

Hero of 54 Days in Sierras Files Suit Against Magazine

Trumbull, Conn.—P—Lt. David A. Steeves, who came out of the rugged wilderness of California's High Sierra as a hero and then became a controversial figure, said today his lawyers are filing a law suit against the Saturday Evening Post.

Steeves, 23, a former jet pilot on inactive duty since Nov. 30 at his own request, said the breach of contract action is being filed against the magazine in Los Angeles.

The magazine allegedly cancelled its story contract with Steeves because of "a number of discrepancies" in the story of how he survived 54 days in the mountains after his jet trainer crashed.

Steeves said he was offered \$10,000 for the magazine article. When the article was cancelled, he said, a planned book also was called off.

San Francisco Affair
He also said there was a possibility of a movie offer about his experience before the magazine said there were "discrepancies."

Steeves, meanwhile, commented on a Redbook magazine article saying that he and his pretty wife, Rita, 21, were "determined to start fresh, to put their marriage on a firmer basis." This was believed the rea-

son for his request to be put on inactive status.

The Redbook article said Steeves had a serious relationship with a San Francisco woman for almost a year before his disappearance and had broken promises to his wife to end the affair. Steeves' wife filed for divorce but they were later reunited. The couple have a daughter, Leisa, 2.

Today he said his relationship with the woman on the West Coast "was all in the past."

Plane Never Found

Steeves disappeared May 9 and the Air Force subsequently listed him as dead. His plane was never recovered.

On July 1 the bearded pilot crawled into headquarters of Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park near Fresno.

He told a story of stumbling through icy wilderness living on fish, reptiles and deer.

He was acclaimed a hero and the Post planned to publish his story.

The Air Force said it conducted a routine investigation to find the plane and said Steeves had given valuable information on survival techniques.

He reported he has had no job offers since his release from active duty.



STILL FIGHTING after trying to lead four other prisoners to freedom in jailbreak at Oklahoma City, George Jernigan, 28, convicted bank robber, is being subdued by Charley Hollis, seriously beaten jailer. (International Soundphoto)

Navy Seeks \$3,777 Paid by Mistake

Washington —P—The Navy said today it is trying to get back \$3,777 in retirement benefits paid to an ex-officer convicted of manslaughter.

President Eisenhower last March ordered the name of Cmdr. Robert B. Rueger stricken from the Navy retired rolls because he was convicted of killing a man after his retirement.

But someone made a book-keeping error and Rueger continued to receive monthly retirement checks delivered to his Richmond, Va., jail cell. He endorsed them and turned them over to his wife to pay family bills.

The Navy discovered its error last month. When Rueger left jail on parole Dec. 19, he was handed a copy of a letter saying he owed the government \$3,777.

The letter said the Navy Finance Center at Cleveland would try to collect the money from Rueger "as soon as possible."

A Navy spokesman said that if the finance center was unable to collect its money, the normal procedure would be to turn over the case to the General Accounting Office. The GAO could file suit against the former commander.

Leukemia Claims Little Idaho Girl

Spokane—P—An eight-year-old girl who celebrated two Christmases within a month because she was stricken by leukemia died at a hospital today.

Diane Kay Siler, Lewiston, Idaho, had opened her presents at an early Christmas party Dec. 10 because doctors feared she might not live until Christmas day.

But on Christmas her doctors said she was "doing as well as can be expected." Her family and friends gathered at her bedside to wish her a merry Christmas and present more gifts.

Her condition worsened, however, and her parents remained at her bedside until she died this morning.

