

# Sympathy, Condemnation Waiting Turncoats on Return to United States

## Federal Action Being Considered; Trio 'Ready To Pay'

By UNITED PRESS  
Sympathy, and some condemnation, from their families and neighbors today awaited the three turncoat GIs who decided the risk of imprisonment in America was preferable to "hell" under the Communists.

The general attitude was best summed up by Elbert Bell, father of turncoat Otho Bell, who said his son should be "given a fair chance" but added: "If the Communist tendencies still are part of his life, then the government should step in and do something."

The government is considering stiff legal action against the former Korean war prisoners who stepped to freedom yesterday in Hong Kong after allying themselves with the Reds for 18 months.

The GIs, William A. Cowart, 22, Dalton, Ga.; Lewis W. Griggs, 22, Neches, Tex., and Bell, 24, Hillsboro, Miss., told newsmen they were willing to go to jail to pay for their "mistakes."

**Promised Old Job**  
But their greatest trial may be the reaction of the families and friends they grew up with.

Some rallied to their sides when the news of their release was announced.

In Dalton, Cowart was promised his old job back by J. F. Calloway Jr., part owner of the garment plant where he worked before he quit high school.

In Olympia, Wash., where she has lived since Bell became a prisoner, Mrs. Jewell Bell anxiously awaited her husband's return. "I still love him," Mrs. Bell said.

In Jacksonville, Tex., Griggs' mother, widowed since he became a prisoner, said the family farm is waiting unplowed for him to work.

Mrs. Griggs, a nurse who works at a hospital in Jacksonville, wrote to her son while he was held captive to tell him she planned to sell the farm. He wrote back, asking her to keep it for him.

**Deplores Publicity**  
On the other side, the commander of the Mississippi American Legion called on members to turn their backs on Bell. "Bell made his bed," said Commander Woodley Carr. "Let him sleep in it."

Carr said he deplored the "publicity that is being given" Bell and said "let us glorify the heroes rather than the turncoats."

Meanwhile, Bell's 4-year-old daughter, Paula, was jumping with joy at the prospect of seeing her father for the first time. And his wife has engaged Smith Troy, former Washington state attorney general, to defend him against any charges that may be brought against him.

## Newly Wed Couple Hurt in Accident

Mr. and Mrs. Gary James Pree, whose wedding was an event of Sunday, July 3, at First Methodist church, and who were en route to Victoria, B.C., on their wedding trip, were injured in a one-car accident near Seattle, Wash., early Sunday morning, friends reported here today.

The bridal couple suffered many cuts about their faces and other injuries but were not hurt critically, according to the report. The car was badly wrecked.

They now are at the home of his mother, Mrs. D. N. Sanders, Seattle. The bride is the former Miss Eleanor Dale Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, 384 O'Gara st. The Davises left early Sunday for Seattle. Pree's father is James Pree, 2612 Howard st. The couple planned to return home the end of this week from their wedding trip.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

# Mother in Court To Test Constitutionality of Selective Service Act

Brattleboro, Vt.—(U.P.)—A Vermont mother, accused of advising youths to dodge the draft, went on trial in U. S. District Court today, determined to make a test case of the selective service act.

## Missing Magazine Editor Located Safe in Montana

Chicago—(U.P.)—Howard Rushmore, former film editor of the Communist Daily Worker and now editor of Confidential magazine, has been found safe in Butte, Mont., after he disappeared for three days from his hotel room here.

Rushmore, who left the party in the 1930's and has since testified for congressional committees, reportedly was seeking an alleged Communist leader.

But the man he was reputedly seeking said he was in New York, Rushmore's home, all the time.

Chicago police began looking for Rushmore after he kept an appointment and failed to return to his swank hotel here Thursday. An anonymous telephone call started a query to Butte where Rushmore was found registered in a hotel as "H. Roberts."

Sources at Butte said Rushmore made the trip to contact a man identified as William Lazarovich, alias William Lawrence, who was reported to be a Communist party leader.

In New York, however, William Lazar said he was the man Rushmore sought.

But Rushmore told Butte authorities he made the trip to investigate possible Communist influence in a labor dispute involving copper workers.

## GOP Dinner Expected To Draw Portland Crowd

Portland—(U.P.)—Paul H. Hebb, chairman of a \$100-a-plate Republican dinner scheduled here for July 22, said today he expected attendance would surpass the 400 who showed up for a similar function in 1953.

Gov. Paul H. Patterson of Oregon, Robert Smylie of Idaho and Arthur B. Langlie of Washington will speak at the dinner.

Hebbs said 273 reservations already had been made.

## NOT FOR SUICIDES

Chicago—(U.P.)—A stairway from the pedestrian walk to the Monroe Street bridge leads nowhere but city authorities said it was not for the convenience of people who want to jump into the river. Workmen just haven't gotten around to removing the structure since they finished bridge repairs, the officials said.

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Federal Judge Ernest A. Gibson presided at the trial of Mrs. Lucille S. Miller, 44, mother of three children, who claims peacetime military conscription is unconstitutional.

