

26 More Nazis Hanged For Prison Camp Atrocities

48 Executed
By U. S. Army
In Two Days

Slew 'Thousands' in
Mauthausen Horrors

LANDSBERG, Germany, May 28 (U. P.)—U. S. army hangmen finished the two-day execution of 48 Mauthausen concentration camp doctors, guards and officials responsible for thousands of torture deaths today by hanging 26 men on Landsberg prison's twin gallows.

The 49th man scheduled to die, Otto Striegel, received a temporary reprieve two hours before his execution hour. His only comment was, "Why?"

All but one of the 26 men hanged in today's two-and-a-half-hour death parade will be buried with the 22 executed yesterday in a common grave gouged out by an army bulldozer in the shadow of the prison where Adolf Hitler wrote "Mein Kampf." Relatives of the 48th man claimed his body.

General Is Hanged

It was the greatest mass execution carried out by the army.

All 48 men hanged yesterday and today were convicted of murders and tortures at the Mauthausen camp.

S. S. Capt. August Eigruber of Linz, Austria, once the gauleiter of Oberdonau, was the most prominent on today's death list. During the trial at Dachau he was quoted as saying of Russian prisoners at Mauthausen, "All these swine will have to be finished."

Five Mauthausen medical experts convicted of gruesome experiments on prisoners were executed today.

Victims of Many Nations

All the executed men and Striegel were convicted for "acting in pursuance of a common design to subject persons hereinafter described to killings, beatings, tortures, starvation, abuses and indignities" in violation of the laws and usages of war.

The "persons hereinafter named" included citizens of almost every allied European nation, Britons, Americans and Chinese.

The exact names and numbers of such persons are unknown, but aggregate many thousands," the indictment said.

Eigruber's last words were: "I regard it an honor to be hanged by the most brutal of all victors."

Only Dr. William Henkel completely lost his stiff, heel-clicking composure. He filibustered for three minutes on the gallows crying for a reprieve "in the name of my American relatives."

Willy Frey failed to carry out a boast to his American soldier jailers that he would sing "Open the Door Richard" or "Give Me Five Minutes More" on the gallows.

Willy Jobst, who clubbed 10 prisoners to death at Mauthausen, was hanged before he could get through with plans for marriage to his wartime sweetheart. They wanted to be married in the prison last night, but, details of getting legal papers and finding a priest willing to perform the ceremony delayed the marriage until it was too late. Permission had been granted by the prison authorities.

Scotland Yard Arrests Own Men

LONDON, May 28 (U. P.)—Scotland Yard arrested two of its own detectives today for allegedly stealing "through intimidation" from persons interviewed.

The two men, both sergeants in the criminal investigation department, were refused bail. Their trials were set for June 4. They were arrested at the Scotland Yard office.



"KINDA WONDERED"—In Lapeer, Mich., jail, Oliver Terpening Jr. tells County Prosecutor K. H. Smith that he killed four neighbor children because he "kinda wondered what it was like to kill somebody."

Farm Boy 'Disappointed' At 'Thrill' of Slaying Four

Michigan Youth Displays No Real Remorse, Says He's Sorry He Shot Neighbor Children

LAPEER, Mich., May 28 (U. P.)—Oliver Terpening Jr., 16-year-old farm boy who confessed he murdered four playmates for a thrill, said he was disappointed with the experiment.

"I didn't get the thrill I expected out of it," the youth told police who brought him to the Lapeer jail. "I'm sorry now that I killed them."

The slender, narrow-faced youth faces life imprisonment if convicted on the first-degree murder charge filed in circuit court. Michigan does not have the death penalty.

Victims Picking Flowers

Terpening calmly admitted to state police in East Lansing that he deliberately shot and killed four neighbor children of one family周一 as they picked wild flowers in the woods near his farm home.

The victims were Barbara Smith, 16; Stanley, 14; Gladys, 12, and Janet, 2. Barbara was considered his "girl friend."

