

Retiring Tax Boss Allowed to Join Firm With Tax Troubles

WASHINGTON (AP)—The secretary of the treasury has signified that it's all right for T. Coleman Andrews, retiring commissioner of internal revenue, to join a firm with tax troubles.

The go-ahead was given by Secretary George Humphrey after Andrews pledged to take no hand in the tax case.

Humphrey expressed his approval in a letter to Andrews on Oct. 12 and the letter was released Thursday by the treasury. The Internal Revenue Service is part of the Treasury Department.

Andrews had informed Humphrey in an Oct. 10 letter that he was becoming chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the American Fidelity & Casualty Co., Richmond, Va., at the end of the month.

Subsidiary Firm
He added that the Revenue Service is pushing a \$1/2 million dollar tax claim against the company and its wholly owned subsidiary, Market Services, Inc.

But Andrews assured his present boss that he intended to divorce himself completely from the tax proceedings.

"There is no legal reason and I'm not sure there's any moral reason why I shouldn't interest myself in the case, but I don't intend to have anything to do with it," Andrews said in an amplification of his letter at a news conference in Baltimore.

No Influence
"If I thought there was any conflict of interest, I wouldn't have taken the Richmond job. There is nothing I could do to influence the case, anyway."

Andrews cited his letter as having been a "voluntary disclosure" of the pending tax case.

"I was the one to bring it up," he said. "They didn't have to have

AIRMAN CHARGED

SPOKANE (AP)—John Robert Yuditsky, 21, Shennandoah, Pa., was charged with negligent homicide Wednesday in the traffic death of a fellow airman, Gerald D. Peterson, 20, Stanley, Wis.

a congressional investigation to find out about this.

"I'm going with a company which happens to have a tax case. They don't need me for that. And what if they did? There's no law against it."

"I presume the case will be tried. As far as I'm concerned, it will."

Humphrey's letter of reply to Andrews said:

"It seems to me that this has been properly handled, and I see no reason for you to change your proposed method of conduct."

The letter was signed, "Best wishes, sincerely, George." Andrews himself called the question "academic."

Lawyers Break With Con



SAN RAFAEL, Calif.—Attorneys for convict-author Caryl Chessman, Jerome Duffy, left, and Berwyn Rice, look over a pile of briefs from cases they argued for the convict in his seven-year fight to escape California's gas chamber. The two attorneys broke with Chessman Wednesday after an angry conference in San Quentin Prison. (AP Wirephoto)

Official Asks Safety Policy Based on Love

CHICAGO (AP)—Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, Wednesday called for a love-thy-neighbor approach to safety.

Speaking before delegates to the 33rd annual National Safety Congress, Dearborn said emphasis in the past always has been on each individual's responsibility for his own safety. Now, he said, the individual should realize that he "cannot be careless without endangering others and they cannot be careless without endangering him."

In another speech, Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington said a tough campaign of traffic law enforcement caused citizens of his state to undergo a "rebirth of driver responsibility."

Langlie reported that in 22 months, from January, 1952, to October, 1953, traffic deaths for the nation as a whole declined 3 1/2 per cent.

In Washington State during the same period, he said, such fatalities dropped 18.6 per cent.

Lumber Union Council Eyed

PORTLAND (AP)—Representatives of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union will meet in Portland Saturday to discuss formation of a new Western States Council for the union.

Union spokesman Kenneth Davis said such an organization would put the union in a "better position to bargain on an industry-wide basis." Davis is secretary of the Northwestern Council for the union.

The Northwestern Council now takes in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Speaking at the AFL Shingleweavers' convention in Portland, Davis said Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Nevada and California would be brought in to make up the Western Council proposed.

NLRB to Seek Highest Court Opinion on Bargaining Ruling

BERKELEY, Calif.—The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has decided to ask the Supreme Court to rule that an employer must open his books to a labor union when claiming he can't afford a wage demand. Lower courts have split on the question.

The decision to seek a ruling by the highest court was disclosed Wednesday by Theophil C. Kammholz, general counsel for the NLRB, in a speech prepared for the 34th Pacific Coast Management Conference.

"The question is," Kammholz said, "whether good faith bargaining requires an employer, on request by the union, to furnish the latter with the company's financial or other data upon the basis of which the employer claims that he cannot afford a wage increase demand."

The NLRB has ruled that employers must furnish such data when refusing wage demands. Kammholz said the NLRB ruling does not require the boss to prove he is right in his position, only to supply the union with the data on which the employer's decision was based.

The Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York approved this NLRB position, but the Fourth Circuit Court at Richmond reversed a case in which the NLRB so ruled.

Kammholz said the board has decided to appeal the Fourth Circuit's ruling, and thus carry the question to the highest court.

Root of View
Noting a series of NLRB decisions requiring employers in most cases to furnish unions with payroll, job classification, seniority and time study data, Kammholz said:

"At the root of the board's reasoning is its view that access of both parties to the economic facts which control a decision on what can or cannot be afforded is essential to joint participation in reaching agreement as to what will be paid."

The Supreme Court just recently refused to pass on an NLRB ruling requiring an employer to furnish a union with payroll information.

Miss World Title Goes to Venezuelan

LONDON (AP)—Susana Djim of Venezuela Thursday night won the title of "Miss World" in competition with 30 other girls. Margaret Anne Haywood of Jonesboro, Ark., was runner-up.

Miss Djim, 19, is a sultry photographer's model from Caracas. The competition is sponsored by a chain of British dance halls and one of London's Sunday newspapers, The Sunday Dispatch.

The judges included Sir Gerald Kelly, past president of Britain's Royal Art Academy; Hardy Amies, a British dress designer who has designed clothes for Queen Elizabeth II; movie actress Gloria

Timber Hearings Due in Oregon

WASHINGTON (AP)—A representative of a congressional committee on timber will arrive in Oregon next week to arrange for witnesses at hearings next month in six Oregon cities.

The committee—a joint Senate-House group headed by Sen. Murray (D-Mont.) and Rep. Chudoff (D-Pa.)—will listen to spokesmen for the lumber industry in the state. The committee will ask for opinions on bringing timber inventories up to date, the need for revising the amounts which may be cut, timber sales programs and access roads. Staff Counsel William Coburn will be in Salem, Nov. 4, for advance work.

Swanson, and British theatrical producer Jack Hylton.

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