

Segregationist John Kasper Goes On Trial for Contempt of Court

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Atlanta — A Johnny-come-lately segregationist goes on trial at Knoxville, Tenn., this week in a case that may prove to be of vast significance in the civil rights controversy.

The bill of particulars in the case is not much to bring it out of the ordinary. An ex-New York book seller, John Frederick Kasper, and 15 citizens of Anderson county, Tenn., are charged with contempt of federal court.

The specific complaint is that they discouraged the 1956 integration of Clinton, Tenn., High school — in contempt of a federal court injunction — by attacking a minister, using force and intimidation to frighten Negroes away from the school, making anonymous phone calls to school officials and by attempting to provoke fights between Negroes and White pupils.

That is the Government's case, to be tried starting Monday, before stern, conservative Judge Robert L. Taylor, 57-year-old appointee of former President Truman. It was Taylor, son of one Tennessee governor and nephew of another, who issued the injunctions of last August and September to halt the sporadic violence that threatened to upset the Clinton school integration.

The government is coming to court charging violations of a broad, catchall injunction which specified that Kasper and others, their agents, servants, representatives and attorneys and all other persons who are acting in concert, or may act in concert with them, be and they are hereby enjoined from hindering and obstructing the Clinton integration plan.

Herein lies the significance of what otherwise might be a routine case. Should the jury con-

vict the defendants, the pattern would be established for broad enforcement of all racial integration orders from the courts. This is the first big test of the government's power to enforce the 1954 school desegregation decision of the U. S. Supreme Court.

Defense Staff
The defense staff, headed by Nashville's Thomas P. Gore, cousin of Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) is gearing for an all-out court fight to win acquittal for Kasper and his codefendants.

The defense case is to be argued on these contentions: —The federal court lacks jurisdiction to issue contempt citations in the Clinton case because the defendants were acting as individuals and not as an organized public body to which the integration orders were directed.

—There has been no legislation by Congress; therefore the court is without jurisdiction to issue injunctions to force integration.

—The United States is not a party to the case, which is a civil matter, and the alleged contempt was not committed in the presence of the court but outside the physical boundaries of the court.

This trial undoubtedly also will bring a fresh test of a recent Supreme Court decision permitting defense counsel to inspect FBI pre-trial investigation files. Government attorneys are expecting such a request early in the trial.

Battle Lines Drawn
Thus, the battle lines once

Body of Frogman Is Buried in England

Portsmouth, England — The body of a man identified as British frogman Lionel (Buster) Crabb was buried Friday without military honors or even an official Royal Navy representative on hand.

Crabb, a former British naval officer, vanished in the murky waters of Portsmouth Harbor early in 1956 while three Soviet warships were anchored there. A headless and handless body, encased in a rubber frogman suit, was recovered recently and identified as that of Crabb.

In the absence of confirmed facts regarding his mission, Crabb's activities have been the subject of considerable speculation. British newspapers said he might have been "doing a job" for the United States, or some other foreign power.

Following a formal Russian protest, the British government denied Crabb was carrying out any cloak-and-dagger operation on its behalf.

The body was buried without the monole and swordcane which were as much Crabb's trademark on land as his rubber suit, mask and flippers were under water.

more are drawn in a courtroom between the segregation forces of the South and the federal government.

As the fight progresses, don't be surprised if Kasper himself becomes one of the less headlineable factors involved — a strange position for the young man who achieved and lost the racial headlines with almost equal speed.

He turned up at Clinton as the town was preparing in the summer of 1956 to integrate the high school in compliance with court orders issued by Judge Taylor. Kasper led the opposition which resulted in an August riot. He already is under a one-year federal prison sentence for that incident. Now under appeal to the Supreme Court the case was rejected by the Court of Appeals.

His popularity fell like a shooting star early this year when Florida investigators "exposed" him as a one-time integrationist who danced with Negroes back in the old days. His codefendants at Knoxville even tried to win separate trials from Kasper, but Judge Taylor turned them down.

Mail Fraud Artist On Probation

Portland — U. S. District Judge Gus J. Solomon placed confessed mail fraud artist Milford B. Lytle, 79, on three years probation Friday.

But Judge Solomon ruled that Lytle, who was not imprisoned because of his age and "poor health" must go to his son's home in Minneapolis, Minn., where he has agreed to remain for life.

Lytle pleaded guilty to six counts of mail fraud in connection with scheming to defraud two Seattle department stores in April.

