

Korean Boy Charges U.S. Personnel With Brutal Treatment In Theft Case

SEOUL (AP)—A Korean boy who was nailed into a box and flown 25 miles by U.S. Army men charges he was stabbed three times, beaten and his hair cut and tarred, the Army said Saturday.

The first report in the Army's continuing investigation of the case said Kim Choon Il, 14, charged that Capt. Marvin E. Kemp of Kilmichael, Miss., beat and stabbed him and an unnamed soldier also beat him.

The report made no comment on the accusations. Gen. George Decker, U.S. commander in Korea, said Wednesday he regretted the situation and promised "appropriate action."

The boy was pronounced in satisfactory condition after an examination Thursday at an Army hos-

pital. The Army said Kim was caught early Tuesday with stolen items at the 5th Army aircraft maintenance center at Ascom City.

The report said Kim charged that Kemp "hit him numerous times and stabbed him just below both knees and in the arm with the point of a knife. He also said another U.S. soldier mistreated him by striking him."

"The investigation disclosed that Kim's hair was cut off by a pair of electric hair clippers and tar-like substance was daubed on his head," the report continued.

The boy was ordered into a box used for transporting airplane parts. The Army said earlier it was 39 1/2 by 16 1/2 by 13 inches. "It is alleged that M.Sgt. Robert E. Widensaul of Pottstown, Pa., nailed down the lid," leaving some breathing holes.

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About five hours later the alleged Maj. Thomas G. James of Plymouth, Pa., had the box moved to a helicopter and flew it to an Army airfield at Uijongbu. He "notified the Uijongbu airport by radio that he had a box of spare parts and on landing it was taken to the supply room," the report said.

"There a Katusa soldier (Korean training with the Army) heard whimpers from the box and he and a U.S. soldier opened it, discovering the boy."

"According to the investigation Maj. James entered the supply room at this time and stated this was a 'sleazy boy' and that he was to be escorted from the airfield."

"Sleazy boy" is slang for boys adept at thievery.

Soviets Push Power Plans

WASHINGTON (AP)—Russia may soon surpass this country in the development of hydro electric power. Rep. Robert Jones (D-Ala.) said Saturday.

He said Russia is laying the foundation for future industrial supremacy by building power plants which dwarf some of this nation's biggest projects.

Jones, a member of the House Public Works Committee, said in a statement:

"We still boast of the Grand Coulee Dam, which has a capacity of 1.9 million kilowatts, but Russia now has 10 plants which can produce from 2 to 6 million kilowatts."

The Alabama congressman said Russia has a new power plant on the Yenesei river which when completed will have a 6 million kilowatt capacity. All power plants at dams built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in its history can produce only 5.25 million kilowatts," he said.

Russia now is building in Siberia five power stations which, Jones said, will have capacities 50 per cent higher than the power dams of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army combined.

Testimony of the Soviet projects was given by Gen. E. C. Itchner, chief of Army Engineers, at a recent Public Works Committee hearing.

Jones said "Russian development of power for industrial use is alarming because it is the announced policy of the Kremlin not only to equal but to outstrip us as an industrial power."

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Auditions For Pelicana Set

A second date for the Pelicana auditions has been set for Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 p.m. in the girls gym of Klamath Union High School. Those attending the previous audition last Friday need not be present for this one. However, the auditionist must bring the costumes and accompanist they intend to use the night of Pelicana.

Pelicana is the largest annual project of the Script and Microphone Guild of KUHS and as in the past is sponsored by the Exchange Club.

Gingie Walkley is the student chairman of this production and Charles Woodhouse, director of the radio and television services of the Klamath Falls public schools, is the producer.

Two auditions are being held this year to get a better cross section of the talent of the Klamath Basin.

Farm Prices Show Gain

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson was cheered Saturday by a government report that farm prices increased 2 per cent in February to the highest level since May 1954. The prices were up 8 per cent from a year ago.

Aides said the secretary expressed hope the price report, issued Friday, would help soften some of the criticism being directed at him and his policies by a group of midwestern Republican congressmen.

Advances in farm prices this year have been particularly sharp in the livestock field. Hogs brought 20 per cent higher prices in February than a year earlier. Cattle prices were about 27 per cent higher.

But these increases did not extend to dairying or to most crops. All grains were down from a year ago. Poultry prices were up slightly.

The overall increase in farm prices was offset in part by an advance of one-third of 1 per cent in level of prices paid by farmers for goods and services used in production and in family living.

Three Injured In Auto Accident

Three Klamath area women suffered light injuries Thursday afternoon when the car in which they were riding left the highway and crashed into a pole near Pelicana City.

Peace Ambulance brought the following to the Klamath Valley Hospital for observation and treatment: Geraldine Chocktoot, Bernadine Watah, and Lilly Miller.

Geraldine Chocktoot was reportedly driving the machine.

Strongarm Bandits Rob Local Resident

A Klamath Falls man was strongarmed late Friday, knocked unconscious, and relieved of his 17-jewel Voyager pocket watch.

