

Daniel Schmidt Holding Out Hopes for Reconciliation; Still Seeks Divorce

Childs Meadows, Calif. — (U.P.) — Daniel C. Schmidt disclosed Saturday he was holding out hope for a possible reconciliation with his twice-wed wife, Una, even though he charged her with being an unfit mother in a divorce suit.

The former war prisoner who discovered his 21-year-old wife had re-married while he languished in a Red Chinese jail was obviously still groping for a solution to his mixed up marriage.

"There is a possibility," the 23-year-old airman said when asked if he would take back his wife. "I'm not saying yes or no. It's possible. I can't tell you any more than that."

Won't Withdraw Suit
However he indicated he did not plan to withdraw the divorce action.

Schmidt has been avoiding the harsh glare of publicity surrounding his "Enoch Arden" status. Until his brief statements Saturday he has not discussed the matter with newsmen since he retained an attorney earlier this week.

The airman indicated at that time he wanted no part of Una, the childhood sweetheart he married shortly before leaving for Korea in 1952 with a B-29 squadron.

Schmidt filed a divorce suit Friday in Red Bluff, some 50 miles west of here. He charged Una with "extreme cruelty," alleging she was an unfit mother for their 2½ year old son, Danny Jr.

Despite his interest in a reconciliation Schmidt said he was

going through with the divorce. He refused to explain this seeming contradiction in plans.

"I am not going to try to get custody of the child now," he said. "I am just getting a divorce so far. I hope to get custody of the child later."

Staying With Mother

Schmidt was staying with Una's mother, Mrs. Walter Ferguson, and her husband in this remote resort community deep in the Sierras.

He left later in the day for

Teachers Union Official Backs Help for Trio

Fort Wayne, Ind. — (U.P.) — An official of the AFL American Federation of Teachers indicated Saturday she would support the decision to appropriate \$1,500 to contest the firing of three Newark, N. J., teachers who invoked the Fifth Amendment in a congressional Communist probe.

Miss Hope Carey, Pawtucket, R. I., member of the federation's executive council, defended the granting of funds to help teachers at the union's convention here.

Guided by Policy
"As a member of the executive committee of the American Federation of Teachers, my position in regards to the granting of defense funds is necessarily guided by the federation's policy," Miss Carey said.

Delegates endorsed action by the committee in granting funds for Drs. Robert Lowenstein, Perry Zimmerman and Mrs. Estelle Laba. Miss Anne Maloney, delegate from Gary, Ind., said the matter was closed now that the council has acted.

Refuses Comment
George Beacon, St. Paul, Minn., refused comment.

A council statement said the action was taken to protest the teachers' dismissal on a charge of conduct unbecoming a teacher, not because they invoked the Fifth Amendment.

Council members said they were told the Newark School Board fired the teachers in June in a 5-4 split decision.

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Businessman Killed, Two Inured in Plane Crash

La Grande, Ore. — (U.P.) — A Portland businessman was killed and two companions were seriously injured Friday night when their light plane crashed at Red's Horse Ranch on the Upper Minam river near here.

Norman Kemp, 28, partner in the firm of Kemp and Thronson Wallboard Co., died as rescuers loaded him into another plane for flight out of the remote area.

Injured were Dean Cooper, about 40, an employee of the Kaiser Co., and one of Kemp's employees identified as "Mickey" McGuire, about 45.

Plane Stalled

The trio were attempting a landing at the air strip provided by the mountain resort when

Kemp, piloting his own Piper 115, apparently overshot the field. The craft stalled and crashed about a mile from the ranch buildings.

Three rescue planes called to the crash scene by Cecil Garr, ranch employee, were held at the isolated ranch overnight after Kemp died, rather than risk a takeoff after dark.

McGuire, hospitalized at La Grande, suffered a broken back and pelvis, broken rib, concussion and scalp lacerations. Cooper sustained a fractured and dislocated shoulder.

Dr. W. M. Teare of the state board of aeronautics said the Horse ranch landing strip is considered treacherous by experi-

enced pilots, except at certain hours of the day.

Kemp's survivors include his widow, Inez; two children, Randy and Susan, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kemp.

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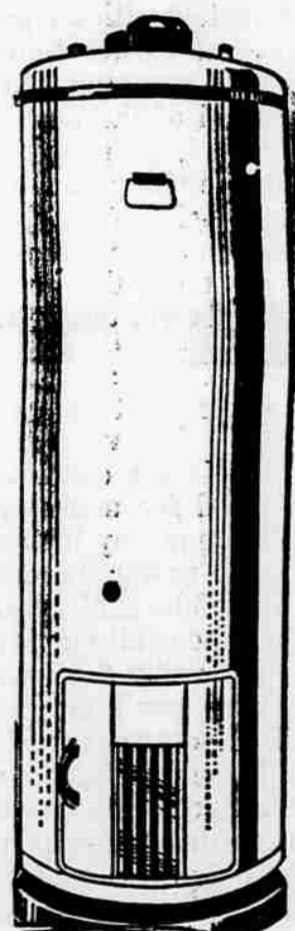
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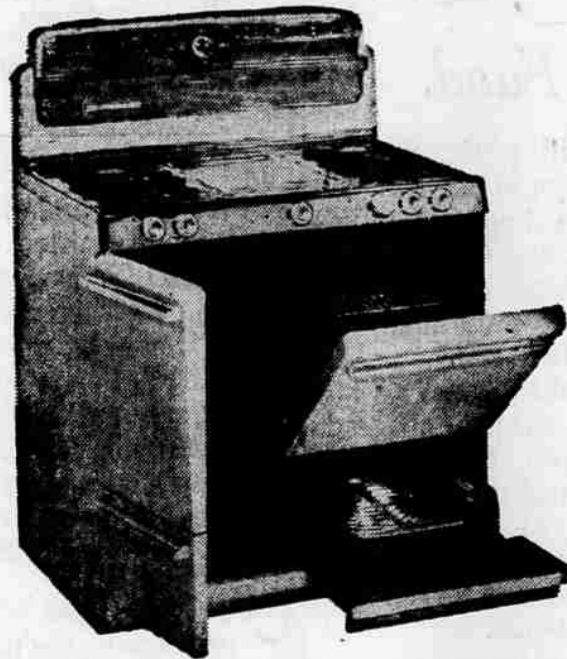
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