

Iran Court Martial To Try Bandit Gang Charged in Ambush

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Tehran — A special court martial, unique in Iran's legal history, will try next month the bandit gang accused of murdering three Americans and two Iranians in an ambush last March.

The principal defendant, bandit leader Dad Shah, is still at large and believed to have fled to Pakistan. But Iranian authorities are holding his brother, Ahmed Shah, Dad's favorite wife, Nazak, and several members of the gang.

The ambushed Americans were Kevin Carroll, a U.S. Point Four aid official, his pretty wife, Anita, both of Issaquah, Wash., and Brewster Wilson of Portland, Ore., a Near East Foundation community development specialist.

The court martial will be conducted by Gen. Hossein Azemouddah, army prosecutor — general who in 1954 participated in the trial of anti-British ex-Premier Mohammed Mossadegh.

American observers will be invited to the trial, to be held at the Tehran's army division headquarters against the bandits in-

clude murder, robbery, and armed insurrection. Conviction of any one of the charges would mean execution by firing squad. Dad Shah, unless caught in the meantime, will be tried in absentia.

Reports that Dad Shah returned to Iran, killed several villagers and burned a village last month, were dismissed as unfounded by security officials here.

Extradited by Pakistan
Dad Shah's brother and wife and 20 gang members were handed over by Pakistan authorities this month, after lengthy extradition procedures.

A group of 40 persons, including 13 women and five children, is being held at Tehran's military police headquarters. Army sources said the children and most of the women will be sent to welfare organizations.

But Dad Shah's wife will be kept under strong guard until the end of the court martial. She is alleged to have aided her husband in the killings.

Prime Minister Manoucheh Eshghi, has recommended no mercy for the defendants and asked that they be made an example.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Such was the bewildering nature of the last global war, that for the first time in warfare more than 100,000 antlered reindeer were pressed into service—and with telling effect, setting a remarkable record in the Arctic circle where in snow or bog no other animal could match their performance, much less machines.

His only rival in the Arctic was the Alaskan Eskimo dog—either malamutes or huskies, who were able to carry 65-pound packs and go four or five days, without food if necessary, without showing any sign of wasting away under the strain.

For the beginner, the splayhoofed reindeer is not easy to operate. It is capable of fantas-

whisk them to any sector of the frozen north, despite the cruellest of blizzards, strike swiftly within a radius of 700 miles within a week, and then melt back into the southern forests before the Nazi enemy could gather himself to see with what he had been hit and by whom.

Handily, too, on the way these reindeer supplied the raiders with milk rich in butterfat and when occasion demanded, with meat.

Similarly in other theaters, when rations expired often the beasts of burden saved them from starvation—and so camels were eaten in Africa, oxen in Burma, mules in Bataan, horses in Russia, dogs in Germany.

The boo-hoo department: During the past month, I had to eat a big helping of crow. I placed Harney Peak—the highest in the U. S. east of the Rockies—in North Dakota. Of course it is in the Black Hills of South Dakota where I have camped. (And President Coolidge fished for trout with white kid gloves on, yet.)

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Festival Dancers Need Equipment

Ashland — Marcia Thayer, dance director for the Shakespearean festival, is looking for full length mirrors and a phonograph that will play at 33 1-3 speed.

"We need the record player to provide music at rehearsals, and the full-length mirrors are very useful in dance practice," she added. "We hope someone in this area can help us find them."

An expanded dance program is being offered with the festival this year, including special numbers created for "Henry VIII," "As You Like It," "Two Gentlemen of Verona," and "Pericles." Festival Dancers will entertain audiences with dancing on the green prior to each performance of "Othello" and "Two Gentlemen."

The group is also slated to perform during the annual "Bard's Hey Day," July 21 and at opening night festivities on Aug. 1. A special dance concert is planned for Sunday, Aug. 18.

Anyone having a phonograph or mirrors for festival use may contact Marcia Thayer at the Shakespeare Festival theater.

Medford Man Named to School Employee Post

Hermiston — John Brown Jr., Salem, was reelected president for a one-year term of the Oregon School Employees Association at a conference held here.

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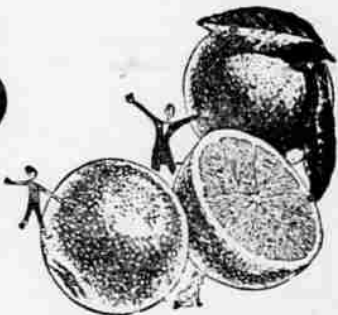
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