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Racial Trouble Is Said To Be Behind Death of Airman

EVREUX, France (UPI) —A defense attorney at the court martial of two Negro American soldiers accused of murder in the death of a white airman claimed today racial trouble was behind the incident.

American officials have maintained that the slaying last September occurred during a drunken barracks brawl with no racial overtones.

But the defense attorney, Capt. Norman H. Kirshman of Milford, N.J., said the victim of the incident and a number of other airmen called the defendants "dirty niggers" and hurled other insults.

"I am not asking for acquittal because my boys are colored," Kirshman said. "But racism is there. It is there today, it will be there tomorrow and it was there Sept. 6."

Sept. 6 is the day Airman L.C. Robert Padgett, 23, of Woodlawn, Va. died of a fractured skull following a brawl at the U.S. air base near Evreux. Kirshman claimed an autopsy showed Padgett had been drinking before his death.

Charged with unpremeditated murder in the incident were PFC. Raymond C. Bost Jr. of Pittsburgh and PFC. Robert C. Burrell of Philadelphia.

The prosecutor, Capt. James Ritchie of Tulsa, Okla., told the court martial board of 11 white officers that Bost, Burrell and four others committed an "unprovoked attack" on the airmen with sticks and steel bars used in cots.

Bost, Burrell and the four others, including one white serviceman, face a possible maximum sentence of life in prison if they are convicted. The four others will be tried separately.

They were PFC. Edward Spears of New York City; Pvt. Richard C. Parker of Eckman, W.Va.; PFC. Franklin D. Waddell of Philadelphia; and PFC. Allen Gernard of New York City. Gernard is white.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND (UPI)—Dairy market:

Eggs—To retailers: AA extra large 49-52c; AA large 47-50c; A large 45-47c; AA medium 40-45c; A small 25-31c; carton 1-cent higher.

Butter—To retailers: AA and A prints 67c; cartons 3c higher; B prints 66c.

Cheese (medium cured)—To retailers 46-49c; processed American 5-10 lb. loaf, 43-48c.

PORTLAND (UPI) — Dressed chickens—No. 1 grade dressed to retailers: Fryers, whole drawn, 29-37c lb.; cut-up, 33-40c lb.; hens, light type, whole drawn, 21-25c lb.; light type hens, cut-up, 25-30c lb.; heavy whole, 35-39c lb.

RECEIVES CITATION—M. Lowell Edwards, a retired engineer, center, is shown receiving American Medical Association's Layman's Citation for Distinguished Service in Portland. At the ceremony is Dr. Albert Starr, Portland surgeon, left, with whom Edwards worked in developing artificial heart valve. Making the presentation is Dr. Percy Hopkins, right. (UPI)

Foreign Briefs

WANTS CONFERENCE

MANILA (UPI) — Carlos P. Romulo, in bed with a moderate case of hepatitis, said today he wants to confer with President Diosdado Macapagal before deciding whether to accept the post of foreign secretary.

ACCIDENT-PRONE MOTORIST

LONDON (UPI) — It is possible to describe the typical "accident-prone" motorist, but it is harder to say why he's accident prone, the Road Research Laboratory said today.

A laboratory report said the accident-prone driver usually is aggressive, played hookey when he was in school, and got into trouble in the army.

But, it said, experts differ on whether intelligence, blood pressure, personality defects or reaction times have anything to do with it.

OPENING ITS BORDERS

VIENNA (UPI) — Czechoslovakia is opening its borders to all western travelers, a Czech embassy spokesman announced today.

The spokesman told United Press International that western tourists and private visitors will be able to get 30-day visas at their local Czech consulates within 48 hours. Travelers will be able to cross in Czechoslovakia at all border points without any difficulty, he said.

Thompson Murder Trial May Go To Jury Thursday

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI) —The Thompson murder trial, in recess today, was expected to go to the jury Thursday.

Judge Rolf Fosseen recessed the weeks-long trial Tuesday and said he hoped that closing arguments and instructions to the jury could be completed in one day.

The prosecution hoped to convince the jury that dapper young criminal attorney T. Eugene Thompson, 35, masterminded the "murder-for-hire" of his pretty heiress wife, Carol, 34. She was bludgeoned and stabbed to death March 6 in her home. Thompson wanted to collect more than $1 million in insurance on her life and take up with his paramour, the state said.

The defense sought to convince jurors the slaying was a brutal by-product of a burglary at the Thompson's fashionable St. Paul home.

Among witnesses who took the stand Tuesday was Thompson's 14-year-old son, Jeffery, who contradicted earlier testimony of Dick W. C. Anderson, the admitted killer.

Anderson, the state's star witness, testified he slipped into the darkened basement of the Thompson home about 6 o'clock the morning of the slaying and waited alone until Thompson went to work and the four Thompson youngsters left for school.

But young Jeffery told the jurors he went downstairs and turned off a recreation room light before leaving for school.

Thompson wept openly Tuesday when his sister testified that his marriage was like "an extended honeymoon."

