

Thompson Case Goes To Jury

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — A jury of six men and six women today resumed deliberations in the case of T. Eugene Thompson, accused of having his wife murdered for \$1 million insurance money and love of a mistress.

The jurors deliberated six hours Thursday without reaching a decision.

District Court Judge Rolf Fosseen ordered the jurors locked up for the night in the Pick-Nicoll Hotel and kept them from reading or hearing any accounts of the trial.

Thompson, 35, the short, suave lawyer who was on the rise in the Twin Cities, was locked up in jail for only the ninth day since his arrest June 21. Fosseen refused a defense plea to let him remain free on bond as he had been through-out the seven-week trial.

Killed Last March
Thompson is accused of arranging with Twin Cities underworld characters to have his wife, Carol, 34, heiress to a plumbing fortune, killed in their home last March 6.

In Minnesota, complicity in murder is the same as murder itself. If Thompson is found guilty, he could be sentenced to life in prison. The state abolished the death sentence nearly a half-century ago.

Prosecutor William B. Randall told the jury not to be misled by Thompson's position as a rising criminal attorney, his background as an elder in the Presbyterian Church and a prominent resident of a fashionable St. Paul neighborhood. Randall's closing arguments

FBI Checks Walker Case

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The wife of Lee Harvey Oswald has told FBI investigators that the accused assassin claimed that he had fired a bullet into the home of former Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker in Dallas last April, it was learned today.

The FBI declined comment both on the statement attributed to Mrs. Oswald or reports that the possibility that Oswald was the Walker sniper is being investigated.

But other sources said that the Russian-born wife of Oswald had related that her husband told her excitedly last April that he had tried to kill Walker.

Other sources said FBI agents investigating the Kennedy assassination have asked Dallas police for details of the firing on Walker's home seven months ago. They declined to speculate on anything beyond the fact that the FBI was looking into a possible connection between Oswald and the Walker episode.

"live hoodlums" and with "more missing links" than facts.

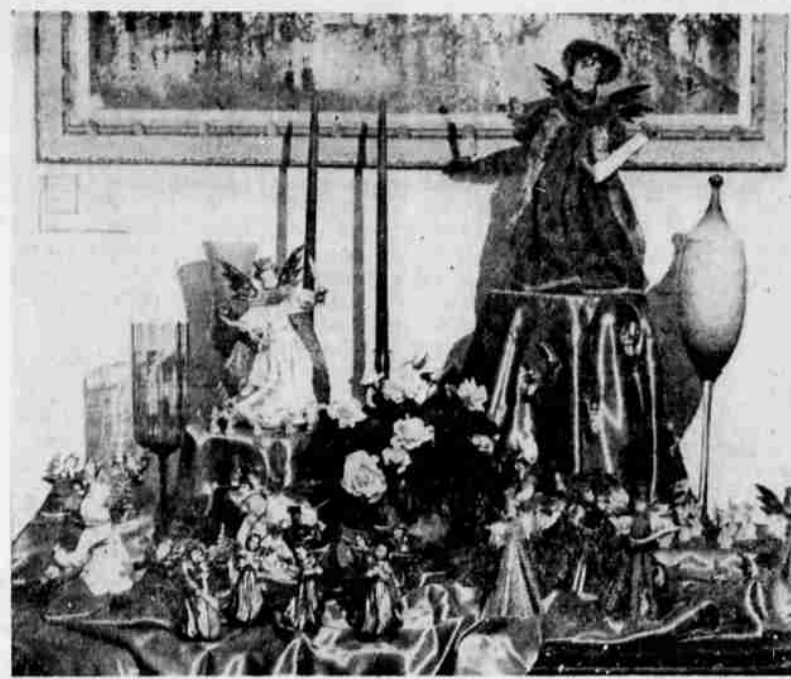
He asked the jury not to send Thompson to prison simply because "you can't find a reason for somebody else killing" Mrs. Thompson.

