

Marjorie Smith Denies Murder Plot Knowledge

McMINNVILLE, Ore. (AP) — Marjorie Smith, 34, dissolved in tears Saturday as she told of her husband's death—a death she says she master-minded.

Late in her second day on the stand in her own defense on a first degree murder charge, her voice broke and she cried.

This was a return to the nervousness which marked her appearance early in the trial. The trial opened Monday in this community 40 miles distant from Portland where her husband, Oliver Kermit Smith, 34-year-old attorney, was killed by dynamite rigged in his automobile.

Mrs. Smith was tense but firm-voiced early in the day as she denied point after point in the story told by a man who says he was her lover and rigged the bomb that killed her husband.

Victor Laurence Wolf, 48, has confessed the killing and he is the state's chief witness in its effort to send Mrs. Smith to the gas chamber.

Led through events of last winter, when Wolf says he and Mrs. Smith were intimate and plotted to kill her husband, Mrs. Smith said there was no truth in Wolf's story.

"Mr. Wolf has said," questioned her attorney, Bruce Spaulding, "that on one occasion he had sexual intercourse with you. Is this true?"

"No, it definitely is not," she replied.

And asked if she had said, as Wolf testified, her husband was worth more dead than alive, she said with force, "No, I did not."

Then for the first time in the day her voice broke.

She regained her composure and began to tell the story of the night

of April 21 when her husband was killed as he got into his car at a Portland country club.

He had called her, she said, after having played cards for the evening and said he would be home in 10 minutes. She turned on the porch light, she said, and let Smith's Collie dog into the yard. She began to cry softly as she told this.

When he failed to arrive in a half hour or so she began to worry, she said, and then just before midnight a newspaperman phoned her and said there had been an accident.

Mrs. Smith said she telephoned police and learned nothing, then phoned the country club.

Then she put her head in her hands and wept.

Her attorney turned to questions on other matters.

This was the sixth day of the trial after selection of the jury. At the outset Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker said he would hold court six days a week to expedite the trial, moved here because defense attorneys said newspaper coverage of the case had made Portland a difficult place to get an unprejudiced jury.

Mrs. Smith also denied under oath that she had ever discussed a plan for slaying her husband with Thomas A. Martin, a Portland area horsemeat packer. Martin testified earlier that she had asked him to aid the slaying and that he had refused.

She told of her early life in Crockett and Carmel, Calif., in Tacoma, Wash., and in Portland and of her marriages to Merrick Hersey and Michael Brandt, both of which ended in divorce.

She was to continue her testimony Monday.

Schools Slate National Week

Klamath County's public schools will join thousands of schools throughout the nation in observance of American Education Week, November 6 through November 12, whose theme this year is: "Schools — Your Investment in America."

The week, especially designated to accentuate the importance of all facets of education in a nation whose rising birth rate has brought problems to all school systems, will emphasize this year the role of citizen responsibility toward the public schools of America.

The special week was founded in 1921, when the American Legion, noting the education deficiencies of World War I, wished to promote greater public attention to the program of the nation's schools.

Co-sponsoring the week at the national level, in addition to the legion, are the National Education Association, the U. S. Office of Education and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Klamath County schools participating this year are: Chiloquin elementary and high, Keno, Bly, Peterson, Henley elementary and high, Bonanza elementary and high, Ferguson, Fort Klamath, Shasta, Fairhaven, Main elementary and high, Merrill elementary and high, Gilchrist, Sprague River, Altamont elementary and junior high, Crescent, Lake, Conger, Fairview, Klamath Junior High, Mills, Pelican, Riverdale, Roosevelt and Klamath Union High School.

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Democrats, Republicans Get Into McKay Statement Fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democrats and Republicans got into a "he did-he didn't" argument Saturday over whether Secretary of the Interior McKay said in 1953 that "we're here in the saddle as an administration representing business and industry."

It was a veritable battle of micrographs, with a tape recording getting into the act of showing just what he did say.

The Republican National Committee, on its part, said there were 13 "outstanding misstatements" in an article in the November issue of the Democratic Digest.

As No. 1, it listed the Digest's statement that early in 1953 McKay told the U. S. Chamber of Commerce: "We're here in the saddle as an administration representing business and industry."

The Democratic National Committee, in a rebuttal, said it based its digest statement on an Associated Press dispatch which said in part:

"Saying he is proud to be a businessman and a member of a business team, he (McKay) admonished: 'We're here in the saddle as an administration representing business and industry.'"

To get the thing settled, the AP went to the chamber headquarters Saturday. There, a tape recording made of McKay's speech as he delivered it, contained these words:

"The thing I want to say to you business men and women today is that we are in the saddle at the present moment as an administration representative of business and industry."

