

# Court Order for Reapportionment Irks Alabama Governor

## Air Force Captain Denies Giving Information To East Germany

Wiesbaden, Germany—UPI—A U.S. Air Force captain today denied he gave defense information to East Germany while in East Berlin in 1960.

Capt. Joseph P. Kauffman, 43, told an eight-man military court trying him, "I did not answer any questions about the security of the United States."

Kauffman is accused of passing secrets to Communist East German agents and agreeing to work for the Communists.

Kauffman took the stand in his own behalf as the trial entered its second week to describe his activities after leaving Sonderstrom Air Base, Greenland, on Sept. 23, 1960, for a vacation before reporting to a new assignment in California.

He said he did not know there were restrictions on travel to Berlin by members of

the U.S. forces and bought a train ticket without difficulty.

"About one hour out of Hamburg three individuals in gray uniforms entered the train and asked me for my passport," he said. "I showed them my orders, which is a passport for military people, but they took me off at the next stop."

Kauffman said he was taken to what appeared to be a police station where he waited two-and-a-half hours. Nobody questioned him. He later was taken to a house where a uniformed man introduced himself as the local commandant, he said.

"I objected to my treatment and told him I was merely traveling to Berlin on leave," Kauffman said. "He said he had to contact somebody on this and left."

Kauffman said he spent the night in a chair and the next morning a heavy-set man who

"introduced himself as a teacher of philosophy" escorted him in a car to a "two story stucco building enclosed by a high fence."

"As we arrived, a woman and a slim individual entered the house with us. I was led into a room with the heavy set man and the slim individual and they posed a number of questions to me through the woman interpreter," he said.

"The subjects of inquiry included what I thought of the President of the United States, what the feeling of the people was toward the President, how many aircraft we had at Sonderstrom Air Base and what our mission was in Greenland."

Kauffman said he only answered questions "concerning my name, rank and serial number."

## Foreign Briefs

### AMERICAN CARGO SHIP ON FIRE

Beirut, Lebanon—UPI—The 7,240-ton American-owned cargo ship Theopan, carrying a cargo of coconuts to Beirut, caught fire outside the harbor here Sunday night. There was no report of injuries to crewmen.

### ANDREI GROMYKO IN YUGOSLAVIA

Belgrade—UPI—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko arrived today by plane from Moscow for an official visit to Yugoslavia and talks with government officials.

### INDONESIANS DIE OF FOOD SHORTAGES

Jakarta, Indonesia—UPI—Seventy persons have died from food shortages caused by a long drought preceded and followed by floods in a district in West Java since February, Indonesia's official Antara news agency reported.

### EARTHQUAKE SHAKES DOWNTOWN TOKYO

Tokyo—UPI—A mild earthquake shook downtown Tokyo tonight. There were no immediate reports of damage.

### CUBAN IN MOSCOW FOR LENIN MEETING

Havana—UPI—Juan Marinello, a Cuban communist leader who recently was appointed dean of Havana university, flew to Moscow yesterday for the annual meeting of the Lenin Peace Prize committee of which he is a member.

### JETS PAY HOMAGE TO LEONARDO DA VINCI

Vinci, Italy—UPI—A squadron of jets Sunday roared over the small stone house where Leonardo da Vinci was born April 15, 1452, to mark the birth anniversary of the genius who believed man would learn to fly.

Montgomery, Ala.—UPI—Gov. John Patterson, briding at court demands for quick action, will decide this week whether to call the legislature into special session to reapportion legislative strength.

### First Court Demand

It was the first such court demand to result from the U. S. Supreme Court's historic decision March 26 that federal courts could take jurisdiction in reapportionment cases. Previously such cases had been considered political matters—and thus outside the domain of the courts.

In a ruling which could set a nationwide pattern in such cases, the court took note of the fact that the Alabama constitution requires readjusting legislative strength every 10 years, but that no such action had been taken in 60 years. However, the court refused a request to require action before the May 1 Democratic primary.

The court ruling caught Patterson in Latin America, at the tail end of a 15-day trade mission, and Alabama in the midst of a lively governor's race. It quickly overshadowed the campaign oratory.

On his arrival home Sunday, Patterson quickly voiced stern objections to the court's order. He said he would call legislators into special session "only if I truly want to do this myself."

### Special Session Costly

"I don't like for the federal courts to dictate state policy. And as long as I'm governor, they will not dictate it. I don't like to act under threat of duress of federal courts." He said the court apparently failed to consider that a special session would cost the state at least \$500,000. But he told newsmen he would confer with top aides and decide within the week what to do.

The court decree did not take Alabama officials by surprise. Before leaving for Latin America, Patterson had been polling state politicians to see what they thought of

holding a special session to ward off court action.

The Alabama legislature has not been reapportioned since the adoption of the constitution of 1901 and there have been repeated attempts at reapportionment by big city lawmakers.

Patterson's administration

last year backed a plan to expand the 105-seat House and the 35-seat Senate to give representation to larger counties.

But when this plan failed, 14 citizens from Birmingham—largest metropolitan area in the state—brought suit in federal courts.

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Declines of a point or more appeared in Lukens Steel, Jones & Laughlin, Inland, Republic and U. S. Steel. Weakness in this group follows the back down on steel prices by companies which earlier had announced across-the-board price hikes.

Motors firmed and Du Pont tacked on more than 1 in a somewhat higher chemical section. Among the oils, Ohio and Amerasia added roughly 1 each.

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