

Iranian Bandit Begg for Death Rather Than Return To Homeland

Editor's note: Brian Dewhurst, United Press correspondent in Karachi, flew to the oasis village of Tarbut near the Iranian border where he interviewed Ahmed Shah, captured brother of the notorious Dad Shah and confessed killer of an American woman.

BY BRIAN DEWHURST United Press Correspondent Tarbut, Pakistan (U.P.)—Ahmed Shah, the scrawny Iranian tribesman who kill Mrs. Anita Carroll, pleaded with foreign correspondents to "shoot me now" rather than let him be turned back to his countrymen for punishment.

The cowering, 47-year-old eldest brother of the notorious Shahs who have robbed, pillaged and murdered for 15 years was a sorry sight.

He frankly admitted shooting Mrs. Carroll in the back when she tried to flee the blood-spattered jeep containing the bullet-riddled bodies of her husband, Kevin, Brewster A. Wilson and two Iranians.

But he calmly stated, "It was a mistake." This oasis is the capital of the crack Mekran frontiersmen. The grey-clad and very proud frontier militia patrolled the sun-scorched compound where Ahmed, 15 women and three young boys wait their fate.

Will Stand Trial That fate is almost certain to be death before an Iranian firing squad. Iran announced Pakistan agreed to return the bandit gang for trial.

Ahmed claimed informers told the tribe that Iranian police would motor through the Iran-Pakistan border March 24.

Dad Shah, the 45-year-old leader of the tribe with an in-

born hatred of Iranian police, organized an ambush. Settling behind shelter, the men and women rained a deluge of bullets on the car carrying the Carrolls, Brewster and the two Iranians. Ahmed said the occupant of the car were taken completely by surprise and did not fire back.

Briefs From the Legislature

Salem (U.P.)—All state firemen in departments with five or more employees would be put under civil service by House bill 447 which passed the House. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Salem (U.P.)—The Senate voted 19-10 to allow eight state agencies to name their own attorneys rather than have them appointed by the attorney general as at present.

Salem (U.P.)—The Joint Ways and Means Committee approved Senate bill 733 providing for \$170,000 to plan the second phase of the \$15 million Dam-masch mental hospital near Wilsonville. Working plans for the hospital are expected to be ready by Jan. 1, 1958. The 1955 Legislature appropriated \$6,335,000 for the project's first phase.

Salem (U.P.)—The Senate passed and sent to the governor a House bill to increase the cost of a drivers license by \$1 every two years, with the extra money to finance driver training in the Oregon high schools.

An atmosphere too thin to transmit sound waves adequately is believed found at a height of approximately 1,000 miles above the earth's surface.

Former Coroner in Klamath Speaks at Officers Meeting

"Medical-legal aspects of Alcohol in Criminal Cases" was the topic of an address by Dr. George Adler Wednesday at the monthly meeting of the Southern Oregon Peace Officers association.

Dr. Adler recently completed 25 years as coroner for Klamath county. He said in 48 per cent of auto accident deaths, 87 per cent of criminal homicides and 27 per cent of suicides blood tests have shown the presence of alcohol in significant amounts.

Coroner Experience During his experience as coroner, he said approximately 75 per cent of his cases involved the use of alcohol in sufficient amounts to be of criminal significance. The speaker noted that 200 million gallons of intoxicating beverages per year are consumed by American people. This amounts to slightly more than 1 1/2 ounces of alcoholic liquor per day for every man, woman and child more than 16 years of age in the country.

He told the officers, "It is important in your work that you have some understanding of the methods of determining how much alcohol a subject has consumed, evaluating its effect upon the person's conduct and preserving the findings for use as evidence." Dr. Adler authored the Oregon law providing for use of blood alcohol test results as court evidence. He is qualified in both state and federal courts as a medical-legal expert.

Attending the meeting at Gold Hill were officers from Jackson and Josephine county sheriff's offices, state police, district at-

Republicans Gather Ammunition In Drive for Congressional Seats

Omaha, Neb. (U.P.)—The Republican party today began the job of stockpiling ammunition for an all-out battle for congressional seats in the 1958 elections.

The first of six regional "grassroots" meetings cosponsored by the GOP Congressional and Senatorial Campaign Committees and the Republican National Committee opened here.

GOP leaders chose an eight-state area of the Midwest and Southwest as the locale of the first meeting, and they planned "to stick our necks out" for as much constructive criticism as possible. State and local party leaders will do most of the talking, they said.

