

# Klan jury takes another look at evidence

GREENSBORO (AP)—Jurors deliberating murder charges against six Ku Klux Klansmen and Nazis did not reach a verdict Wednesday but examined a table full of objects presented as evidence and appeared to argue among themselves about several photographs and weapons.

The jury, spending its fourth day trying to reach a verdict after a 22-week trial, inspected hundreds of pieces of evidence.

The six defendants are charged with murdering five Communist Workers Party supporters who were gunned down during an 88-second battle that erupted at a "Death to the Klan" rally Nov. 3, 1979.

As the jurors scrutinized the evidence stacked on a table in the courtroom, several became involved in what appeared to be a heated discussion over photographs and weapons.

They appeared to be particularly interested in a 4-by-8-foot diagram of the Morningside Homes housing

development, where the confrontation between the two extremist groups erupted.

Defense attorneys said later that the jurors also appeared to pay attention to weapons, a series of pictures made by news photographers and medical examiners and literature handed out by Klansmen and the Communist Workers Party.

One juror pointed a pistol into the air and another put around his neck a chain that was taken from a van in which several of the defendants went to the CWP rally.

On trial are two Nazis: Jack Wilson Fowler, 27, and Roland Wayne Wood, 35, both of Winston-Salem; and four Klansmen: Jerry Paul Smith, 33, of Maiden, Coleman Blair Pridmore, 27, of Lincolnton, Lawrence Gene Morgan, 28, of Lincolnton, and David Wayne Matthews, 24, of Newton.

Meanwhile, District Attorney Michael Schlosser filed a motion seeking a delay until Jan. 26 in the trial of 10

other Klan supporters charged in connection with the shootings.

Schlosser said he filed the motion for continuance because prosecutors needed more time to prepare their case.

Five of those awaiting trial are charged with five counts each of first-degree murder and one count of felonious rioting—the same charges involved in the current trial. The other five are charged with rioting.

Those charged with murder are Billy Joe Franklin, Claude Matthew McBride Jr., Roy Clinton Toney, Harold Dean Flowers and Terry W. Hartsoe. Facing rioting charges are Michael Eugene Clinton, Lisford Carl Nappier, Mark Jeffrey Sherer, Brent Miland Fletcher and Lee Joseph McClain.

The jury seemed to be taking to heart Superior Court Judge James M. Long's instructions not to reach a hasty verdict and each day have begun their deliberations at 9:30 a.m., taken morning, lunch and afternoon breaks and retired around 5 p.m.

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## Congress

O'Neill noted that he hoped to have a major role in picking someone for the post, although he said he had no current favorite. "I don't intend to be Speaker of the House and allow my party to go down the drain," the Massachusetts Democrat said.

He did not mention the current chairman, John C. White, who has indicated he would like to stay on. O'Neill aide Gary Hymel said the speaker's remarks weren't intended as a slap at White.

## News In Brief

### Christopher: next move Iran's

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. negotiators returned from Algeria Wednesday, claiming a successful mission but uncertain of the next step in trying to gain the release of 52 American hostages held in Iran for more than a year.

"Where we go from here will depend on the reaction of the Iranians," said Deputy Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, who led the diplomatic delegation that delivered the U.S. reply to terms laid down by Iran for the release of the hostages.

### Carter doubts Reagan's figures

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Carter said Wednesday he doubted the accuracy of figures used by President-elect Ronald Reagan's advisers, who say they have found possible cuts of 6 percent in the 1981 federal budget.

Carter's appearance came several hours after Reagan's transition director, Edwin Meese III, announced that a special task force had drawn up a list of potential budget cuts. Meese did not give specific areas where the cuts would be made but indicated the defense budget would not be touched.

### Voyager climaxes 38-month journey

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Voyager 1 sailed beneath the shimmering rings of Saturn and explored a half-dozen icy moons as it climaxed a 38-month journey Wednesday by taking man's best-ever look at the planet's hazy, churning surface.

The robot spaceship, 947 million miles from home and reaching speeds of more than 50,000 mph, followed an exploratory route that passed 77,000 miles from Saturn's golden clouds.

### Begin arrives for autonomy talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, vowing to keep up the search for peace in the Middle East, arrived Wednesday for talks with President Carter on the slow-moving negotiations over Palestinian autonomy.

Begin's visit could mark the start of an effort by Carter to set up another Mideast summit meeting before he leaves the White House in January.

### Students protest prince's visit

ABERYSTWYTH, Wales (AP)—Students chanted and waved placards here Wednesday to protest a visit of Prince Charles, but the heir to Britain's throne took it all in stride.

Speculation mounted, meanwhile, that the country's most eligible bachelor may soon announce his engagement to 19-year-old Lady Diana Spencer.

About 100 students mingled with cheering townsfolk who greeted the prince as he arrived at this west Wales coastal town for a campus tour. Demonstrators hoisted signs protesting the University of Wales' refusal to enroll prominent Welsh nationalist John Jenkins for study at the nearby Swansea campus.

## planetarium

Jenzano said he did not see the need for a cut in the planetarium's operations unless it was for several days. The part-time help the planetarium employs is mostly students, who are the lowest paid employees anyway, he said.

"Although the planetarium workers are classified as state employees, the state does not appropriate funds to pay for the pay hikes they receive," Jenzano said. This helps to create another deficit when the planetarium is unable to get professional help.

Jenzano also dispelled the belief that the Morehead Foundation funds the Morehead Planetarium. Although the

foundation has committed at least \$300,000 to the planetarium for the next three years, the foundation's monetary responsibility is to its scholarship program, Jenzano said.

"People think we're rolling in wealth, but we're dying in poverty," Jenzano said. "I've been trying to get some help for the planetarium since 1950. I've been through six chancellors. They lend a sympathetic ear, but the system prevents them from doing anything. The state expects the University to operate the planetarium and the University expects the planetarium to operate itself and that's an impossibility."

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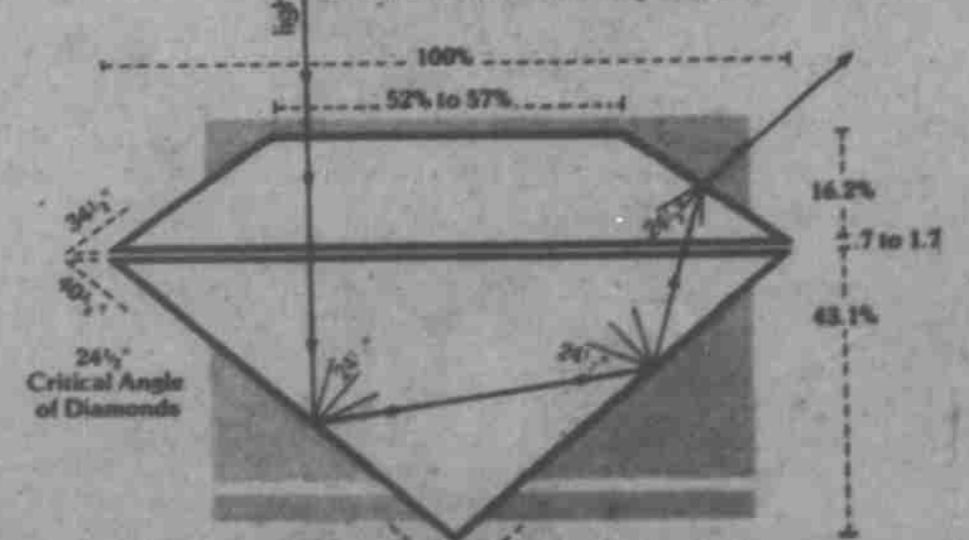
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