

Hushed crowd awaited verdict

John Bryan Kerr's lips moved soundlessly yesterday as he heard Mr. Justice Barry read him a third trial on a charge of murder.

He threw a searching look towards his father, who sat a few feet in front of the dock.

Then the warder touched his arm and motioned him back down the stairs to the cells.

Earlier a heavy silence had dropped on the packed Criminal Court as the foreman of the jury said that agreement on a verdict was impossible.

That was at 12 minutes after noon.

All morning the court had been filled and crowds had waited in the corridors for the verdict.

Women craned forward over the public gallery rails as they heard Kerr's footsteps sound up the stairs from the cells below and into the dock.

Jury thanked

Mr. Justice Barry, after hearing the foreman's words, told the jury that the only course open was to discharge them.

Before he did so, he told the 12 men that the Court realised that each man had his own conscience in a matter such as this.

Thanking them, he said: "The administration of justice is of paramount importance. Justice can only be effective with the co-operation of citizens such as yourselves."

Mr. M. Casson, the Crown prosecutor, then asked that Kerr be remanded for further trial.

After Kerr had been escorted from the dock, the smooth machinery of the trial slowed down.

The Criminal Court then stood adjourned.

The spectators pushed outside in the hope of seeing the prisoner.

Girl's character

During the trial the Crown alleged that Kerr took the girl to the beach after a party and strangled her.

Kerr claimed that he had left Beth Williams—whom he described as "a decent girl"—alive and well.

The defence suggested that Beth Williams had left Kerr, changed her dress, and gone to the beach.

Mr. Justice Barry said, in his summing-up for the jury, on Tuesday evening, that it was true to say that Miss Williams was not present to reply to the defence attack upon her.

Suggesting that the jury discard "speculations" made against the dead girl's character, Mr. Justice Barry said: "She was 19 years old, and, as far as we know, a girl who had suffered a disappointment in love."

"And I suppose, at that age, a disappointment seemed far more grievous than it would at a later stage of her life."

He asked whether, if a girl went out unescorted these days, there was any real suggestion for forming a view adverse to the girl's character.

"You should hesitate a long time before you would form a view adverse to her upon the flimsy suggestion and indefinite material you have before you," he said.

War against S.P. men

P.M.G. WILL CHECK ON PHONES

CANBERRA, Wednesday: The Postmaster General's Department has instructed its telephone mechanics to "check-up" on all homes where more than one telephone is installed.

This is one of many instructions issued by the department in its war against S.P. bookmakers.

Plea for Quest inquiry

CANBERRA, Wednesday: Senator Kendall (Lib., Queensland) will ask the Queensland Government to conduct an inquiry into the "Miss Australia" Quest.

In the Senate today he was told that the Federal Government could not help him.

In questions on the Senate notice paper today, Senator Kendall asked:

• If large sums of money were collected each year by the quest for charity.

• What was the percentage of money collected which eventually reached these charities.

Moral effect

Senator Kendall also asked if the Government would consider setting up a committee to:

• Investigate whether the tours of other countries by "the undoubtedly beautiful young ladies" may not cause "the very opposite to the good will we are told Australia obtains."

• Give consideration to "the moral effect of this exploitation of our young womanhood in the interests of blatant advertising campaigns conducted under the cloak of charity."

In reply to these questions, Senator O'Sullivan, Government leader, said the information sought by Senator Kendall was not available to the Government.

Only by States

"I understand that the quest is conducted by voluntary interests in the respective States, and the results of the quest can be answered only by the State authorities," Senator O'Sullivan said.

Later, outside the Senate, Senator Kendall said, "I do not intend to let the matter rest here."

"I have heard certain things that are going on, and I think there should be an investigation."

"Since the Commonwealth can do nothing, I will ask Mr. Hiley, Liberal Party leader in the Queensland Parliament, to take a hand and see if something can be done."

TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY IN ALL CAPITALS		
	Max.	Min.
MELBOURNE	53	46
Sydney	58	52
Adelaide	54	47
Brisbane	69	62
Hobart	52	40
Perth	71	49
Canberra	46	34
Darwin	87	74

Girls crowded lane to see Kerr



MANY GIRLS and young women went to the Supreme Court yesterday to await the

verdict in the Kerr re-trial. These girls crowded the entrance of a lane at the

court in the hope of seeing Kerr. However, he did not appear.

These documents may expose a Nazi

IRO
ITALIAN MISSION
SERIAL NUMBER 265 IIC
REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the refugee whose photograph is attached, registered today 16th March 1950 at Naples Intake Center, and declared himself to be (NAME) KOSINSKY Hans born in Brust bei Dirschau, Poland on the (DATE) 16 June 1920 of V.D. Volkendeutscher Nationality. Presently domiciled at Napoli Italy

Hans Kosinsky
Signature of the refugee

Ioane BATOTTA
Name of the IRO official in charge

(*) THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY STATUS.

