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and Svetlana Ogorodnikov, who are accused of luring an F.B.I. to spying against the United States, pleaded guilty yesterday to one count of conspiracy in a plea bargain agreement.

obtaining information. Miller defended himself on the that he was trying to achieve by infiltrating a cell of the the Soviet intelligence agency. Miller testified she had acted in a fashion to get him to accompany on a trip to San Francisco she was to meet with Soviet officials at the Consulate there. According to Government, Mrs. Ogorodnikov those officials Mr. Miller's initials as proof of his cooperation. Miller testified she had given them to her or she was cooperating. Prosecutors, Bruce G. Merritt and Richard Kendall, had maintained Mr. and Mrs. Ogorodnikov were trained agents of the K.G.B. who played the roles of a paymaster and producer for the intelligence agen-

S. Ogorodnikov's defense had that she worked with Mr. Miller as an informer for the bureau, providing information on the Soviet community here.

S. Ogorodnikov, aided by an interpreter, told the judge she had a junior high school education. She otherwise had little else other than to affirm her guilty plea and that she understood the charges and her rights. The more important defendant at the trial, she did accept the judge's invitation to explain her actions as her husband did. Judge Kenyon set a sentencing date for her for July 15.

Mr. Ogorodnikov, who according to a lawyer had been a cab driver in New York before he and his wife came to the United States in 1973, said he had "sat in prison for 15 years in the Soviet

Union." He had said at his arraignment last year he had been imprisoned for a "political" crime. He also said today he had "sat in Gestapo prison." This was an apparent reference to what his lawyer, Randy Sue Pollock, had said was his service as a young boy in the Soviet Army at the end of World War II.

The prosecutors had contended that Mr. Ogorodnikov, as perhaps his most overt action in the scheme, had been aroused by his wife at their Hollywood apartment for a post-midnight meeting with Mr. Miller last year in which he purportedly discussed paying Mr. Miller for documents.

Addressing the judge excitedly, in a mixture of Russian and English, Mr. Ogorodnikov said today, in answer to a question by the judge, that he had actually talked with the man, whom his wife had told him was an F.B.I. agent.

"When I came down, what he said from that moment I cannot answer," Mr. Ogorodnikov said. "I was in a very nervous condition. Maybe he said something, but I didn't catch the point."

He said, however, that his wife had told him of her planned trip with the agent to Vienna to meet Soviet officials and that he had advised her what flight to take.

Mr. Ogorodnikov described a bad marriage in which he became more and more distressed as his wife became progressively more drunken. He said she began staying out late, sometimes for meetings she said she had. Mr. Miller and another F.B.I. Agent, John Hunt, had testified they met with her to try to develop her as an informant.

# Around the Nation

## Pesticide Fire Forces Evacuation of Town

THERMAL, Calif., June 26 (AP) — A chemical spill and fire at a pesticide plant today sent a 300-foot cloud of black vapor over the area, forcing evacuation of this desert community's 1,000 residents.

The fire at the Wilbur-Ellis Company ignited tons of pesticides inside the plant and injured at least one volunteer firefighter.

A series of explosions was reported, according to a dispatcher for the Coachella Fire Department.

"The fire is not contained," said the dispatcher. "We cannot use water." Water is reactive with many of the chemicals and can cause the release of additional gases.

In Anaheim, Calif., and neighboring Placentia and Fullerton about 7,500 evacuees returned to their homes today, more than three days after a fire in a pesticide and fertilizer warehouse spewed poisonous fumes into the air.

## Senator Kennedy's Killer Is Again Denied Parole

SOLEDAD, Calif., June 26 (UPI) — The California Board of Prison Terms today denied parole to Sirhan Sirhan, rejecting his seventh bid for freedom after serving 17 years for assassinating Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

At the end of a daylong hearing, the board rejected Mr. Sirhan's request for a parole date and said he could apply again in two years. Mr. Sirhan showed no immediate anger at the decision, though he had pleaded intensely with the board to allow him to return to "a quiet life" in his native Palestine.

The three-member hearing panel did agree to recommend to the full board that it grant Mr. Sirhan's request for a transfer to the Men's Colony at San Luis Obispo. He has been serving his life sentence at Soledad Prison in a maximum security unit and had asked that he be allowed to live in the general population at the San Luis facility.

## Pandas at National Zoo Again Fail to Mate

WASHINGTON, June 26 (UPI) — Scientists at the National Zoo said today that it appeared the male giant panda's reproductive cycle was not in sync with her partner's.

Bob Hoage, a veterinarian at the zoo, said the pandas spent the last few days together for the first time in several months, but no results.

"She made a chirping and bleating sound," Mr. Hoage said as he got near her. "She scared him away."

About a week ago, the male panda was brought to the zoo from China. He had been with her for about a year.

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jected with her reproductive cycle. She was waiting for it to return. Scientists said it was the first time Sunday.

Mr. Hoage said he had planned to bring her to the zoo for a year, hoping for a successful mating.

## Brain-Diseased Woman Has Her Abortion

ORANGE, Calif., June 26 (UPI) — A woman with a severe brain condition today had a 21-week stillborn fetus removed.

"I am relieved," said the woman's mother. "The abortion procedure was completed Tuesday night."

Doctors at University of California, Irvine, Medical Center said the woman, Laura E. Smith, was in serious condition.

The solution was administered Monday night. The woman was in the hospital because of her condition, doctors said. She was to be delayed for a few days but labor progressed and a stillborn fetus was born.

Mr. Eldridge, a 1-year-old boy, has been born. He has a deformed brain. He was born a few days ago. She is a victim of a rare hereditary chorea, a rare hereditary disease that has spent the last few years in nursing home care.

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"I told her she could forget about that belt," he said. "I knew it was for Nancy Beeler, and I knew she worked at the plant."

were grieving for her. "I don't know," Steve Gacher, a friend of the victim's, said. "They were my friends."