

Three Years, \$15,000

WARRICK SUES FOR DAMAGES

Ike Qualifies Endorsement Of Compromise

Wants Bricker Plan Problem Cleared Up

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower looked over the latest proposed compromise on the Bricker treaty-power amendment today, and was reported to be inclined to endorse it if one "major legal and constitutional problem can be cleared up."

Sen. Knowland of California, the Senate Republican leader, gave that report to newsmen after he and other GOP leaders reviewed the controversy with the President at a 2 1/2 hour White House conference.

Knowland declined to say just what is the legal and constitutional problem to be cleared up.

And he emphasized that there was no definite agreement on the part of the President to support his proposed compromise.

The senator added, however, that he was "much encouraged" about the prospects for an agreement.

He said he and his colleagues were returning to the Capitol to consult with the Democratic leadership of the Senate and with Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio).

BRICKER'S STAND

Bricker, author of a controversial proposed constitutional amendment to restrict treaty-making powers, announced yesterday he would accept a compromise drafted by Senate GOP leaders if Eisenhower in turn would agree to support it.

When today's White House conference broke up, Knowland was asked specifically whether Eisenhower had accepted the compromise which Bricker conditionally endorsed.

Knowland replied that "substantially all sections will have the support of the President."

He went on to say, however, that certain legal questions had been raised which would require further study on the part of the executive branch and the Senate.

"Substantial progress has been made toward a satisfactory area of agreement," Knowland declared.

MAJOR PROBLEM

As for the legal problems, Knowland described one as major and said considerable more study on that point would be required.

He declined to shed any light on the nature of the legal questions.

He said that if the one major legal problem could be overcome, he was confident that an agreement could be worked out.

Asked whether Bricker would have to be satisfied as well as the President, Knowland replied it was not a question of satisfying any one person.

Asked whether the "major legal problem" was the only obstacle to agreement, Knowland said he saw "no particular problem" other than that one.

As for that point, he indicated that the conferees were anxious to make the meaning of the proposed new language as clear as possible.

I. Q. Returns To Page 2-B

The feature column, How's Your I. Q., missing last week from the Charlotte News because of a mixup in the mails, returns today to its regular position on page 2-B.

The News regrets if its omission has caused any inconvenience, and appreciates comments received from readers.

THE BATTLING ROOSEVELTS



James Roosevelt, eldest son of the late president, and his wife, Romelle Schneider Roosevelt, shown in a happier moment at a Hollywood night club, are having their court troubles these days. Mrs. Roosevelt sought separate maintenance in a Pasadena, Calif. court suit, naming three women as co-respondents and identifying nine other women as having been intimate with her husband. Roosevelt filed his own separate maintenance suit earlier, asking return of some personal possessions. They have three children. (AP Wirephoto)

On Wife's Charges

Jimmy Promises Statement

LOS ANGELES (AP)—James Roosevelt promises a statement today about his wife's suit for separate maintenance, in which she accused him of infidelity with 12 women.

His attorney, Samuel B. Picone, said a "lengthy statement" is being prepared for the press covering many phases of the sensational case.

Picone said Roosevelt will present when the statement is issued but "there will be no questions and answers."

Whether the statement will answer the No. 1 question—why Roosevelt signed a letter to his wife in 1945 admitting adultery with nine women—was not disclosed. Mrs. Romelle Schneider Roosevelt's complaint included a copy of the letter, and charged him with adultery with three other women in the last two years.

NOTE DISPUTED

Attorneys will have a minor skirmish in court today concerning location of the trial of the House of Representatives in Pasadena, in which Roosevelt sued his wife for separate maintenance Jan. 18 in Santa Monica. She filed her suit last Thursday in Pasadena.

Picone said, "It makes little difference to us where either of both suits are heard; we just want quick hearings."

Mrs. Ida Edwards, vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and former Gov. Culbert L. Olson of California both sued yesterday that Roosevelt can best serve the party by dropping his candidacy.

NOT JUDGING

Mrs. Edwards and Olson both emphasized that they were concerned only with the party welfare and were not attempting to judge the merits of the marital controversy between Roosevelt and his wife.

