

Attorney Asks Fast, Fair Trial For Anderson

Mountain Home, Idaho — The eight-day military hearing for murder suspect Gerald Anderson ended today with a plea from his attorney

for a fast and fair trial if a trial is necessary. Defense Atty. Robert McLaughlin, Mountain Home, also recommended more cooperation between the Air Force and civilian defense council in future felony in-

terrogations and investigations affecting airmen.

Under Advisement

Following final arguments by counsel, Maj. James Goddard, hearing officer, took the proceedings under advisement. He will make a preliminary recommendation on the testimony to 13th Air Force headquarters at March AFB, Calif., and there a final decision will be made.

Anderson, 25, San Diego, Calif., is accused by the Air Force of premeditated murder in the knife slayings last April 9 here of Mrs. Nancy Joy Johnson, 22, and her son, Daniel, 2½. Anderson just last month was freed of a first-degree murder charge in Mrs. Johnson's death by civil court after another man, Theodore Thomas Dickie, 22, Boise, confessed the crimes. However, the Air Force re-arrested Anderson and on the following day charged him with the murders.

House UnAmerican Chairman Discovers Power of Women

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Never underestimate the power of women to intimidate a mere politician. Hearings last week before the House Un-American Activities subcommittee investigating Communist influence in the New York area of Women Strike for Peace indicated that Chairman Clyde Doyle (D-Calif.) knew a potential political danger when he saw it confronting him in aroused females concerned for world peace.

Doyle is a gentle man, unlike some past HUAC chairmen. He was polite to the point of meekness to the ever-demonstrating ladies. The counsel of the committee questioned feminine witnesses in tones that bowed and scraped, even when faced with women who defiantly challenged the committee's right to inquiry and who took the fifth amendment rather than admit to a Communist past or present.

Doyle tried to persuade the women that the HUAC was not interested in interfering with the right to participate in peace groups. He pointed out that Communists have a habit of infiltrating and leading peace movements.

The audience would have no part of it; they were there to cheer their heroines and (literally) hiss their villains, those informers who names were mentioned as having fingered Communists.

Wore Peace Roses

They groaned, hooted and tittered at counsel's questions. They wore white rayon peace roses and several presented bouquets to the witnesses. The women who presented Mrs. Dagmar Wilson, the head of WSP, with flowers, also dangled a bare-foot baby on her hip. The bulk of the women present were from New York and they numbered several hundred.

Most of them including

Dagmar Wilson, stood out of respect for women who had been identified as Communists and wildly applauded them as they left the witness stand.

According to Congressman Doyle, who said the committee had worked for six months gathering evidence, they did not subpoena any witnesses whom they did not have good evidence to indicate were Communists, with the exception of Mrs. Wilson.

She was treated with such delicacy by the committee that she was able to deftly avoid answering embarrassing questions, primarily those which sought to show whether the New York group did in fact control the activities of the organization.

Grass Roots Movement

Mrs. Wilson blandly refused to concede that the organization was an organization, preferring to refer to it as a grass roots movement in which women just acted "spontaneously". As the chairman pointed out, the activities of the women in the audience alone indicated that their action was somewhat less than spontaneous.

A spokesman for the committee felt that Mrs. Wilson's answers to questions about who decided to fly delegates to the disarmament conference at Geneva, to picket the United Nations and the White House indicated that the New York group did control WSP. Mrs. Wilson at the conclusion of her testimony seemed to indicate that Communists would be welcome in WSP and when asked if she would undertake to remove known Communists from leadership said in an indignant voice: "Certainly not!"

Her testimony was thought by Doyle to be "naive" in the face of evidence of the avowed intent of Communists to subvert to their own use the universal yearning of women and men in peace groups to do something to end the nuclear arms race.

He pointed out that the women subpoenaed were leaders of the New York area WSP, not voiceless envelope stuffers, and these were the ones who invoked the fifth amendment.

Chairman Doyle when asked how a person could know if a group was dominated by Communists when she wanted to join groups to work for peace and exercise her rights as an American to demonstrate, picket and pressure politicians, only shook his head and said that everyone would just have to be her own watchdog.

Aluminum Pact Said Carried Out Despite Overstock

Washington — (AP) — Senate investigators were told today the government went through with a West Coast aluminum contract in 1955 even though aluminum supplies then on hand were far in excess of stockpile goals.

Two attorneys, who played key government roles in the negotiations, also told the Senate stockpile subcommittee that Arthur S. Flemming, then defense mobilizer, ordered the contract carried out when the Harvey Machine Co. threatened to sue for \$70 million damages if it were cancelled.

The witnesses were Maxwell H. Elliott, then general counsel of the General Service Administration who later went to work for Harvey, and Charles H. Kendall, general counsel of the Office of Emergency Planning who held a similar post with the Office of Defense Mobilization during the contract period.

Both Elliott and Kendall said they did not take the \$70 million figure in the threatened suit too seriously but felt the government probably was in the position of breaking a contract if it did not follow through. Harvey claimed it had already spent \$2 million on the plant in anticipation of getting the power and producing aluminum.

The Senate stockpiling subcommittee, headed by Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), sought to find out why the government agreed to stick by the contract with Harvey in 1955 rather than face a damage suit for \$70 million. Symington has termed the threatened suit "incredible."

The Harvey firm was represented at the time by the New York law firm of former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, but attorney James Nickerson handled the case for the company. Although it has needed no aluminum for the stockpile for many years, the government has bought \$71,838,000 worth from Harvey so far and may buy \$30,860,000 more from the Harvey plant at The Dalles, Ore.

Clothing Taken from Car at Local Motel

Thieves broke into a car at a local motel over the weekend and took about \$350 worth of clothing and personal possessions belonging to two Arcata, Calif., men, according to city police.

John J. and Joseph David Kudron told officers that someone broke open a side window of their car between 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 a.m. Sunday while it was parked at the Thunderbird motel, 1015 South Riverside ave., and looted the vehicle.

Sheriff's Reserves Schedule Meeting

The postponed Jackson County Sheriff's Reserves meeting will be held at 8 o'clock tonight in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium, according to Buford Johnson, deputy civil defense director and coordinator for the sheriff's reserves.

Reserves will receive instructions on radiological monitoring devices from Johnson and Warren Lomax, Ashland civil defense director.

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Merry Christmas!
Medford City Police

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