

# Witness Tells Of KKK Plot

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MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP) — A Ku Klux Klan "titan" told a federal court jury Thursday that the Klan set out to "eliminate" civil

rights worker Michael Schwerner by murer.  
The Rev. Delmar Dennis, 27, of Meridian, was the second witness to take the stand in the crowded courtroom to testify that Schwerner had been a marked man for several days before he was killed.

Schwerner, 24, a Brooklyn social worker before coming to Meridian, was killed June 21, 1964. Two men who accompanied him on his last trip Andrew Goodman, 20, of New York, and James Chaney, 22, of Meridian—also were slain.

THE 18 men on trial are charged with conspiracy to violate the civil rights of the three who were slain. That's the stiffest federal charge applicable in the case. No state charges were filed. Maximum punishment possible under the old Reconstruction era law is 10 years and \$5,000 fine.

The Rev. Mr. Dennis who said he preached in both Baptist and Methodist churches in this area, came under sharp cross-examination after his testimony, most of which corroborated earlier testimony by Meridian Police Sgt. C. W. Miller, 43, an ex-Klansman.

BOTH MILLER and the minister said they were members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Meridian unit, and were told that a top-level decision to eliminate "Goatee," as Schwerner

was known, had been made-but that another unit would handle the job.

Unlike Miller, who said he had been banished from the Klan, the Rev. Mr. Dennis testified he remained a member of the terrorist organization.

The minister said he became chaplain of the Meridian Klavern, then was promoted to province titan-an administrative officer and assistant to the imperial wizard, in charge of six counties.

## Meteorologists Choose Prexy

John Thomas of Houston has been elected 1967-68 president of the Texas A&M Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society.

Other officers serving with Thomas are Sam E. Baker of Borger, vice president, and Carlos Garza Jr. of Brownsville, secretary-treasurer. Outgoing president is Steve Sipple of Minneapolis. All three officers are senior meteorology majors.

The 30-member group orients undergraduate meteorology majors on educational and employment aspects of meteorology, with monthly meetings featuring programs of films, speakers and field trips.

THE COUNTIES included Neshoba, the Rev. Mr. Dennis said, and on June 16 he attended a meeting in that area at which six of the 18 defendants were present. He identified them as Bernard Akin, Alton Wayne Roberts, Frank J. Herndon, Billy Wayne Pesey, Edger Ray Killen, and E. G. "Hep" Barnette, the sheriff-elect of Neshoba County.

Asked if the present sheriff, Lawrence Rainey, was a Klan member, the Rev. Dennis replied: "I know him to be a member." He added that he had discussed Klan business with Sheriff Rainey, who also is a defendant.

THE REV. Mr. Dennis testified he joined the Klan in March 1964. Afterward, he said, he began making reports to the FBI and had been paid about \$5,000 a year for the past three years.

The dozen defense lawyers made frequent objections during the minister's testimony. U.S. District Court Judge Harold Cox overruled them. He also rejected numerous mistrial motions.

During the cross-examination, defense lawyer Laurel Weir drew a sharp rebuke and warning from the judge for asking the minister: "Instead of 30 pieces of silver you got \$15,000 did you not?"

The minister said he did not feel bound by his oath to the Klan and agreed he had planned to write "an expose of the Klan."



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Marine holds plasma bottle aloft, others scramble toward helicopter with wounded marine on stretcher at Con Thien just south of demilitarized zone in South Vietnam. Medivac helicopters are one of few that actually land there. (AP Wirephoto)

## Problem-Solving Engineers Needed, Executive Says

Universities need to produce more problem-solving type engineers and fewer research-oriented graduate students interested only in the scientific aspects of engineering.

Chalmer G. Kirkbride's featured suggestion in a Texas A&B Engineering Lecture cited a trend brought on by extensive federal support for education.

"Professors have to 'publish or perish' if they and their departments wish to be favored with federal grants," the Sun Oil Co. executive said. The effect tends to relegate teaching excellence secondary to researchability.

The executive vice president for Sun's research and engineering compared engineering and medicine, stating a need for engineers with broad doctoral training including practical applications as well as research.

"The M.D. student is not required to complete a research project that 'contributes significantly to a field of knowledge.' He is drilled in his profession's basic sciences and is then required to serve an internship of medical practice under the watchful eyes of practicing doctors of medicine," Kirkbride pointed out.

"Why not also doctors of engineering trained broadly in engineering design and systems applications?" he asked.

Courses structured to train students in inductive thinking are a clear need, Kirkbride contended. He told a story of a graduate class professor who gave an assignment that did not identify nor define the specific problem.

"The 'A' students were baffled. The 'B' students immediately went about clearly defining the problem. Once the 'B' students had it defined, the 'A' students pounced on it and quickly produced a solution," he recalled.

Kirkbride noted others are concerned that U.S. engineering schools are turning out nothing but expert analysts instead of broadly trained engineers who have the capacity to recognize and define problems.

He said attention should be

turned on the breadth and scope of formal educational programs. A common engineering curriculum stressing fundamentals of engineering, mathematics and the sciences "is a step in the right direction."

The former A&M chemical engineering professor said graduates are required who are well grounded in a combination of disciplines needed to solve problems.

"Specialization should be postponed to either graduate level university programs or industry-sponsored on-the-job training," he claimed.

"Kirkbride noted that extensive, difficult courses of study must compete with other disciplines requiring fewer hours and less demanding but offering equal job opportunities and salary.

He suggested the need of jointly developed continuing education programs and an exchange of personnel between industry and university.

"Cooperative efforts seem necessary to handle the educational problem produced by the advanced and complicated state of our technology, particularly in view of the rate of progress we expect in the future," Kirkbride concluded.



**IS THIS THE DEAD GUEVARA?**  
This is a closeup of the body displayed by Bolivian army officers who say it is Ernesto "Che" Guevara, one-time aide to Fidel Castro of Cuba. They said Guevara was slain in a clash by the army with Bolivian guerrillas. (AP Wirephoto by radio from La Paz)

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