"I feel very strongly that a man should have his house in order before he seeks public office, and I don't see how anyone with a modicum of common sense could fall

Eden Asserts Peaceful Germany Allied Goal

BERLIN (AP)—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the Big Four conference today it is "our purpose to associate Germany so close with other peace-loving states that she will neither seek nor be able to use her regained strength for aggressive purposes."

Eden's speech ran parallel to a declaration at the conference by French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault demanding free elections in Germany.

Statements of the two Western foreign ministers were made at the first session held in the East sector of Berlin under the chairmanship of Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet foreign minister.

In his declaration, Eden said it was his government's belief that

PLANE CRASHES IN JAPAN

34 Servicemen, One Civilian Killed

TOKYO (AP)—A U. S. Air Force plane only 10 minutes from landing plunged 34 American servicemen and an Army civilian employe to death today in icy waters off Hokkaido Island, the Air Force said.

None of the 30 passengers and 5 crewmen survived the crash of the twin-engine C46 Commando, a courier plane shuttling mail and supplies to a base in northern Japan, said an Air Force spokesman.

The plane crashed in the frigid 25-mile-wide strait between Hokkaido and Honsu, Japan's main island.

It was on a regular run from Tachikawa Air Force Base near Tokyo to Chitose AFB near Sapporo, principal city of the big northern island of Hokkaido.

The Air Force spokesman said only some open parachutes and an oil slick were spotted by search planes at the scene, about 20 miles from land.

"It's bitter cold up there now; it had a blizzard on Hokkaido day before yesterday," he said.

Passengers on such flights customarily wear life jackets and parachutes. However, a man could stay afloat only a few minutes in the icy water of the strait.

Names of the victims were withheld.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Senate Banking subcommittee voted today to start public hearings next Monday in an effort to find out why coffee prices have soared above the dollar-a-pound mark.

Chairman Edward F. Hower of the Federal Trade Commission announced a crew of the agency's best investigators already is trying to find out whether somebody has managed to corner the coffee market.

The White House told FTC last week to make a full scale investigation of the recent coffee price rise.

Chairman Beall (R-Md) of the Senate subcommittee said the group voted at a closed meeting to conduct hearings in Washington, New York and anywhere else necessary to learn the reason for this swift rise in coffee to more than a dollar a pound.

Beall told newsmen the first witnesses will include officials of the New York coffee exchange, coffee brokers and representatives of large consumers such as chain and independent retail stores.

May Be On Way To States

Russian Granted Asylum By U. S.

TOKYO (AP)—An American source said today Yuri Alexandrovich Rastvorov, a Russian diplomat, disappeared from the Soviet Embassy Jan. 24, on the eve of his scheduled departure for Russia.

There was speculation that the Russian had been flown Saturday to Okinawa, about U. S. base 700 miles south of here.

S. I. Rumov, spokesman for the Russian mission, called in Japanese reporters and issued a prepared statement accusing "a group of American espionage agents" of kidnapping Rastvorov, second secretary of the Soviet mission to Tokyo, which Japan does not recognize. The objection was "provocative."

Rastvorov was known to be an intelligence agent. The Russian diplomat had free run of Japan and had been in a position to gather information on U. S. bases.

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Barnhill And Bobbitt Take Office Oaths

Clarkson Also Joins In Judicial Rites

RALEIGH (AP)—Veteran Justice Maurice Victor Barnhill today moved to the head of the State Supreme Court as chief justice succeeding retired Justice Q. A. Devin.

Barnhill took the oath as chief justice in ceremonies held at the opening of the court's spring term. William H. Bobbitt of Charlotte, veteran Superior Court Judge, was sworn in as associate justice and Francis O. Clarkson, also of Charlotte, took the oath to succeed Bobbitt as resident judge of the 14th Judicial District.

Gov. Umstead, who made the three appointments resulting from Devin's retirement, presented Barnhill to the court before an audience of high state officials, lawyers and friends of the judges.

RECALLS ASSOCIATION

Umstead recalled his association with Barnhill when the governor was a Superior Court solicitor and Barnhill a Superior Court judge 27 years ago. Umstead said: "I knew that day that I had met a man who understood the high responsibilities of his office."

