

Doubt Cast on Claim of Texan As Civil War Vet

Washington—UPI—A Scripps-Howard staff writer reported today that search of government records cast doubt on the claim of ailing Walter G. Williams, Houston, Tex., that he is the nation's last surviving Civil War veteran.

Lowell K. Bridwell said that his research shows that Williams "is a Confederate veteran only in his memory-clouded mind."

Records of the National Archives and the Census were examined by Bridwell as the basis for his story. He said that records of the Confederacy kept by the archives fail to back up Williams' claim that he served in the famed Texas Brigade of Gen. John B. Hood.

Age Claim Said False

Furthermore, according to the reporter, Williams is 103 years old instead of the 116 as he claims. This would have made him 8 years old at the time Williams said he was serving with Hood, the story said.

Williams applied for a Texas Confederate pension Aug. 5, 1952, and in an affidavit said he was a member of Company C, 5th Regiment of Hood's Brigade 11 months before the war ended.

In 1958, a special federal pension was approved for Williams and Confederate veteran John Sallings, Slant, Va., who died last March 16. According to Bridwell, Sallings apparently was the last survivor of the war between the states.

Secrecy Surrounds Steel Negotiations

New York—UPI—The steel strike entered its 51st day today in an atmosphere of secrecy concerning the exact status of the prolonged contract negotiations.

Chief Federal Mediator Joseph F. Finnegan refused to say whether any progress is being made toward a settlement of the strike.

The top-level bargaining teams of the United Steelworkers Union and the 12 strikebound steel firms meet again today in joint session and Finnegan assured newsmen that union chief David J. McDonald and R. Conrad Cooper, chief industry negotiator, would be at the bargaining table.

Hoover Deplores Attitude on Crime

Washington—UPI—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover lashed out today at Americans who stand idle while criminals turn parts of the nation into a "no man's land" of violence.

Hoover, writing in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, described as "shocking" the 9.3 per cent increase in crime last year. He noted it was the highest rate in the recorded history of U.S. crime.

The FBI chief said the report showed that some areas are a veritable "no man's land" where crime is ever lurking. He reprimanded citizens who have a "detached attitude towards crime."

Talks Urged on Fishing Problems

Olympia—UPI—Gov. Albert D. Rosellini asked Wednesday that Oregon police refrain from boarding the boats of Washington fishermen pending study of the Columbia river fishing dispute.

Rosellini wrote to Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield to ask that legislative committees of both states hold a series of conferences to study fishing problems.

"May I also respectfully suggest that the Oregon police confine their checks of fishermen to shore facilities until such time as the committee can submit their recommendations to the two legislatures," Rosellini wrote.

The dispute grew out of the arrest by Oregon police of Washington citizens for fishing in Oregon territorial waters without Oregon licenses. Washington does not require a license for salmon fishing in the Columbia.

Talent Man Arrested By Sheriff's Deputies

James Cloud McDowell of Suncrest rd., Talent, was arrested by sheriff's deputies and lodged in county jail yesterday on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Ball of \$5,000 has been set, pending an arraignment.



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