

Caudle, Connelly To Seek Reversal Of Convictions

St. Louis, Mo.—(U.P.)—Attorneys for T. Lamar Caudle and Matthew J. Connelly said today they will demand a new trial to reverse their conviction on charges of defrauding the government while holding top positions in the Truman administration.

The attorneys also said they will ask for a judgment of acquittal, despite a jury of rural Missourians' verdict Thursday that Caudle and Connelly conspired to "fix" a tax evader's case.

Charges Upheld
The federal jury of four women and eight men upheld the government's charges against Caudle, head of the Justice Department's tax division in the Truman administration, and Connelly, former President Truman's White House appointments secretary.

They were accused of conspiring with Attorney Harry I. Schwimmer and "divers other persons unknown" to "fix" the tax evasion case of St. Louis shoe broker, Irving Sachs.

Schwimmer was granted a mistrial earlier after he suffered a heart seizure in the courtroom. He was named with the other two defendants in the federal grand jury's indictment.

Federal Judge Ruben M. Hulien set July 19 for both sentencing and for arguments on defense motions. Judge Hulien already has under consideration a motion for a judgment of acquittal, on which he withheld action pending the jury's decision.

Government attorneys said they would bring Schwimmer to trial as quickly as his health permits.

Both men face penalties of up to five years in prison and fines of \$10,000 each.

Connelly Conviction May Provide Boost for Stevenson Nomination

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Washington—(U.P.)—The Missouri jury which convicted Matthew J. Connelly on charges of conspiratorial influence peddling may have given Adlai E. Stevenson a boost toward the Democratic presidential nomination.

Connelly was former President Truman's White House appointments secretary, his closest official associate barring, perhaps, Maj. Gen. Harry S. Vaughn. He started with Mr. Truman as a Senate committee investigator, rose to be his secretary and continued in that intimate relationship through his chief's vice presidency and presidency.

With T. Lamar Caudle, Connelly was convicted in federal court of conspiring to defraud the government in an income tax case.

Caudle was a Truman administration chief of the Justice Department's tax division. Just how the gentle Caudle happened to be chosen for that spot with its requirement for tough-minded decisions remains one of the questions which never has been answered fully.

Will Aid GOP
Connelly and Caudle will appeal, of course, or take other legal action. The conviction of these two high ranking Truman administration officials on such charges in a campaign year, however, scarcely can fail to aid the Republicans in their effort to win the White House and new Congress.

The effect on the Democratic party may depend very much on Mr. Truman's reaction to the

Jury's findings. Loyalty has been among Mr. Truman's most notable virtues, so much so that some persons have thought he might be carrying his loyalties to a fault. It apparently was party loyalty, for example, which caused Mr. Truman to try to laugh off the early exposure of Alger Hiss.

There could be no suggestion that Mr. Truman was aware or even suspected that his White House friend was a crook, as the jury found him to be, subject, of course, to further legal review. But Connelly was Mr. Truman's man, a fair example of his skill in picking men.

On this eve of the Democratic

national convention, that may be of considerable political significance. The United Press Thursday reported under a Washington dateline the belief among some well-informed persons that Mr. Truman was maneuvering to prevent Stevenson's nomination next August in Chicago.

HST's man is widely reported to be Gov. Averell Harriman, of New York, a 100 per cent Fair Dealer. The closer Mr. Truman is associated with the 1956 Democratic presidential campaign, the more effective should be the Republican attack on the man and the party which put Connelly and Caudle in responsible office.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Dr. Bella Dodd, former Communist party leader, on the dangers of Communism as she sees them:
"People known to me as Communists are mounting to important policy positions in industrial, governmental and academic fields."

Hollywood—Two-ton Tony Galento, ex-prizefighter and saloon keeper, on announcing he will become a full-time actor:
"I was always an actor in the boxing game, and since I quit the ring I learnt a lotta woids. I ain't no dummy no more."