Mrs. Miller and her husband, Manuel, 46, held off federal marshals who wanted to remove Mrs. Miller to a mental hospital last May.

## Police Hold Man, 63, For Death of Wife

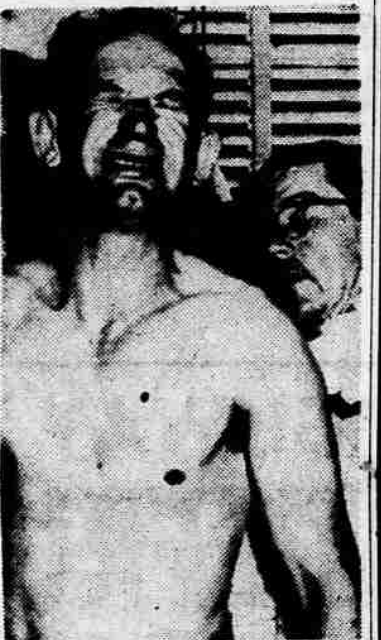
New York—(U.P.)—Police held a 63-year-old man without bail today and charged him with strangling his "nagging" 56-year-old bride to death while she screamed for help in a telephone call to his sister.

Monte J. Samuels was arraigned Sunday before Felony Court Magistrate Edward Chapman.

Police said Samuels became enraged when his wife, Mary, ordered him to leave their apartment. Samuels, who had been married once before, became her third husband last January. Police charged that Samuels' power press operator, choked his wife to death as she telephoned his sister in Brooklyn and screamed for help.

## COULDN'T WAIT

Seattle, Wash.—(U.P.)—John W. Mullin was not at home yesterday when officials of Seattle's North City festival called to inform him his 50-cent raffle ticket had won a free vacation for two to Juneau, Alaska. Mullin had just left on a vacation



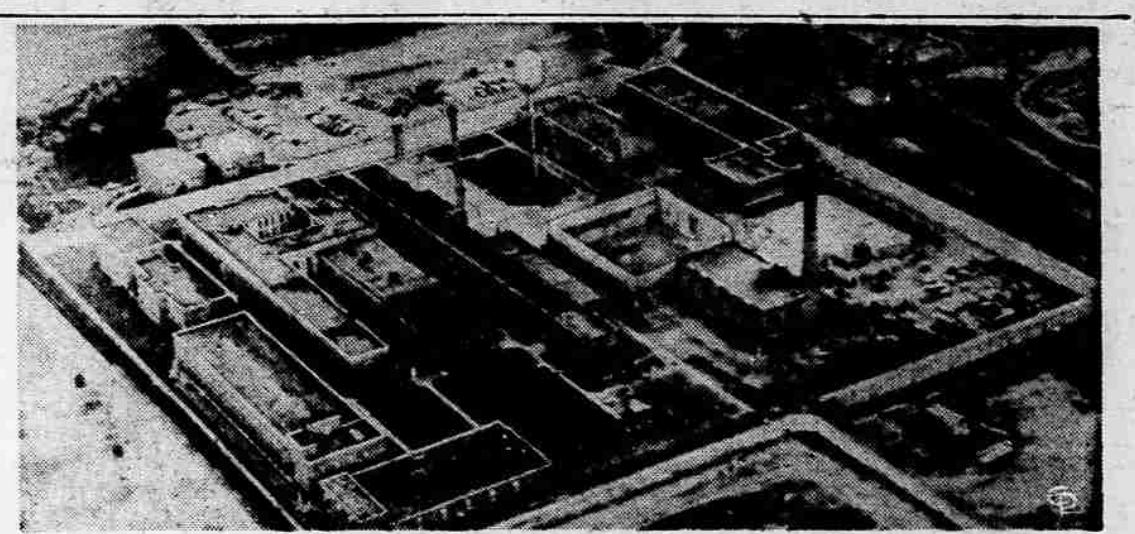
**SHOT BY 'BEST FRIEND'**—Wesley Springstan, 35, grits teeth and winces as doctors begin to remove bullet from his back in emergency room of Chicago's Ravenswood hospital. He was found staggering in front of the hospital. He told police his "best friend" shot him in a tavern several blocks away.

"The original object of all this is make it a test case," she said. Mrs. Miller said she believes in a well paid volunteer army in time of peace.

She said that, if asked to, she would readily acknowledge in court that she urged young men to ignore the draft. "My stand on the subject is a matter of frank and open record," Mrs. Miller said.

She pleaded innocent to the charge at an earlier court appearance because "I have committed no crime. I don't recognize the draft act as being constitutional in the first place."

Mrs. Miller said she hoped her trial also would give her a chance "to disclose the shocking conditions" at St. Elizabeth's. "It's nothing but a booby hatch for political prisoners," she said.



**SEIZING NINE HOSTAGES**, rioting convicts take over half of Washington State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, make demands for improved conditions. Maximum security building (arrow), is where outbreak began before spreading to control center. (International)

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