



Seven American Soldiers on Trial On Rape Charges

Wuerzburg, Germany—(U.P.)—Seven American soldiers go on trial today for the mass rape of a 15-year old German girl. The verdict could have an important effect on recently disturbed German-American relations.

The seven Americans, four of them teen-agers, were accused of raping the young girl in a woods near here on July 9. The act brought to a head a wave of German criticism of brutal actions by U.S. and other troops stationed along the Iron Curtain in West Germany.

The Communists and the non-Communists were observing the trial with almost equal interest—the Communists for powerful propaganda material and the non-Communists to see a test of American policy and friendship with the West German republic.

Every German newspaper—on both sides of the Iron Curtain—was giving the trial wide publicity. The trial was before a military court, with five Army lawyers appointed to defend the men. The seven accused faced death by hanging if convicted. Investigating military police have reported all made "implicating" statements.

Observers said if the seven are given light sentences, or sentences lighter than the German public thinks they deserve, a new wave of demands is expected to swell across Germany calling for the expulsion of all foreign troops.

The Army named Brig. Gen. Parmer Edwards of St. Louis to head the nine-man court. Maj. John F. Kearns of Fonda, N.Y., was designated law officer.

The men, all members of the 85th Infantry Regiment of the 10th Division, were: Pfc. Edward L. Brown, 18, of Norwalk, Conn.; Pvt. Melvin F. Carter, 24, of Harrisburg, Va.; Pfc. James E. Wilson, 18, of Wilmington, Del.; Pvt. Clifton Franks, 20, of Omaha, Neb.; Pvt. James Gordon, 23, of Alachua, Fla.; Pfc. Fred Chandler, 21, of Kansas City, Mo.; and Pfc. Raymond I. Kasey, 18, of Roanoke, Va.

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COLONEL KEHOE Assigned to Medford

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Vancouver Barracks, Wash.—Regular Army Lt. Colonel Frank M. Kehoe, recently returned from 14 months in Korea, has been assigned as the senior advisor for Army reserve units in the Medford area, Colonel Willard B. Carlock, chief of the Oregon Military district has announced.

Colonel Kehoe is coming to Medford as a result of increased Army reserve activities by the activation of the 417th engineer aviation brigade and the Armed Forces Reserve act of 1955 which permits youths 17 to 18½ years of age to enlist in the Army reserve.

As the senior unit advisor in this area he will also be responsible for Army reserve units in the Klamath Falls and Grants Pass areas.

A veteran of more than 14 years service, Colonel Kehoe served in France, England, Germany, the Philippine Islands and Japan during and after World War II. In 1949 he returned to Germany where he served until 1953 with the Hanau and Rhine engineer depots.

Colonel Kehoe and his wife, Madge, with their two sons, Stephen and Phillip, will make their home at route 1, box 363C, Medford.

COOL, MAN, COOL

Chicago—(U.P.)—The Drake Hotel has announced the completion of a 100 per cent air conditioning program started in 1954. The system consists of a 100-ton refrigerating compressor, a water chiller, a circulating pump, and an evaporative condenser. The individual room units are installed in the closets and vary in power with the size of the room.

BRING BACK THOSE BELLS

Grand Rapids, Mich.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Allen E. Waite appealed to police to help find her husband's bar-bells and weights before he starts adding more weight. Mrs. Waite told police her 230-pound husband, a contractor, "is lost without them." The bar-bells were taken from the Waite home while they were away.

Girl, 12, Quizzed In Death of Boy

Milwaukee—(U.P.)—A 12-year-old girl was questioned by police and juvenile authorities today about the fatal shotgun shooting of Kenneth Dykes, 11, Milwaukee.

Dykes died at a hospital here Monday afternoon, a few hours after the girl shot him because he was teasing her, police said.

The girl was expected to face juvenile court trial on a police charge of homicide by reckless conduct with a firearm.

The girl told police Dykes was throwing a rock at a house in which she, another girl and a boy were playing. She said she pointed the shotgun out of a window and told him to stop.

Dykes persisted, she told police, and walked up a flight of stairs to the house. The girl came out holding the shotgun and told Dykes she would give him to the count of five to leave.

"That old gun won't shoot anyway," she quoted Dykes as saying.

She told police she counted to five and pulled the trigger, but added she did not know the gun, which belonged to her father, was loaded.

Sullivan To Miss Sunday TV Show

Derby, Conn.—(U.P.)—TV star Ed Sullivan has not improved "rapidly enough" from traffic injuries to appear on his Sunday night program, a hospital medical bulletin said today.

Comedian Phil Silver will substitute for Sullivan on "The Ed Sullivan Show" this Sunday and until Sullivan is able to return, the Columbia Broadcasting System announced. A CBS spokesman said it was expected Sullivan would return to his program Aug. 19.

A. J. Deluca, administrator of Griffin hospital, issued the bulletin 32 hours after Sullivan was injured in a two-car accident at Seymour, Conn.

The medical bulletin said Sullivan "spent a comfortable night. Temperature normal. Condition has not progressed rapidly enough to warrant his appearance on the TV show scheduled for Aug. 12."

Deluca said he did not know how much longer Sullivan would be required to remain in the hospital.

WHO IS ELVIS?

New York—(U.P.)—Elvis Presley may have the sympathy of 71 per cent of the nation's teen-agers and the idolatry of 11 per cent. But 18 per cent hasn't the vaguest idea who "The Pelvis" is. A youth research institute survey said many of the 18 per cent never had heard of the rock-'n'-roll singer, while others misidentified him as a comic strip character, Southern senator, evangelist, mystery novel detective and radio news commentator.