Guiding the discussions will be Meade Alcorn, national chairman; Rep. Richard M. Simpson (R-Pa.) chairman of the GOP Congressional Campaign Committee, and Sen. Andrew Schoepel (R-Kan.), chairman of the Senatorial Campaign Committee.

The "constructive criticism" may include indictments of President Eisenhower's peacetime budget of nearly 72 billion dollars, the administration's foreign aid program, and its farm policies.

Conservatives Represented

Among persons from the eight states at the first meeting are conservatives who feel the budget is out of line; party leaders who feel the national party is not organized; opponents of foreign aid; and farm-minded party leaders who feel the administration has not done right by agriculture.

The eight states represented at the meeting have a total of 41 congressional seats and three Senate seats up for grabs in the 1958 elections. Twenty-six of the congressional seats now are held by Republicans, and all three of the Senate seats to be filled in 1958 are held by Republicans—Roman L. Hruska, (Nebraska), William Langer, (North Dakota) and Edward J. Thye, (Minnesota).

Of the 26 Republican representatives now serving the eight states, five had close shaves in the 1956 elections, a United Press survey shows. South Dakota and Kansas each lost a Republican House seat in the last election.

There is unrest in a conservative element of the party in Oklahoma, and state Chairman Walter E. Curry said he wanted "a firm national policy."

He said he had based his support of the regional meetings on the idea that comments made at the meeting could lead "to a firm national policy of the party that could be definitely distinguished from the former New Deal policies of the opposition party."

"We must make apparent what we stand for," Curry said. "I want a definite policy different from what the President has proposed and in a more conservative vein."

Budget Opposed

Grumbling also has been heard in Colorado, where there are "old guard" and "modern" wings of the party. State Chairman Edgar Elliff has made no secret about his opposition to the Eisenhower budget.

Nebraska conservatives also have expressed dissatisfaction with federal spending, but Nebraska party leaders said there was "no great upheaval" in party ranks in the state.

The Minnesota party leaders feel that the party needs more organization, and rated the topic high on the list of things they

State Chairman F. N. Cosgrove of South Dakota said he wanted to discuss agricultural policy and to Oklahoma delegation listed foreign aid as a disturbing facet of the administration's program.

The anti-budget sentiment will get a sympathetic reception from Simpson, who earlier this week said the budget is "entirely out of line" and should be cut by Congress.

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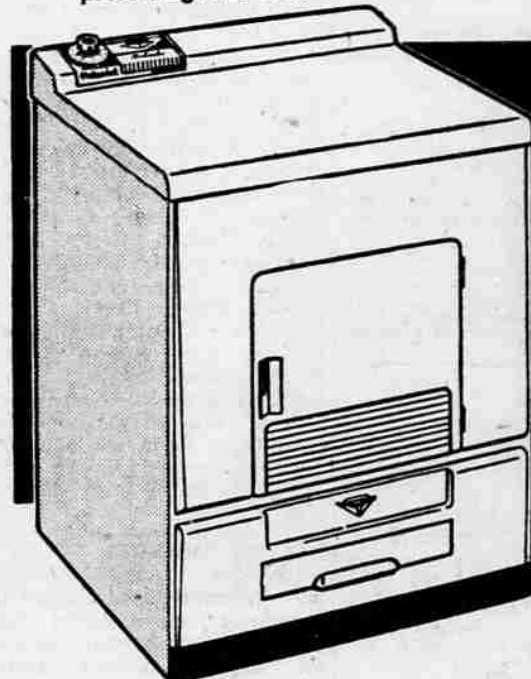
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Newly elected president Joseph Walsh, chief deputy sheriff in Jackson county, presided.

Talent Farm Bureau Discusses Legislation

Members of the Talent Farm Bureau center discussed legislative matters, including taxes, at a meeting at the Valleyview school house this week.

Members suggested that an effort be made to have a meat packing plant established in this area to serve Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties. Also discussed was the feasibility of garden seeds corps in the valley, and members to agree to a preliminary survey to determine the amount of interest in such a project.

The bureau hopes to have Walter Hoffburr, manager of the Talent Irrigation district, as speaker at the next meeting.

Arrangements Complete To Merge Local Firms

Arrangements were complete recently for the merger of the R. A. Holmes Insurance agency, and the House of Insurance, both Medford firms.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole Holmes recently observed the 48th birthday of the Holmes Insurance agency here, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick House have been in life insurance business here since 1946 and casualty insurance since 1951.

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