Over-the-Counter Western Stocks

	Bid	Asked
Bank America	63½	66½
Boise Cascade	30⅞	32⅞
Cal Pac Util	25⅝	26
Con Freight	9⅝	10⅛
Cyprus Mines	22⅜	24½
Equitable S&L	29½	31⅝
1st National Bank	60	64½
Jantzen	26½	28
Morrison Knud	27½	29⅝
Mult Kennels	3¾	4⅞
NW Natural Gas	33⅛	35⅛
Oregon Metal	1⅛	1⅞
PP&L	24⅝	26⅛
PGE	24½	26⅛
U.S. National Bank	90½	94
Tektronix	19¾	21⅞
West Coast Tel	22⅞	24⅝
Weyerhaeuser	33⅞	35⅝

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND (UPI)—USDA—Cattle 150. Occasional standard steers 17; canner-cutter cows 10-12.50; young, medium and good stock cows 740 to 15.50.

Calves 25. Good-choice vealers and slaughter calves 26-30.

Hogs 200. Barrows and gilts steady to strong, instances 25c higher; 1 and 2 grade 15.50-15.75; 2 and 3 grade 14-14.50.

Sheep 200. Choice-prime wooled slaughter lambs 18.25.

Cancer Expert Says Death Rate Among Smokers Is High

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) — The death rate among a large group of cigarette smokers during a period of nearly three years was more than twice as high as among a similar group of non-smokers, an American Cancer Society expert said today.

Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond, pipe-smoking director of the society's statistical research, reported new evidence in the relationship of cigarette smoking to death and disease in a paper delivered at the American Medical Association's 17th clinical meeting.

Matching 36,975 men over 40 who smoked a pack of cigarettes or more per day with the same number of non-smokers, Hammond said 1,385 of the smokers died during the 34.3-month period. Only 662 of the non-smokers died.

Of the cigarette smokers, 110 died of lung cancer while only 12 of the non-smokers died of that disease. Coronary artery disease killed 654 smokers and only 304 non-smokers.

Each man in one group was matched as closely as possible with a man in the other group as to age, race, size, residence (urban or rural), religion, education, marital status, drinking habits, nervous tension and many other factors.

Hammond said he was trying through this "matched pair analysis" to eliminate all possible non - smoking differences between subjects in view of suggestions that the link between cigarette smoking and death rates might be merely incidental.

Of his findings, he commented that "it is hard to escape the conclusion that this difference in number of deaths was due to the difference in smoking habits."

Chances of Tax Cut Pull Stocks Upward

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NEW YORK (UPI) —News of increased chances for a tax cut next year pulled the stock market today out of an easier trend.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube rose smartly followed by U. S. Steel. Chrysler featured a firm motors section with a substantial rise. Du Pont bounced back from its early large loss and moved close to Tuesday's closing level.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

NEW YORK (UPI) —Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 755.51, up 3.69; 20 railroads 172.49, off 0.07; 15 utilities 136.75, off 0.21, and 65 stocks 263.76, up 0.63. Sales Wednesday were about 4.79 million shares compared with 4.52 million shares Tuesday.

Wednesday's prices on selected stocks

Allied Chemical	34¾
Alum Co Am	64½
American Air Lines	36
American Can	41½
American Motors	19¼
AT&T	140½
American Tobacco	27
Anaconda Copper	44¾
Armco	83⅛
American Standard	16⅞
Avco Corp	24
Bendix Corp	48½
Bethlehem Steel	30¼
Boeing Air	38⅛
Brunswick	10⅞
Caterpillar Corp	48
Chrysler Corp	87⅛
CBS	80½
Columbia Gas	29½
Continental Can	42¾
Crown Zellerbach	53¼
Crucible Steel	23
Curtiss Wright	18½
Dow Chemical	84½
Du Pont	242½
Eastman Kodak	115⅞
Firestone	37⅞
Ford	51⅛
General Dynamics	25⅝
General Electric	82⅜
General Foods	86⅛
General Motors	79⅛
General Portland Cement	23
Georgia Pacific	33
Great Northern Railway	53¾
Greyhound	46½
Gulf Oil	47⅛
Homestake	43¾
Idaho Power	34⅛
IBM	483
Int Paper	32½
Johns Manville	46⅛
Kennecott Copper	71⅝
Lockheed Aircraft	38½
Martin	20
Merck	106½
Montana Power	26⅝
Montgomery Ward	34⅜
National Biscuit	58½
New York Central	22⅞
Northern Natural Gas	49½
Northern Pacific	48
Pac Gas Elec	31⅛
Penney J. C.	44
Penn RR (xd)	23¾
Phillips	48⅝
Permanente Cement	16
Procter & Gamble	79¾
Radio Corp	101⅛
Richfield Oil	43¾
Safeway	30
Sears	98
Shell Oil	42⅝
Socony Mobil Oil	65⅛
Southern Co	52⅜
Southern Pacific	34
Sperry Rand	19⅛
Standard California	39⅝
Standard Indiana	60½
Standard N J	71⅝
Stokely Van Camp	21⅝
Sun Mines	10⅛
Texas Co	67⅛
Texas Gulf Sulfur	20⅛
Tex Pac Land Trust	22
Thiokol	20
Trans America	50⅜
Trans World Air	31⅝
Tri Continental	46½
Union Carbide	112⅛
Union Pacific	41⅛
United Aircraft	40
United Air Lines	40
U. S. Plywod	63½
U. S. Rubber	48⅛
U. S. Steel	54⅛
United Utilities	39
West Bank Corp	39⅛
Westinghouse	34
Youngstown	126⅜

