

Government To Ask Supreme Court To Overturn Ruling

Washington—(U.P.)—The government will ask the Supreme Court to overturn a federal judge's ruling that civilians are not subject to military court martial.

U. S. Atty. Leo A. Rover filed notice Friday in U. S. Federal District Court here that the Justice Department will appeal directly to the Supreme Court by-passing the federal appeals courts.

Rover will ask the high court to overturn a ruling by Federal Judge Edward A. Tamm that civilians are not subject to trial by military courts.

Tamm's decision was in the case of Mrs. Clarice B. Covert, convicted by Air Force court-martial and sentenced to life imprisonment for the 1953 ax-slaying of her husband, an Air Force sergeant in England. The court-martial was held under an act of Congress authorizing military trials of civilians accompanying the armed forces overseas.

Mrs. Covert was imprisoned in the federal reformatory at Alderson, W. Va. Later a new court-martial was ordered on technical grounds. Tamm's ruling cancelled the proposed re-hearings and freed Mrs. Covert.

His ruling bears on the case of Mrs. Dorothy Krueger Smith, daughter of Gen. Walter Krueger, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in the knife-slaying of her husband, Col. Aubrey D. Smith in Tokyo in 1953. Federal Judge Ben Moore, Charleston, W. Va., has under advisement a plea to free Mrs. Smith on a writ of habeas corpus, similar to that under which Tamm freed Mrs. Covert.

Eisenhower Accepts Two Resignations

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower Saturday accepted the resignation of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture James A. McConnell and Securities and Exchange Commissioner J. Jackson Goodwin Jr. Both men resigned for "personal reason."

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FAMILY AFFAIR—Dorothy Warren, 24, second daughter of Chief Justice Earl Warren, poses with her husband and mother and father after her wedding at Palos Verdes, Cal. Left to right: Dorothy, her husband, Dr. Carmine D. Clemente, Mrs. Warren and Chief Justice Warren. In foreground is the ring bearer, Dr. Clemente's nephew, Stephenson Frown, 7. The young couple plan a Mexican honeymoon following the double-ring ceremony at the Wayfarers Chapel.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY United Press Correspondent

Hollywood — (U.P.) — While the mothers and fathers of Hollywood rake in diamond

bracelets and cars for Christmas, the small fry of the celluloid city get their share of fabulous loot, too.

Zsa Zsa Gabor's daughter, Francesca Hilton, will be fully educated about the famous Gabor beauties this Christmas. Under her white Christmas tree she'll find four dolls—wiggled and dressed to resemble her grandmother, mother and aunts—Jolie, Zsa Zsa, Eva and Magda.

The dolls are wearing miniature copies of Zsa Zsa's wardrobe that was created by Christian Dior in Paris.

Zsa Zsa Made Clothes "I made the doll clothes myself," said mother Zsa Zsa. "The governess and I worked for two nights and days to finish them. We used satins and velvets. It was hard work!"

Stars who want "store-bought" gifts jam Uncle Bernie's Toy Menagerie in Beverly Hills, where this time of year you'll see more celebrities than at a premier. This huge shop is the Tiffany's of the younger set. Such items as a \$500 five-foot-tall stuffed elephant and a \$475 boat with foot pedals go fast to Texas millionaires.

But the movie crowd is settling for less staggering items. Eleanor Parker bought a \$69.95 photograph for her child. The front has a kaleidoscope-like gadget that changes colors as the music plays. The Jack Bennys

shelled out cash from his basement vault for one for their grandchild.

Stars Buy Gifts Jennifer Jones bought a \$39.95 stuffed tiger for her baby. Debra Paget spent \$95 on a toy battleship and \$180 on two "Madam Pompadour" dolls with powdered wigs. The daughter of Edmund O'Brien and Olga San Juan will find under her tree an imported English doll's carriage and a \$100 doll-size replica of Queen Anne's summer house in England.

Lana Turner and Lex Barker wrapped up a \$50 bridge-building set for one of his sons. Stuffed tigers at \$25, suits of armor at \$100 and \$39.95 puppet shows were popular items with other customers, including the Humphrey Bogarts and Red Skelton.

The day I inspected Uncle Bernie's Christmas rush, Barbara Stanwyck was loading up on toys for her friends' children. Nicky Hilton was buying a \$39.95 mechanical white cat that meows and wags his tail, possibly for some 21-year-old baby.

