

Judge Accuses Air Force of 'Gestapo Acts'

Mountain Home, Idaho—UPI—A young airman, cleared by a civil court of the knife slayings of a mother and child because of another man's confession, was held by Air Force authorities today for the same killings.

A federal judge Wednesday accused the Air Force of using "gestapo methods" in handling the murder case against Airman Gerald Martin Anderson, 24, father of three children.

Anderson claimed he was coerced by Air Force investigators at Mountain Home Air Force Base into confessing to the slayings last April 10 of Mrs. Nancy Joy Johnson, 22, and her son, Daniel, 2.

The airman was cleared of the charges Monday by an Idaho court after it investigated the confession of Theodore Thomas Dickie, 21, who told newsmen that he and not Anderson killed the Johnsons.

Dickie, being held in Ada county jail in Boise for the slaying of a 10-year-old girl, Wednesday was charged by Elmore county authorities here with two counts of first degree murder in the Johnson slayings.

Dickie said he hoped to free Anderson so the airman could sue the authorities for false arrest.

But hours after he was cleared by the civil court, Anderson was arrested by Air Force authorities and charged with the slayings again Tuesday night. He was placed in the stockade at the air base. An Air Force spokesman said Anderson needed psychiatric care and charged that the slayings had been premeditated.

The base commander, Col. Charles A. Allard, appeared before a federal court judge in Boise Wednesday to answer why Anderson was being held by the military when cleared by the state.

Judge Chase A. Clark accused the Air Force of "Gestapo methods" in its handling of the murder charge against Anderson. Then he delayed the hearing for a week while the FBI goes over the case to determine if Anderson's civil rights had been violated by the Office of Special Investigation interrogation.

Clark said that he understood it was the policy of the Air Force to turn such matters over to civil authorities for prosecution — "Unless they have some ulterior motive."

He said he could not understand why the Air Force had brought murder charges against Anderson for the second time since the airman had been cleared in a state court.

"It's kind of an insult to the state court for them to be in here at this time," the judge said, of the military. "This was decided by the state court. It is plain the state court released him under a very strong order because there was no evidence he committed the crime."

Clark said the case had aroused a good deal of feeling in this area.

Clark then impounded all Air Force records on the case and said that if Anderson was taken from the air base it would be in violation of the court's orders.

At a news conference later, Allard said an "informal" military investigation failed earlier this week to clear Anderson. He said the Air Force felt it was its duty to carry the matter to completion.

**Student Appeals
In Behalf of
Woman Inmate**

Salem — UPB — A 24-year-old University of Oregon student called on Gov. Mark Hatfield Wednesday and asked him to commute the death sentence of Jeannette June Freeman, 21.

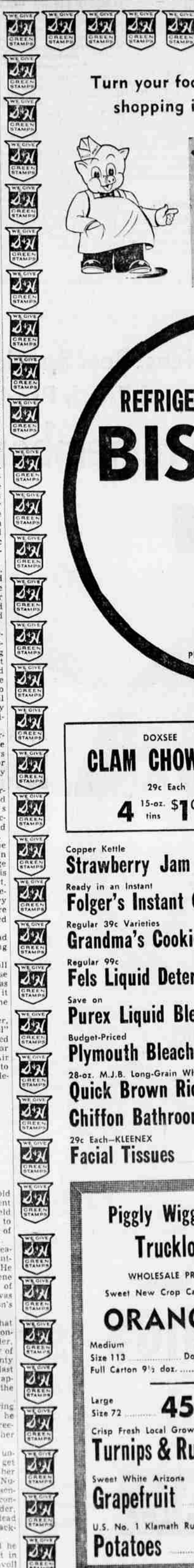
The student, George Neavoll, Eugene, is an acquaintance of Miss Freeman's. He said he met her in Eugene prior to the 1961 slaying of Larry Jackson, 6, who was thrown into central Oregon's Crooked River Gorge.

It was for this slaying that the Freeman woman was convicted of first degree murder. Miss Freeman won a stay of execution in Jefferson County Circuit court at Medford last week, pending a possible appeal of her conviction to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Neavoll, a junior majoring in political science, said he told Hatfield that Miss Freeman was not to blame for her actions.

Neavoll also said it was unfair for Miss Freeman to get a death sentence while her companion, Mrs. Gertrude Nunez Jackson, got a life sentence. Mrs. Jackson was convicted of first degree murder, for the slaying of the dead boy's sister, Martha Mae Jackson, 4.

The governor indicated he has made no decision yet in the Freeman case. Neavoll said


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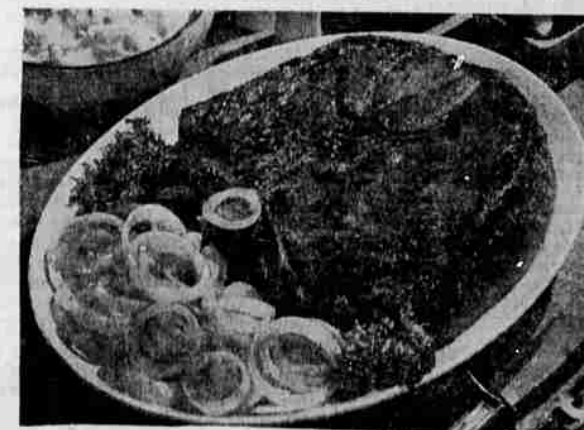
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