



CONVOY—Part of a 44-man, seven-truck convoy of Company E, Second Battle Group, 186th Infantry, Medford's Oregon National Guard unit, is shown preparing to leave en route to summer encampment at Ft. Lewis, Wash. The group which left Friday morning, met other units along the way to finally total about 87 local men, First Lt.

Lyle R. Brown is convoy commander for the entire battle group. Training this year will be at squad and section level, and the units will be evaluated by Army officers on the same basis as the regular Army troops. The Medford convoy will return to the Armory Saturday, June 25, following the two-week training period.

Mrs. Duncan and Two Hired Killers to Die on June 27

San Quentin, Calif. — Unless California's Governor or the U.S. Supreme court intervene, the lives of Elizabeth Duncan, 56, and two hired killers — Luis Moya and Augustine Baldonado — will be taken in San Quentin's gas chamber June 27 in settlement of their bargain for death.

Their victim was comely, Canadian-born Nurse Olga Kupczyk Duncan, 30-year-old pregnant wife of mother Duncan's attorney-son, Frank, 31. The time of the killing: Nov. 17, 1958. The price: A \$175 down payment and a promise of \$6,000.

The people's prosecutor — District Attorney Roy Gustafson of Ventura county — pleaded it as Elizabeth Duncan's distorted mother "love" so intense it sheltered her son like a banyan tree, allowing no room for Frank's wife.

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At last, Olga was still. One of the killers placed his head over her heart to listen. No heart beat, but the killers were not certain she was dead. They covered her with dirt, left and returned the blood-stained car to its owner.

Mrs. Duncan accused the killers of trying to blackmail her, apparently to stop the two from trying to get their full payment for murder.

Moya and Baldonado were arrested. Baldonado confessed and led authorities to the body Dec. 21, 1958.

At her trial, the prosecution dug into Mrs. Duncan's life. Gustafson accused the gray-haired defendant of murder, fraud, soliciting for prostitution, adultery, aiding and abetting sexual perversion, incest, soliciting and abortion, defrauding a landlord, obtain-

ing money by false pretenses, perjury, extortion, soliciting mayhem, kidnaping conspiracy, bribery, forgery, grand theft and bigamy.

Gustafson pictured Frank Duncan as "spineless," without enough courage to make room in his life for his wife, Olga. He called Duncan "Frankie," and accused him of having no real love for Olga.

The District Attorney said Elizabeth Duncan hated anyone who tried to take away her son — hated enough to kill.

Mercy Asked In their closing arguments, the attorneys for the defense and prosecution argued the fundamental question of life-for-life punishment.

Mother Duncan's attorney, S. Ward Sullivan of Los Angeles, appealed to emotion,

religion, forgiveness and the Bible.

... some 2,000 years ago Christianity was born with a doctrine of mercy and forgiveness. Christianity that has changed the ancient laws of Biblical times did away with the law of life-for-a-life, an eye-for-an-eye and a tooth-for-a-tooth, and installed one of charity and mercy and love and forgiveness.

"Nothing you can do can bring back Olga. Olga has gone to her eternal reward. Perhaps where Olga is now—where all is forgiveness—if she could raise her hand to direct you in your deliberations, she would say to you, 'Don't take the life of Elizabeth Duncan. Spare her life but put her where she belongs, away from society in prison.'"

District Attorney Gustafson, cold and methodical in his prosecution, said: "The brutal, calculated revoluting killing for hire of Olga Duncan is one of a number of horrible crimes which have recently been committed in California. "I simply cannot under-

stand how some of our leaders, in the face of these events, can seriously contend that the death penalty is not appropriate punishment for the perpetration of such a crime.

"Many persons contend that the death penalty does not deter crime. Frankly, I am sick of this illogical argument. Of course penalties do not completely deter crimes. Jail sentences do not completely deter drunk drivers or any other criminals, and death penalties do not completely deter murderers but there is no reason to dispense with penalties.

"Retaliation is a basic instinct of the human race. In civilized societies, the government takes over from the individual the job of retaliating against a wrongdoer. From Biblical times a life for a life has been recognized as just and fair."

Gustafson said: "The reason for punishment is to inflict a penalty and, of course, taking a person's life is the supreme penalty."

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The park's preservation almost as Japan built it is symbolic of a unique cultural relationship between Tokyo and its former colony.

Unlike South Korea and the Philippines, Formosa harbors few resentments against its ex-occupiers.

Trade with Japan is one of Formosa's major businesses.

Table reservations at the Friends of China club are sold out days in advance when a Japanese floor show is booked.

Japanese basketball teams which play in the annual President Chiang Kai-shek International tournament generally lose but invariably win the highest praises for sportsmanship.

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