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## Oden Found Guilty Of Involuntary Manslaughter

### Jury Deliberates For Six Hours

GRANTS PASS — Gerald Richard Oden, 25, of Wolf Creek, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter late Saturday night. The jury of seven men and five women came in with its verdict shortly after 11 p.m. It had begun consideration at about 5 p.m.

Judge Orval J. Millard of the Josephine County Circuit court, where the case is being tried, instructed the jury that it had a choice of seven possible verdicts.

They were told they could find Oden guilty of first degree murder with recommendation of life imprisonment; first degree murder without recommendation of life imprisonment (the death penalty); second degree murder, involuntary manslaughter, or assault and battery. Or they could find him not guilty.

Saturday's session in the courtroom was taken up by the closing arguments for the state and the defense.

District Attorney Larry Aschenbrenner summed up the state's contention that Oden and a second man, Norman Stewart Thomas, 22, of Grants Pass, who goes on trial Tuesday, beat Lloyd Miles Harper, 48, of Grants Pass to death on the night of July 12.

Aschenbrenner sought during the trial to prove that Harper died as a result of blows struck by Oden after Thomas had dragged him from the car in which they were riding, and that Harper died while the two were robbing him.

Defense Attorney Robert Boyer of Medford, in his three-hour closing statement, contended that Harper was not fatally injured by Oden and that Oden stuck him only after Harper had made advances to a 17-year-old girl in the car with the men.

Boyer also contended that Harper died from injuries received when he accidentally fell or was accidentally pulled from the vehicle by Thomas. He indicated that Thomas might have robbed Harper but said his client was not involved in any robbery.

Testimony in the trial was completed Friday afternoon. Oden took the stand Friday and testified that he hit Harper only once, that he didn't hurt him, and that he knew nothing of any plans to get Harper drunk or take money from him.

## Demonstrations In Florida, Tennessee

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — About 150 Negroes marched down famous Beale Street Saturday in protest against conditions in Negro schools, and about 250 college students picketed a segregated theater in Tallahassee, Fla.

Police in the Florida city arrested about 60 of the demonstrators — Negro and white students from Florida A & M college — for violating a court order limiting the size of protest marches.

About 150 whites gathered in Tallahassee and cheered while police officials informed the demonstrators they were in violation of the court order, but there were no incidents.

The Negroes quietly obeyed police orders to get into paddy wagons and were taken to county jail where bonds of \$500 were set.



ALL SMILES—President John F. Kennedy smiles as he turns toward his wife as they leave Bailey's Beach at Newport, R. I., Saturday to board the "Honey Fitz" for a cruise on Narragansett Bay. The President is vacationing in Rhode Island. During the day he sent greetings to Mrs. Mary Anne Fischer of

Aberdeen, S. D., who gave birth to quintuplets early Saturday. Meanwhile, it was announced that the President may fly over the Rogue Basin project area during his visit to the West Coast later this month. (UPI)

## Kennedy May Fly Over Rogue Basin During Western Trip

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
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WASHINGTON (Special) — President Kennedy will make two stops in Oregon and probably take a low altitude look at the Oregon Dunes area and possibly the Rogue River Basin as well during his 10-state Western tour the end of the month.

In addition to Portland, President Kennedy will visit Tongue Point, the abandoned Naval base near Astoria, Friday, Sept. 27. He will later fly along the Oregon coast to view the Oregon Dunes, where his administration wants Congress to approve a National Seashore park, but he won't stop at North Bend, as had been considered.

The President's tight schedule, packed with closely-timed entrances and departures, is only possible in today's age of jet aircraft and helicopters.

Schedule Announced  
Mr. Kennedy's visit to the Pacific Northwest is scheduled as follows:  
Thursday, Sept. 26, his Air Force jet will fly into Larson

Air Force base, Moses Lake, Wash., from Montana. A helicopter will pick him up at Moses Lake for a flight south to the Hanford Atomic Energy works near Richland, where he will dedicate the world's largest atomic power plant being constructed by Washington Public Power supply system.

Returning to his jet by helicopter, President Kennedy will fly to Salt Lake City for an address and a night's rest. Leaving Salt Lake City Friday morning, his party arrives at Seattle-Tacoma airport near noon. There he is once again taken by helicopter from the airport to Cheney Stadium in Tacoma for a speech on resources.