Agent Who Shielded Johnson In Dallas Will Receive Honor

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson honors today the Secret Service agent who shielded him with his own body during the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Chief Executive participates in special ceremonies at the White House for agent Rufus W. Youngblood, who was to receive an award for exceptional bravery.

The ceremonies were scheduled for 10:30 a.m. EST.

Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon presented a similar citation Tuesday to Clinton J. Hill, Mrs. Kennedy's No. 1 Secret Service agent, for his actions in Dallas Nov. 22.

Last week Johnson wrote to Youngblood's boss, James J. Rowley, head of the Secret Service, commending the agent for his quick action.

Covered Johnson's Body

When the shots were fired at Kennedy, Youngblood leaped into the limousine with Johnson and his wife, pushed the then vice president to the floor and sprawled on top of him, shielding Johnson with his body.

Johnson scheduled a meeting with another civil rights leader today, his fourth in less than a week. He was to confer with James Farmer, head of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), shortly after the ceremony honoring Youngblood.

Johnson met Tuesday with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Previously he conferred with Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Whitney Young Jr., executive director of the National Urban League.

King said he told Johnson racial demonstrations would be resumed as early as Dec. 15 in several cities. He said that the President made no request that they be delayed or discontinued.

Makes Point Clear

"I made it clear to the President that. . .we will have demonstrations until the injustices that have caused them are eliminated," King said. He added that he was "very happy to know that a fellow Southerner is in the White House who is concerned about civil rights."

Johnson also was to meet today with the influential Business Council and the 29-member executive council of the AFL-CIO. The White House said the Chief Executive would ask for the support of organized labor and management in matters affecting the nation's economy.

The President is bending every effort to cut federal spending to support the $11 billion tax cut proposed by his predecessor. He was said to be attempting to arrive at a fiscal 1965 budget of between $98 billion and $103 billion.

LUNCH ROOM BURNS

PORTLAND (UPI) — A fire caused some $10,000 damage to a lunch room and storage building at Willamette Iron & Steel Co. here Tuesday night.

Invesiment Funds

Noon quotations on selected stocks:

Fund	Bid	Asked
Bullock	13.39	14.67
Chemical Fund	12.53	13.70
Colonial Ener	12.31	13.45
Fidelity	17.09	18.48
Fundamental Invest	10.17	11.19
Group Sec—Aero	7.01	7.69
Group Sec—Com Stk	13.06	14.30
Keystone B-3	16.75	18.27
Keystone B-4	10.16	11.09
Keystone K-2	3.23	3.74
Keystone S-1	22.23	24.25
Keystone S-2	12.70	13.66
Keystone S-3	15.33	16.73
Keystone S-4	4.36	4.77
Mass Inv. Growth Stk	8.30	9.07
National Growth	8.36	9.14
TV-Elec	7.62	8.31
Value Line Inc	5.28	5.77
Wellington	14.23	15.51

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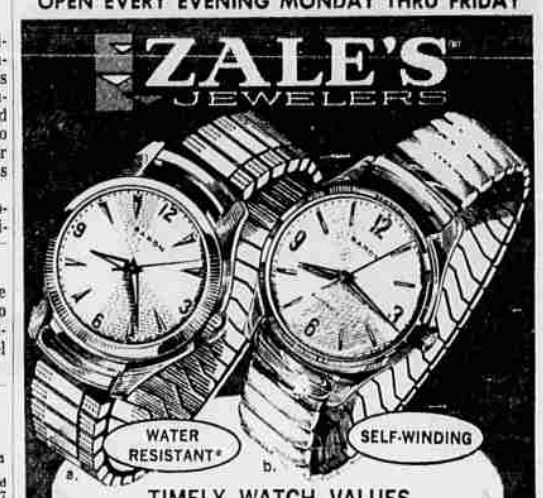

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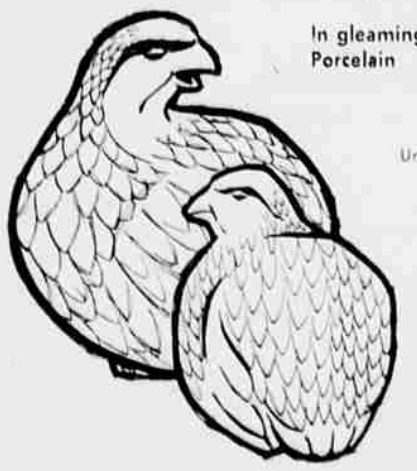

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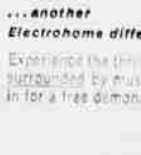

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