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Wife accused in killing

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RICHMOND — A former co-worker of oilman Robert Turner testified Tuesday he overheard Turner's wife admit she was disappointed to learn her husband was not rich and that she would be better off with him dead.

Robert Boyd, who worked with Robert Turner at the Diamond M Oil Drilling Co. and shared a house with Turner in Bailey, Colo., testified in the

murder-for-hire trial of Frances Turner, 37.

Mrs. Turner, a former hairdresser of Bay City is charged with capital murder in the March 1982 stabbing death of her husband. Prosecutors claim the woman hired a man to kill her husband 18 months after they were married in order to collect insurance money and his estimated \$500,000 estate.

Boyd testified he heard

Mrs. Turner say she "disappointed that Robert Turner wasn't as rich as she had thought and that she would be better off if Robert were dead."

Mrs. Turner claims her husband was killed by an unknown man when the couple stopped at a roadside rest stop along U.S. 59 near Richmond.

An autopsy revealed Turner was stabbed 62 times.

Grain producers predicted to see gloomy year in '84

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DALLAS — Midwestern grain producers face another bleak year of oversupply, tight credit, poor exports and confused government policy, a panel of experts reported.

"Weak export performance in 1983," said Mark Drabenstott, economist with Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, "provides further evidence that growth in agricultural trade in the 1980s may prove disappointing."

"Optimistic expectations that the rapid growth in farm exports during the 1970s would continue still have not materialized," he said. "And without strong export markets, American farmers eventually must come to grips with the chronic problems of oversupply."

No crops will be in greater relative supply, said Kansas State agronomist William Tierney, than corn and wheat. "Winter wheat planted acres could be a record 67 million acres," said Tierney at a recent export trade panel discussion in Manhattan, Kan. "Wheat prices are expected to remain flat for the next few months."

Moreover, wheat export markets look gloomy.

"Sales to China are in trouble," he said. "Projected total wheat exports have been lowered by 45 million bushels."

"Favorable crop conditions are reported in Argentina, a major competitor, and Australia is forecasting a record crop of 735 million bushels."

He said corn production could hit a record 8.5 billion bushels, bouncing back from devastating 1983 losses caused by drought and acreage reduction.

Many producers, Tierney predicted, must plant more corn to pay off the huge production debts accrued in 1983.

"Today," said Robert Kohlmeier, a Cargill marketing executive, "we have the capacity in this country to grow, handle, transport, and ship almost twice as much grain as we will export this year."

"Even the PIK (federal Payment-In-Kind subsidy program) cannot mask the financial impact of this overcapacity on producer and exporter alike."

Kohlmeier said the nation's traditional trading partners cannot pick up the slack, and new export markets should be carved from developing countries where food needs are most urgent.

"It does seem clear," Kohlmeier said, "that population in developing countries will continue to grow at a rapid clip — far exceeding the industrialized world — and population growth translates into consumers and growing food needs."

Kohlmeier suggested that government should extend new credit loans to key export nations, and not hold them to outdated contracts that will stunt their long-term buying power.

"We must recognize the need for flexibility in our credit approach," he said. "It's more effective to mold a credit program to fit a recipient's needs than to force the recipient to accept an unchangeable approach as we do today."

In particular, he said, loan credits should be issued to Mexico and eastern European countries.

"I am not suggesting that better credit programs will magically reverse the downward trend of grain exports," he said. "That's probably years away under the best of circumstances. I do suggest, however, that we can halt our loss of market share and build a solid base of demand for the future."

But agricultural credit will not get a sympathetic hearing in budget-tight Congress, said Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan. Newspaper articles suggested, he said, "that the simplest solution" to the woes would be to eliminate government intervention.

"I can't tell you that this predominates on Capitol Hill," he said, "but it is spreading rapidly."

"The damage has been done in terms of agricultural policy for U.S. agriculture," Dole said. "Those of us who believe that farm programs are worthwhile purpose will use our hands full, and tie up the farm bill coming up for reauthorization in 1985."

Nevertheless, Dole said, time to reassess the value of federal farm subsidies.

"Federal spending for farm programs, foreign as well as domestic, has gotten out of control," he said. "With the over deficits projected through this decade, any increase in support program funding will have to be accompanied by an equivalent spending reduction in domestic farm programs."

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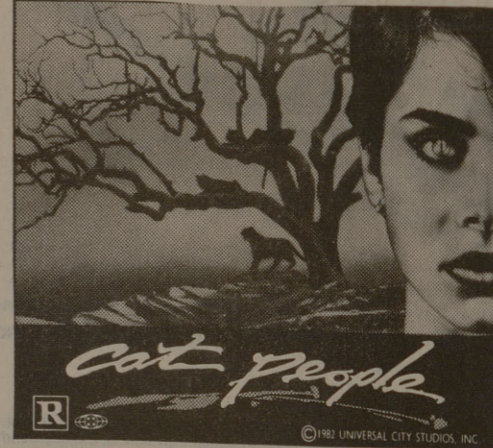
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United Press International

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This is the first illegal thing e ever done in my life, and al was have a baby," Mrs Pomerantz, 30, told UPI Tuesday.

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