Farm Production Two Per Cent Above '54

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon farmers produced a total of 4,624,600 tons of crops valued at an estimated \$237,932,000 during 1955, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's crop reporting service said Saturday.

The service's annual summary showed the 1955 production was two per cent below that of 1954, but was three per cent above the 1954-53 average. Value of this year's crops, based on prices received for quantities sold up to Dec. 1, was four per cent below the 1954 figure and one per cent below the 10-year average.

The crop reporting service said the smaller total production this year in comparison with 1954 was mainly the result of a five per cent decline in field crops and a four per cent drop in vegetables.

Report Hubcap Thefts To Medford Police

Possible theft of 19 hubcaps from 18 new 1956 cars parked on a lot at the rear of 1051 South Riverside ave., was reported to city police Friday by Robert Jesse Duane, 605 Park Place. The cars were parked on the lot Thursday by men who were transporting them north from California and had been forced to stop here by the flood. The drivers, who had returned to California, had not been contacted Friday, but it was believed that all hubcaps were on the cars when they were parked on the lot.

2 Coos Bay Women Are Shot To Death

Coos Bay — (U.P.) — State police said here Saturday that Leon Albert Bernier, 54, had signed a statement admitting the fatal shooting of his wife, May Dream Mable Bernier, and her sister, Marie Watkins, because they nagged him.

Officers said the double slaying occurred about 8:30 a.m. Friday in the Bernier home at Eastside, near Coos Bay. Eastside and state police were notified by Mrs. Bernier's employer and relatives when the two women were missed during the day. Police saw the two bodies lying on the floor of the house when they investigated with flashlights Friday night. Bernier was found sleeping soundly in the bedroom.

Died Instantly Officers said Bernier told them he had shot Mrs. Watkins first when she started nagging him Friday morning. He told them she died instantly from two bullet wounds.

Bernier told police he shot his wife in the side and that she told him to "let me say my prayers" and then fell dead at his feet.

Bernier said he left the bodies lying in the bedroom and "puttered around the house" all day while debating whether to shoot himself. In the evening he went to bed and was later awakened by police.

Recess Called In 69-Day-Old Strike

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Negotiators in the 69-day Westinghouse Electric Corp. strike called a Christmas week end recess Saturday with bargaining sessions to resume Tuesday.

Federal Mediator John R. Murphy got both sides back to the conference table Friday after a two-day "break off" in talks aimed at ending the 10-week walkout of 44,000 International Union of Electrical Workers members at 30 company plants across the nation.

The IUE and the United Electrical Workers (Ind.), which called 11,000 Westinghouse employees out on strike Oct. 25 at 10 other company installations, were pressing for immediate 15-cent hourly wage boosts under a one-year contract.

November Cold Cost Douglas Fir Industry Thousands

Portland — The mid-November cold snap cost the Douglas fir region's forest economy untold millions of dollars in lost and damaged young trees, desiccation of seed cones for next year's seed crop and loss of food-supplying fir needles to trees.

In explaining these losses, W. D. Hagenstein, managing director of Industrial Forestry association, predicted that 1956 may witness a seed cone failure for Douglas fir because of the cold damage to the pre-formed flowers.

Foliage Damaged

Another loss, he explained, is from the desiccation and premature dropping of this year's foliage on Douglas fir and some of the other coniferous trees. Normally, Douglas fir needles last five years, he said, and each year a new crop is added and the one which grew five years earlier then drops. However, due to the drying out of this year's needles which was followed by severe wind and rain storms, the forests of the region are carpeted with hundreds or thousands of tons of needles which fell prematurely in November. This will greatly increase the fire hazard next summer, he said.

The loss of the needles will also influence the food supply of the trees, he said, and hence slow up their rate of growth for next year. This loss of needles will reduce the amount of food the trees can produce and store which is essential for the production of wood fibre and cone crops.

Seedlings Suffer

Another serious loss, the forester stated, is the top killing of most 1-year-old seedlings in the region's nurseries including that operated by the Industrial Forestry association at Nisqually. The frost killing there was so bad that he has recommended that no year-old trees be taken from the nursery for planting this year. A lot of them would not survive if transplanted, he believes. One bright spot, he said, is that 2-year seedlings now being planted are in good shape and were not affected by the freeze.

