

Justice Dept. Silent on Matter Of DuPont Appeal

Washington — (UPI) — The Justice Department remained silent on whether it will appeal a controversial federal court decision in the anti-trust suit against DuPont and General Motors.

U. S. District Judge Walter J. LaBuy ruled in Chicago (Friday) that DuPont could keep its 23 per cent interest in GM but had to give up voting rights in GM affairs. The stock is valued at three and a half billion dollars.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.), chairman of the house judiciary committee, said LaBuy's decision in the 10-year-old anti-trust battle must be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Sen. J. Allen Frear (D-DeI.) praised the decision and said "every fair-minded citizen will commend" it. He said it did show need for new tax legislation to protect stockholders from "injustice" under anti-trust laws.

'Dangerous Precedent'

Celler, who also heads the judiciary anti-trust subcommittee, said the ruling set a "dangerous precedent." He said LaBuy paid no attention to Justice Department efforts to break up what he termed "the largest single concentration of power in the United States."

The decision will not eliminate GM's favoritism for DuPont as a supplier, he added.

Under the government's proposal in its suit, GM stock owned by the DuPont corporation would have been distributed to DuPont stockholders, who would have had to pay income tax on it.

LaBuy's ruling said this was "unnecessarily harsh and punitive."

Problem Remains

Frear, who has introduced legislation to exempt such stock from taxation until stockholders sell it, said the basic problem remains despite the DuPont-GM decision.

Tax consequences of stock-divesting decrees are so harsh, he said, the Justice Department has had trouble getting courts to approve them.

One Killed, Six Injured in Crash

Madras — (UPI) — One person was killed and six others injured, one critically, in a three-vehicle traffic crash late Friday on Highway 26 about 40 miles north of this central Oregon city.

Fatally injured was Berta Castanon, 23, of Vancouver, Wash. She died about one hour after arrival at a Prineville hospital Friday evening.

Four of the injured were taken to Prineville and the other two to Redmond hospital.

At Redmond hospital in critical condition was Gerald Mayenschein, Seattle teenager. His sister, Sharo, 18, was in fair condition.

Those hospitalized at Prineville included the parents of the boy and girl, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mayenschein. They were in fair condition along with Mrs. Edith McMeeken, about 52, of Portland, and Benjamin Holliday Jr., 32, of Warm Springs.



KEY QUESTIONS — Top steel negotiators R. Conrad Cooper of the industry (left) and David J. McDonald, president of the United Steel Workers, rejected all questions at a news conference in Pittsburgh Friday after reading a prepared statement.

Steel Workers Face Problems On Home Front; Wives Fed Up

Pittsburgh (UPI) — A settlement in the nationwide steel strike can't come soon enough for the rank-and-file steel workers. That's the opinion of Earl Kearns, a member of the Community Services committee of United Steelworkers Local 1219 in nearby Braddock.

In his committee work Kearns has observed first-hand the hardships the strike has wrought on the millworkers.

When a member of the local is in financial trouble he's told to go to the CSC.

Here are some of the problems with which the CSC has been confronted:

A steelworker with a wife and two children was handed a sheriff's eviction notice. He was unable to keep up the rent on his apartment.

Gas Shut Off

A woman whose husband hasn't worked in 13 months came to Kearns in tears to tell him that her gas had been shut off during a recent cold snap. She owed \$120 and was unable to pay a cent.

A maintenance worker at the Edgar Thomson works in Braddock came to the committee in a state of panic. He owed \$500 on furniture and was unable to pay anything since the strike began. He had been told the furniture would be removed, and the money he had paid forfeited.

An open hearth worker, whose sick wife required expensive drugs, told the committee he couldn't get the medicine because he didn't have the \$5 for the prescription.

And there are the countless others who approached the committee to aid them in getting food.

How to Help

Kearns said that in the majority of cases the CSC was able to help. Usually it called the creditor and asked him to hold off until after the strike.

"I guess you can say we begged them to hold off," Kearns said.

He added that "things got tough" about the seventh week of the strike, now in its 12th week.

"Most of the workers had enough money saved to carry them over for a while, but just how much money can you save?" he said. "Three

and a half months is a long time not to have a pay. Brother, I know—I'm hurting as bad as any of them."

Surplus Food

Kearns pointed to the surplus food distributions as an example of how the plight of the steelworker has gotten progressively worse.

"For the first distribution in late August, we had 1,500 sign up," he explained. "For last week's distribution, this was more than doubled—just about all of our 4,000 members signed."

He noted that since about the first week of September "our committee has really had its hands full."

"But thank God," he said, "most of the agencies and creditors we've contacted have been really cooperative."

He cited specifically United Fund, the Salvation Army, and the Pennsylvania department of public assistance.

"The wives are really taking it hard now—trying to live on surplus food and handouts. A lot of them are on relief.

Motel Operators Plan Seal Project

Portland — (UPI) — Motel operators are going all-out for Oregon tourist trade next year with "travel seals."

A state-wide organization of motel operators, Oregon Motor Court association, revealed Saturday the new promotion project which it hopes will stimulate tourists in Oregon even more in 1960. The seals are multi-colored stamps depicting scenic views of the state.

The first sheet of seals went to Gov. Mark Hatfield who told Edward F. Bolt of Gold Hill, association president, that he would use the stamps on his personal stationery.

Bolt said the association plans to send millions of the seals to business firms, public agencies and individuals throughout Oregon. Proceeds will go to a special fund to augment tourists activities conducted by state and private groups.

The seals read "Enjoy Oregon in 1960."

Nathan Leopold's Suit Against Levin Stirs Controversy

New York — (UPI) — Author Meyer Levin said Saturday that thrill killer Nathan Leopold's \$1,513,000 suit against the book and movie "Compulsion" was the only thanks he ever received for helping Leopold get out of prison.

Levin, who wrote the book, said he was "utterly astonished" by the suit which was filed against 57 defendants Friday in Chicago.

"All I can say is, that's gratitude," Levin said. "I think it's generally conceded that my book got him out of prison. His own attorney, Elmer Gertz, said so a year and a half ago to me."

"In fact it was Gertz who asked me to plead before the parole board for Leopold's release, and I did appear as a principal witness. Some members of the board even told me they read the book and it changed their thinking about Leopold."

"But this suit — this is the only thanks I've gotten. I've never had any contact with him since he's been out of jail."

Leopold served 33½ years in the state penitentiary, Joliet, Ill., for the thrill murder of little Bobby Franks. Leopold and his partner, Richard Loeb, were convicted in one of the most sensational trials of the century. Leopold was paroled in 1958 and works in Puerto Rico as a medical technician. Loeb was killed in prison.

Ephraim London, attorney for Lenin and Simon & Schuster Inc., publishers of the book, said that Leopold was violating the conditions of his parole by filing the lawsuit. He said Leopold had promised the parole board he would not seek to capitalize on his crime in any way.

Contained Fiction

Leopold charged in his suit that "Compulsion" invaded his privacy and contained fiction about him.

Leopold is convinced that the novel "Compulsion" hurt, rather than helped, his chances for freedom, Gertz said later Saturday.

Gertz also denied statements by Levin that he ever told him the book had swayed the minds of the Illinois parole board and freed Leopold.

Gertz also denied that he had asked Levin to appear as a witness before the parole board. The request was made by an earlier lawyer in the case, Gertz said.

In fact, Gertz said, the only time Levin appeared before the board was when Leopold asked for a pardon. The board turned down this request. Later, after a hearing in which Levin was not a witness, the board granted parole, Gertz said.

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