

Jury 'Hung' on Commie Issue In Libel Suit

HARTFORD, Conn., May 27—(AP)—The federal court trial of a \$200,000 libel suit by entertainers Paul Draper and Larry Adler against Mrs. Hester R. McCullough ended today in a jury disagreement.

The jury of eight women and four men was unable to decide whether Mrs. McCullough, wife of a Time magazine staff member, libeled Draper and Adler when she accused them of pro-communist activities.

Lawyers for both sides said the case automatically will go back on the court calendar for re-trial at a later date.

Indications were that a second trial would not take place for at least a year.

Federal Judge J. Joseph Smith discharged the jury when it reported for a second time its failure to reach a verdict in deliberations that began at 12:30 p.m. (EST) yesterday.

The actual time spent in deliberating was more than 11 hours.

Issue Statement

Draper, a dance stylist, and Adler, a harmonica virtuoso, issued this statement after the jury was dismissed:

"We have truthfully told our whole lives to the jury. In the present climate of public opinion, the failure of this jury to be convinced of the truth of the charges which have been made against us is vindication of our loyalty."

Mrs. McCullough, in tears over the outcome, told reporters: "Naturally I am greatly disappointed. I know, however, that the members of the jury gave the case their most earnest and careful consideration."

"I am grateful to Judge Smith for his patience and impartial conduct of the trial. I still feel that communism is the greatest threat to our American way of life."

Says Charges True

Mrs. McCullough, 32, a Greenwich, Conn., housewife, contended in the month-long trial that her charges were true and that she made them in the public interest.

She asserted at one point that she regards Draper and Adler as "concealed communists."

The suit stems from a published letter in which Mrs. McCullough wrote of an assistant picture editor of Time magazine, said Draper and Adler "openly supported" a number of communist front organizations.

She wrote the letter in the course of a one-woman campaign to prevent their appearance in a joint concert at Greenwich in January, 1949. She also declared, in a Kansas club speech, that anyone interested in communism was interested in the overthrow of the government and should be treated as a traitor.

Adler and Draper admitted supporting various organizations which have been cited on government subversive lists. Each insisted, however, that he was a loyal American and each denied knowingly supporting any communist causes.

**Bulgars Given
New Leaders
In Government**

LONDON, May 27—(AP)—Bulgaria today named a new chief of state and foreign minister in changes involving three top government leaders, the Sofia radio announced.

The broadcast heard here, which quoted the official Bulgarian news agency, gave no reasons for the changes.

Gen. Georgi Damjanov, who had been defense minister, was named president of the President of the National Assembly, succeeding Mincho Nechev. The president, or state, of ministers, and its president together constitute the chief of state.

Neichev was named foreign minister, replacing Vladimir Popov, who retains his post of vice-premier.

Lt. Gen. Peter Panchevsky, who has been assistant defense minister, was named defense minister.

**Rocket Plane Designed
For Speed of 1700 mph**

WASHINGTON, May 27—(AP)—The air force says it will begin flight tests early next week of a tiny rocket plane designed to hit a top speed of 1,700 miles an hour.

The plane is the X-1A, a successor to the faster-than-sound X-1. Like its forerunner, it is a product of the Bell Aircraft corporation of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

**Czech Told to Close
New York Office**

WASHINGTON, May 27—(AP)—The United States today gave communist Czechoslovakia two weeks to close down its New York consulate, in the latest of a series of tit-for-tat crackdowns on Russian satellite countries.

It was the third time in recent weeks that a Czech consulate in this country has been ordered closed.

WEAVER BROTHER DIES

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif., May 27—(AP)—Leon (Abner) Weaver, a member of the famous old vaudeville act of Weaver Brothers and Elvira, died of a heart attack today.

An early experiment in photography consisted of reproducing crude silhouette shadows on chemically treated paper with the aid of the sun. That was in 1802.

Feted for 70 Years in Lodge



NEWPORT—H. B. Condit, 92, former Stayton resident, is shown receiving his 70-year jewel from representatives of the Odd Fellows lodge here. Condit joined the IOOF in Stayton April 10, 1880, and is one of the oldest members in the country. Pinned the jewel on Condit is Marion County Judge Grant Murphy, former state master of the lodge; in the center is B. A. Schafer and on the left D. George Cole, both of Stayton.