Above is Kosinsky's refugee identification card, and below is his German paybook.

Soldbuch
Luftwaffe
No. 1542
1.11.42
1.1.43
1.1.44

Hans Kosinsky
Signature

S. Komp.
R. St. / Pl. Ausb. Rgt. 63

Ercheinungsmoche
Bilgruppe
Gemeinschaftsgröße
Wohnraumgröße

HERE are two documents of Hans Kosinsky, which were handed to Constable G. Walters, of the Traffic Branch, after being found in Elizabeth st., yesterday.

They were taken to police headquarters and will be sent on to the Immigration Department today for investigation.

Top picture shows the International Refugee Organisation registration card, and the lower picture, a page from the German Luftwaffe paybook—both belonging to Hans Kosinsky.

According to the I.R.O. card, Hans Kosinsky was registered as a "refugee" at the Naples Intake Centre, Italy, on March 16, 1950.

His birthplace was given as Brust bei Dirschau, in Poland.

Air record

The Luftwaffe paybook records that Hans Kosinsky was a flyer, born at Hagen, near the Ruhr.

He rose from lance-corporal to lieutenant in 13 months.

At the time of his induction into the Luftwaffe, Kosinsky was graded as fit for paratroop training.

During 1944 Kosinsky was stationed at Schweinfurt, a key target for American bombers.

The Aliens Registration Branch of the Immigration Department said late last night that they had no record of Hans Kosinsky.

There were five migrants named Kosinsky now in Victoria, but they did not resemble descriptions in either the paybook or the refugee registration card.

"Possible"

An immigration official said that it was possible for the International Refugee Organisation to accept former members of the German armed forces who had fled from the Soviet zone and could be classed as refugees.

The Polish birthplace given by Kosinsky when he registered at Naples would have ensured his acceptance as a refugee, it was stated.

A private scored the penalty fall

ARGUS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

LONDON, Wednesday: A Grenadier Guardsman who fainted on parade shortly before a colonel tumbled off his horse and lost his bearskin, has been given five days extra drill as "remedial treatment."

When a War Office spokesman was asked if any remedial treatment were needed for the colonel, he replied: "That matter is closed."

The Guardsman, Peter Youdale, 21, fainted during a rehearsal for the Trooping of the Colour.

Today, with his huge bearskin on his head and in full ceremonial dress, he has been marching alone around the Chelsea Barracks parade ground, with the temperature in the 80's.

After he fainted he was seen by a medical officer, who said he was physically fit.

So he was put on a charge of "failing out on parade" and given five days' extra drill.

The War Office spokesman who said the case of the tumbling colonel was "closed," said of Youdale: "This is not punishment."

"It is remedial treatment given a man to assist him in future duties—the arduous duties of a soldier on ceremonial parade."

Swedes invent butter powder

STOCKHOLM, Wednesday: A group of west Swedish dairies has evolved a butter powder which does not turn rancid in hot weather.

The powder, made from milk by a secret, patented process, turns into ordinary butter when mixed with water.

House loan limits to be raised

The State Government has approved increases in the borrowing limits of co-operative housing societies for loans not exceeding 80% of the security value.

Announcing this last night, Mr. Holtway, Premier, said that the new limits which societies could lend to home-buyers would be:

- 22 2-3rd year loans, £2,200. (Formerly £1,980.)
- 30 2-3rd year loans, £2,160. (£1,944.)

This had been done, he said, to enable people with big families to build homes in keeping with their needs.

The Government was also considering increasing the limit on 80 to 90% loans, which was at present £1,540.

That would need an amendment to the Co-operative Societies Act.

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SAVE OUR NATIVE FAUNA—No. 19



TASMANIAN DEVIL

In nature, as well as in name, the Tasmanian Devil, *Sarcophilus harrisii*, is an unpleasant brute. It is a marsupial, carrying its young in a pouch as the kangaroo and the possum do, but instead of feeding like kangaroos and possums on vegetation, it is exclusively a meat eater. Moreover, it is not "choosy" about its food—stale meat that would disgust the nose of a pariah dog is still good food to the devil, though a fresh kill in a fowl yard is his delight under modern conditions of civilization. It is for that reason, particularly, that the hand of every farmer in Tasmania is against him, and the Devil is fighting a losing battle and falling back into the fastnesses of the wild, unexplored, "horizontal" country.

But in spite of all the unpleasantness of his nature, and the economic loss which he occasionally causes, there are reasons why we should protect even the Devil. He is biologically and anatomically unique. He is the sole surviving member of an interesting animal family which used to roam much of the world in ancient times, and Tasmania is his last stronghold. Even though his protection be confined to the limits of the large national park reserves with which Tasmania is blessed, let him be protected as a living museum piece, for if he goes from here he goes from the world for ever.

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