No Time For Lunch  
Taking no time out for a lunch in town, the President will be plucked from the stadium grass by helicopter after his speech and returned to his jet which will take off at 12:20 p.m. for Astoria. It is due at Astoria at 1:05 p.m. for the President's visual inspection of the base which local interests and the Oregon Congressional delegation would like to have used for a new federal venture.

Departing Astoria, the flying White House is due to touch down at Portland International airport at 1:55 p.m. for the start of an auto caravan into

the city where he is to dedicate the Northwest Towers Public Housing project for the elderly and make a major speech.

The White House schedule has him leaving Portland about two hours after his arrival, at 4 p.m. Sens. Maurine Neuberger and Wayne Morse and Reps. Edith Green and Al Ullman are expected to join the Presidential party at some stage of his Northwest tour. Rep. Robert B. Duncan, who said he wasn't sure whether he would be on hand or not, left for Oregon Friday to dedicate a new tree farm north of Gardiner Saturday.

Congressman Duncan wants the President to fly over the Rogue River so he can point out the sites for newly authorized dams in the Medford area, but as of Friday, he hadn't received word from the White House on this aspect of the trip.

Since President Kennedy is flying south from Portland to San Francisco, he will inevitably cross the Rogue unless the plane flies just off the coast after passing the Dunes.

The President's destination in California will be Redding, where he will take a helicopter to Lassen Volcanic National park and stay overnight in a cabin.

## Sports Bulletin

BROOKINGS — Eagle Point's football team came out on the short end of a 20-0 score against the Brookings team here Saturday night.

ASHLAND — The Southern Oregon College Red Raiders defeated an Alumni football team here Saturday night 19-6. SOC led the grads 13-0 at the half.

St. Mary's and Glendale battled to a 12-12 tie here Saturday night. The Crusaders led 12-0 at the end of the first quarter, but Glendale came back with a touchdown in the second quarter and tied the game with another TD in the fourth quarter.

## NEWS BRIEFS

BETANCOURT REJECTS MILITARY'S DEMANDS  
CARACAS, Venezuela (UPI) — President Romulo Betancourt has rejected demands by armed forces chiefs that Communist congressmen be stripped of parliamentary immunity, it was learned reliably Saturday.

EDWIN GEORGE, ECONOMIST, DIES  
TUCKAHOE, N. Y. (UPI) — Edwin Black George, government and business economist, died early Saturday at his home in Tuckaheo, N. Y. He was 67. George retired last year after a long and distinguished record of government service that spanned three decades.

RUSK, SOVIET AMBASSADOR MEET  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Soviet Ambassador Anatoly S. Dobrynin, in apparently jovial mood, met with Secretary of State Dean Rusk Saturday, as the United States prepared for a major new round of probing Soviet intentions during the coming weeks.

QUINTS' MOTHER SENDS GREETINGS  
MARACAMBO, Venezuela (UPI) — Sr. Ines Cuervo de Prieto, who gave birth to quintuplets one week ago Saturday, asked United Press International to convey her congratulations to Mrs. Andrew Fischer of Aberdeen, S. D., who had quintts Saturday morning. "I pray to God for her babies and mine," Sr. Prieto said with a smile from her hospital bed.

# South Dakota Quintuplets All Fine After First Day

## Andrew Fischers Have 4 Girls, One Boy at Aberdeen

### Kennedy, Nation Send Greetings

ABERDEEN, S. D. (UPI) — The wife of a \$76-a-week shipping clerk, already the mother of five children, gave birth Saturday to quintuplets — four "Mary's" and a "James Andrew," and all of them "fine babies."

The premature children of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fischer, with each hour of life, lengthened their chances of becoming the first quintuplets ever born in the United States to survive.

Although the odds against quintuplet births are 54 million to one, according to the American Medical association, it was the second time in a week that the phenomenon had occurred in the western hemisphere. Last Sunday, quintuplet boys were born in Maracaibo, Venezuela, to a 34-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Ines Cuervo de Prieto.

