

Jury Selection Moves Slowly In Death Trial

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI) — Is the female of the species more deadly than the male? Take a case of murder. Presume yourself to be the defendant. You're innocent. That's what you keep telling yourself — the defendant is clothed by the law with the presumption of innocence.

Then you watch the jury selection.

If your name is Tilmer Eugene Thompson, you sit in a courtroom to which your case has been moved in a change of venue. The slaying of Mrs. Carol Thompson, 34, the defendant's wife, took place in St. Paul March 6. But it was moved out of there when the defense won its contention that the publicity there might tend to bias prospective jurors.

So the trial was moved to the twin city of Minneapolis — to a courthouse about 10 miles from the one in which it would have been held in St. Paul. But people in Minneapolis had been reading about the case, too.

Question 45 Persons

In two days of jury picking, 45 persons were questioned. Twenty-five of them were excused because they indicated they had formed an opinion in the case.

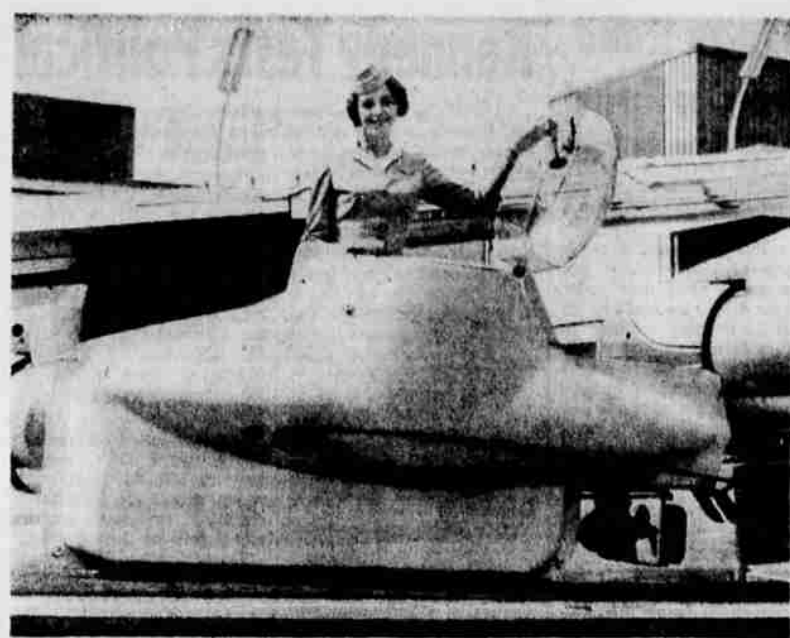
Thompson, 35, a Minnesota farm boy who worked his way through law school, graduated second in his class, had a rising law career well in hand as a highly respected criminal attorney. He was an elder in a St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

His wife, mother of four, and a church worker and choir singer, was killed by bludgeon and knife in as brutal a fashion as can be imagined. The state contends Thompson masterminded a plot which involved his former college mate Norman J. Mastrian as middle-man and a hard-drinking salesman, Dick W. C. Anderson, as the executioner.

Anderson Confessed

Anderson has confessed he did it and has said it was murder-for-hire. He is reported to have confessed he botched the job, to have said the plan was to head Carol on the back of the road and knock her out, then dump her nude body in a bathtub to make it seem she fell in the bathroom and drowned.

At the time of her death there was \$1,061,000 in life and accidental death insurance in force on Mrs. Thompson, with her husband as beneficiary.



NEW FAD — Airliner stewardess Ruth Flipowicz inspects the newest fad in sports, a 642 pound one-man submarine which was flown to Chicago recently from Hamburg, Germany. Tiny submarine will be distributed by a Chicago importer.—UPI Telephoto

Young Man Confesses To Murder

MIDLAND, Tex. (UPI) — A muscular young man sat somberly in his jail cell today facing murder charges in the bludgeoning of the socialite wife of a Texas millionaire oilman-sportsman.

Police said James Lee Marion, 22, a Negro, confessed he dragged Mrs. Fred Turner Jr., screaming from a balcony into her bedroom and beat her to death with his fists and pistols she had wielded.

Marion, a shortorder cook, said Mrs. Turner, 66, surprised him while he was burglarizing her \$500,000 home. He quoted her as saying, "I'm going to kill you," and said he attacked her after she fired a .38 automatic pistol wildly.

"I was looking for money," Marion said. The 5-foot-4, 138-pound man said he had been drinking heavily. Two officers said he waved a pistol at them menacingly when he fled the victim's home.

Turner, whose horse Tony Lee won the 1959 Kentucky Derby, learned of the slaying when he returned home from a trip to his Las Vegas, N. M., ranch.

The young daughter, Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer Jr., was knocked unconscious by the attacker when he fled the mansion. Marion was arrested Tuesday covering in the attic of a nearby garage.

France Urges Alliance Reorganization

PARIS (UPI) — French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville called today for a sweeping reorganization of the Atlantic Alliance.

He asserted that the present North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is out-of-date. But he said a major reorganization will not be possible until other European members pull their full weight.

Couve de Murville delivered a broad foreign policy review to the National Assembly as it debated the foreign ministry's 1964 budget.

"France," he said, "has decided to play her own role in defense." That, he said, is why she has decided to pull the bulk of her land, sea and air forces out of NATO.

"The day when the other European members of the alliance show the same will, reorganization of the Atlantic Alliance on a durable basis will be possible," he asserted.

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—There is no basis for a genuine East-West agreement with the Soviets at the moment and, for that reason, France will not take part in U.S.-Soviet cold war talks.

