

Ruling Bans Destruction Of Evidence

Judge Sets Precedent In Matsow Case Decision

NEW YORK (AP)—A federal judge has handed down a precedent-making decision that a person can be held accountable for destroying documents wanted by a grand jury, even if they are destroyed before they are subpoenaed.

U. S. District Judge Edward Weinfeld made the ruling Monday in denying a motion by Martin Solow, assistant to the publisher of "The Nation" magazine, to dismiss an indictment charging obstruction of justice by destroying correspondence sought by a federal grand jury.

The judge noted that there was no direct federal precedent for his ruling.

U. S. Atty. Paul W. Williams said the denial was a "precedent-making ruling of far-reaching significance."

The grand jury was investigating turnabout witness Harvey M. Matsow, who had recanted much of the testimony he gave as a government witness against Communists.

The indictment against Solow, filed July 13, 1955, charged he had destroyed four letters between employees of "The Nation" and the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (IUMS) which discussed Matsow.

Neither Solow nor the correspondence was under grand jury subpoena at the time the letters were destroyed.

Solow's attorney, O. John Rogge, argued that Solow had a right to destroy the correspondence because it had not been subpoenaed. Otherwise, he contended, "an intolerable burden" would be placed on an individual to preserve indefinitely documents a grand jury might or might not eventually request.

The judge ruled that to uphold Solow's position "would devitalize the statute (making obstruction of justice a crime) and destroy the effectiveness of grand jury inquiry."

Rites Held for Florence Curtis

ALBANY—The funeral for Florence Curtis, 55, who died at an Albany hospital Saturday was held Monday at the Fisher Funeral home with burial in the Willamette Memorial park. The deceased was a native of Shecotah, Okla.

She was born Feb. 5, 1901, from Oklahoma she moved to Junction City, Ore., in 1924 and from there to Jefferson in 1949.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McGill, Jefferson; five brothers, Leroy McGill, Marion; Y. M. McGill, Turner; A. L. McGill, Santa Monica, Cal.; DeRoy McGill, Marion, and Theodore Milam, Junction City; and two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Helms, Jefferson and Mrs. Lenna Thurman, Scio.

Mrs. June Todd Dies at Albany

ALBANY—Mrs. June E. Todd, 51, died Friday at a local hospital following a short illness. The funeral will be held Tuesday at the Fisher Funeral home.

Mrs. Todd was born June 12, 1905 at Mackinaw, Mich., and had also lived in South Dakota before coming to Oregon in 1935, locating in Lewisburg where she lived for three years before coming to Albany, where she remained the rest of her life, with the exception of three years spent at Dayton.

On May 2, 1926 at Beiton, S.D., she was married to Maxwell G. Todd, who survives as do the following children: Mrs. Hugh Scheler, Lebanon; Lee M. Todd and Mrs. Emil Martin, both of Albany and Mrs. Don Schriver, Elk City and a sister, Mrs. Merwin Stewart, Minneapolis, Minn.

