

Girard Disappeared Following Killing, Witness Declares

Camp Weir, Japan — One of the key prosecution witnesses testified Wednesday that William S. Girard disappeared shortly after he shot and killed a Japanese woman shell scavenger last Jan. 30 in a case that has become an international incident.

The latest testimony came against the backdrop of a new tempest caused before the trial opened when Judge Yuzo Kawachi, senior jurist of the three-man Meibashi district court, indicated — at least to Japanese newsmen present — that the Otawa, Ill., soldier may be let off with a light sentence.

"I don't think it was deliberate murder," Kawachi said. The star witness was Hidetugu Onozeki, a 29-year-old farmer who was with Mrs. Naka Sakai, the victim of Girard's fire, at the time of the shooting. A first shot fired by Girard — he claims it was a warning shot — barely missed Onozeki.

Testimony Detailed
Onozeki testified in great detail about the shooting during the morning session of the court which was held partly in a tent and partly under umbrellas on the hill at the camp's inactivated firing range where the shooting occurred. Rain started at mid-morning, forcing the court to meet under umbrellas. Bareheaded and humble, Onozeki testified that Girard ran to Mrs. Sakai when she fell, shook her and yelled, "Mama-san, Mama-san." But, he said, by the time a medic arrived to find her dead, Girard was nowhere to be seen.

Kawachi's pre-session comment appeared to go to the crux of the case.

Army Specialist Victor Nickel, an old "buddy" of Girard who was on duty with him at the time, testified Tuesday that Girard shot Mrs. Sakai as a "joke" that he did it for "fun." Nickel testified that Girard beckoned to Mrs. Sakai, took careful aim and fired from a distance of approximately 13 yards.

Points Argued As Preliminary To Maloney Hearing

Portland — Arguments on legal points and playing of tape recordings behind closed doors took up the day Tuesday preliminary to the opening of the conspiracy trial against Thomas E. Maloney, Seattle and Spokane race track figure.

Maloney's attorney, Howard Loneragan, indicated he would move to have tapes ruled out as evidence. Circuit Judge Martin Hawkins, who will hear the case, did not identify the tapes other than to say they are evidence which the state plans to produce.

Maloney was indicted in connection with the vice probe here.

50 Cases Remain
Meanwhile, Assistant Attorney General Arthur D. Riggs said 50 cases remained on the books in the current vice probe. Of these he said the status of 13 remained in doubt but that he believes the remaining 37 are "live, pending cases" which will come to trial.

Higgs said that when he took the job of coordinator of prosecutions there were 115 indictments in the "active" file. Many had been superseded by later indictments, he said. Deputy Attorney General Lloyd Hammel indicated the state would seek dismissal of perjury indictments against five Portland police officers because the indictments were superseded by lesser charges of false swearing.

Talent Officials Evaluate Program

Talent — The administration and faculty of Talent elementary school are evaluating the school's curriculum.

The school is placing emphasis on the language-arts portion of the program, according to Principal Francis E. Farthing. It is a policy of the school to evaluate the curriculum each year, she added.

Committees have been set up to study all sections of the program. Subject matter, teaching objectives and methods in the language-arts program will be studied.

Upper and middle grade reading is also under consideration, she said. Although present levels are adequate, changes will need to be made in future, she added.

Another addition to the school's curriculum will be a proposal to offer a continuous program in the use of the dictionary. It will be incorporated into the language-arts program.

Child's Heart Stops; Making Recovery

Denver — A 10-year-old girl whose heart stopped pumping an hour during "deep freeze" surgery, is making a "good recovery," National Jewish hospital announced today.

The hospital, which specializes in heart and chest diseases, said a team of 15 surgeons and other medical specialists worked an hour to restore the child's heart activity during the operation on June 28.

The girl, Susan Kasper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Kasper of Wilson, Kan., underwent the surgery to repair a hole in one of the inner walls of her heart.

QUEEN BRINGING JEWELS
London — Queen Elizabeth will take along "many millions of dollars worth" of her personal jewels when she visits the United States and Canada next month, it was disclosed today. It will be the first time the jewels will be shown in North America. They include two dazzling Russian tiaras.



HOPEFUL HOFFA—Clutching his attache case, Teamster vice president James R. Hoffa (left) talks to newsmen at Idlewild Airport on his arrival in New York from Miami. Hoffa, who hopes to succeed Dave Beck as president of the giant union, will attend a Federal Court pretrial conference on charges he tapped telephones of employees at his headquarters in Detroit.

EAGLE POINT Lieutenant Visits Parents

By LAURA A. McFALL

Eagle Point — First Lieut. and Mrs. Bert Jenks and son, Rickey, and daughter, Debbie, of San Angelo, Tex., arrived Monday, Sept. 16 to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Jenks, and brother, Chuck. They left on Friday, Sept. 20, for Trout Haven, Calif., to visit Mrs. Jenks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parcell, and brother, Bobbie. The Parcells were former residents of Eagle Point.

The Eagle Point Jaycees held their regular meeting Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Teen-Age club. Reports of various committees were given. Orders were taken for Jaycee jackets by Ernie Himmelman. Those who didn't get to order the jackets at this meeting please contact Himmelman at Hillcrest 6-3849.

The entertainment was a speaker from Central Point Jaycees, Dick Stratton. He spoke on Jaycee business, including state executive plans for the year of action, fall and spring board meetings, and the national convention at Los Angeles, Calif., next year.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Eagle Point Community Bible church met at the home of Mrs. Joe Munshaw, with 25 ladies present and Mrs. Lester Throckmorton of Central Point, former Eagle Point resident, as a visitor. The regular business meeting and discussion of the Christmas boxes to be sent to the missionaries was planned. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. W. Martinson on Ball rd. The meeting adjourned and refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Munshaw, and cohostess Mrs. Darrel Stanley.

Otto Nagel entered Sacred Heart hospital Sunday for a check-up on Monday, returning to his home in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. (Dick) Spain and son, Dickie, went to Los Angeles recently. They visited Dick Spain's father and other relatives. They spent one day at Disneyland and on the return trip they stopped over at Paramount, Calif., to visit Mrs. Judy Shull and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bubb, former Eagle Pointers.

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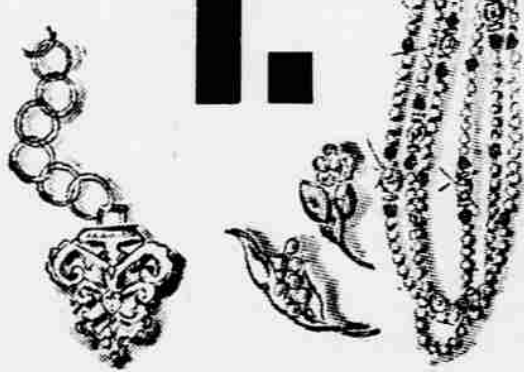
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