"I always kinda wondered what it would feel like to kill somebody," he told Dr. Lemoyne Snyder, Michigan state medical-legal expert. "I even thought a lot about killing my stepmother, but never went through with it."

200 View Arrival

A curious but orderly crowd of nearly 200 persons—most of them teenagers—silently watched Terpening's arrival at the Lapeer jail.

He was arrested in Toledo, O., yesterday when he hitched a ride with an alert painter who recognized him from a broadcast description.

Terpening fled in his father's car before the bodies of his victims were found. The car was found abandoned in Port Huron, Mich.

The farm boy told police he didn't want to attend the mass funeral to be held tomorrow at Imlay City.

"I would be afraid to face their family," he said.

Poses for Photographers

Prosecutor Kenneth Smith said he would present a motion in probate court to waive juvenile jurisdiction and bring the case directly to circuit court.

Police said Terpening showed no remorse and was not nervous during their long questioning. He posed readily for photographers, staring steadily into the cameras.

Using a .22 caliber rifle, the farm boy had fired one bullet each into

Say White House Wanted Red Films

House Unit Charges Pressure on Hollywood

WASHINGTON, May 28 (U. P.)—A house un-American activities subcommittee charged today that "some of the most flagrant Communist propaganda films" produced in Hollywood were a "result of White House pressure."

A committee member who declined use of his name said the reference to "White House pressure" centered about Actor Robert Taylor's starring role in the motion picture "Song of Russia."

Mr. Taylor told the committee he was "pressured" into accepting the role before he was allowed to enter the navy.

The subcommittee also charged that the national labor relations board has "given great aid to the Communists in their efforts to infiltrate and control the motion picture industry."

Urge Subpoenas

The subcommittee urged an intensified investigation of Communist influences in Hollywood, and called on the committee to subpoena top "Communist actors, writers, directors and producers and confront them with the testimony and evidence against them."

Committee Chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R. N. J.) said the first of a series of hearings on communism in the film capital will be held June 16. Movie Composer Hans Eisler will appear here before the committee. Mr. Eisler has been described by his sister as a "Communist in the philosophical sense."

Mr. Eisler appeared before the subcommittee on the West Coast. It said his answers were evasive.

Brother of Gerhart

The composer is a brother of Gerhart Eisler, alleged Russian secret agent in the U. S. who is awaiting trial on charges of contempt of congress.

The subcommittee said a parade of witnesses in Hollywood "revealed a very serious situation regarding the inroads that the Communists had made."

RENEW PRICE SUPPORT

WASHINGTON, May 28 (U. P.)—The agriculture department today announced renewal of the price support loan program for gum naval stores at a level higher than the 1946 rate.

The victims were children of a well-to-do farmer, William Smith, by his second marriage. He had six children by his first wife and eight by his second.

The elder Terpening said "Ollie" ran away from home a year ago after a quarrel with his stepmother but was stranded at Baton Rouge, La., and I had to send him \$25 to get home on."

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County Slashes Budget Requests

The county council today slashed \$47,000 off of requests for special appropriations totaling \$103,000.

The ordinance as adopted approved additional expenditures totaling \$55,984 for various county departments to meet extra expenses that had not been included in their regular budget.

A request of \$34,500 by the voters registration board to purchase addressograph equipment, was reduced to \$23,000. A \$9000 request for extra clerks was turned down.

Julietta infirmary's request for \$35,000 to meet rising costs of food and supplies and a big increase in population was reduced to \$14,400.

The county highway department's request for \$15,000 to purchase gravel was cut to \$7500.

Library Gets Inquiries
On Small Business

An increase in the number of requests for material on small business projects was announced today by Miss Marian McFadden, city librarian.

Miss McFadden said the Indianapolis Public library has received scores of requests for books and pamphlets with suggestions on small businesses. Inquiries range from those on fur raising to small gadgets which can be manufactured at home.

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