

Sergeants Accused Of Taking Atomic Records Get Hearing; Free On Bail

PITTSBURGH, July 14 (AP)—Two former U. S. army sergeants accused of taking secret records from the Los Alamos, N. W., atomic bomb project were given preliminary hearings today before U. S. commissioners in Pittsburgh and Chicago.

Alexander von der Luft, 23, of suburban Mt. Lebanon, was freed on \$10,000 bond by Commissioner Roger Knox, who set a date for a further hearing would be set after arrival of a certified copy of the record from New Mexico.

The husky, bearded former staff sergeant left the courtroom with his father without making any statement. His attorney, Ralph D. McKee, said: "I have known this boy's father all my life. The boy has a good service record and I know he didn't mean any harm."

whatever," Van der Luft's parents also have expressed confidence, saying their son was a victim of the G.I.'s love for souvenirs.

At Chicago, Ernest D. V'alls, 34, also was given a hearing on the charge of willfully and unlawfully removing and concealing records and documents. A similar bond was set in his case. The sum of \$10,000 has been recommended by the justice department.

No Disclosures

In Washington government legal authorities confidently predicted today that they will be able to try the former army sergeants without disclosing any hush-hush data.

FBI agents arrested both men Thursday, nearly two and one-half months after the justice department was called into the case by the atomic energy commission.

The two previously had been described as simply "souvenir hunters," and congressional atomic energy committee members as well as the FBI insisted that none of the secrets they are charged with possessing got into unauthorized hands.

Since the notes and photographic negatives allegedly involved were recovered weeks ago, there was some speculation that the justice department might be delaying arrests for fear that efforts to try the men might tip away the secrecy veil.

Acknowledging that there had been "considerable discussion" on this subject, a top justice department official who asked not to be named told a reporter:

"It should be remembered, however, that the charge against these men is not in relation to the contents of the papers and hence the contents would not be relevant to the prosecution."

Rumor Of Canal Break Groundless

Water flooding over lands at Shasta way and Arthur street this morning caused a false report that the main canal had broken at that point.

It was all due to an uncontrolled head of water on a farm irrigation operation there, the water running all night and spreading over a wide area.

The reclamation service, informed that a leak had sprung in the canal at a point where a serious flood occurred a few years ago, turned off the water at the headgates for a short time. As soon as the reason for the flooding was ascertained, the headgates were re-opened.

Meanwhile, in the Tulelake district, water was again being delivered across Lost river in a flume that was out of repair all last week.

Water started through the repaired flume Saturday night, and was reaching the 6000 acres of Tule area today.

E. L. Stephens, reclamation operation and maintenance chief, said that a survey will be made in a few days to determine how much damage was done to crops on the west side by the flume break.

The break occurred a week ago Saturday, and land on the west side was without water for approximately one week.

Vet's Mail Bag

As a service to veterans in the community, this newspaper publishes occasional columns of news briefs from the veterans administration. For further information, veterans should contact or write their nearest VA contact office at Klamath Falls.

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The 10 questions most frequently asked by World War II veterans about GI home loans were answered today by the veterans administration.

VA compiled the queries in a survey it conducted recently to learn how much veterans know about their federal benefits.

The questions and answers follow:

Q. Where should a veteran go to get a GI home loan?

A. He first must find a bank or savings and loan association or other private lenders willing to make the loan.

Q. Where does the veterans administration come in?

A. VA guarantees up to \$4000, but it more than half the loan, made by the private lender to the

Two Killed When Freight Train Is Derailed



Two trainmen were killed when this Southern Pacific freight train was derailed near Redlands, Calif. Preliminary examination, railroad officials said, did not disclose what caused the locomotive and ten cars to leave the rails.

veteran. The guaranty helps protect the lender from loss. VA does not lend money to the veteran.

Q. How much can the veteran borrow?

A. As much as the lender is willing to lend, but the maximum VA guarantee will be \$4000.

Q. What are some of the advantages of a GI home loan to the veteran?

A. (1) Because of the VA guaranty, the lender is more willing to make a loan; (2) the VA guaranty encourages the lender to make the loan without requiring a down payment, and (3) the interest rate (4 per cent maximum) is low.

Q. Doesn't the veteran also get a guaranty payment of some kind?

A. Yes, VA pays to the lender, for credit to the veteran's loan, an amount equal to 4 per cent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. For example, if the guaranteed portion is \$3000, the lender will receive \$120 from VA to credit to the debt of the veteran.

Q. Must the veteran have cash to make a down payment?

A. No. But if a down payment is required by the lender, it will prevent the veteran from obtaining a guaranteed loan.

Q. Who pays the appraiser's fee?

A. The veteran. This fee usually is about \$15 or \$20.

Q. Can a veteran join with a non-veteran to buy a two-family home?

A. Yes, provided the veteran's interest is properly protected to prevent any loss to him in event the non-veteran defaults.

Q. How about a loan where the FHA insures the first mortgage for say 80 per cent of the price of the house and the veteran wishes to borrow additional money to cover the balance?

A. VA can guaranty a secondary loan for the balance, provided the

secondary loan does not exceed 20 per cent of the purchase price.

Q. Can a veteran repay all or part of his loan at any time during the life of the loan?

A. Yes, and without paying any fee or premium.

Merrill

The Merrill volunteer fire department answered a call at 8:30 p. m. Thursday for the W. A. Kottloff residence. It was a flu fire and damage was light.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole, Cathy and Mrs. John Hunnicutt made a trip to San Francisco over the holiday. Mrs. Hunnicutt stopped at El Cerrito, Calif., to visit her son and his family.

Houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jones the past two weeks was L. E. Losey, of Independence, Kas. Losey is physical education teacher in the schools there.

Mrs. Victor Shuck has been caring for Charlie Bob and Cindy Dehlinger at her home this week. Their mother, Mrs. Bob Dehlinger, had her tonsils removed Monday.

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Eleven Flee Blasted Boat

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Richard Young, a son of the owner, Mrs. Ruth Young of Seattle, lifted the hatch to investigate an odor of gasoline and was hurled against the cabin ceiling by the blast.

Flames engulfed the ship, which was about a mile offshore and

homeward bound after a cruise around nearby Vashon island. Those aboard leaped into Puget Sound to escape the flames, one of them holding a two-year-old girl.

Other small craft in the area came to the rescue and the 11 suffered only minor burns.

New buildings at Sydney, Australia, are limited to 150 feet in height.

Setline License Fee Increased

SALEM, July 14 (AP)—The fee for a setline license in Coos Bay and Yaquina Bay and their tributaries was increased from \$1 to \$5 by the 1947 legislature, Attorney General George Neuner ruled today for the state fish commission.

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