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Miller Says Schine Took Absence Without Leave

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pvt. G. David Schine's company commander testified today that Schine took New Year leave from Ft. Dix, N.J., in violation of instructions but was allowed to remain at home after Roy Cohn telephoned the fort.

Capt. Joseph J. McMiller said he reported Schine as "absent without leave" but that no disciplinary action was taken against Schine, and Schine's service record does not show he was AWOL.

During his testimony Miller also said he never gave any "preferential treatment" to Schine, and that neither Sen. McCarthy nor any of McCarthy's aides ever asked him to do so.

Miller's story of the New Year's incident capped earlier testimony that Schine once apparently tried to offer him a trip to Florida, and also told him he was in the service "to remake the American military establishment along modern lines."

SLATED FOR GUARD
Miller said he had scheduled Schine for guard duty Dec. 31 and had specifically instructed him to be absent from the post without Miller's authority. Miller said he also had advised Schine that because Schine had a Christmas pass he would not be entitled to a pass for New Year's Day.

Miller said Roy Cohn, chief counsel to the McCarthy subcommittee, called at 3 o'clock that afternoon to say Schine would be working on a subcommittee hearing "throughout the weekend."

Under questioning by Sen. Symington (D-Mo.), Miller said he considered Schine's absence was "absence without leave" and so reported to his regimental commander, who in turn reported to Maj. Gen. Cornelius Ryan, the fort commander.

Sen. McCarthy protested that much of Miller's testimony was irrelevant to the issue of whether he and his aides pressured for preferential treatment of Schine.

At one point, McCarthy arose, announced he was leaving until the "drive" was over, and stalked from the room. He came back in about 20 minutes while Miller was still testifying.

At one point, Symington said the McCarthy subcommittee had employed "former Communists" on its staff. He put it as a question to Miller: "Did you know that months have been paid staff members of the committee?"

"No, sir, I did not," Miller replied.

McCarthy declared the only time Schine "raises his voice" is to defend communism.

Miller was dismissed from the stand when the committee took a luncheon recess.

FLORIDA OFFER
Miller said the apparent intruder of a Florida trip came soon after Schine arrived at Ft. Dix last fall. He said he cut it off with a warning to Schine that an offer could not accept favors from a trainee.

Miller said Schine's talk of "modernizing" the military was on Dec. 14 when he discovered that Schine had been asking a sergeant in charge of the firing range to move Schine up ahead of schedule so he could finish the day's training earlier.

Miller said he had instructed Schine not to ask for special favors and had instructed the sergeant not to grant any.

"I must admit I was angry at the time," Miller said. He said he and Schine discussed the incident, Schine "put his hand on my shoulder and I pushed it away."

As he criticized the private's actions, Miller said, Schine broke in and asked him to lower his voice. Schine told him he would like to avoid such incidents in the future, Miller said.

Then, Miller related, Schine told him his purpose in the service was "to remake the American military establishment along modern lines."

Miller said Schine elaborated on that but he didn't pay much attention because it "seemed ridiculous to me."

McCarthy protested at one point that Miller was speaking from "personal animosity" toward Schine.

Miller, then and now commander



SEN. MCCARTHY

JAMES JULIAN

The following is the text of the transcript during that period when Sen. Joseph McCarthy called the controversial charts "phony." He holds the Army's record of Schine's absences while at Fort Dix. The large chart shows absences an average soldier receives.

intended to show what the average trainee did during his basic period.

McCarthy contended it was "the most dishonest, the most phony job of chartmaking that I have ever seen." He went up to the charts and began to point out what he insisted were blacked-in dates unfair to Schine—such as the date he was inducted, the date his basic training started, the time he received a telephone call when McCarthy said any other trainee might have got one too but it didn't show.

McCarthy: There are notes all through this chart about phone calls. There is nothing dishonest or wrong about a trainee getting a

phone call, is there?

RYAN: No.

McCarthy: There is nothing improper about a man in the Army calling his girl friend, is there?