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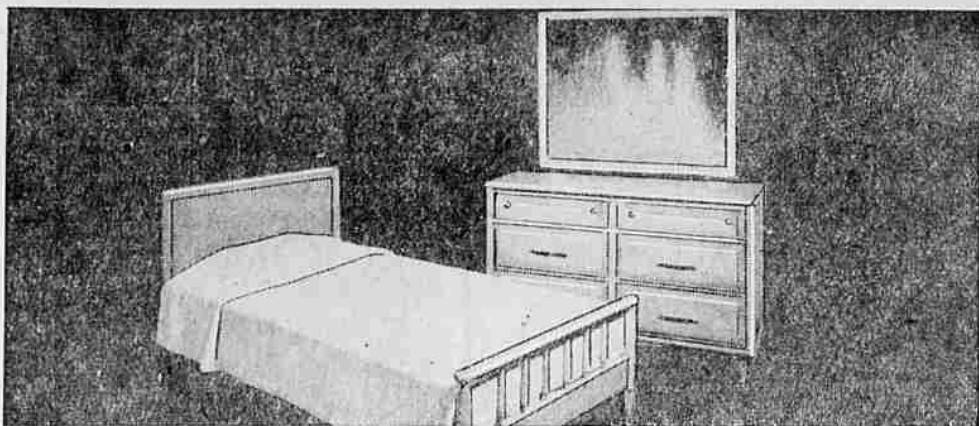
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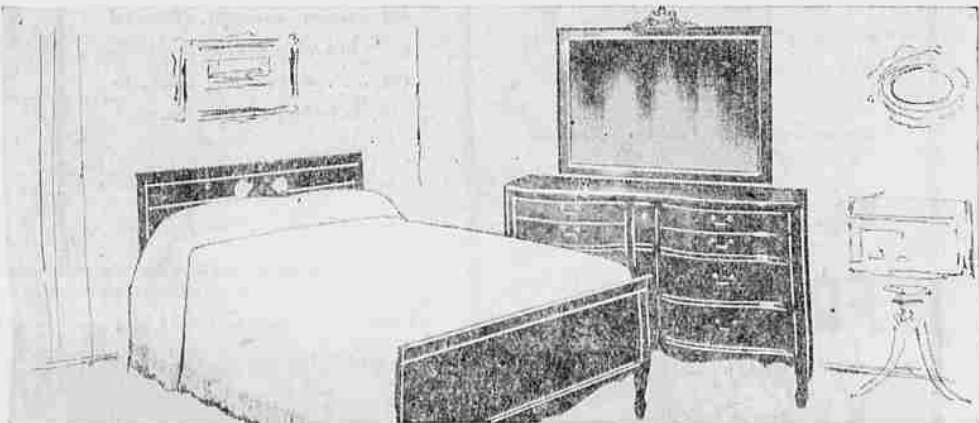
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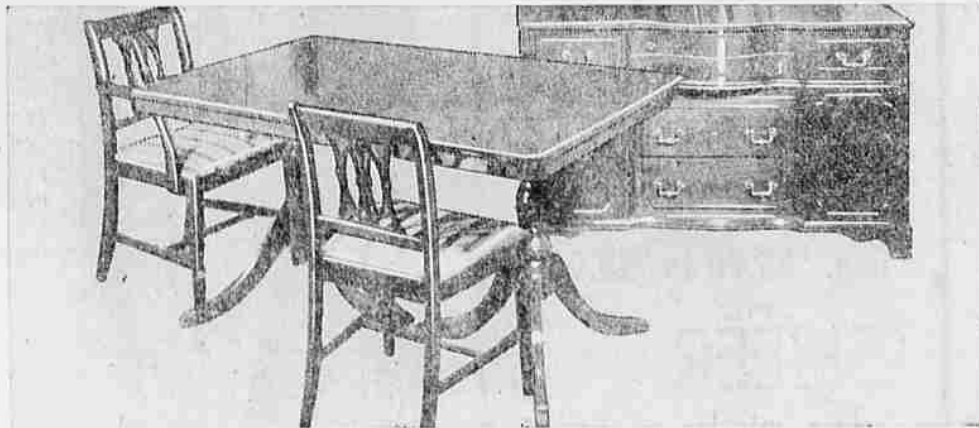
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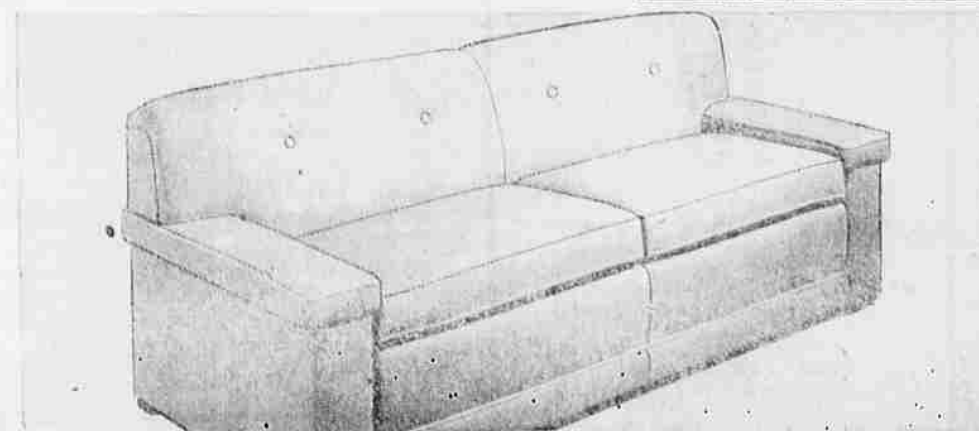


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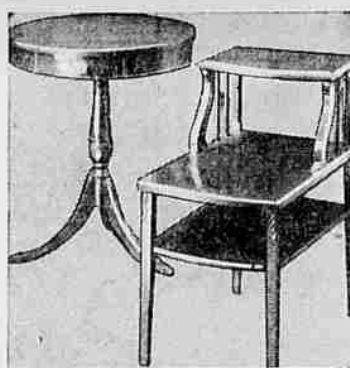
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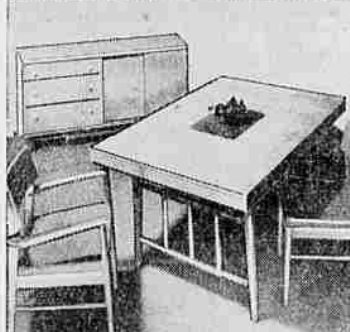


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