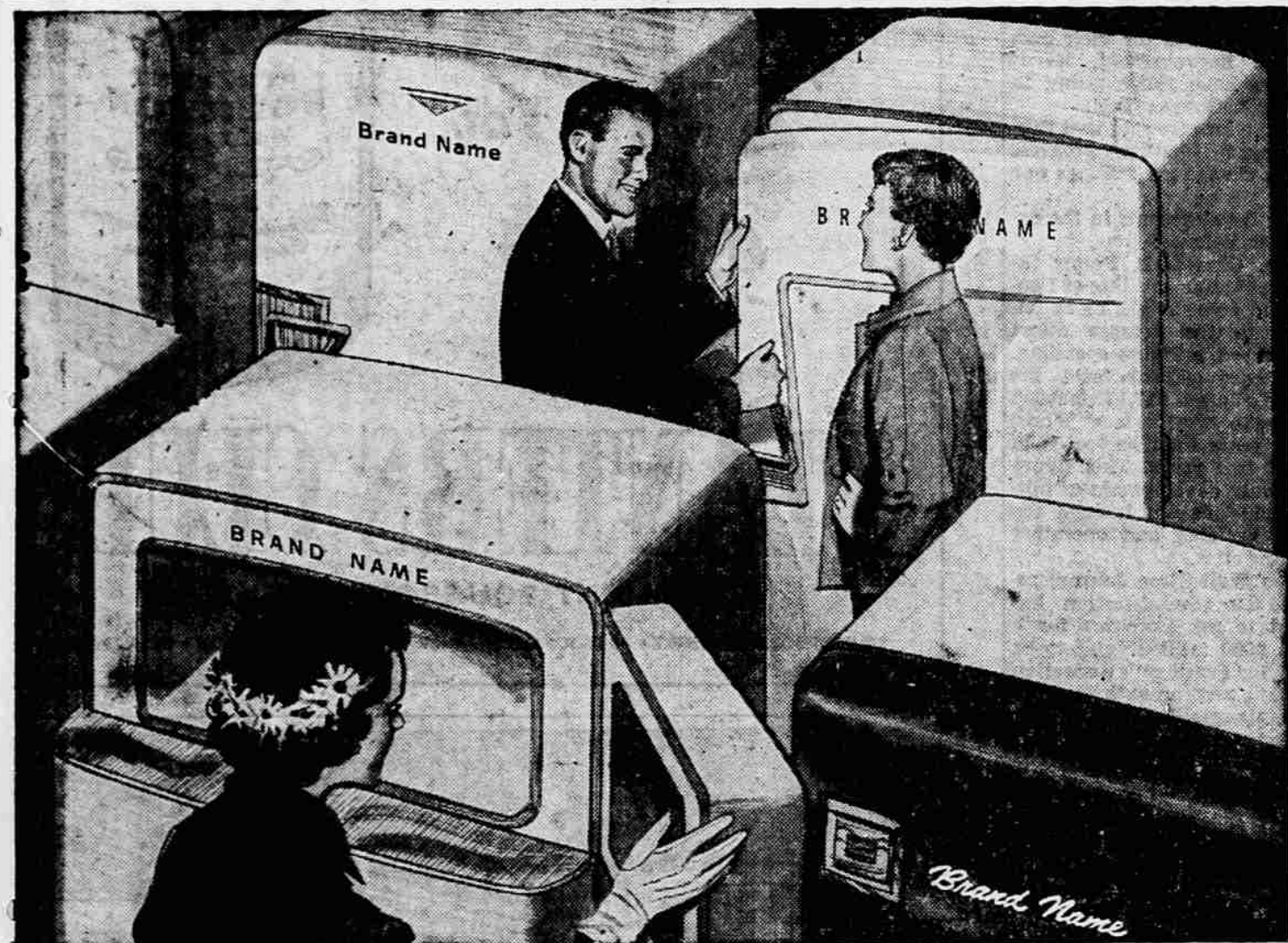
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ACCIDENT VICTIMS CONSOLLED—Rev. Father L. Stype comforts Mrs. Augustine Papillion, 40, trapped in wreckage of pickup truck where three of her children lie crushed to death by a semi-truck trailer which rolled over on the smaller vehicle near Opelousas, La. Behind Mrs. Papillion is her son, Linus, 16, who suffered multiple lacerations.



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