The judge told the jury to be "uninfluenced by pity or by passion and prejudice."

However, no official police announcement has been made



POTTED PLANTS FOR GIFTS — Al Nyback, co-owner of Nyback's Flowers, chatted with Mrs. Pat McAuliffe of Fort Klamath, who was in Klamath Falls to buy family Christmas gifts. Lovely arrangements are made with fresh flowers, artificial flowers and artificial fruits. Poinsettias are being readied under lights to be perfect for Christmas. The public is invited to "Holiday House," annual gift to the public, daily through Sunday, Dec. 8, from 2 to 9 p.m.



CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR—It is annual "Holiday House" at Nyback's Flowers, with every corner filled with beauty — beautiful flowers, handsome arrangements, Christmas trees with baubles and tapers, waiting for the lighting. It is Al and Nine Nyback's Christmas gift to the Klamath Basin. Hours for the show will continue to be 2 to 9 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 8. Walk through the rows of brilliant poinsettias and unusual flowering plants. There is no charge. Open house is planned for both stores, 3614 South Sixth, 430 Main Street and the greenhouses.

Portland Druggists Seek Opinion On Tax Write Off

By United Press International
President Jim Mead of the Portland Retail Druggists Association said Thursday he will seek a legal opinion on whether druggists can write off unpaid claims against the State Welfare Commission as bad debts for tax purposes.

The Welfare Commission recently cut reimbursements to druggists to about 65 cents on

the dollar because of a shortage of funds.

Mead said he was uncertain what the tax status of the losses would be because there was no written contract with the commission.

A release from the Lane County Pharmaceutical Association said its members will continue to fill the orders in spite of the hassle with the state.

Hogg's Margin Less Than Expected

LONDON (UPI) — Science Minister Quintin Hogg's disappointing showing in winning a Commons seat increased the concern of Conservative strategists today in their planning for the general election campaign against Labor.

There was jubilation among Labor officials as the returns came in showing a sharply reduced margin of victory for Hogg, the former Lord Hailsham and an increased margin for Labor in winning another by-election.

These outcomes as a sure sign of a Labor victory at the general elections, which must be held in the next 10 months.

The Laborites also gained ground in a third race, won by Conservative Keith Stainton by a majority considerably less than that polled by former Labor Minister John Hare in 1959.

Hogg, who resigned his title to seek a seat in Commons and put himself in a position to succeed Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home as party leader, chose a safely Conservative district, the Marylebone area of London. But his margin of victory was only 5,276 votes, compared to the 14,771-vote margin won by the last Conservative candidate, Sir Wavell Wakefield in 1959.

At the same time, Labor's Charles Morris, running in an equally safe seat in the Openshaw district of Manchester, won a majority of 8,962 an in-

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Elm Starts City Fight

PORTLAND (UPI) — Portland's 63-year-old Flanders Street elm must go, say city fathers.

Not so, say tree lovers led by architect Lewis Crutcher.

The City Council voted 3-2 Thursday to condemn the old tree, which was planted at NW Flanders and 23rd in 1900.

City Engineer L. H. Rosenthal said the elm's roots had ripped up 100 feet of sewer line and caused \$1,800 worth of damage.

But architect Lewis Crutcher, who lives across the street from the tree, said "we will form a ring around the tree and protect it with our lives if necessary."

He said tree lovers had applied for an insurance policy to protect the city against damage from the tree.

It will take about a week to obtain the policy, Crutcher said. If anyone tries to cut down the tree a court restraining order will be considered, he added.

Duo Caught Shoplifting

Two 12-year-old Klamath Falls boys have been arrested by police for shoplifting a number of flashlights and knives from at least two downtown stores.

The boys were referred to appear at the Juvenile Department with their parents for further action.

Police said the incidents first came to the attention of the boys' school administration. One boy admitted the thefts over the period of a week and implicated the other youth. The second boy has partially admitted involvement.

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