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Testifies Deal Was Okayed by McGrath

By B. L. LIVINGSTONE

WASHINGTON—(AP)—T. Lamar Caudle, ousted assistant attorney general, testified today he made \$5,000 in 1950 from a business deal involving an investigator for two New York men later convicted of tax fraud.

Caudle said the \$5,000 was a commission paid him for arranging the sale of an airplane to the tax investigator, and that the transaction was approved by Attorney General McGrath.

Caudle was on the witness stand for the fourth day before a House Ways & Means subcommittee investigating tax fraud prosecutions in the Justice Department.

Until five weeks ago by President Truman, Caudle was chief of the Justice Department's Tax Division, charged with handling tax fraud cases.

Committee Counsel Adrian W. DeWind brought out through Caudle's testimony that the investigator, identified as Larry Knobl of New York, was engaged by "some" Attorney General, Friedman, New York city taxpayers convicted and sentenced in November 1950, for tax fraud.

DeWind read into the record a memorandum from the files of former U. S. Attorney Irving Saypol referring to Knobl as "a shady character."

The author of the memorandum was not named.

AN OLD FRIEND
Caudle testified that Knobl came to his office in the Justice Department for a conference on the Aaron Francis case with Attorney John Caffey, whom Caudle identified as an old friend of his.

Caudle said he received an inquiry from Knobl about buying an airplane. He said Knobl was guaranteeing an oil company in Kansas and was in the market for a private plane.

Caudle said he put Knobl in touch with Walter A. Stennell, who had a twin-engine "Lockheed Lodestar" he wanted to sell. Subsequently Knobl met Stennell and bought the plane for \$30,000, Caudle said.

"One afternoon Mr. Stennell

came over to the house and gave me a check for \$5,000."

This was a commission on the \$30,000 sale, Caudle said.

He told the investigators that before banking the check he took the matter to Attorney General J. Howard McGrath and asked him if it would be proper to take the money.

Caudle said he told McGrath the Aaron Francis case had already reached the indictment stage and that neither Knobl nor Stennell was in tax trouble.

Caudle, a native of Wadesboro, N. C., said McGrath told him: "Lamar, I don't think there would be any objections to your accepting it... you have a large family and need the money."

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FIGURE IN CAUDLE'S MINK COAT TESTIMONY



L. T. Cohen (left), Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Royall (center) and Mrs. John L. McClellan (right), wife of the Senator from Arkansas, figured yesterday in the testimony of T. Lamar Caudle before the House subcommittee investigating tax funds. The former assistant district attorney said that his wife arranged for the purchase of fur coats for Mrs. Royall and Mrs. McClellan. Mr. Royall, former Secretary of War, and the Senator both said, however, that they paid for their wives' fur coats. Mr. Cohen, Atlanta tax expert, told the committee that he bought a mouton coat for Caudle's daughter which had been written off as a business expense. (Acme Telephotos).

Syrian Army Seizes Control

CAIRO—(AP)—Syria's strong man, Col. Adib Shihabi, threw out of office today a newly-appointed premier who had urged closer ties between the Arab Middle East and Russia. The Syrian army seized control of the entire country.

Radio Damascus said Shihabi, a Populist Party leader who had been named premier last night, and all members of his cabinet, were placed under arrest.

A broadcast statement from Shihabi charged the Populists with seeking to "undermine the country's independence, break up the army and create a new throne in Syria."

Dispatches from Damascus said the country was quiet. Apparently the army moved in swiftly and took control before any violence could get started.

Shihabi met with President Hashim Bey Atassi and other political leaders. It is believed in Damascus that Shihabi will be asked to submit his formal resignation, and a figure outside the current controversy will be asked to try to form a cabinet. Former Premier Khalid Bey El Azem has been mentioned as a possible premier-designate.

Shihabi, who has led the last three coups in Syria, accused the Populists of trying to "arouse the people against the army and create new difficulties at a time when the country is facing important problems, especially in foreign policy."

This was an apparent reference to the major foreign policy problem facing the Arab states—whether to join the Middle East defense command proposed by the Western powers. Egypt has refused to participate. The rest of the Arab nations, while expressing sympathy for Egypt in her dealings with Britain over the Suez Canal and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, have taken no formal stand alongside Egypt.

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THAT OLD CORNERSTONE NOT WORTH STEALING

PEKIN, Ill.—(AP)—Julius E. Barnes, who police say they caught trying to steal the old city hall cornerstone, once reputed to contain a quart of 1894 whisky, was acquitted of drunkenness charges yesterday.

Five Pekin policemen testified in justice court before a jury of eleven men that Barnes was drunk. Two bartenders and a waitress at Barnes' "Windsor Par," since renamed the "Cornerstone Par," said he was stone sober.

After the trial Barnes invited the jury across the street for "drinks on the house."

The 300-pound cornerstone which started the trouble was found to contain old documents, including a song booming Cleveland for President, and rapping high taxes and corruption in Government.

But it held no liquids.

Barnes said he would donate a fifth of his finest stock for the cornerstone of Pekin's new city hall, as he put it, so that 100 years from now when the stone is opened, people won't be so disappointed.

