

Government Drops Gen. Walker Case

OXFORD, Miss. (AP)—The federal government has dropped charges against former Army Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker and six others arrested after the University of Mississippi desegregation riots last fall.

U. S. Atty. H. H. Ray asked for the dismissal Monday several hours after a federal grand jury quit without indicting Walker.

James H. Meredith—the Negro whose arrival at the University Sept. 30 ignited the riot—was to take his final semester test Tuesday.

The 29-year-old former Air Force sergeant has threatened to withdraw from the university after this semester unless campus conditions change. He has been the target of frequent harassment.

He skipped an examination Monday in algebra—a course with which he reportedly has been having difficulty. He declined comment on his reason for missing the test.

Meredith said he would leave for Jackson to see his wife and son "as soon as possible" after completing today's test in English literature.

The charges against Walker were dismissed by U. S. Dist. Judge Claude F. Clayton "without prejudice." This means the federal government may reconsider them before the statute of limitations expires in five years.

The white grand jury panel indicted four persons last week in connection with the riots which killed two and injured scores.

They were Melvin Bruce of Decatur, Ga., Philip Lloyd Miles and Kline Lamar May, both of Pritchard, Ala., and Richard Hays Hinton of Lucedale, Miss.

They were charged with interfering with federal marshals in the performance of duties and impeding them in the execution of court orders directing Meredith's enrollment.

Besides Walker, charges were dropped against Frank Lamar Ott and Joseph Cutrer, both of Kentwood, La., Edward Louis Shade of Atlatum, Miss., Robert Blackard of Memphis, Tenn., William Gilbert Marr of Olive Branch, Miss., and Charles Clark, Prentiss, Miss.

Walker, who commanded federal troops at Little Rock, Ark., during the 1957 desegregation crisis, was arrested in Oxford the day after the riot.

He was charged with insurrection, seditious conspiracy, conspiracy to impede and injure officers of the United States and assaulting, resisting and impeding officers. He denied the charges.

The 53-year-old Texan, who resigned his commission in a dispute over troop indoctrination policies, said at Dallas, Tex., he was glad to be vindicated.

Clemson Officials Schedule Meeting

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—Clemson College trustees will meet here this week to consider the admission of the school's first Negro student.

Gov. Donald S. Russell had no comment after Chief Judge Simon Sobeloff of the U. S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals and Chief Justice Earl Warren of the U. S. Supreme Court refused to delay an order that Harvey Gantt, 20, of Charleston be enrolled at Clemson.

Russell said he might make a statement after conferring with state officials. The trustees set their meeting for Wednesday or Thursday. Other state officials refused comment.

Gantt, who will probably be enrolled next Monday as a transfer from Iowa State University, will be the first Negro to attend a previously all-white school in South Carolina on any level.

"I hope now that all the legal drawbacks are behind me," Gantt said at his home Monday night. He said he "generally felt real good" about the latest court action.

Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy said he has no plans to send marshals into the state, as was done at the University of Mississippi in the case of James Meredith.

Leaders in South Carolina, Kennedy said in an address to Washington area Episcopal Church ministers, "have decided there will be no trouble in South Carolina."

State officials and student leaders at the state-supported college previously had said that there would be no violence when the school's racial barriers were lowered.

Clemson can appeal the order to admit Gantt. Meantime, the college must admit the Negro architecture student.

U. S. Dist. Judge C. C. Wyche of Spartanburg, who originally ruled against Gantt's admission, must carry out the orders of the appeals court.

The college said it will issue identity cards to students, faculty and newsmen in an apparent move to control entry on to the sprawling campus in rural Pickens and Oconee Counties.

The school reported it has set aside a single room for Gantt in the smallest dormitory on the campus.

Clemson attorneys contended in their appeal of the order that Gantt failed to complete admittance requirements and that the college would be "irreparably injured" if it is forced to admit a student in violation of college rules.

Constance Baker Motley of New York, attorney for the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, said South Carolina had failed to show that any "important, doubtful question of federal constitutional law" was unresolved.

Chief Justice Warren's action was taken without comment.

Mexican Profits
MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexican business profits last year ran about 10 per cent on capital investment, but this was a drop of 2 per cent, the newspaper Novedades reported. It said the cost of living rose 2½ per cent during 1962 and salaries 7½ per cent.

Agencies to Move Into New Offices
PENDLETON (AP)—Several government agencies are expected to be moved into new offices in the State Office Building by the end of the month.

The building will be dedicated March 15.

Agencies to be housed in the building include the departments of welfare, agriculture, tax, health, vocational rehabilitation, division of the Department of Education, Industrial Accident Commission, Labor and Department of Employment.



Strike Report

All-Girl Crew Cheered

Nautical Novices End Ocean Voyage

HONOLULU (AP)—Former steeplejack Lee Quinn, 36, who skipped the ketch Neophyte and his all-girl crew from San Francisco to Honolulu, said Tuesday he has no definite plans to extend the voyage to Tahiti.

"I want to rest up for about a month," the skipper said, "and then I will give serious thought to it."

It's quite likely that his wife, Mary Ann, will have a few thoughts on the subject, too. She was on hand with a kiss and a cake Monday when the Neophyte ended its 25-day, storm-tossed voyage of 2,300 miles.

Quinn had hinted at the possibility of continuing on to Tahiti with a four-girl crew, but this time Mrs. Quinn was expected to sail as first mate. However, there was no indication whether any of his San Francisco-Honolulu crew would continue on.

The nautical novices selected by Quinn with his wife's blessing included Susan Bird, 20, Oakland; Giselle Mayer, 22, Sausalito; Jackie Miller, 24, an airline stewardess from Sausalito; and Mrs. Carole Pope, 20, a folk singer and model from Berkeley.