It went on to say that "we're here on trial" and that businessmen should not ask for more than a "fair share of the profits of business."

The AP quoted these words about profits in the first paragraph of its story. The Democratic Digest did not mention them.

In addition to the tape recording, the chamber has a printed transcript of speeches and proceedings at its meeting. This transcript does not contain the "in the saddle" phrase. The transcript differs in minor ways on other parts of the speech, as compared with the tape recording, but these differences are concerned mainly with smoothing out language.

UN Pleads Dispute End

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The United Nations called on Egypt and Israel Saturday night to halt reprisal raids and warned that grave moral responsibility would rest on the country that takes offensive action in the frontier hostilities.

U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld joined Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Canadian supervisor of the U. N. truce set-up in Palestine, in a strong appeal to both countries to avoid action "which may result in the gravest consequences."

Burns addressed a letter to Israeli and Egyptian officials here but noted that he was authorized by Hammarskjöld to say that the appeal is also made in his behalf.

Midwest Farmers Uphold Surplus Land Proposal

By OVID MARTIN
MINOT, N. D. (AP) — The idea of a multi-million-dollar rental program to take part of the nation's surplus-producing land out of production has gained a strong hold on Midwest farmers.

This was the conclusion members of the Senate Agriculture Committee came up with after hearing nearly 300 farmers give their views at hearings this week at St. Paul and Worthington, Minn., Des Moines, Iowa, Brookings, S. D., and here.

The committee is touring major farm areas seeking recommendations for ways in improving a faltering agricultural economy. It will hold hearings in the Pacific Northwest and in the Southwest next week.

The senators found a sharp division on price supports. Sen. Schoepel (R-Kan.) said there is no conclusive demand for a change in the flexible system. He said that he had heard nothing that would lead him to vote for a change.

On the other hand, Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) weighed the testimony as favoring higher supports which he said he will fight for in the coming session of Congress.

But both Schoepel and Humphrey as well as Sen. Thyne (R-Minn.) and Young (R-ND) agreed there was an "almost unanimous" sentiment among farmers that price supports alone—be they flexible or high—are not enough to restore income and prices.

All said they were convinced that farmers in this region are willing to accept control in order to get supplies in balance with requirements.

However, most farmers said they would need returns of some kind from land idled under a crop reduction program. Otherwise, it comes would continue to be unsatisfactory.

A suggestion which all members of the committee regarded as perhaps the most significant was one by President Howard Hill of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation at Des Moines.

Hill suggested that the government make a rental payment on land diverted from production. He said such a payment should be large enough to cover taxes, cost of seeding the land to soil re-building crops and a rental fee of 5 to 7 per cent of the productive value of the land.

Such a payment would vary, of course, by regions and types of farming. It would be higher in areas of intensified farming and lower in areas of less intensification.

He estimated that payments in Iowa, for example, should average around \$25 an acre. Hill said such a program would cost from one-half to one billion dollars a year—an amount which, he said, would not be greater than the cost of the present program.

But he explained it would have advantages of channeling supplemental income into farmers' pockets while they were adjusting production.

On the basis of member testimony to the first week of hearings, it appeared to be good speculation that any new major farm legislation enacted at the coming session would be limited largely to the land rental and payment program.

As to the effects of farmer dissatisfaction on future Republican chances in this region, there was general agreement that the party has lost ground since 1952. But the Republicans described the situation as "recoverable."

'Everyone Benefits' Says U-F Wing Commander Beach

Everyone benefits through United Fund.

This positive statement was made by Wing Commander Bob Beach Saturday as he reviewed the services provided by the 26 youth, health and welfare agencies served by United Fund.

Klamath County children daily are given opportunities for character development through the local organizations of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, Salvation Army youth program and the Camp Fire Girls. Less fortunate children are given care in the state wide agencies.

Everyone benefits from the strides made in research by national and state health agencies. Both adult and juvenile cases from the county are referred by the courts or by other interested parties to state welfare agencies.

Last year, state wide agencies gave 12,071 days of child care to Klamath County cases alone. The state pooling together to meet these needs makes the best possible facilities available — facilities that would run our county dozens of times more than it now costs if there were no state agencies.

State child care agencies include the Albertina Kerr Homes, The Louise Home gives care to unfortunate, delinquent and wayward girls between the ages of 12 and 21. Albertina Kerr Nursery provides homes for unwanted children and maintains adoption services.

Boys and Girls Aid Society places children for adoption.

Catholic Services for Children coordinates the work of other Catholic charities and provides for adoption.

Christie School for Girls rehabilitates court referred cases; provides guidance and counseling for deserted children. Alcoholism and its immediate result — lack of responsibility in the family and towards society — bring many of the children there.

Children's Farm Home is almost unique in that it keeps children of families together who are referred from broken homes.