Robert R. Carney, deputy U.S. attorney, said Lytle would pretend to fall in a store, and then mail a letter asking damages for the breaking of his eyeglasses, or for other alleged injury or loss. The man had requested \$23 from four stores, and two of the firms sent the amount he requested by mail.

Massachusetts May Try To Prevent Adoption

Miami Beach — The state of Massachusetts is expected to make a final bid Monday to prevent a Jewish couple from adopting the six-year-old Catholic-born child they have raised since she was 10 days old.

Ben Cohen, attorney for the Melvin Ellises, said he received notice Friday that the Bay State will protest the adoption of little Hildy McCoy by the Ellises in Circuit Court when the couple appears at the adoption hearing.

Slaves were emancipated in New Hampshire in 1783.

PHOENIX Several Visitors Listed

By LILLIAN KNIGHT
Phoenix — Mr. and Mrs. Claude Zoller of Burney, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Neal and son, Danny, of Victorville, Calif., visited Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Norton last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Reece and son, Mike, of Coquille are moving to Phoenix where Reece will open a marine supply and boat business. They plan to purchase the former Curt Fisher place on Second St. from Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Norton. Mrs. Reece is a sister of M. E. and LaVance Norton.

R. P. Wolfe is recuperating from an operation in a Medford hospital and is expected to be home the first or middle of this week.

The Gordon Germer family along with the Lee Claffins, the Jake Walsh and the Wes Fowler families are spending the week end at Diamond Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Furry and family went to Diamond Lake over the Fourth.

The Larry Lawrence family and Raymond Thompson were at Diamond Lake over the Fourth. Larry suffered a heart attack Friday and is now at home recuperating. He is reported as slightly improved.

Mrs. Earl Gennette and children of Project City, Calif., left for home Monday after spending a week with the Olen Barlow family.

Charles P. McBeth of Jacksonville is the new owner of the house trailer awarded as first prize at the Phoenix festival last Saturday. Second prize of a movie camera and projector went to Diane Bolz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bolz. Third and fourth prizes of a bicycle and an electric oven went to David Lowry, Sr.

Third Class petty officer R. L. Hurd left Sunday for San Francisco and left there Tuesday by plane for Honolulu where he will be stationed at 14th Naval district headquarters in the commandant's office. He has been on the personnel staff of the hospital at Corona, Calif. On a 30-day leave before reporting for duty at Honolulu, he and Mrs. Hurd have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Opie Frazier, Mrs. Hurd will join her husband later.

Mrs. Iva Davis of Glendale, Calif., and her brother, A. T. Smith, of Orinda, Calif., and Mrs. Fonda Craig and daughter, Letha, of Chico, Calif., left Wednesday to return to home after visiting for several days at the home of Mrs. Minnie Deitrich on Hilsinger rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Adams, cousin of Ber. Stancliffe, of Porterville, Calif., stopped for a few hours visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stancliffe Saturday morn-

ing on their way to Grants Pass to visit friends.

Helen Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Mason, is home from Elgin, Ore., visiting her parents over the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Deino Sloan returned Monday from their vacation. They visited a nephew in Salt Lake City and drove to Hutchinson, Kan., where they visited relatives. They came back by way of Denver, the Grand Canyon, the Painted Desert, the petrified forest, and Las Vegas. They visited in San Francisco with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Sloan in Menlo Park. While in Kansas they went to the Eisenhower Memorial at Abilene, saw the boyhood home of the president, and saw his gift collection.

Mrs. Dan Scott and three children of San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Mrs. Ivan Goodman and son of Cottage Grove have been visiting for the past two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Unruh. They are sisters of Mrs. Unruh. They also are visiting Mrs. Rudy Buccio, Mrs. John Ruby, and Val Stearns, two other sisters and a brother.

Charlotte Unruh and Nadine Brood will leave Tuesday to attend the Friends church camp held from July 9 to July 15 on Klamath river.

Mr. and Mrs. L. McKnight of Alhambra, Calif., returned to their home Friday after spending the month of June with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Medcalf. Mrs. Medcalf and Mrs. McKnight are sisters.

Judge Considering Execution Stay

South Bend, Ind. — A Federal Judge Saturday considered a stay of execution for "Chinese execution" slayer Leslie Irvin, 33, accused in the deaths of six persons.

Judge W. Lynn Parkinson said he would make a decision on the stay Monday. Irvin, a pipefitter from Evansville, Ind., is in a death row cell at Indiana State prison. Three stays of execution have been granted since his conviction at Princeton, Ind., 19 months ago for the murder of an Evansville, filling station operator, W. Wesley Kerr.