The victim, Owen Hodge of 2111 Oak Street, told investigating city police that the incident occurred near the intersection of East Main and Radcliffe streets, and that his assailants were large and in their late teens or early 20's.

One man is described as a blond, about 6 feet 2 inches, and weighing about 200 pounds. He was wearing a blue jacket, brown slacks, and black shoes. The other attacker is described as having red hair, about 6 feet tall, and wearing a black jacket.

The victim was reportedly not seriously injured. He listed the serial number of his watch as 102-57-89.

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Masonic Head Plans Visit

Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, La Grande, grand master of Masons in Oregon, will pay his official visit to District No. 21 on Monday, March 3. Announcement of the plans was made by Theodore R. Hughes, District 21, deputy grand master.

The meeting at 8 o'clock to be held in the Masonic Temple on Klamath Avenue, will be preceded by a 6:30 p.m. dinner at the Winona Hotel.

Rev. Kopp, rector of the La Grande Episcopal Church, is active in civic and fraternal affairs in his home city.

District No. 21 is comprised of seven lodges, three in Klamath Falls, A.F. and A.M. 77, 220 and 211; one in Chiloquin, No. 197; Malin, No. 194; Paisley, No. 86 and Lakeview No. 71.

Library Fund Boost Asked

WASHINGTON (AP)—A House Appropriations subcommittee was urged by Rep. Ullman (D-Ore.) to more than double the administration's request appropriation for the rural library services program.

There are "few programs of greater importance to rural America," he said, in expressing disappointment "to find the administration again requested only three million dollars for the coming fiscal year... rather than the 7 1/2 million dollars which has been fully authorized."

"I am quite frankly unable to understand," he said, "the logic which prompts the present administration to lament the current state of American education while at the same time seeking to scuttle a program which would bring books to rural America."

"One can only draw the obvious conclusion that the pious platitudes are empty verbalisms," Ullman said.

Portland Police Members Resign

PORTLAND (AP)—Three policemen Friday resigned from the Portland police department—just a day after they were booked on burglary charges.

The men were Warren L. Moore, 33; Donald E. Roberts, 29; and Fred Matthews Jr., 37.

Police Chief William Hilbruner earlier said all three men had admitted participating in a burglary of nearly \$3,000 worth of merchandise from an appliance store here.

The three men are free on bail.

Funerals KARNIS

Private funeral services for Willis Karnis, 66, who died here February 27, will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home on Monday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m., with the Rev. James Overdorf officiating. Final rites in Klamath Memorial Park.

FIRES

City firemen were called out twice over the weekend to tend minor blazes. Late Friday morning the fire crews went to 2044 Sargent Street to tend a flooded oil stove. No damage was reported. In a Saturday morning fire at 1950 Plymouth was damaged in the garage at the Howard Uhlig home, 331 Haskins Street. The garage was not extensively damaged.



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Wood Alcohol Death Toll Up

NEW YORK (AP)—The death toll from wood alcohol has risen to 19. Fifteen other persons are under hospital treatment.

This is the highest toll in the city from bootlegged booze since prohibition days.

Police Saturday arrested two men in connection with two wood alcohol deaths. Ordered held on homicide charges, they were identified as Norberto Diaz, 33, and Jose Billido, 42, both of the Bronx.

A hospitalized victim of the deadly drink was said to have identified Diaz, owner of a candy store.

Billido was picked up in the store after Bronx detectives confiscated 10 gallons of raw alcohol in the basement of a Bronx apartment house. Late last night police reported that half the cache was wood alcohol.

Billido's alleged partner, Anna Jackson, 45, Negro, was also picked up for questioning. She is superintendent of the building.

Police said a number of the victims had attended a party of Puerto Ricans in East Harlem last weekend.

Obituary MARSH

Arthur B. Marsh, 68, died here March 1. He was a native of Wichita, Kansas and had resided in this community for the past 23 years. He is survived by his wife, Dora, of this city, one brother, Claude, of Downey, California, and two sisters, Helen Hiller of Fresno and Zettie Couraud of Delta. Funeral services will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home on Monday, March 3, at 1 p.m., with the Rev. Otis Bell of the First Christian Church officiating. Final rites and interment in Klamath Memorial Park.

NEW ROTARIANS

W. J. (Bill) Owsley and Stanley Miller became new members of the Klamath Falls Rotary Club last week. Owsley fills the classification of accounting service, formerly held by J. P. Matthews, now senior active. Miller's classification is additional active to Howard Perrin's classification of architecture.

CITY BRIEFS

Visitors — Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lanning, Spearfish, South Dakota, who are old schoolmates of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Jinnette of Klamath Falls, have been visitors at the Jinnette home here.

Style Show — For reservations to the sixth annual Beta Sigma Phi tea and style show to be held March 15 at the Willard Hotel call Mrs. William Perrin, TU 4-7189.