RYAN: No.

McCarthy: Let's put a few X's in here to show that maybe a few other privates also have girl friends and make calls, . . . General, I want to emphasize again that I know you had nothing to do with the preparation of this chart. All of the information that was put on that chart came from Fort Dix.

McCarthy: Will you agree

with me that this is a completely dishonest and phony chart?

RYAN: No. I don't think anything put out by the Army is dishonest in this case.

McCarthy: This is not put out by the Army, General, as far as I know, was it?

RYAN: Yes, I think it was. . . . The counsel which represented the Army prepared this from documentary evidence submitted to them.

McCarthy: It is a dishonest attempt to deceive the people watching on television, putting up this chart making it all black on Schine's chart and making it white on the average trainee, so let's black it in. . . .

Explosions, Blaze Take Heavy Toll

QUONSET POINT, R. I.—(AP)—Two explosions and a fire killed about 100 Navy men and injured 125 others aboard the aircraft carrier Bennington today as she cruised along the eastern coastline en route from Norfolk, Va., to her home base at Newport, R. I.

Several hours after the Navy had announced 79 had died and 230 had been injured the Bennington's skipper, Capt. William F. Raborn Jr., told newsmen that "about 100 were killed."

The huge craft came into this port shortly after noon today, her decks lined with tired crewmen, their faces blackened by smoke.

Ensign Robert Grant of Brooklyn, N. Y., his own ankles bleeding, told newsmen "all I can say is, God 'I'm lucky to be alive.'" He was directing the evacuation of the casualties as he spoke.

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Battle Joined For Control Of Railroad

By STEVEN V. DAVID
ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—The titanic struggle for control of the 21-billion dollar New York Central Railroad system got under way in Albany today with both sides claiming victory.

Robert R. Young, leader of the forces seeking to oust the present management and board of directors of the second largest railroad in the world, arrived in Albany aboard the first section of a special train that brought approximately 1,000 stockholders from New York City.

He told reporters his group was certain of victory and added: "It's just routine now. The fight was over a long time ago, but the other side kept spending the New York Central's money—about two million dollars of it—and we're going to try to collect it from them when we get in."

Shortly after arriving at the Union Station, Young went to the 10th Regiment Armory, where the annual meeting of Central stockholders opens at 11 a.m.

William White, president of the Central and the leader in the fight to keep the railroad under its present management, also was in the first section of the New York-Albany special. But he got off at Foughkeepie about halfway up the Hudson River and boarded the second section.

A spokesman said that White wanted to mingle with stockholders in both sections.

Charged With Plotting Revolt

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British Plan Not Accepted

GENEVA (AP)—A British plan to open immediate military discussions here between rival military commands on how to end the war in Indo-China has failed to win approval from all the anti-Communist delegations.

This was disclosed today by a conference source, who said the delegations from Laos and Cambodia objected to a four-point proposal made yesterday by French Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. Delegates from the two Indochina states feared the plan might lead to partition of their countries.

The conference was temporarily adjourned until tomorrow to give the delegations time to work out a new proposal, the source said.

While delegates here huddled in private sessions, French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault was telling the French Cabinet in Paris the conference would take a decisive turn in "about eight or ten days." Bidault made a hurried trip to Paris to give a report on the negotiations here. He will return to Geneva tonight.

Pham Van Dong, the Vietminh minister, put forward a plan yesterday which emphasized earlier Communist claims on parts of Laos and Cambodia.

Rivals Claim ITU Race Lead

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Rival candidates for the presidency of the AFL-International Typographical Union held leads in their respective unofficial tabulations of election returns today.

ITU headquarters said President Woodruff Randolph was ahead by his vote—38,352 to 36,997—in returns from 669 locals. About 80 locals still were unreported. Most of them were small, and Randolph has been strong in the small locals in the past.

Randolph's rival, George Bante of Chicago, said 43 locals gave him the lead, 32,850 to 30,333.

