

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 48th 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. Gen. August Eigruber of Linz, Austria, once the gaoler 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.

Siggruber'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."



'KINDA WONDERED'—In Lapeer, Mich., jail, Oliver Terpening Jr. tells County Prosecutor K. H. Smith that he killed four farm boys 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 today 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 one Monday 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 teen-agers—silently watched Terpening's arrival at the Lapeer jail.

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.

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 around 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."

Urges Subpoenas
"There is no question as to the serious inroads that Communists have made in the industry," the subcommittee said.

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 waiting 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."

Parents Divorced
The youth's father and mother were divorced when he was 5. The five-foot, four-inch boy, who weighs 135 pounds, was dressed in faded work pants and was without hat or coat when he arrived in Lapeer.

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."

Oliver quit school six weeks ago "to go out West," his parents said, but changed his mind and had been spending his time caring for his father's dairy herd and playing frequently with the Smith children.

Henrietta Bixler Takes N. Y. Job

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Marshall Disputes May's Testimony

Denies Army Needed Garsson-Made Shells

WASHINGTON, May 28 (U. P.).—Secretary of State George C. Marshall testified today in the May-Garsson bribery trial that there were "very heavy cutbacks" in contracts for 8-inch shells in 1945.

Former Congressman Andrew J. May had testified that the army was "screaming" for such shells at that time.

The wartime army chief of staff was called by Mr. May as a defense witness.

Mr. May was wartime chairman of the powerful house military affairs committee. Co-defendants are Henry and Murray Garsson, brothers and proprietors of munitions firms that got millions of dollars in war contracts.

The government charges that Mr. May accepted at least \$53,000 from the Garssons in payment for political and contract favors.

Testimony has been produced to show that Mr. May interceded with the war department in an effort to block cutbacks in Garsson firm contracts for eight-inch shells.

Government Attorney William A. Paisley asked Mr. Marshall whether there was any need for eight-inch shells in April or May, 1945. Secretary Marshall replied:

"There were very heavy cutbacks in shells—the need for air bombs, however, still existed."

As late as May 7, 1945, Mr. May was complaining to Brig. Gen. Roswell E. Hardy of the ordnance department and others about curtailment of the Garsson shell contracts.

Kansas City Vote Evidence Rifled

Ballots of 32 Precincts Are Stolen

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 28 (U. P.).—A vault containing ballots and records of last year's primary and general elections was rifled at election board headquarters here last night, Ludwig Graves, chairman of the election commission, said today.

Mr. Graves said the ballots from 32 of 34 precincts under investigation had been stolen.

The vault, a large room in itself, contained sealed boxes of ballot papers and records turned back to the commission for safe keeping by a grand jury which yesterday completed its investigation of alleged vote frauds.

That grand jury charged in its final report that Rep. Roger C. Slaughter, President Truman's primary foe in the Democratic "purge" choice last August, won the nomination "by a fraudulent miscount of votes and other types of fraud."

The jury recommended a complete recount. It also urged that further grand juries study the situation.

Argue Over FBI Probe
Meanwhile in Washington, Senator James P. Kem (R. Mo.) and Attorney General Tom Clark argued hotly before a senate judiciary subcommittee over an FBI investigation into the same primary.

Senator Kem accused the justice department of giving the G-men an "extremely cagey" set of instructions which limited their inquiry.

The FBI was instructed to question members of the Kansas City board of election commissioners and two newspapermen. Mr. Kem said this did not authorize a general investigation.

Mr. Clark insisted that he had been given insufficient evidence to show any violation of federal laws. He said the G-men had discovered discrepancies of 22 votes in two wards, and that the information had been turned over to the U. S. district attorney.

One Ship Arriving

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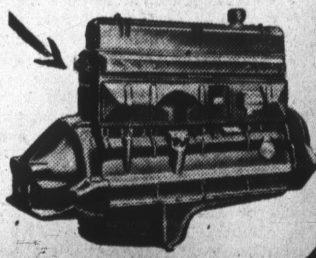
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