

Turncoat Receives Week's Delay for Talk With Lawyer

San Francisco — (U.P.)—Turncoat William Cowart has been granted a week's postponement of his pretrial hearing on charges of aiding the enemy while a prisoner of war in North Korea.

A Sixth Army spokesman said Friday the delay was granted to give the former American soldier a chance to confer with his civilian attorney, Donald A. Clark of Monticello, Ark.

To Determine Evidence

A pretrial hearing is similar to a civilian grand jury hearing held to determine if there is enough evidence to warrant an indictment.

Cowart, Otho Bell, Hillsboro, Miss., and Lewis Griggs, Jacksonville, Tex., elected to go to Communist China after the Korean War then recently changed their minds and asked to be allowed to return to their homeland.

A hearing for Bell is set tentatively for Monday and one for Griggs the following week.

To Rule on Jurisdiction

In a case similar to the one against the three turncoats, Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman has agreed to rule whether civilian or military courts hold jurisdiction.

The Sixth Army spokesman said the Army is proceeding against the three turncoats on the assumption the military will have jurisdiction.

He said that article 3A of the Uniform Code of Military Justice gives the military jurisdiction for certain offenses, including those charged against the trio, even though the defendants have been discharged from the service.

Pair Uninjured in Unusual Accident

No one was injured and a house sustained minor damage early Saturday morning when a car ran off the road and into the side of an unoccupied building.

State police said Vernal Gardell Richards, 53, of 211 West Main st. was driving on Berrydale ave. His car sideswiped a main box, the door swung open and Richards' wife Mabel fell out of the car onto the road. Richards turned to look and the car swerved off the road and ran into an unoccupied house at 714 Berrydale.

Officers said the auto bumper went through the side wall of the house and knocked off some plaster. The house is owned by Jack Bohannon, Grants Pass.

About an hour later, at 1:02 a.m., state police were called to a one car accident on Highway 99 two miles north of Ashland. Officers reported that Benjamin Virgil Shearer, 19, Jacksonville, fell asleep at the wheel of his car traveling north.

The auto crossed the highway and ran over a seven foot bank. Shearer received a cut on the head, and the car was extensively damaged.

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John L. Lewis Obtains Hefty Wage Boost for Coal Miners

Washington — (U.P.)—John L. Lewis has won a hefty \$2-a-day pay hike for his soft coal miners in a secret agreement with Northern coal producers, informed sources said Saturday.

These sources said the agreement was reached between Lewis and top-level officials of the Bituminous Coal Operators Assn. which bargains for the major segment of the soft coal industry, including the so-called "captive" mines owned by the big steel companies. Officials of both sides, however, refused to comment on the report.

Informed sources said Lewis might be expected in the near future to serve a similar pay increase demand on the southern gains for most Southern coal producers.

The sources said the new agreement provides for a \$1.20-per-day increase on Sept. 1 and another 80 cents on April 1, 1956, boosting the UMW basic wage to \$20.25 a day. The agreement, they said, also provides other contract improvements.

Spectacular Comeback
The increase would mean a spectacular comeback on the wage front for Lewis and his United Mine Workers. Their last wage increase was in 1952—\$1.90—but their pay still ranks

with wage rates in the auto and steel industries.

The \$1.20 increase alone would be the equivalent of the 15-cent hourly pay increase won by the CIO Steelworkers in a pace-setting settlement last July 1.

The agreement also was said to call for improved vacation pay and for overtime pay for Saturday work and double time pay for Sunday work. It was said to run to Aug. 31, 1956.

Same Strategy

The sources said Lewis apparently is using the same strategy he succeeded with in 1951. That year, he also secretly negotiated an agreement with the Northern producers and then used it to get Southern producers to fall in line.

The UMW contract has been subject to re-opening since Aug. 1, 1953. But neither side made any public move to do so. Lewis "sat out" the round of wage increases in 1953 and 1954, apparently because of the coal industry depression.

But soft coal production has picked up this year, particularly the nation's steel mills. In the first 7½ months of this year, total production was 21 per cent above that for the same period last year.

Coal industry officials have maintained, however, that prospective production for the whole of 1955 still will not be high enough to put the industry back into a "sound" financial condition.

Judge Takes Case Under Advisement

Federal Judge James Alger Fee took the case of John B. Hammacher vs. Hillcrest Orchards under advisement Saturday and gave attorneys two and one-half months to file briefs.

The non-jury suit concerns condemnation of land for a right of way.

The Hammacher-Hillcrest Orchards case was the last on the docket for this term of the federal district court here. However, Judge Fee set two more cases for Medford Aug. 29, immediately after the court session in Eugene.

Lawrence H. Newton vs. R. Drew Lamb and the United States vs. Zora Gallagher et al will be heard when the court re-convenes for a short session here then. The first is a suit concerning removal of timber, the second a condemnation of land for a Bonneville power line right of way in Josephine county.

Judge Fee opens the federal district court session in Eugene Tuesday.

RAINS SWEEP JAPAN

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Torrential rains swept the northern Japan island of Hokkaido for the third straight day Friday, pushing the storm toll to nine dead, three persons missing and heavy damage to homes and farmlands.

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Ukiah Woman Dies After Fall From Car

Pendleton, Ore.—(U.P.)—State police here reported Saturday that Mrs. Margaret Ruth Westlund, 33, of Ukiah, Ore., died in a Pendleton hospital Thursday of head injuries apparently suffered when she fell from her husband's car.

Officers said they had not learned how the woman fell from the car driven by her husband, Olaf.

The death was listed as Umatilla county's 15th traffic fatality of the year.

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