

Mrs. Powers Hides Face as Husband Brought to Court

Moscow - (UP) - Mrs. Francis G. Powers, wife of the captured U2 pilot, went to her husband's military trial today expressing the hope that "no other wife ever has to go through this."

The 25-year-old American woman wore a black silk dress and a black cloche hat to the concert hall where her husband is on trial on espionage charges which could carry the death penalty.

She hid her face in a gesture of despair when her husband was brought into the hall. It was the first time she had seen him since May 1, when he took off on the flight that ended with his capture.

The prisoner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Powers, were already seated in the loges at the back of the hall when his wife arrived. She did not speak to them as she slipped into a nearby seat.

The prisoner's mother said she felt well enough to attend

Powers' Moscow Spy Trial

U2 Pilot Asserts Good Treatment Given

Prosecutor Roman Rudenko asked Powers about the poison "suicide needle" found in his possession. Powers said he was to use it in case of torture. Rudenko asked the young American if he had been tortured.

"No," Powers replied. "I was treated very nicely."

Rudenko questioned Powers in detail during the morning session and then Soviet-appointed defense attorney Mikhail Grinev took over in the afternoon.

With his pretty wife and his mother and father watching from a box in the rear of the great hall, jammed with 2,000 spectators, Grinev drew a picture of Powers as coming from a working class family.

Powers said he had taken the high-paying job with the CIA because he could not find good employment elsewhere and he thought it would insure him financial independence.

The pilot said he wasn't asked if he wanted to make the flight over the Soviet Union.

"I couldn't refuse. It was an order," he said. "I would have been considered a coward by my associates. It would also have been an unsuccessful completion of my contract."

Grinev finished the day's questioning by saying he had "no more questions now." It was not clear whether Powers had finished his testimony or would face additional questioning Thursday.

Under questioning by his defense attorney, Powers said he was sorry if his flight increased world tensions.

"I have not had much news of what happened in the world," he said. "I heard that as the result of my flight, the Paris summit conference was not held and President Eisenhower's invitation to Moscow was cancelled.

"I am sincerely sorry if I had anything to do with this," Powers was not permitted

to talk with his wife or parents although they conferred with his attorney during a recess and after the trial.

Describing his capture, Powers said that when he landed he was able to collapse his parachute and get his helmet off to get air. He said some "Soviet citizens" appeared and that he offered no resistance.

"I was treated much better than I expected," he said.

Powers entered the plea less than two hours after the trial, which could result in a possible death sentence, opened in a former concert hall.

It was not unexpected since the Russians, in previously publishing the indictment, had

Manager To Quit

Klamath Falls - (UP) - R. Frank Tucker, manager of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce for more than nine years, has announced he will leave Oct. 15 to join the National Chamber of Commerce.

Tucker said he would become manager of the Southern California district of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, with headquarters in Los Angeles.

The Klamath county chamber board of directors said it would name a successor probably next week.

STANDARD GAUGE

Of 223,427 miles of railway in the U. S. in recent years, about 222,934 miles or 99 per cent were of standard gauge. There were 584 miles of 3-foot gauge in some localities.

BORDER AREA

About 75 per cent of Canada's population lives along the southern frontier adjoining the United States.

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Conservatives Gang Up on Plan For Minimum Wage

Washington - (UP) - Conservatives ganged up on a Democratic-backed minimum wage bill today as the Senate neared a showdown vote on a major proposal to weaken it.

Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), denounced the election-year measure as inflationary and said its attraction was: "You don't have to work for a living; the federal government can do it better."

The Senate was set to vote by midafternoon on a move by Sen. Spessard L. Holland (D-Fla.), that would knock out proposed wage-hour coverage for 5 million more workers. The bill, sponsored by Democratic presidential nominee John F. Kennedy, also would boost the federal floor under wages to \$1.25 over a two-year period.

Goldwater and Holland teamed up to attack the measure in the wake of Tuesday's twin defeat of attempts to trim its scope.

Other developments: Powers: Several members of Congress view the Moscow spy trial of U2 pilot Francis

G. Powers as a Red propaganda show. Some questioned whether Powers was shot down from a height of 68,000 feet, as he testified, because this would indicate Russia has a better anti-aircraft defense than U. S. officials believed.

Latin America: Chairman Thomas E. Morgan of the House Foreign Affairs committee said the outlook for the proposed new \$500 million economic development program for Latin America was "favorable." The committee decided to open hearings Monday on the president's request.

House: Rep. H. R. Gross went ahead with his plan to cut off the House session again today despite some grumbling from fellow Republicans. The Iowa lawmaker is peeved because Democratic leaders reconvened the post-convention House session Monday be scheduled no business until next week. He forced the House to adjourn shortly after the opening prayer Monday and again Tuesday by objecting that a quorum was not present.

Stock List Extends Tuesday Spurt; Drugs, Electronics Set Pace

New York - (UP) - Stocks extended Tuesday's mild recovery with a predominance of fractional plus signs today.

Electronics and drugs took the upside spotlight with Texas Instruments up around 3, Western Union 1/2 and Lional a point.

American Home Products, Warner Lambert and Vick Chemical all gained well over a point but Carter Products eased around 1/4. Autos held mixed with American Motors up close to a point, Ford steady, Chrysler down 1/4 and GM up a small fraction. Steels and oils indicated the same pattern.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York - (UP) - Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 625.43, up 1.26; 20 railroads 138.99, up 0.55; 15 utilities 94.76, up 0.38, and 65 stocks 207.62, up 0.59. Sales Tuesday were about 2.71 million shares compared with 2.45 million shares Monday.

Family Safe As Car Goes in River

Grants Pass - A Tacoma, Wash., family of three escaped serious injury Tuesday morning when their car left Highway 99 near Grants Pass and entered Rogue river.

James C. Gaylor Sr., 52, a machinist, told state police that he must have gone to sleep at the wheel. He apparently escaped without a scratch, although he complained of a stiff knee.

Mrs. Esther Gaylor, 43, was reported suffering from shock and skin abrasions and the couple's son, James C. Gaylor Jr., 26, received abrasions and scratches from blackberry bushes along the riverbank.

Gaylor Sr. said his family was returning to Tacoma from San Diego. "Then the car was in the water. I got the left front door open and my wife and I were scrambling out through it." Their son escaped through a window. The car was still in shallow water, but about the time they all got out, it eased off into deeper water and disappeared.

The car was pulled from 20 feet of water by a wrecker after a cable had attached to the front end by skin diver Wendell Ellis, Grants Pass.

Mexican Labor Bill Scheduled

Washington - (UP) - Sen. Allen J. Ellender, D-La., sought to allay fears of farmers in 25 states today that a bill extending the Mexican farm labor program might die in the agriculture committee.

The bill will be taken up and reported, probably at the next meeting of the committee," Ellender said.

The Louisiana senator said he did not know when he would call a committee meeting, but that the bracero bill "will definitely be reported to the Senate."

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