

# Attorneys Plan Legal Action in Effort To Reverse Decision To Try Soldier in Japan

Ottawa, Ill.—Three attorneys planned to take legal action in Washington today in an effort to reverse the government's decision to turn American GI William S. Girard over to Japanese courts for trial.

One of the lawyers, Earl Carroll, who has law offices in New York and California, said he would file a writ of habeas corpus this morning in Washington asking that Girard be returned to the United States immediately.

**Appetition Filed**

Carroll, in a telephone talk with Girard's brother, Louis Girard, 25, of Ottawa, revealed that he filed application for the writ in federal court late Wednesday.

The other two attorneys, representing Mrs. Dorothy Girard, 45, mother of the soldier, announced they would fly to Washington today to consult with Carroll and possibly meet with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Army Secretary Wil-

bur Brucker this week. Dulles was expected to spend the day on the aircraft carrier Saratoga near Jacksonville, Fla.

**Mother Leaves Hospital**

The attorneys, James D. Reynolds and Elliott B. Young of nearby Peoria, said Rep. Robert Michael of Peoria was seeking to arrange the Dulles-Brucker meetings.

Girard, a 21-year-old Army specialist third class, faces manslaughter charges in the death of a Japanese woman on a firing range in Japan. He is to be turned over to Japanese courts under the "Status of Forces" agreement.

His widowed mother Wednesday night left her bed at the state hospital in Peoria where she was under treatment for a nervous condition, and moved to the home of her son, Louis, an automobile mechanic here.

"It's a dirty shame what's being done to my son," she told United Press. She said Girard was not the "type of boy to get into trouble."

Carroll said he volunteered to defend the young soldier and would take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

Failing to obtain relief in the courts, Carroll told the family he would travel to Japan to defend Girard at his own expense.

Carroll's writ charges that Girard's constitutional rights were violated and challenges the validity of the treaty under which the soldier was turned over to Japan.

Carroll told the Girard family that if the writ, to be presented before Judge Joseph McGarrity, is denied, he will ask the judge for an injunction against the Defense Department preventing them from turning Girard over to the Japanese until the issue is settled on legal and constitutional grounds.

## Girard Chooses Top Japanese Lawyer for Murder Trial Defense

Tokyo.—Army Specialist 3C William S. Girard of Ottawa, Ill., chose one of Japan's top criminal lawyers today to defend him in a Japanese court against charges he killed a Japanese woman on an Army firing range.

The attorney, chosen from a 50-man list that included a number of Americans, was 64-year-old Ituro Hayashi of Tokyo who has 40 years experience in criminal law and is regarded as one of the best attorneys in Japan. He speaks no English.

In addition, Girard requested that Maj. Stanley F. Levin of the 1st Cavalry Division's judge advocate office serve as his personal legal adviser. Levin was described by the army as a "qualified attorney" from Hollywood, Calif.

## Administration Said Ducking Girard Issue

Washington.—Sen. Sam J. Ervin (D-N.C.) charged today the administration is ducking disclosure of who first decided to turn GI William S. Girard over to Japanese justice.

Ervin, chairman of a Senate Armed Services Subcommittee investigating the case, said he found it "futile" to attempt to learn from the administration who first decided to waive primary U.S. jurisdiction in trying Girard for the slaying of a Japanese woman on an American firing range.

## Grange Notes

**Roxy Ann Grange**

Harry Martin was elected and installed as steward of Roxy Ann Grange at a recent meeting. Master Al Sims presided.

Martin replaces Don Meadows Jr., who has moved to Klamath Falls. Charles Whitcher, agriculture chairman, reported that the first cutting of hay was not up to par. Willetta Sims reported that 25 members attended the last home economics club meeting at the home of Mrs. Garrett. Mrs. Quackenbush was co-hostess.

Marguerite Shaw, who has been HEC chairman the past two years, was presented a pin by Anna Roberts, Pomona chairman.

Plans for serving dinners for the forest service and Chin-Up club were discussed, she reported.

Ethel Biah and Anna Roberts will be hostesses for the next HEC meeting at the Grange. Grange dance committee. Ken Shaw, said dances were still drawing good crowds, with the last one to be June 15.

Chaplain Max Dalton conducted a short memorial program, followed by refreshments.

## Jaycee Officers Installed Saturday

Central Point.—Officers for the coming year were installed Saturday at a banquet of the Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Rogue Valley Country club.

John Smock is the new president; Dale Bartley, vice president; Bill Colley, second vice president; Lee Collingsworth, secretary; and Chet Ayres, treasurer.

Don Bohnert, Taylor rd., was awarded a plaque as the outstanding young farmer selected by the chapter. Also honored was Roy Vincent, winner of the Central Point Jaycee Road-EO.

Dick Stratton was presented a past president's plaque and other outgoing officers were given pins.

Homer Billups received the "key man" award for outstanding service to the group.

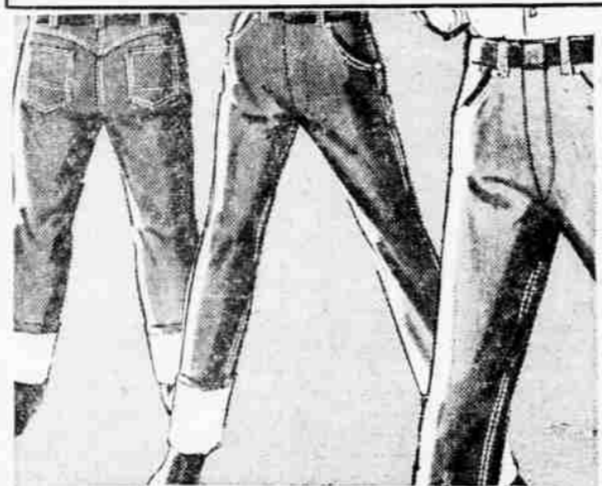
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