WHAT'S INSIDE

HP'S OUT IN HAWAII THIS WEEK but before he left Earl Wilson sat down with Laraine Day and talked about baseball in general and Leo Durocher in particular. His column is on Page 2-B.

ALL TALK AND NO ACTION—That's the story of the two-year debate about teacher certification in N. C. A special article by Chancellor E. K. Graham and accompanying editorial place the responsibility for action squarely on the State Board of Education. Turn to Page 4-A.

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Embezzlement Laid To Woman

IRONTON, Ohio (AP)—Mrs. Fronia Sexton, a quiet woman of 62 who started as a waitress and built a business empire here and in nearby Ashland, Ky., was free on bond today while awaiting action by a federal grand jury on charges of embezzling \$114,000 from the bank she headed.

Many of Ironton's 18,000 residents thought of Mrs. Sexton as a business genius. Her career started in the 1920s when she opened a small restaurant near the railroad tracks in Russell, Ky., across the Ohio River from Ironton, and worked there as a waitress.

She became one of the Tri-State (West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky) area's leading citizens; owner and operator of a theater chain here and in Ashland and of other real estate; newspaper publisher and president of the Citizens National Bank of Ironton.

Monday night she was arrested in her apartment, taken to Portsmouth, Ohio, and held overnight. Yesterday, Mrs. Sexton was released on \$5,000 bond provided by a daughter. She waived in preliminary hearing and was bound to a federal grand jury at Cincinnati.

She resigned her presidency of the bank she headed since 1948 and from which bank examiners say she has been embezzling money since this January.

Father Wasn't One Bit Excited, Either

DETROIT (AP)—Gerald A. Page rushed his wife to the hospital maternity center. One hand on his wife's arm and the other clutching an overnight bag, Page walked through the center's glass door and shattered it.

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Bond Upped To \$50 For 2 Traffic Violations

TRAFFIC Capt. Lloyd W. Henkel to the Dept. of Motor Vehicles. "The reports must be made on special forms which are provided by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles and which are available at the City Police Dept."

Capt. Henkel explained that each person involved in an accident must retain a release from damage claims from all other persons involved. This release is then forwarded to the Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

If this is not done each person—even the innocent party—is subject to losing his driver's license until such time as such a release reaches Raleigh.

"We've had great numbers of people who have forfeited \$8 bonds equivalent to the court costs for failing to yield right-of-way and failing to yield right-of-way," Capt. Henkel said. "These persons then must retain a release from damages caused to other parties."

EVENING PRAYER

Gracious God, deliver us from being part-time Christians. Convict us of our ingratitude and neglect if we remember Thee only when we desire some particular help or favor—if we fail to worship Thee except at isolated times of public assembly. For the boundless Thy love toward us are not merely part-time, but daily and hourly, Amen.

OUR WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness tonight and tomorrow; scattered showers and not quite so warm tomorrow.

High temperature yesterday, 86 degrees; high expected today, 82 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 80 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 59 degrees; low expected tonight and tomorrow night, 66 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:12 a.m.; sunset 7:28 p.m.

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The Egg Problem

Three Boys A Band

to sell their eggs

B had 30 eggs
C had 50 eggs

They each sold their eggs at the same rate and received the same amount of money.

How much did they sell their eggs for?

Louis S. Mills, 80, points to a problem which he told him two and a half months to solve back in 1887. It was part of his qualification test for a teaching job at \$7.25 a week.

He taught in the Quonset School at Woodstock, Conn. which was built in 1748 and dedicated this week as a shrine. Turn to Page 2-A for Mills' answer. (AP Wirephoto)

GROCERY NEWS TIPS

By Betty Boyer

Baby Food That 9 Out of 10 Doctors Recommend

Extra Health Protection and Whiter Linens Too! With the Finest Product Available.

A Margarine That Will Please the Entire Family.

Old Time Southern Rice Flavor With a Quick Cooking Rice.

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