



ARRIVES FOR COURT — Christine Keeler, 22, looking very glamorous, arrives at Marylebone Magistrate's Court in London to face conspiracy and perjury charges. She is accused with three defendants of framing Aloysius (Lucky) Gordon of assaulting her. (UPI)

Long Delay Seen In Desegregation Near Army Bases

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The Defense Department is getting ready to collect some massive data on a very ticklish situation — racial discrimination in the cities and towns near military bases. Just what will be done with the information is not yet clear.

The Pentagon announced it is asking military base commanders for the data so it can formulate "future policy." The drive is part of Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara's project to halt off-base discrimination against the thousands of Negro servicemen on duty at U. S. bases.

In a directive last July, McNamara asked commanders to consider declaring of limits any establishment or community that discriminates against Negro servicemen. But the order specified that the civilian secretary of the service involved would have to approve the final of limits decision.

New Directive Issued

This week, a new directive was disclosed wherein base commanders will be asked to assemble a complete situation report for the Pentagon.

Questionnaires that must be returned by Nov. 8 will include such information as school, recreation and housing conditions for Negroes. They also ask for a description of "local customs" that discourage voluntary off-base association between Negro and white military personnel.

A spokesman in the Third Army Headquarters, which has charge of many large Southern Army bases, said the request for racial information apparently had not been distributed so far.

A Pentagon spokesman confirmed that, so far as the Army is concerned, the directive still has not been distributed.

The fact is there is a great deal of segregation practiced in towns near some of the Dixie bases. But just how this will be evaluated by the military is purely speculative as of now.

Atlanta, for example, probably would get by. Many of its theaters, hotels, restaurants and recreation places are open to all.

Some Steps Taken

At Columbus, Ga., home of Fort Benning, some steps have been taken toward desegregation but they have not reached hotels, taverns and many recreation facilities. Adequate off-base housing also might pose a problem.

At Anniston, Ala., where Fort McClellan is located, only the local library has been integrated. That was done after two Negroes who came for books were beaten.

Whatever is done by the Defense Department to make facilities equally available to all the nation's armed forces, the final decision probably will be delayed for at least several months. Even then, cases apparently will be handled on an individual basis following specific charges of discrimination.

Already there has been strong reaction in one Louisiana Parish against the Pentagon anti-discrimination plan. At the request of Plaquemines Parish President Leander H. Perez Sr., the parish council voted to bar uniformed servicemen from bars and lounges and asked civilians to boycott the naval air station located in the parish.

Northwest Democrats Assured Chinese Won't Get U.S. Wheat

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WASHINGTON — President Kennedy has told Northwest congressional Democrats that a sale of American wheat to Russia would not be followed by similar transactions with Red China. They discussed the issue aboard the president's helicopter during the flight between Tacoma and Tongue Point, Ore., last Friday when Kennedy was accompanied by Oregon and Washington congressional Democrats during the Pacific Northwest leg of his western speaking tour.

Sen. Maurine Neuberger (D-Ore.) brought up the wheat issue, which provoked a general discussion. Generally, the congressional group assured the president the wheat deal with Russia would be popular in the Northwest, especially in the wheat growing areas.

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) asked whether a wheat sale to Russia wouldn't lead inevitably to selling wheat to China.

"The president, as quick as a flash, said, 'No, it wouldn't because we recognize Russia and we don't recognize Red China,'" reported one of the participants in the discussion.

Kennedy's delay in deciding whether to approve the sale of wheat to Russia was taken as an indication of his desire to test public sentiment first. If there was little question that he had the authority to approve the wheat deal, there was some question whether he had public opinion on his side.

Sense of Participation

The device for gauging public opinion was to send several cabinet members to meet with the foreign affairs and agriculture committees of Congress. This gave Congress a sense of participation in the decision and gave the administration a sense of public reaction, which Congress often reflects.

The three Pacific Northwest members of the agriculture committees were split on the issue and their reading of public sentiment. They are Sen. Neuberger, Rep. Catherine May (R-Wash.), and Rep. Robert B. Duncan (D-Ore.).

The fragmentary evidence they turned up suggested that growers and the grain trade favored the deal but that a number of private citizens opposed it.

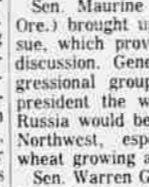
Congresswoman May of Yakima said she received 30 to 40 letters and telegrams thus far, all opposed to selling wheat to Russia. She said she hadn't received a single request from a wheat grower favoring it. Rep. Walt Horan, Wenatchee Republican, who represents another wheat district, reported he hadn't received any communication one way or the other.

Telephone Survey

Mrs. Neuberger and Congressman Duncan had both heard from an Oregon wheat grower, Allen Tom of The Dalles, who reported he had taken a telephone survey of nine large wheat growers in eastern Oregon. Tom reported that they were universally for the wheat deal. Only one attached a reservation — that none of it be transhipped to Cuba.

Mrs. Neuberger's attitude toward the proposal is that "It's wonderful." She said she has been talking in favor of it with administration officials for two years.

The Senator said she thinks the reason that the conservative American Farm Bureau isn't fighting the proposal is that, having persuaded the wheat growers to reject the administration's wheat program in the spring referendum, the Farm Bureau fears farmer reaction unless something happens to alter the natural consequences of that decision. She thinks unloading a portion of the wheat surplus would take the Farm Bureau off the hook.



Widows, Minors, May Be Eligible for Pensions

PORTLAND — Many Oregon widows and minor children of deceased veterans are unaware of a change in the law which now entitles them to Veterans Administration pension, according to R. J. Novotny, Portland VA regional office manager.

Prior to July 1, 1960, widows and minor children of World War II and Korean Conflict veterans were eligible for pension only if the veteran had a definitely ascertainable service-connected disability at the time of his death. This is no longer the only point of eligibility.

Briefly, the pension requirements now are:

A. The deceased veteran-husband must have had at least 90 days of service, part during wartime, unless discharged sooner for service-connected disability, or he was receiving or was entitled to receive compensation or retirement pay for a wartime service-connected disability, and, in all cases, had been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Income Noted

B. The widow's or child's income is not more than \$1,800 annually (or widow with a child or children of the veteran, not more than \$3,000 annually) and she is not the possessor of an estate so large that it is reasonable to look to that estate for support.

Novotny placed special emphasis on the fact that many minor children of deceased veterans whose mothers have remarried are still eligible for the pension even though their mothers are not. Since the widow has changed her name and, in most cases, her address as well, it is difficult for the VA to contact her to explain the rights of the children. If the children are still under 18 years of age, or under 21 years and attending school, they may be eligible for pension under the new law, he said.

Widows or persons having custody of minor children of deceased veterans of World War II or the Korean Conflict, who applied for pensions prior to July 1, 1960, and were found ineligible, should reapply under the new law, Novotny said, if they believe their income may be within prescribed limits.

NEVER TOO OLD

HOUSTON (UPI) — Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Scott today settled down to a normal married life following their elopement marriage. She is 82 and he is 87.

Most infants have blue eyes because the pigment which determines the eventual color of the eyes does not develop until after birth. The time factor in this change is variable.

Wage Increases Getting Smaller

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Union-negotiated wage increases in major collective bargaining agreements have been getting smaller ever since 1957, Labor Department figures showed today.

A new study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicated that the average wage boost in 1962 was eight cents an hour compared with a minimum of 10 cents an hour in the 1955-57 period.

Although the department did not give any reasons for the drop-off in bargaining gains, many labor economists believe it reflects the higher unemployment rates of the past five years.

Workers are not as militant about seeking pay increases in such a period, these economists reason, but are more concerned about preserving job security.

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