Innis indicted for assault

NEW YORK (AP) — Roy Innis, executive director of the Congress of Racial Equality, was indicted Friday on charges of assaulting a man he said was stealing a car radio on Aug. 14.

Innis, 47, was charged with second- and third-degree assault in connection with the incident. Another man, neither named nor arrested, also was charged in the indictment.

The grand jury said Innis, "with intent to cause physical injury to Armstead Rice, caused such injury by means of a dangerous instrument, to wit, a knife and a broom handle."

Innis has protested his innocence: He has said he and several other CORE members saw Rice try to steal a radio from a car used by the organization, and tried to stop him.

The grand jury did not hand up any charges against Rice.

Second-degree assault is punishable on conviction by up to seven years in prison.

Mrs. Odre has surgery

BUFFALO (AP) — Ann Odre, the Buffalo woman wounded when Pope John Paul II was shot in Rome five months ago, has undergone surgery to redirect an intestinal bypass that was installed after she was injured.

Valerie Lamarca, nursing supervisor at Buffalo General Hospital, said the 58-year-old widow was listed in stable condition Thursday night.

Mrs. Odre was shot when Mehmet Ali Agca attempted to assassinate the pontiff May 13. She suffered abdominal wounds and a bullet creased a lung.

After the shooting, her spleen was removed and the intestinal bypass was installed.

Bomb injures trooper

WOLCOTT (AP) — A 19-year veteran state trooper was injured Friday when a bomb ripped through the floorboard of a state police cruiser as he started the car, state police investigators said.

Trooper George Lachnicht, 42, was listed in satisfactory condition at a hospital in nearby Sodus with cuts and second-degree burns on his legs and one hand, authorities said.

State police said the blast, heard a half-mile away, occurred about 7:30 a.m. as Lachnicht started the car to begin his regular shift.

The blue-and-gold marked car had been parked in the lot outside the substation in this Wayne County village east of Rochester for "at least a couple days," according to Col. Raymond Rasmussen of the state police Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Albany.

Rasmussen said investigators had not determined what kind of explosive device was used.

Closed station reopens

NEW YORK (AP) — The commuter train station at New Hamburg, between Beacon and Poughkeepsie, is being reopened today after being closed for eight years.

The station, 65 miles north of Grand Central Terminal on the Conrail Hudson line, was closed July 2, 1973 because ridership had dwindled.

Since then a housing development has gone up in the area and the increased population has created a demand for a local train station.

The Dutchess County Legislature authorized $15,000 for building a new 100-car parking lot and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority spent $25,000 to refurbish the station.

Policewoman suspended

NEW YORK (AP) — A nine-year veteran of the police force was suspended without pay Friday after she was charged with failing to arrest a male friend she knew was wanted on grand larceny charges.

Officer Kay L. Johnson also was charged with failing to safeguard her gun and failing to report that her friend had an unregistered gun.

According to department charges, Daniel Williams took Miss Johnson's gun from her at 3 a.m. June 23, using his own gun as leverage.

Somewhere between then and 4 p.m., Williams returned the woman's service revolver and she reported for duty with the gun, the department said.

But it was not until 1:30 a.m. the next day that Miss Johnson reported the incident to her superiors, the charges continued.

Stolen car carries poison

NEW YORK (AP) — Police said Friday they were looking for a car laden with rat poison that was stolen in the Bronx on Thursday.

The car was a blue, four-door 1968 Chevrolet Nova with New York plate number 1608 ACC, police said. It was stolen from White Plains Road and 234th Street.

Among exterminator's materials in the car's trunk was a quart bottle and a spray gun of Dursban, a poison, and 15 to 20 poisonous rodent blocks.

Father pleads guilty

MINEOLA (AP) — Barry Furst, of Levittown, pleaded guilty Friday to a reduced charge of manslaughter in the gunshot death of his 19-year-old son during an argument in their home last August.

Furst, 52, a bus driver for the Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority, told Judge Marvin Goodman in Nassau County Court that he had "checked the cylinder" of his gun and "saw no bullets."

In tears, he told the judge that the gun went off accidentally, striking his son, Roger, in the head. The boy died immediately.

U.S. groups mourn passing of Dayan

NEW YORK (AP) — American Jewish groups reacted to the death of Moshe Dayan with sorrow Friday and eulogized him as a man who sought peace "on the battlefield and at the negotiating table."

Abraham H. Foxman, associate national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, called Dayan a "modern Maccabee," a reference to the Israelite soldiers remembered during the festival of Hanukkah.

"He was a great general in war, a statesman in the cause of peace, a scholar and an advocate of reconcilation between Jew and Arab. A charismatic figure of enormous stature, his like will rarely be seen again," Foxman said.

Dayan was "a hero of war and a hero of peace, a gallant officer who led his nation's defense against Arab aggression and a creative architect of the Camp David accords and the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty," said Howard Squadron, president of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations.

"In the hearts of his countrymen and of Jews everywhere, Moshe Dayan will live on as a soldier and statesman who served the cause of peace on the battlefield and at the negotiating table," he said.

Frieda S. Lewis, national president of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, noted that Dayan's death followed soon after that of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, "the former enemy with whom he rejected the ways of war for peace at Camp David."

Their deaths, she said, should "inspire our country's leaders and those of Israel and of Egypt to persevere in achieving the peace that neither of these men lived to see extended beyond the borders of their own two countries."

Albert Vorspan, vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Reform Jewish Council, said Israel had lost "one of its most brilliant military leaders and one of its most dedicated and original thinkers in the cause of peace."

"All those committed to a new era of understanding and friendship between Israel and its neighbors, to which Moshe Dayan dedicated his life, will grieve his passing."

Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the Jewish National Fund, said Dayan "served the cause of peace and reconcilation between Jew and Arab with the same fervor and the same commitment that he brought to the tasks of war. His wisdom, his understanding, his moral and physicial courage made him a giant."

Maynard I. Wishner, president of the American Jewish Committee, also paid tribute to Dayan's accomplishments. With Dayan's death, Wishner said, "Israel loses a national hero, the United States a good friend, and the world Jewish community one of its most striking personalities."

Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, said Dayan "lived a truly heroic life ... He earned for himself a lasting place of honor in the history and the affections of the Jewish people. His memory will long be cherished."

Herschel W. Blumberg and Irving Bernstein, national chairman and executive vice chairman of the National United Jewish Appeal, issued a joint statement honoring Dayan's "courage, his vision and his simple eloquence."



Miss Liberty

Visitors to the Statue of Liberty look more like ants than people from the Goodyear blimp America, which has been sailing around the metropolitan area this week. — AP photo

Kennedy 'suitor' found guilty of harrassment

NEW YORK (AP) — NEW YORK (AP) — Caroline Kennedy's unwanted swain was convicted Friday of harassing her with his demands for marriage, after defiantly informing the court that "if she has any interest in me I'd still like to marry her."

Earlier in his brief trial, 23-year-old Kevin King of Palo Alto, Calif., had announced: "I withdraw my offer of marriage."

"I don't see how you can harass someone when you want to get married," King protested in his closing argument while acting as his own defense lawyer.

In his trial without a jury, King was convicted by Criminal Court Judge John Bradley of separate counts of criminal trespass and aggravated harrassment of Miss Kennedy, also 23.

Bradley scheduled sentencing for Oct. 23. King could get up to one year in prison on each count. His impisonment for failure to post a $25,000 bond was continued, although he is said to have sufficient assets to meet the bail.

Caroline is the only daughter of the late President Kennedy and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. She lives on West 84th Street and works for the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Fifth Avenue. In a letter, one of two letters and a postcard he sent to Miss Kennedy, King wrote:

"Marry me. Borrow some rice from your mother's weddings."

Caroline testified during the trial that when King first approached her last summer he began talking "about all these strange forces telling me about you."

"It was very confusing," she added, "because he kept talking about the forces manipulating us."

In his opening statement before the court, King, who said he has a law school degree, said he traveled from California to New York to see Miss Kennedy "on a love mission."

"I always conducted myself properly," King said during testimony.

"Don't you know what love is really like?" King was quoted as asking William Morris, a neighbor of Caroline's in the brownstone on West 84th Street where she lives. "I'm in love with her, and I'm going to marry her."

Miss Kennedy, 23, got love letters from King, two of them written after his arrest Aug. 20 and confinement in Rikers Island prison.

King, who said he was a graduate of Hastings Law School in San Francisco, was found competent in psychiatric testing to stand trial.

The defendant had to ask the judge frequently about how far he could go in questioning witnesses.

Dressed in a blue prison uniform with blue and white sneakers,

the blue-eyed, 5-foot-11 defendant was brought into the 16th-floor courtroom in handcuffs.

Member of Klan on Elmira prison policy committee

ELMIRA (AP) — An avowed Ku Klux Klansman who waged a court fight for the right to keep his job at a state prison now serves on an affirmative action committee at the Elmira Correctional Facility, state prison officials confirmed Friday.

Joseph D. Curle, 38, of Barton and 20 other prison employees were elected to the committee Aug. 26, state Department of Correctional Services spokesman Louis Ganim said. The president of the Elmira-Corning chapter of the NAACP criticized the election, but Ganim said it would stand.

John Howe, regional coordinator in Syracuse for the department's affirmative action program, said Curle could be a "settling force" on the committee. Curle could not be reached for comment.

The committee is designed to upgrade hiring and promotion policies for prison employees, Ganim said. Committees were set up at all state prisons beginning in 1979, he said.

Curle's association with the KKK has long been a source of controversy. In January 1976, he was suspended from his job as a guard at the maximum-security Elmira prison. Corrections rules then in force allowed the state to remove Klan members from their jobs.

That suspension was overturned six months later, however, by a state Supreme Court. In 1979, the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals, ruled that KKK membership alone is not sufficient grounds to fire a corrections employee.

Up until 1978, Curle had denied he was a member of the KKK, though he acknowledged he was sympathetic to the group's cause of promoting white supremacy. On June 5, 1978, The Sunday (Elmira) Telegram printed a letter signed by "Joe Curle, titan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

Ganim and Howe said Curle would be allowed to stay in his elected post despite his past association with the KKK.

"If people elected him, they elected him and that's it," Howe said. "Besides, he may well be a settling force."

Williams legal fund falls short of goal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Contributions to help Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr. pay his legal expenses in the Abscam case have fallen off sharply in recent months, a report filed with the Senate showed Friday.

The latest collections leave the New Jersey Democrat far short of the $1 million which he estimates it may eventually cost him to wage appeals in court and in the Senate because of his Abscam conviction.

In a report to the Senate, the Williams legal expense trust fund reported it collected only $3,213 between July 1 and Sept. 30.

Although the latest contributions lifted the total raised for Williams' defense to $150,640, the amount collected in the past three months was much smaller than for comparable periods earlier in the year.

The fund, set up in late 1980, collected about $60,000 in the first quarter of this year and about $88,000 in the second quarter.

Williams, a 61-year-old veteran serving his 23rd year in the Senate, said recently he expects his legal expenses will reach $1 million.

A federal jury found Williams guilty May 1 on charges of bribery and conspiracy for his involvement in trying to secure backing for a mining venture.

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