Our Lady of Providence Nursery gives care to infants to five years whose parents are unable to provide family life, either through disease or other reasons.

St. Mary's Home for Boys serves children referred by county public welfare agencies, courts of domestic relations, or other interested groups in cases where family or financial difficulties prevent proper parental supervision.

St. Rose Industrial School provides care for court committed cases of girls termed incorrigible.

Salvation Army White Shield Home gives care to unmarried mothers in their "hours of awful need."

Volunteers of America Mothers' and Children's Home provides care for mothers and their families when a crisis strikes the home. Waverly Baby Home gives medical care and services for physically handicapped infants whose families cannot provide the necessary services.

Klamath County donated dollars make possible advances in research by the Mental Health Association, the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, and the Oregon Heart Association.

The Oregon Prison Association works toward delinquency prevention and crime control. It seeks to improve Oregon's correctional system through fair discipline.

The YMCA Youth and Government program gives junior citizens an insight into the workings of government through mock participation.

The USO provides a home away from home for servicemen and women through organized activities and facilities.

The American Red Cross activities are as varied as are needs. It provides a program for disaster relief, aid to servicemen and their families, first aid and life saving classes, water safety training, a blood program, to name only a few.

Through your United Fund you are able to help all these agencies and through them you are benefited," Beach concluded.

Robbers Shoot Bank Teller

ALBANY (UP) — A 26-year-old bank teller was shot by one of four men who attempted unsuccessfully to hold up a Bank of America branch here.

The four men fled without loot when one of the robbers upset apparently well-laid plans by slaying Ronald A. Hawthorne when the young teller refused to take the thugs seriously. Bank officials said a preliminary check indicated no money was missing.

Hawthorne was hospitalized in critical condition with a bullet lodged near his spine.

Police said the bandits cut through 120 telephone cables four blocks from the bank, knocking out the banks burglar alarm.

Witnesses said two of the men remained in their car in front of the bank while the other two, wearing masks, entered the bank announcing:

"This is the real thing. Get the money out."

One gunman stepped at Hawthorne's window and yelled at him, "Gimme your money, or I'll blow your head off."

The young teller hesitated a second and the gunman fired, witnesses said.

As Hawthorne slumped to the floor, the bandits made a wild grab at some money and fled from the building.

Assistant manager Adrien Guilmouth said he thought the robbers got some money, but a later check indicated none was missing.

Hawthorne, who had been undergoing executive training at the bank since June, is married and has a young daughter.

Andrews Probe Demanded

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Eberharter (D-Pa) Saturday called for a congressional inquiry into Revenue Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews' actions in a pending five million dollar tax suit against an insurance firm he will head.

Andrews replied that he had a "limited" connection with the case and would welcome the proposed inquiry by the House Ways and Means Committee, of which Eberharter is a member.

"As a matter of fact," the revenue commissioner said in a statement, "I made an inquiry by the Ways and Means Committee would be a good way to establish the facts of this situation and put an end to the false, damaging and irresponsible discussion that has been going on about it."

Andrews is stepping out of office Monday and will become chairman of the board of American Fidelity and Casualty Co. of Richmond, Va., his home town. The firm has a dispute over back taxes now pending in the courts.

Plane Deaths Reach Nine

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — The death Saturday of 9-year-old Patty Marchica raised to nine the number of deaths from the fiery crash of wealthy Joel Thorne's plane into an apartment house Oct. 17.

Thorne, who was flying alone, and two other persons were killed and seven persons were critically injured, mostly from burns, at the time of the crash.

Six of the injured have died. The seventh, Michael Preston, 31, is still in critical condition.

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Molotov Turns Into Charmer

GENEVA (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov—the grim Nyet-man of many international meetings—is behaving at Geneva like a jolly old fellow on a Saturday night off. He smiles. He laughs. He even makes jokes.

"I've never seen him so relaxed," said an American delegate who has known Molotov for at least nine years, "and while he still says 'nyet' (No), he says it with a smile."

"I've watched him at many conferences," said a French delegate, "and he's never before behaved like this. He acts as if he hasn't a care in the world."

British Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan is reported to have commented to his ministerial colleagues about Molotov's easy manners around the conference table—and his mellowness in the conference bar.

After MacMillan followed French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay in the conference chairman's chair, Molotov is reported to have quipped:

"Mr. MacMillan is a better chairman—he let me talk. Mr. Pinay shuns me up."

Asked if anyone at the conference table has questioned the Soviet foreign minister about his reported intention to reveal at Geneva his plans about retiring, the spokesman for the American delegation said:

"No, that question hasn't come up."

CANDIDACY FIELD

SEATTLE (AP) — State Rep. Thor C. Tollefson Saturday formally announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor of Washington, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported in editions of its Sunday paper.

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