FATHER & SON

Boston—(U.P.)—For the first time in its long history, the uniformed branch of the Massachusetts state police now has a father-and-son combination—Lt. William J. Sullivan and rookie Trooper Richard Sullivan.

BAR BELLS STOLEN

Tampa, Fla.—(U.P.)—Police searched today for a muscle-bound burglar who stole William Nunnally's set of bar bells over the week end.

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Firm Official to Study Market Area

Stan J. Stephenson, manager, portable appliance division of the Westinghouse Electric corporation, is in Medford this week to study local market conditions and to help prepare for the election campaign broadcasts which Westinghouse is sponsoring nationally.

Stephenson is one of a team of three executives of Westinghouse's consumer products division moving throughout the Northwest this week. They are among 125 Westinghouse officials that are devoting this week to contacting dealers all over the country.

During this week, Westinghouse will effect "Operation Landslide," a \$10,000,000 merchandising event planned for the electrical merchandising industry.

Westinghouse is investing \$5,000,000 in television and radio coverage of the political conventions this fall. Another \$5,000,000 is being invested in merchandising and advertising projects to make sure that retailers capitalize on the broadcasts at the local level, according to Westinghouse.

Chicago Continues To Battle Polio

Chicago—(U.P.)—Every effort was being made today by Board of Health authorities to crush the polio outbreak in Chicago before the peak polio season arrived in less than a week.

The polio count neared the 600 mark despite the all-out inoculation campaign launched against the crippling disease.

Since Jan. 1, there have been 582 cases of polio and 13 deaths from the disease.

The outbreak was the worst in Chicago's history and ran far ahead of 1955 when 161 cases and 10 deaths were reported during the same period. In 1952, when the city's previous biggest polio outbreak occurred, only 76 cases and three deaths had been reported in the corresponding period.

Meanwhile, health authorities pressed a drive against itinerant food and confectionary vendors on the polio-infested West Side. Dr. Herman Bundesen, Board of Health president, said the action should not be construed as meaning that all street vendors should be considered unsanitary.

"We just don't want to take any chances," Bundesen said.

DEAL'S ALL WET

Orlando, Fla.—(U.P.)—The next time James F. Divine sees a bargain, he'll be a little more wary. Arriving late Monday at a county land auction, Divine bid for four lots, which he finally purchased for \$705. The shock came when he went to look at his new properties near the edge of town and found them right in the middle of Lake Olive.

Cypriot Gunmen Scheduled To Die

Nicosia, Cyprus—(U.P.)—Gov. Sir John Harding today confirmed the death sentences of three Greek-speaking Cypriot gunmen, who probably will hang within 48 hours.

The EOKA underground was expected to retaliate for the executions of Andreas Zakos, Charilaos Michael and Iakovos Patatos by murdering any British captives who fall into their hands.

The underground seized a 78-year-old schoolteacher last week and threatened to kill him if the three men were hanged. The underground eventually released him, however, at the request of one of the doomed men.

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Convicted Red Refused Payments

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See GEORGE LEWIS

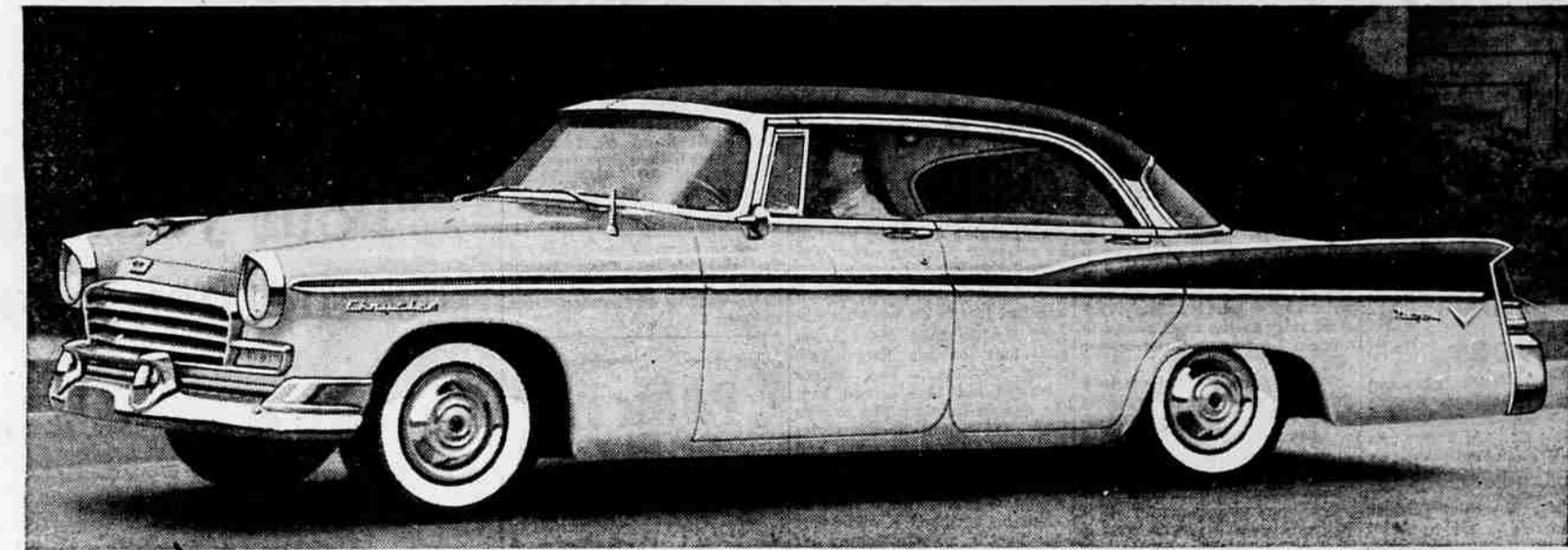
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