critics here well above the Arctic Circle. This country can afford to have only a part of the usual Scandinavian attention to every citizen.

An automobile dealer who was harassed by critically low quotas for the foreign car he sold said even his crew did not care for all the "welfare devices cooked up in Helsinki."

Must Have Cook

He said he could pay his employees considerably more money if he did not have to maintain a cook and lunch room for them in a city of 15,000 and numerous restaurants. He complained he never knew what his payroll was when he showed up at his office, because it would vary with every addition to the families of his employees. Automatic pay increases are prescribed for the father. The new father also receives a minor child support contribution from the state.

Many Subsidies

The auto dealer said the tax load on his business was increased by "absurd subsidies" paid to farmers. One of these called for a farmer getting a subsidy on what he, his wife and children consumed. Admittedly there are corpuent housewives on the farms.

Finland agriculture, however, appears to suffer seriously from small unit operation. In Sweden the Labor government has been studying the conversion of the least economical farms into tree growing. Some foresters contend almost a fourth of Swedish farmland could be devoted to tree farming without a serious decline in national revenue and no huger pains in the Swedish stomach, Sweden eat well.

Face Tasks

All Scandinavian businessmen who sell foreign products, such as cars, trucks and tractors, are faced with almost insurmountable tasks in getting permits to import their stock in trade. This situation generally is getting worse, with the least restraint evident in Sweden. But the economic forecasts indicate that purchasing of American cars will run into "dollar difficulties." Sweden's imports from the United States are much larger than her exports.

In Finland the foreign car importer is facing ruin. Although Russian cars are more expensive and have an amazingly short, useful life, the Finnish government is pushing them on the

people. In contrast to the service provided by the distributor of American cars, those handling sales of Soviet models have show rooms. The Russian cars are towed in—and sputter out—of garages established by distributors of American, British, French and Swedish vehicles.

Excellent Reputation

The Swedish car, Volvo, has an excellent reputation for endurance, although it competes at a disadvantage in price because

of small scale output. A Finnish distributor of the vehicle, to illustrate its reputation for service, said some five years after one of the first models was sold

in Lapland, a region hard on car and man, an inquiry came at last about maintenance. It was, "How in the dickens do you open the hood on this tarpot?"

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