Bishop Christens  
The Roman Catholic bishop of Sioux Falls, S. D., the Most Rev. Lambert Hoch, flew to this prairie cattle town near the North Dakota border to christen the infants. He baptized each of the four girls "Mary" and the boy "James Andrew."

The parents, exhausted and dumbfounded, said they would pick middle names for the girls later.

"Oh, thank God it's over," Mrs. Mary Ann Fischer, told her husband.

"I don't know how it will be financially, but through God's will we will be able to take care of them," "Andy" Fischer said.

While the parents looked into the future, the full resources of St. Luke's hospital, a 235-bed Catholic institution, were devoted to keeping life in the 3½-pound youngsters, born six to eight weeks prematurely.

Dr. James Berbos, 40, the family doctor who brought the quintts into the world, said "These are fine babies. As far as I know they're going to be all right."

Some Danger  
But he added the warning "The greatest danger involved is prematurity itself. There is a danger of membrane disease — the malady common to 'prems' which claimed the life of President and Mrs. Kennedy's premature son last month.

The birth of the Fischer quintuplets became a national event within hours.

President and Mrs. Kennedy, along with South Dakota's two senators and governor, sent glowing telegrams of congratulations to the quints to their hearts. The hospital telephone jangled with the calls of proud South Dakotans who just wanted to send their best wishes. Merchants chimed in with offers of free layettes and other necessities for the babies.

The President and his wife said the births were "an event of great national importance." Sen. Karl Mundt messaged "You have put Aberdeen on the world map."

After the pre-dawn births, Andy Fischer greeted his newborn children in the nursery and then went to his farm home two miles outside of town to milk the cows and break the news to his other youngsters.

Andy and Mary Ann Fischer, who are reported to have a good chance of becoming the first quintuplets born in the United States to survive. (UPI)



AFTER THE BIG EVENT — Mrs. Mary Anne Fischer rests in her hospital bed Saturday morning after she gave birth to four girls and a boy.

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At 1:58 a.m. CST (3:58 a.m. EDT) Saturday, the first girl arrived.

At 2:03, another girl; at 2:14 a third girl; at 2:39, James Andrew; at 3:01, the last "Mary" and it was over.

They were natural births, achieved without the aid of anesthetics. Mrs. Fischer saw her babies within moments after their birth.

No Problems  
"There was no difficulty," Berbos told a news conference.

Although there were seven quintuplet births in the U. S. between 1876 and 1959, the babies all died shortly after birth.

3-Month Orbital Flight Proposed  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The American astronaut team will spend the equivalent of almost three months in weightless space flight around the earth before the epic U. S. try for a landing on the moon is made, a space agency official said Saturday.

The 2,000 hours of orbital experience demonstrates the tremendous workload yet ahead for spacemen before a three-man Apollo team is shot toward the moon. There is hopes the attempt will be made in as little as five years, but it might not come until almost 1970.

President Kennedy has set a goal of an American landing on the moon in this decade. Space officials have expressed the belief that, barring major setbacks, an attempt might be made by 1968.

In outlining generally the extensive preliminary flights leading to the lunar shot, an official of the National Aeronautics and Space administration (NASA) today mentioned "late in this decade" as the possible time for the Apollo shot.

## National Forest Timber Cut Sets Record in 1963

Talent Irrigation district will close its irrigation season Sept. 27 and Medford Irrigation district about Oct. 1, managers of the two districts reported Saturday.

MID Manager Jack Hoffbuhr said his district may turn water out of the canals and close the gates the end of September if there are heavy rains the latter part of this month.

Hoffbuhr agreed with his brother, Wall Hoffbuhr, TID manager, that the overall irrigation season has been "very good" with cooler temperatures and a cool spring.

The unusual amount of precipitation in the spring brought the ground water up making it possible to use less irrigation water this year than for several years. In terms of distribution, this was one of the easiest seasons, they agreed.

On Schedule  
Walt Hoffbuhr felt the small pear crop required less irrigation, which also helped. His brother said MID used more water through Bradshaw drop this year than before. All of the 5,000 acres of orchards under MID seemed to use the water on schedule, the MID manager noted. TID has about 4,000 acres of orchards it serves.