Young trees already in the forests will be badly damaged by the freeze. He termed the mid-November cold spell a real tragedy to forestry in the Douglas fir region.

Damage Suits Filed In Circuit Court

Two damage suits were filed in circuit court Friday against John Walter Webber, Ashland. The suits are the result of a traffic accident Dec. 31, 1953, in which Mrs. Lois Dee Wenaus, 25, Ashland, was killed and John Edward Gettling Ashland, was injured.

Kenneth T. Wenaus, Mrs. Wenaus' husband, seeks \$20,000, according to the complaint. Gettling, who seeks \$39,155.80 was sitting in a parked car which was struck by a bus which was involved in an accident with Webber's auto on Highway 99 at the Tolman creek road intersection, it was stated.

Mrs. Wenaus was killed when struck by the bus, the complaint alleges. Sam B. Davis, Ashland, represents Wenaus and Gettling.

WEATHER By United Press Northern California: Variable cloudiness with occasional showers likely through Sunday; snow in mountains; variable wind 10-20 MPH near coast.

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

Newsman Give Up Seat For Cargo Of Bread

Arcata, Calif. — (U.P.) — A group of newspapermen, radio newsmen and newsreel and still photographers gave up their airplane Saturday to a cargo of bread.

When two airplanes carrying Gov. Goodwin J. Knight and reporters on an inspection tour of flooded Northern California areas landed at Arcata, Calif. Charles Lauderdale of the Air Force Air Rescue squadron said:

"Men, we'd like to have one of those fixed-wing airplanes to get a load of bread into Crescent City, Calif. They've been cut off for days and we have 16,000 pounds of bread here ready to fly into there."

On a volunteer basis, enough of the reporters agreed to stay over at Arcata airport while the governor and 20 other passengers returned to Sacramento in one airplane.

Estimated 100 Men Stranded by Washouts

Homestead — (U.P.) — An estimated 100 construction workers were stranded at Homestead, Ore., Friday when three bridges in the area collapsed.

Another 90 employees of Morrison-Knudsen Construction company, who had been trapped since Wednesday at the Oxbow dam site on the Snake river, hiked some 20 miles to safety Friday.

The still marooned workers spent Friday night at the post office in the tiny northeast Oregon town of Homestead, on the Idaho border.

The other workers were trapped when heavy, four-day rains blocked highways with rock and mud slides. The men were in no immediate danger, but hiked out in order to spend Christmas with their families.

Workers at both construction camps were working on Idaho Power company damsites on the Snake. M-K officials estimated slides had cut a 30-foot gash in the Oxbow site access road, recently constructed.

RR High School Has California Tests

Rogue River—California tests of mental maturity were given freshmen, juniors and seniors at Rogue River High school last week, beginning a new testing period.

Word was received by the high school last week that it had been accepted as a member of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher schools. The association has more than 700 member schools in seven states and is recognized as one of the major accrediting agencies.

4-H Club News

Applegate Club Gwen Krouse was elected president of the Applegate Sewing club when the group met December 19 at the home of their leader, Mrs. Krouse. Shirley Nielsen was elected vice-president; Sonja Smith, secretary; Mary Freemantle, song leader, and Jean Rowden, reporter.

The group made snow men and Santa Claus pins from yarn. Refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mary and Sally Herriott, Jan. 9.

Jean Rowden, Reporter.

Robert L. Murphy Appointed To ICC

Washington — (U.P.) — Robert L. Murphy, Georgia Democrat and textile executive, Friday succeeded former Chairman Hugh W. Cross as a member of the Interstate Commerce commission.

Cross, a Republican, resigned last month under fire.

President Eisenhower named the 46-year-old Murphy to serve out the remainder of Cross' term which expires Dec. 31, 1957.

Cross, appointed to the FCC by former President Truman, resigned as chairman of the commission on Nov. 25 while the Senate Investigating subcommittee was looking into a possible conflict of interest. He left with a blast at the "baseless" charges against him.

Cross appeared before the subcommittee in connection with the award of a contract to a Chicago group to haul passengers and baggage between railroad stations in that city.

A native of Byronville, Ga., Murphy is traffic manager and attorney for the Georgia-Alabama Textile Traffic Assn. of Atlanta. He is a member of the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute.

Auto loans repaid in 1954 amounted to \$12,500,000,000 a near record. Outstanding loans last January were \$10,300,000,000.

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