In appointing Barnhill, Umstead said he remembered "the high and tremendous responsibility" he has in filling judicial vacancies. "I had this in mind . . . rather than the matter of his seniority." He said Barnhill will "measure up to the highest traditions of this great court."

Associate Justice J. Wallace Winborne, now senior associate justice, presided at the start of the court session and administered the oath to Barnhill.

Then Barnhill took the chair as chief justice and other court members shifted their seats to indicate their change in seniority. Bobbitt took the seat reserved for the chief justice.

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Ex-Lottery Boss Faces Prison Term

By HARRY SHUFORD Charlotte News Staff Writer

Ralph S. (Dick) Smith, long time racket boss and man of mystery on the Charlotte scene, was sentenced to three years in prison today for income tax evasion.

In addition, Judge Wilson Warlick ordered Smith to pay fines totaling \$15,000.

Smith, who admitted from the stand during the three-day trial in Western District Federal Court that he operated liquor and numbers rackets in Charlotte between 1929 and 1944, was convicted Friday on three of five counts of tax evasion.

The defendant, neatly dressed in blue suit and red tie, and wearing horn-rimmed glasses, appeared very calm during the sentencing and preliminary comments by his attorneys and Judge Warlick.

Once it was over, however, he strode quickly from the courtroom, leading the deputy marshal who escorted him.

Smith will not begin his sentence immediately. Mrs. Smith, who testified briefly Friday afternoon, was reported in Mercy Hospital where she was to undergo a stomach operation today or tomorrow.

FREE FOR 10 DAYS

Judge Warlick said "in the interest of humanity," he could not keep free under \$10,000 appearance bond for 10 days to be with his wife.

It was also not immediately determined whether Smith would enter an appeal.

His attorneys, Francis Fairley and Elton Taylor, previously said an appeal is possible on as many as three or four points.

Before the sentencing they said whether or not they would file an appeal depended on what the sentence was. Shortly after the sentence was read they only came to Barnhill.

The Air Force gave this account of the plane incident:

A U. S. B-24 light jet-propelled bomber fitted for reconnaissance work—was flying a reconnaissance mission Jan. 22 over international waters northwest of Sok Island, off the west coast of Korea, when "a large formation of MIG15 jet fighters" attacked it.

F-86 jet fighters guarding the bomber opposed the attack and in the ensuing fight shot down one MIG15.

The clash apparently took place north of the 38th Parallel, the old dividing line between North and South Korea.

There was a rash of incidents involving Communist and Western planes early last year. A U. S. Thunderbolt was shot down near the West German frontier by a Czech MIG15, a British bomber was attacked by Soviet MIGs near the East German border, losing five crewmen, and a U. S. plane which the Air Force said was on a routine weather flight near Siberia was fired on. The Russians insisted this plane was over Russian territory at the time.

Inventor Falls To His Death

NEW YORK (AP)—Malcolm H. Armstrong, inventor of many of the world's basic radio patents, was killed today when he fell or jumped from his 13th floor apartment in swanky River House.

Armstrong was developing the frequency modulation (FM) system of broadcasting. He also invented the superheterodyne and super-regenerative circuits which are the basis of virtually all radio receivers.

His body was on a third floor balcony.

Police said Armstrong left a two-page note addressed to his wife, Esther. She was reported staying with friends at Grady, Conn.

It was learned the note expressed Armstrong's regret over his way of death, and stated his love for his wife.

ST. LAURENT (AP)—Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent observed his 72nd birthday. He is leaving Thursday on a round-the-world tour.

TV TALENT TAKES A TUMBLE

TV comedian Jackie Gleason is carried from a Columbia Broadcasting System studio in New York Saturday night after he slipped on a wet spot on the stage and fell. A medical report said he suffered torn ligaments and possible minor fractures in his right ankle. Photo at the right shows him receiving X-rays. (AP Wirephoto)

Comic Dictionary

HYPOCRISY A man whose reputation would not know his character if they met on the street.

OUR WEATHER

Sunny with little change in temperature today. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and somewhat warmer. Low temperature this morning, 31 degrees. Low temperature expected tonight, 31 degrees. High temperature yesterday, 55 degrees. High temperature expected today, 56 degrees. Sunrise 7:23 a.m.; sunset 5:52 p.m. More Weather Data on Page 7-B