"The soil mantle stayed wet in the fall and through winter, although the small snow pack indicated we might have a rough season," Walt Hoffbuhr said.

Two Tremors Jolt North California  
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Two sharp earthquakes jolted parts of northern California Saturday, tumbling canned goods off grocery shelves and causing floods of telephone calls to police and newspapers.

However, no serious damage was reported nor were there any injuries.

The first tremor occurred at 12:46 p.m. PDT (3:46 p.m. EDT) and was felt in downtown San Francisco, along the coast and as far away as Monterey and Salinas, about 70 miles to the south.

University of California seismologists at Berkeley, where the quake was also felt, said the epicenter of the jolt was 15 miles due north of Salinas. They said a revised reading of the Richter scale showed the quake had a 5.3 magnitude.

Narcotics Agents Seize Cocaine Haul  
MIAMI (UPI) — Federal state narcotics agents climaxed a two-month undercover operation Saturday when they seized 10.8 pounds of cocaine with a black market value estimated at \$2 million.

Agents arrested three Cuban exiles and were seeking another in connection with the case, described by agents as "one of the biggest hauls in the nation."

## JFK's Campaign Lines Up 80 Solons Behind Test Treaty

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy's campaign to produce the "widest possible" support for the nuclear test ban treaty has held off opposition to ratification to a hard core of 13 votes to date, a survey showed Saturday.

A continuing United Press International check indicated 80 senators have now announced or inclined to vote for the pact. Seven others are "wrestling with their consciences" in the uncertain ranks.

Senate Democratic whip Herbert H. Humphrey, Minn., said he is now hopeful the treaty will get 85 votes for ratification, with no more than 15 opposed — if all but ailing Sen. Clair Engle (D-Calif.) are present. Engle's position in support of the treaty already has been announced.

The most significant development in this week's historic "great debate" over the pact barring all but underground nuclear tests was two-fold: — Democratic Sen. Henry M. Jackson's reluctant but decisive announcement that he will support the treaty. Jackson leads the House-Senate Atomic Energy subcommittee on nuclear weapons and serves on the preparedness subcommittee which came out with a report strongly questioning the military wisdom of the pact. Thus his stand was known to be swinging some previous on-the-fence votes.

Despite Arguments  
—A breakthrough in the ranks of senior southerners, despite the anti-treaty arguments of Armed Services Chairman Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), and Preparedness Chairman John C. Stennis (D-Miss.).

Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), Senate agriculture chairman and a frequent visitor to the Soviet Union, called for treaty ratification as a move toward "dealing directly with Russia."

Ellender's declaration was followed Saturday by a pro-treaty announcement from Sen. Spessard L. Holland said: "All I have read and heard convinces me that the advantages of this pact to the United States and the free world more than offset the disadvantages."

## State Officials Disagree On What To Do If Tax Increase Measure Is Referred

Editor's note: Is there excess "fat" in state government? Do voters want economy, or do they want some new taxes. This is the last of a five-part series.

By ZAN STARK  
United Press International  
SALEM (UPI) — State officials are deeply concerned over the possible defeat of the 1963 legislature's \$60 million tax increase measure at the Oct. 15 special election.

But there's no agreement on what should be done.

Some say the defeat would be a mandate from the people against any tax increase.

House Speaker Clarence Burton (D-Coquille) feels defeat of the tax measure should be met by some cuts in spending and enactment of some new revenue measures.

House Tax Committee Chairman Richard Eymann (D-Marcola) feels some new taxes should be enacted. His committee already has some ready in case a special session of the legislature is called.

The present tax bill has been termed a "compromise of compromises" by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

That's because there is a deep divergence of philosophy between

the House and Senate. Hatfield fears a special session could erupt into another Senate-Overhaul, (D-Madras) agrees.

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hysterical reaction to a voters revolt.

In spite of public clamorings designed to salvage the tax bill at the Oct. 15 election, many state officials admit privately the measure seems doomed.

They're concerned the voters who will oppose the tax measure will be voicing opposition to higher taxes, and won't really understand the full impact of their action on state government.

And there's still another unanswered question. If the tax bill is defeated, will it mean voters are against this particular increase, or will it mean the voters feel state government has grown big enough, and is providing all the services it should?