Sen. Wherry, Republican Floor Leader, Dies At 59

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska, Republican floor leader of the Senate, died at 12:45 P. M. (EST) today at George Washington Hospital. He was 59.

Doctors in attendance said the Senator died of pneumonia.

Wherry had been ill for weeks.

COMPARISON TO RADIO PLAY CALLED INSULT

CUXHAVEN, Germany (AP)—Court officials announced here today that a German lawyer has filed a libel suit against a local journalist who wrote that a recent trial reminded him of an "American radio play."

The lawyer who conducted the defense in that trial said he had been insulted by this comparison.

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Court Upholds Gambling Tax

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A special three-judge federal court today upheld the legality of the new Federal tax on gamblers.

The tribunal said the tax law, which requires all gamblers to buy a \$50 occupation tax stamp and pay ten per cent of their gross gambling income to the Government, is constitutional.

And the judges served notice on gamblers throughout the country that they can expect no sympathy from Federal Courts "for the protection of a criminal business."

The case was the first court test of the new tax, which went into effect Nov. 1.

It involved an injunction suit filed by a Washington newsstand proprietor, Hayes L. Combs. He contended the law is invalid on the ground that it "tends to discriminate" against one group and might subject members of that group to prosecution.

2 Germans Killed By Mailed Bombs

HAMBURG, Germany—(AP)—Two persons were killed and six others seriously injured today by two exploding bombs mysteriously sent through the mail. Police wondered whether both bombs were sent by the same person.

Adolf Wolfard, editor of the Bremen newspaper Nachrichten, said he was killed when a parcel he tried to open blew up in his office. The parcel was marked "personal" and gave the sender's address as the little village of Eystrup, near Hannover. It was not known whether that bomb, too, was sent in a parcel.

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Misread Directive Is Blamed For Lull

By JOHN RANDOLPH

SEOUL, Korea—(AP)—Allied artillery opened up on the western front today after officers reported receiving new orders to "shoot to kill."

The front line report came shortly after Gen. James A. Van Fleet announced his Eighth Army command had issued "certain military instructions" which some troops may have interpreted as a cease-fire order.

He said any such "misinterpretation" would be corrected.

An official Eighth Army spokesman said the original—and still secret—directive remained "completely unchanged."

Col. Kenneth Booth, Eighth Army public information officer, said Thursday night this "basic directive has not been changed."

"Anything appearing to be a change at the front is solely the result of the confusion created by General Van Fleet."

Like the White House and Tokyo headquarters of the United Nations command, Van Fleet emphasized:

"There is no cease-fire order in Korea."

He promised action to clarify the directive for those "who misinterpreted" it.

PHISING NEARLY NORMAL

Shortly thereafter front line dispatches from the Western front reported the Allies were again firing artillery and mortars at a nearly normal rate after a day of abnormal quiet.

Front line troops were reported confused by the big guns opening up on the front where the day before they had watched Chinese Reds play volley ball.

A Third Division briefing officer said reconnaissance patrols were on scouting missions as usual, but with the understanding they would not shoot for trouble.

The change came at the same front where reports of a new "don't shoot first" policy originated.

Van Fleet's statement did not say what directives the original Eighth Army order contained. Nor did he say that troops would be ordered to resume full scale fighting along the quiet 145-mile front.

In the uninterrupted air war, Communists sent a record 320 MIG jets streaking across the Yalu River from their Manchurian bases Thursday. The U. S. Fifth Air Force shot down three American Sabres and one Red MIG-15 were

Gradual Withdrawal Proposed By Reds

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN

MUNSA, Korea—(AP)—Communist negotiators today proposed a gradual withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea.

The Reds said a withdrawal by stages after an armistice is signed would take care of Allied fears that fighting will break out again after a truce goes into effect.

It was the Allies' "first hint that they might settle for less than complete withdrawal of troops immediately. Both sides appeared to be waiting to see whether the negotiators at Panmunjom would be able to agree on an armistice before the cease-fire line agreement expires Dec. 27.

ITEM THREE

The armistice delegations are working on a program for supervising and enforcing the truce—Item Three on the agenda.

Since the discussions began the Reds have insisted on withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea—while the Allies contend that political matter which should be debated at a formal peace conference after the armistice is in effect.

U. S. Gen. Nam Il, chief Communist negotiator, injected the new Red proposal with a hypothetical question at Thursday's session in Panmunjom. He asked whether the U. N. Committee would discuss a gradual withdrawal of foreign troops under the third item of the conference agenda.

The Communists made a similar proposal when the truce talks opened last July, but backed down in the face of adamant Allied opposition.

U. N. negotiators made no immediate reply Thursday. Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief of the U. N. delegation, told Nam Il "I am not your manager."

An Allied spokesman, Brig. Gen. William F. Nichols said the question would require clarification of American and United Nations military forces and equipment after an armistice is signed and that joint inspection teams make sure the truce terms are not violated.

The Allies have said these two points are the key to a solution of the armistice enforcement problem.

By insisting on the withdrawal of troops, Joy said, the Reds are "raising up a peace treaty and an armistice."

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