Quinn said they "were eager to please" despite their lack of experience and skills of the sea. "I had to do almost everything myself," he added, "but they were very cooperative."

Quinn said the Neophyte ran into a squall seven days out of San Francisco and lost a spreader on the main mast. He was forced to use the jib and mizzen for most of the trip.

Storms on the Pacific blew the ketch 100 miles off course on one occasion and 15 miles off on another.

Miss Bird acted as spokesman for the crew as the Neophyte pulled into the yacht harbor to the cheers of hundreds of persons who lined the network of finger piers.

"First we want a big green salad and a steak," she said. "Then we would like to sleep each in our own hotel room bed under clean sheets."

Miss Bird said the food situation got worse as the voyage progressed.

"We had no greens, no meat, no eggs and no milk during the last week or so. The butter also was going rancid. We had to eat mostly out of tins."

Dem Assails Tax Agency
SALEM (AP)—Sen. Walter J. Pearson, D-Portland, told the Senate Monday that the State Tax Commission has become "vindictive and the governor should replace them if they keep their present attitude."

He said that for the fourth year, the Tax Commission has overruled the Wasco County assessor's valuation of the Harvey aluminum plant at The Dalles and ordered a higher valuation.

Pearson said the courts repeatedly have overruled the commission, yet it keeps on trying to get a bigger valuation.

He opposed what he called "overriding of elected local officials."

At The Dalles, Dist. Atty. Don Turner said each of the appeals is "still before the court and there has been no ruling."

He added he was "not aware of any overruling."

Film Banned
VALLETTA, Malta (AP)—The film censor board has banned "Love Is My Profession," starring Brigitte Bardot. No reason was given for the ban.

States Falling In Line With Guard Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nearly half the states have fallen in line with the Army's plans for streamlining the National Guard.

It was learned that 21 states and Puerto Rico have notified the National Guard Bureau they are accepting revamped troop lists assigned to them under the reorganization.

Formal acceptances are expected from the remaining states. Some differences are still to be worked out, officials said.

Acceptance Letters
Officials said letters of acceptance have been received from the governors of California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Vermont.

The bureau has been informed that similar acceptances are on the way from Arizona, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Nevada, Oregon, Washington State, West Virginia and Puerto Rico.

Authorities hope to get the first state reorganized by Feb. 15. It was indicated Florida, New Hampshire, Indiana or New Jersey may be the first.

Finished by May
Maj. Gen. Donald W. McGowan, chief of the bureau, predicted the entire job will be finished by May 30, in time for the units to go to summer training camp in their new form.

In its essentials, the plan involves breaking up four infantry divisions and reforming them into more flexible brigades, tapping six of the best divisions for priority callup in an emergency, and cutting off a net of 338 company and detachment size units which the Army considers out of date.

Reorganization of the Army's Reserve also is under way.

Milk Cuba Bound?
VERACRUZ, Mexico (AP)—A small Soviet vessel described by one of its officers as a fishing boat took aboard 35,000 cans of condensed milk at this gulf coast port last week. The officer said the milk was for the crew. Mexican sources, expressing doubt the crew could consume that much milk, said it apparently was destined for Cuba.

Expenses Limited to 120 Days

Committee Okays Amended Pay Bill

By ZAN STARK
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SALEM — An amended legislators' pay bill was approved in a 10-4 split vote Monday by the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

The bill calls for a \$3,000 annual salary, to be paid \$250 monthly, and \$20 daily expenses while the legislature is in session. The bill was amended to limit the daily expense pay to not more than 120 days.

Voting against the measure were Sen. Walter Leth, R-Salem; Sen. L. W. Newberry, R-Ashland; Rep. Stafford Hansell, R-Hermiston; and Rep. George C. Flitcraft, R-Klamath Falls.

The joint Senate-House committee then voted unanimously for a \$1,225,000 appropriation to finance the legislature through June 30, and switched legislative appropriation dates to match the biennium dates, rather than calendar dates as has been the practice.

The date change produces a \$300,000 "paper saving," moving the expenditure to the next biennium.

Moves to limit the daily expense pay to \$15, and to cut legislators pay to \$150 a month failed to win committee approval.

Rep. John Mosser, D-Beaverton, successfully moved for the 120-day limit on expenses.

Sen. Al Flegel, D-Roseburg, urged adoption of the new pay bill, and said "It is not an exorbitant amount."

Rep. Shirley Field, R-Portland, urged the \$20 a day expense be limited to 100 days, and said such a limit would be "an incentive to hasten decisions."

Sen. Alfred Corbett, D-Portland, explained the limit might work against "full consideration" of legislation, although he said he did not oppose such a limit.

Sen. Vernon Cook, D-Gresham, urged passage, and said the \$3,000 salary "if anything is conservative, not excessive."

Hansell Seeks Cut
Hansell asked the salaries be cut to \$150 a month, and expenses to \$15 a day. Newberry called for \$150 a month salaries, but favored retention of the \$20 a day expense item.

Earlier Monday the House Taxation Committee began discussion of proposed technical changes in timber laws.

Senate President Ben Musa appeared before the Senate Agriculture Committee in support of a supplementary appropriation to finance two horticultural research projects.

One would study damage to cherry crops from fluoridation fallout from industrial activity. The second would probe ways of eliminating crop damage caused by symphylids.

The fluoridation study was estimated to cost \$98,000, and the symphylids research \$30,000.

Other Highlights
Banks — A \$1 million a year tax compromise was offered by national banks to the Senate Tax Committee.

Elections — Sen. Vernon Cook, D-Gresham, announced he was submitting a bill changing registration requirements for candidates for office.

Trucks — The State Highway Committee voted to introduce Gov. Mark Hatfield's truck tax bill.

Public Response has been significant and immediate and favorable," he said.

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