Meeting — of Eulalona Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution originally scheduled for Monday evening, March 3, has been postponed until Monday evening, March 10. The meeting will be held at the Klamath County Museum and the curator, Roy Carlson, will speak on "The Value of the Museum to the Community." Infant clothing dating from 1860, owned by Mrs. Bert Thomas, will be on display. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

Royal Neighbors — Ada Barleen and her committee were honored recently for having brought in the most new members to the local chapter of the Royal Neighbors Lodge of America. The five committee princesses honored with the

winner were Helen Dixon, Thelma Colvin, Chloe Pride, Julia Williams and Kate Hogue. During the meeting it was decided to send a delegation to the state convention at La Grande on April 18. Mamie Cammock was in charge of the program. Refreshments were served by Ella Pauley, Martha Baker, Abbie Landrie and Frances Killian.

Klamath — Falls Garden Club meets Monday, March 3, in the city library auditorium at 2 p.m. Mrs. Will Blackman will discuss narcissi. The landscape group will meet at 11 a.m. under the direction of Mrs. Hugh O'Connor.

Job's Daughters — Klamath Falls Job's Daughters Bethel No. 61 will hold a school of instruction on March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Temple with inspection by the deputy grand guardian of Oregon following at 7:30. All girls must be present by 6:30.

Buena Vista — Home Extension Unit will meet Wednesday, March 5, at 10 a.m. at Joan's Kitchen at the fairgrounds. The lesson will be designs for dress.

Oldtimer — dance Saturday, March 1, at the K.C. Hall, 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Public welcome.

Meeting — Licensed Practical Nurses will meet Monday, March 3, at the county library at 7:30 p.m. There will be a speaker and all members are urged to attend.

Slide Rule Class — The first meeting of a slide rule class at OTI will be held Monday evening, March 3, at 7:30 in Room 5 in Nickerson Hall. It will be a 20-hour course. Approximate cost from \$5 to \$7.50. Harold Bailey, math instructor at OTI, will be instructor.

Attention — OTI Student Wives, Steve Peters, hairstylist of the Charm Center, will be our guest at the Wednesday evening, March 5 meeting. Please plan on attending.

Stabbing Victim Said Improved

A Klamath Falls man who was stabbed early Saturday morning is reported in satisfactory condition at the Klamath Valley Hospital. The victim is Fred Harrell, 54, 504 Broad Street.

The stabbing was reportedly at the hands of a woman companion, and followed a quarrel between the couple. Harrell told investigating city police that he will sign a complaint against his assailant.

The man suffered chest wounds not sufficiently deep to injure vital internal organs.

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Court Slams Door In Face Of Convicted Killer With Refusal To Alter Sentence

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Caryl Chessman's hopes for avoiding execution in the gas chamber were all but gone Saturday, but not his grim determination to stay alive.

"Are you giving up?" a reporter asked Friday after a court ruling slammed shut the door of the death cell Chessman, 36, had pried open a crack through 10 years of legal maneuvering.

"I'm not noted for that," he replied.

The convict-author will return within 10 days to San Quentin's death row to await a State Supreme Court review of his 1948 conviction on 17 counts of kidnaping, robbery and sex offenses.

The high court has already upheld his conviction and death sentence, but by questioning the validity of the 10-year-old trial transcript Chessman won the hearing climaxed by Friday's ruling. In effect it turns back the clock to 1948 and makes another Supreme Court review necessary.

During the 14-week hearing Chessman argued that the transcript, prepared by another court reporter after the original one died, was inaccurate and not suitable as the basis for an appeal. Superior Judge Walter R. Evans ruled against him.

Chessman apparently is resigned to another adverse ruling from the Supreme Court.

"I've been transformed into a symbol of criminal evil and the courts in California are committed to this view," he said in an interview.

The onetime juvenile delinquent who has written four books while in prison, added: "I had a full and fair hearing. I felt that on the basis of the evidence I had won decisively. There really wasn't any doubt in my mind when I entered the courtroom that if a reasonable decision were brought in it would be in my favor."

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Police Given Knife Story

Ray Dean Brown, 21, of 1414 Ward Street, told investigating city police Friday evening that he brought a knife into action during a February 21 altercation in which Peter Fielding, 20, of Klamath Falls, was stabbed in the chest. Fielding is convalescing at the Klamath Valley Hospital.

Brown told police that the "beef" got underway at a drive-in when a group of Fielding's companions and some of his friends decided to go to Stukel Park to have it out and settle an argument.

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Fire Claims Seven Lives

DEKALB, N.Y. (AP)—Seven members of a family burned to death early Saturday when fire wrecked their two-story home in this northern New York hamlet.

Five other members of the Lloyd Van Orman family and a house guest escaped.

The dead were identified as the father, 44; his wife, Geneva, 43; and five of their children: Lionel, 7; Fern, 8; Carol, 10; Laurel, 5, and Donald, 18.

Those who escaped were Lloyd Wayne, 23; Alberta, 15; Albert, 14; Jane, 12; and James Van Orman, 19, and Jane Barden, 15, of nearby Dekalb Junction. Miss Barden was Lloyd Wayne Van Orman's fiancée.

County sheriff's deputies said they believed the fire started in a chimney in an upstairs bedroom.

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