St. Louis—T. Lamar Caudle, former Truman administration official, on his conviction on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States in the handling of a tax case:
"My conscience is so clear and so open I can face my God, my sweet children and my friends. I have no apologies for anything I have done."

Washington—Trevor Gardner, former Air Force research chief, on why he disagrees with administration defense policies:
"There are things we have to do, we must do regardless of the cost. We cannot afford to lose time in a really critical race. You have to buy time with money."

Columbus, Ohio—Dr. Charles A. Doan, who injected live cancer cells into the bodies of 14 Ohio penitentiary inmates, on dangers that the "human guinea pigs" may encounter:
"We don't think that we are endangering the lives of these men."

Southern Congressmen Take Dim View of Democratic Walkout Plan

Washington—(U.P.)—Southerners in Congress generally took an apathetic, wary, or hostile attitude today toward a South Carolina plan (which could trigger a southern Democratic walkout from the national party).

This proposal originated in the South Carolina Democratic convention and came to southern members of Congress this week in a letter from Gov. George Bell Timmerman Jr.

It called for a caucus of southern national convention delegates to agree on a program of united action on issues, such as racial segregation, of deep concern to the South. It also proposed that southern state conventions keep a door open to permit reconvening of southern delegates after the national convention.

Want Greater Influence
Timmerman and Sen. Thomas A. Wofford (D-S.C.) both insisted that the plan was not aimed at formation of a third party in the South but rather at avoiding any such move. They said southern unity would give the South greater influence at the national convention.

Sen. W. Kerr Scott (D-N.C.), who called the proposal "Dixiecrat sugarcoating" earlier this week, commented Thursday that it was "mighty good news" that Timmerman and Wofford intend-

ed to remain in the Democratic party.

Most southerners in Congress appeared to feel that the proposal would increase the likelihood of a party split.

Chotiner Settles Suit for Libel

Beverly Hills, Calif.—(U.P.)—Attorney Murray M. Chotiner has settled a \$1 million libel suit against a magazine which in its March, 1956, issue called him "Nixon's secret link to the underworld."

Noted criminal lawyer Jerry Giesler disclosed Thursday night that under the terms of the settlement the "behind the scene" magazine is running a retraction and apology in its September issue which will be on the newsstands June 25. Chotiner, 1952 campaign manager of Vice President Richard M. Nixon, filed the suit against the magazine, J. B. Publishing Corp., and 14 other defendants.

Giesler said a sum of money is being paid Chotiner by the defendants to cover counsel fees and other costs. He said an affidavit also is being furnished from the publisher, J. B. Musacchia, disclosing the complete sources of the article which appeared in the issue.

Some of them suggested that a pro-convention caucus of southern delegates would tend to harden the southern position, leaving less room for maneuver and compromise on the civil rights issue. It might invite similar caucuses forcing northern Democrats into a no-compromise position.

Members of Congress also saw no purpose in reconvening state conventions except to threaten a third party if the presidential nominee or Democratic platform should be offensive to the South.

Don't Want Plan
Southern leaders in Congress were in no mood to buy the plan, Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson only last month won control of the 56-vote Texas delegation in a battle to insure that Texas Democrats will stick with the national party.

Other powerful southerners have made clear that they do not want to start an internal party fight now. Some of them, however, have not ruled out the possibility that the Democrats can lose part of the South in the November election to a third party nominee or to President Eisenhower.

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The commission rejected objections raised by the National Hells Canyon association, an organization of public power groups and others in the Pacific Northwest who are opposed to the private power development of Hells Canyon.

The proceeds of the issue are to be used to finance the start of the project, mainly construction of the Brownlee dam, the first of three dams to be built by the company.

Russian Baptists Slate Appearance

Seattle—(U.P.)—An appearance by five Russian Baptist leaders will be featured at opening sessions of the eight-day American Baptist convention here tonight.

The Russian leaders will share the spotlight with Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington who will greet delegates and visitors from 34 states.

The five Russian leaders have been visiting with American Baptist groups during the past month and will return to Russia following the convention here.

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