When Irvin appears before Judge Parkinson Monday, he will learn if he is to die within 24 hours. His electrocution is set for Tuesday.

Although Irvin was sentenced for only one murder, he was accused for at least six killings for profit.

Between December, 1954, when Kerr died, and April, 1955, five persons were murdered in the Kentucky-Indiana area near Evansville. All six were forced to their knees with hands lashed behind them and shot in the back of the head.

Robbery was the apparent motive, although the loot was meager. Irvin, a soft-spoken ex-convict, escaped from Princeton jail shortly after three of the victims were discovered in Kentucky but was captured again in San Francisco.

Crosby, Sprague Go On Trial Monday

Portland — Clyde C. Crosby, international Oregon Teamsters representative, and policeman Robert W. Sprague will go on trial separately here Monday on indictments evolving from vice investigations in Multnomah county.

Crosby is charged with conspiracy to accept a bribe while a public official. He is accused of conspiring, while a member of Portland's exposition-recreation center commission, with three persons, including racketeer James B. Elkins, in using his influence to get the Broadway-Steel bridge site chosen.

Sprague is charged with false swearing, and was indicted after denying that he did not attempt to influence another police officer, Jack F. Olsen, with a gift in connection with law enforcement here.

'Cougar' Hunt Starts In Chicago Area

Chicago — A "cougar" hunt in suburban Des Plaines met with no success Saturday despite alerted policemen, hunting dogs, animal traps and wary citizens.

A 4-foot beast, described as having a "long tail, small head, pointy ears and long hind legs," had been seen slinking in the area.

One man said he saw the animal—which might be a dog—as he pulled into his garage. An animal trap was placed there.

Des Plaines Police Chief Amasa Kennicott said if the animal is cornered the police might have to shoot it—but if it spotted in the open, they might try to lasso it Tarzan-style.

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Kefauver Asks Ike To Make Public All Facts of Write-Off

Washington — Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) has challenged President Eisenhower directly to make public the "full facts" about issuance of a fast tax write-off to Idaho Power company.

He suggested that the President himself doesn't now have full information about all aspects of the controversial case.

Kefauver issued his challenge in a letter to the President made public Friday. It formally requested data on the fast write-off controversy and protested White House refusal to cooperate with senate investigators.

Acknowledge Receipt
The White House acknowledged receipt of Kefauver's letter Saturday but said the President has not seen it yet.

The Tennessee Democrat is chairman of the Senate anti-trust and monopoly subcommittee which has been investigating the case. The company, which is building two low dams on the Snake river between Idaho and Oregon, rejected the grant of fast tax write-off certificate just before the Senate voted for a Federal high dam on the river.

Such a Federal dam would flood out the Idaho power sites. The house interior committee plans a showdown vote on the issue Wednesday.

President Asked
The President was asked at his Wednesday news conference about an earlier Kefauver statement that it would be "helpful" if Eisenhower would supply information on the case to Senate investigators.

The president said that if Kefauver had made such a statement it was for "public consumption" and "not to get any action," because "he has not made any such request to me."

Kefauver replied by sending the President a letter formally requesting the data.

Kefauver told the President he would be doing a "public service" if he ordered an "official chronology" from all agencies on Idaho Power conferences and would make public "all papers having to do with this deal."

Refuses Invitation
Kefauver said that so far his group had been "met with the

plea of privilege concerning the participation of White House staff members who were named in one of the documents we saw." He complained that Presidential Assistant Howard Pyle "refused our invitation to appear before the committee."

"We have been met with plea of privilege concerning memoranda," he said. "We learned about the position of Internal Secretary Fred A. Seaton in opposing the write-off only after we had originally been led by the testimony of Defense Mobilizer Gordon Gray to believe that the Interior Department approved it."

"As in the Dixon-Yates deal," Kefauver wrote, "we feel that we are not getting the full facts, and that perhaps you, too, have not been given the full facts."

An orange tree bears fruit from 50 to 80 years.

Former Displaced Person Faces Trial

Appleton, Wis. — A former displaced person has pleaded innocent to charges of setting fire to his girl friend's parent's home because she agreed to marry another man.

Valdis Krastins, 21, was released on \$3,000 bond Friday to face trial Oct. 2. He was charged with burglary and arson. Police said Krastins was angry with Valiga Alksnis, 25, and that he set fire to her father's home. They also said he stole cash, checks, and a pistol from the home.

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