—The European Common Market must take into account the legitimate interests of other countries, including the United States and Great Britain, in working out its joint agricultural policies.

—Russia's determination remains unchanged to perpetuate the East-West division of Germany and to get the West out of Berlin.

Mediators Try Again

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Federal mediators, who helped settle Westinghouse Electric Corporation's contract dispute with the International Electrical Workers Union (IUE), have moved into company talks with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

Joseph Piconke of Washington and Arthur Wellman of Pittsburgh joined the IBEW-Westinghouse talks Tuesday in hopes of negotiating a settlement before the union's contract expires midnight, Oct. 31.

The firm, which meets today with the IBEW, also is conducting negotiations with the United Electrical Workers (UE).

BARUCH GETS HONOR

ATLANTA, Ga. (UPI) — Bernard M. Baruch, a leading American financier since the turn of the century, was named by the editors of Dixie Business magazine as their "Great American" for 1963.

Hubert F. Lee, editor of the magazine since 1928, also said Rep. Carl Vinson, D-Ga., was chosen for next year's honor. Lee said Vinson will have served a half century in the U. S. Congress as of next year.

Surgeon Discusses 'Absurd' Form Of Cancer Likely Carried By Insect

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Dr. Denis Burkitt, an outspoken Irishman who is now the top surgeon in Uganda, came to town today to talk about a "bizarre, totally absurd" form of cancer which he believes is carried by mosquitos.

The best thing about it, he said, is that it can often be cured.

Burkitt discussed the disease — which others call "Burkitt's Tumor," and which he calls "an absurd lymphoma"—in a press briefing at the 40th annual clinical congress of the American College of Surgeons.

The congress has drawn nearly 12,000 fellows of the college, including more than 7,500 surgeons, to a week-long series of lectures, discussions and exhibits that amount to a post-graduate course in surgery.

Burkitt, who went to Uganda in 1946 with the British Colonial Service and is now chief government surgeon for the newly independent nation, said the tumor named for him is the most overwhelmingly common form of cancer found in children in tropical Africa.

Prevalent in Africa

It is almost nonexistent in the Western World, he said, but in certain areas of Central Africa it's found in children of every race and every circumstance.

Burkitt said he has been able to gather certain data about the disease despite rather severe limitations on the research resources available — "I worked three and a half years on a \$75 grant."

He spent seven years, he said, documenting the geographical distribution of the disease, and this and other factors convinced him that it was caused by a virus and probably was carried by mosquitos.

Factors of elevation and distance from the equator combine, he said, to indicate that the disease cannot occur where the minimum temperature ever drops below 60 degrees. This is the minimum, he said, below which mosquitos fail to propagate—and it also provides the heavy rainfall and vegetation necessary for them.

"There is no doubt at all," he said, "that this is an environmental cancer."

It is not found on the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba 30 miles off the African coast. This means, Burkitt said, "that the cause cannot cross 30 miles of sea."

The most bizarre and "absurd" aspect of the cancer, he said, is the manner in which it may settle almost anywhere in the body—jaw, genitals, thyroid and so on—except the spleen, which ordinarily should be a prime target.

Ninety per cent of the cases are in children, and the peak age is five to seven.

Burkitt treats the cancer with the chemicals methotrexate and cytosin.

"I know of no cancer which is so responsive to treatment," he said. "I've treated about 60 patients, and although it's difficult to follow up because most of them disappear back into the bush, I know at least 20 are still alive four months to three years after treatment. Fifteen died that I know of."

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Placards Hurlled At Warren

NEW YORK (UPI) — Chief Justice Earl Warren Tuesday night was bombarded by leaflets and placards hurled at him by demonstrators demanding his impeachment.

The demonstration took place as Warren and his wife were leaving the New York Bar Association Building where earlier in the evening he was made an honorary member of the organization at a testimonial dinner.

The pickets, who said they were members of "the movement to impeach Earl Warren," also booed Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, who attended the dinner but left the building separately from the Warrens.

Neither Warren nor Rockefeller was hurt, and police moved in quickly to keep the pickets from the men.

Walter Zaleski, who said he was the leader of the organization which is based in Summit, N.J., told newsmen the Supreme Court's decisions "have helped to erode our freedoms." He said the group was not connected with the John Birch Society.

The approximately 75 pickets were waiting for Warren when he arrived at the building with his wife and daughter, Mrs. John Daly.

Space Adviser Believes Russians Attempting To Slow U.S. Moon Shot

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A leading space adviser to President Kennedy believes Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's recent space statement was an attempt to slow down the U.S. lunar project, rather than a Soviet withdrawal from the space race.

Dr. Edward C. Welsh said Tuesday that the Russians have a "strong space program and are concentrating on it. There is nothing in this (Khrushchev's remarks) to indicate otherwise and no reason to believe they are slackening."

Welsh is executive secretary of the National Aeronautics and Space Council which advises President Kennedy on U.S. space programs. In an interview with United Press International he commented on Khrushchev's weekend review of future Soviet space programs.

Encourage U.S. Reduction

Welsh said Khrushchev's comments were an attempt to encourage a reduction in U.S. space efforts so that Russia might maintain any competitive edge it believes it may have.

"He would maintain this advantage on the basis of a slowdown on our part rather than a speedup on his."

He added that Khrushchev's remarks were made when Congress was considering the appropriation bill for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Rep. Olin E. Teague, second ranking Democrat on the House Space Committee, said that

Khrushchev's remarks ought to be ignored, and that the U.S. space program should not be changed.

The Texas congressman added, "I wouldn't trust Khrushchev, even if he swore on a stack of Bibles as high as the Kremlin."

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