2 Hospitalized After Wreck On River Road

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dickinson, employees at a hop yard near Independence, were hospitalized in Salem Saturday night after their auto crashed into a railroad trestle on the south River road about eight miles from Salem.

The Salem first aid squad took the couple to Memorial hospital where attendants reported they were still in surgery early this morning but that their conditions were not critical.

First aid men said Dickinson incurred a compound fracture of the left leg, a badly lacerated scalp and minor lacerations. His wife, Beulah, who was driving, incurred a fractured right ankle and lacerations.

Marion county deputy sheriffs, who investigated, said the south-bound auto crashed a rail trestle about 8 p. m., on a sharp curve in the highway. The auto was practically demolished, deputies said.

Oregon Electric railway workers were called to the accident scene to check on conditions of the trestle, but a section foreman termed it safe for rail transportation.

**Seven Dallas
Students Earn
OCE Awards**

DALLAS, May 26—Seven Dallas students have won scholarships for teacher training at Oregon College of Education, according to R. E. Llewellyn, registrar.

Verne Buhler, a high school senior, was awarded a tuition scholarship by the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Full tuition and fees awards from the board of higher education went to three seniors, Eileen Enstad, Gloria Floyd and Beryl Parrish.

Charles K. Holdorf and Lewis H. Holt, who are already attending OCE, will receive similar tuition and fees from the state board. Eva Jean Miller, a senior, was awarded a partial tuition and fees scholarship.

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4-Car Crash Ties Up Traffic In North Salem

Four cars were damaged Saturday night in a bumper-to-bumper collision at Fairgrounds road and Highland avenue that snarled traffic for about 20 minutes.

The only injury reported was a cut lip incurred by Jerry Lee Stewart, 1275 1/2 Franklin st., a passenger in one of the autos.

City police said the chain crash occurred when an auto operated by R. S. Bloom, 1571 Waller st., crashed into the rear of a car driven by H. E. Stewart, 1275 Franklin st., whose vehicle apparently was stopped for a red light.

The Stewart auto was pushed ahead into a car operated by Ellen G. DeVore, Medford, whose vehicle, in turn, crashed into a car driven by H. B. Roden, Portland.

The Stewart and DeVore autos were badly smashed, both rear and front, and had to be towed away, officers said. The front end of the Bloom car and the rear end of the Van Roden vehicle were badly damaged.

A city fire truck was called to the accident scene to halt possible outbreak of fire when gas was observed leaking from two of the autos. There were no flames. No drivers were cited.

**Miner Leaps
To Death After
Mystery Blast**

GRANTS PASS, May 27—(AP)—An 82-year-old miner from Tigertown leaped to his death from a hotel room today, while officers were investigating a mysterious explosion.

The miner, Robert H. Fleming, and Cave Junction Mayor Elwood Hussey escaped being blown up yesterday when the mayor tossed a package over a bank moments before it exploded.

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Solon Dies, Paves Way for T-H Backer to Head Labor Board

WASHINGTON, May 27—(AP)—The death early today of Rep. John Lesinski of Michigan is expected to place a southern supporter of the Taft-Hartley law at the head of the house labor committee.

Under the time-honored custom of observing seniority in filling committee chairmanships, Rep. Graham Barden, a North Carolina democrat, is in line for Lesinski's influential post as the ranking democratic member of the committee.

Lesinski died unexpectedly of a heart attack about 1 a. m. today at his home in Dearborn. His death shocked his colleagues in congress, who had no suspicions that his health was precarious.

He had been in apparently sound physical condition when he left Washington yesterday afternoon to motor home for a congressional recess. At 65, Lesinski was completing his ninth term in the house as a democrat and was a candidate for another term.

His death is the second loss for labor unions of an influential champion in congress. Mrs. Mary Norton of New Jersey, a Taft-Hartley opponent, has announced her retirement at the end of this term.

In many respects, Rep. Barden will be the antithesis of Lesinski as chairman of the labor and education committee.

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