

Shooting Laid To Four Kohler Firm Officials

By WILMOTT HERCHER
WASHINGTON (AP)—Four Kohler Co. officials were accused at a Senate hearing Thursday of shooting a man during a 1934 strike at the Wisconsin plumbing fixtures plant. The charge was promptly denied.

It touched off another row before the Senate Rackets Committee, which is investigating violence and vandalism in a current Kohler strike.

Lyman C. Conger, the company's chief counsel and one of the men alleged to have taken part in the shooting, denounced an affidavit signed by John Deis as "a complete and utter fabrication."

Threatens Suit

"If it's made under oath and submitted to this committee it is perjury," Conger asserted. He told the senators that if anyone made the same charge out side the immunity of the hearing room he would sue for libel.

Deis, a 1934 striker, was not present to testify about his affidavit. Sen. Curtis (R-Nebr.), among others, demanded that he be subpoenaed to back up his story with personal testimony.

The affidavit was read to the committee by Leo Breirather, chief steward of Local No. 833 of the United Auto Workers in Sheboygan, Wis. The UAW has been on strike against the Kohler plant near there since April 8, 1934.

Deis' statement named Conger, Edmund Biever, Kohler plant superintendent; William Runge; and John Rami as the men who shot him on a summer night in 1934.

Biever and Conger have previously sworn that they did no shooting in the 1934 riot, in which two persons were killed and 37 wounded.

Special Deputies

The affidavit, written in the third person, said the four company officials were serving as special police deputies and that Deis, encountering them, took off his coat and challenged them to a fist fight.

The affidavit said Deis is not sure which of the four shouted back "you wait, we'll show you something." It added that as he leaned forward to pick up his coat he "received shotgun blasts in his head and legs."

"He says he is positive that he was shot by the four deputies, Biever, Conger, Runge and Rami, and that he caught sight of them shooting him as he bent over his coat, but could not say which ones or whether all four, were shooting at him, except that they did shoot him," the affidavit stated.

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The call to Boston by the Chamber of Commerce was the first placed after a "direct dialing system" went into operation here Wednesday.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. said most of Astoria's telephone subscribers have the service.

Astoria is the first Oregon town to have the direct dialing facilities, but it is scheduled for installation in other communities in the state.

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Pilot Suffers Minor Injuries As Plane Crashes

CONDON, Ore. (AP)—Morris Curtis, about 35, suffered a fractured wrist and other minor injuries Wednesday when his crop-spraying plane tripped on a power line and crashed into a wheat field near here.

He was thrown out of the plane still strapped to his seat by his safety belt and shoulder harness.

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