

# Two Physicians Testify As Murder Trial Resumes

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The testimony of two doctors, both called as defense witnesses, opened today the second week of the first degree murder trial of Myron Barkley.

The defense witnesses were Dr. Edward M. Scott, a Portland psychologist, and Dr. Harry Danielson, a Medford psychiatrist. Both men had examined the 26-year-old defendant after his arrest in the rifle slaying of his half-brother, Eldon "Beanie" Cress, September 6.

Defense Attorney Donald A. W. Piper had attempted to place Dr. Danielson's testimony before the seven-man, five-woman circuit court jury late Friday but state objections and time forced a postponement.

Piper explained to the court that he was attempting to place Dr. Danielson on the stand out of logical order because his other witness, Dr. Scott, was on a plane flying above the city. It could not land because of foggy conditions. He said he felt it was best to place Dr. Danielson on the stand while waiting for Dr. Scott's imminent arrival.

Dr. Danielson presented very little testimony, however, because Piper's most pertinent question—did Dr. Danielson's examinations indicate the defendant "understands the nature and consequences of his act, if he did so act, and know right from wrong"—drew immediate and vociferous objections from District Attorney Arthur A. Beddoe.

Beddoe objected on four specific

grounds, principally that part of Dr. Danielson's testimony would be based upon examinations made by Dr. Scott. The jury was withdrawn once again while the point was being argued, but upon the jury's return Judge David R. Vandenberg adjourned court until 10 a.m. today.

The legal sparring accompanying Dr. Danielson's testimony and the grim details of death that marked testimony earlier in the trial were in high contrast to much of Friday's session when a Catholic priest occupied the stand.

The witness was Fr. John M. Goodrich, director of St. Mary's Home for Boys near Portland where Barkley lived from the time he was 10 years old until he went to Central Catholic High School in Portland and subsequently into the Marines.

Fr. Goodrich, in answer to a question, described himself as Barkley's closest friend and confidant. At one point the priest said: "I felt he had nobody except me." Piper questioned the priest intensely upon "the matter of moods and mood changes," but the testimony also delved deeply into the private matters of Barkley's life. Fr. Goodrich brought with him letters he had received from Barkley when the defendant was in the service. One described a hike which all recruits were forced to take, but on which Barkley said he was tempted to "fall down and let the rest go on."

He did not, Barkley's letter said, because Barkley thought (1) about "what you (Fr. Goodrich) would think of me," (2) that "I've never quit before, and won't quit now," and (3) "about Christ carrying the cross to Calvary; if Christ would do that for me, I can do this."

Fr. Goodrich also recalled a

night in Portland when he was awakened "in the wee hours" by Barkley, who "was terribly upset and confused."

"He had tried to commit suicide by putting his head in a gas oven but he didn't have courage to run on the gas. He caught the first

bus out of Portland and came to talk to me. He wanted encouragement."

The priest described another night when Barkley borrowed his car and was arrested. The reason, he said, was drinking.

Fr. Goodrich, questioned closely by Piper, said the defendant's

mood changes were more frequent in his adult life. "I tried to get him to aim high," the witness said. "He'd fight for it, then he'd fall. It was up to me to get him going again."

"What changes, if any, did you notice later in his life?" Piper asked. Fr. Goodrich said the defendant's

"It was harder to get him going again."

Fr. Goodrich, who testified with frankness and with clarity, once observed: "I felt like a fireman. I always got there late."

Beddoe, in cross examination, asked if Barkley had not been given a "high type of academic,

religious and moral training."

"He was exposed to it," the witness answered.

Fr. Goodrich, answering a question about Barkley's later moods referred to an incident this year when Barkley was on the phone crying.

Beddoe suggested that crying mixed with noises in a long-distance telephone conversation, might have been misinterpreted.

"Did you know it was crying?" the judge asked.

"I've worked with kids of all ages for 15 years," the priest answered. "I know bawling when I hear it."



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Hope was hospitalized briefly at the U.S. Air Force's Moron Field after his arrival in Spain Sunday, following an attack of dizziness apparently brought on by high blood pressure and exhaustion. He was up and about again, however, in time to play a scheduled show for the troops.

He refused to cut down the 12-day, 10-show schedule of his tour of bases in the Azores, Morocco, Spain, Italy, Germany and Iceland.

"The doc said I wasn't getting enough sleep," Hope said. "We got only a few hours rest before leaving New Jersey, and nothing at the Azores. Then I played a benefit golf match when I should have been in bed and, man, it's been murder."

"But I love it. We play in hangars and have to scream our lungs out, we get rained on sometimes, but I love it. The service people are great audiences, and they really appreciate our coming."

Hope had only eight hours of broken sleep in the first 72 hours of his tour. He was 45 minutes late to his first show in Spain because of his brief stay in hospital, but he laughed it off.

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