

# Libel Suit Against Benton Is Dropped By McCarthy

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) dropped his \$2 million libel and slander suit against former Sen. William Benton (D-Conn.) today amid clashing statements as to why the action was abandoned.

Benton, who had accused McCarthy of perjury, fraud and deceit, said the Wisconsin senator "refuses to face examination under courtroom conditions." He said McCarthy never could have won the suit "because I told the truth about him and he knew it."

## Terrorists' Try to Kill Sultan Fails

MARRAKECH, French Morocco, March 5 (AP)—Terrorists tried for the second time in six months today to kill the pro-French Sultan of Morocco, Moulay Mohamed Ben Arafa.

But he suffered only a slight head wound in the explosion of two hand grenades while he was praying at a mosque in this traditional southern capital of French Morocco.

Three of his aides suffered slight injuries. The Pasha of Marrakech, Thami El Glaoui, escaped without injury. El Glaoui, also known to be sympathetic to the French, had a similar escape at the same mosque several weeks ago.

Police put the blame on independence-seeking Moroccan nationalists. The authorities said nationalists have killed 60 persons and wounded several hundred others since the French put Ben Arafa on the throne last August to replace Sidi Mohamed Ben Youssef.

The French sent Ben Youssef into exile because they felt he was showing too much sympathy to the nationalists.

The situation has been complicated further by refusal of Arab chiefs in neighboring Spanish Morocco to recognize the authority of the new Sultan.

## Plane Search Turns to Alps

AIX EN PROVENCE, France, March 5 (AP)—Airmen of three nations turned their attention to the lofty Alpine crags along the French-Italian border in a search today for a missing U.S. Air Force C47 with 20 Americans aboard. Darkness forced a temporary halt to the hunt tonight.

Hope of finding the crew and passengers alive faded fast.

The plane, used as a transport for the 50th Bomber Wing, was flying northwest from Rome to Hahn, American air base in West Germany near the Luxembourg border, on a flight that originated in Tripoli.

It was last heard from when the pilot was off Bastia, the port of northern Corsica, at 12:42 p.m. Thursday.

After an air-sea search today by 22 American, French and Italian planes and by vessels of the French and Italian navies, plans were made to turn the hunt full force to the Alps tomorrow.

Amphibious radar-equipped Albatross planes, some B26 bombers and helicopters, will augment the search force at dawn tomorrow.

## NLRB Granted Injunction on UMW

PHILADELPHIA, March 5 (AP)—A request by the National Labor Relations Board for a permanent injunction to bar the United Mine Workers from using "coercive" organizing methods has been granted by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The court granted the injunction sought by the NLRB on Feb. 4 in a hearing at which the UMW was not represented. NLRB Atty. Edmond Rovner said at that time the "coercive" methods were used in 1951 at these companies with non-union miners involved:

River Smokeless Coal Co., Irwona, Pa.; Central Moshannon Co., Clearfield County; Banner and Elba Co., Houtzdale, Pa.; Howard Co., New Millport, Pa.; and Cavellier Co., Canebica, Pa.

## Court Order Disregarded By Strikers

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP)—The smouldering union rivalry for control of New York's big waterfront flared into a portwide wildcat strike today in defiance of a federal court no-strike order.

Dockers of the old International Longshoremen's Association ignored their own leaders as well as the government to tie up about half of the port's 159 piers.

Some waterfront observers sensed in the walkout the long-awaited, do-or-die showdown between the ILA and a new, rival AFL dock union. However, ILA dockers have staged similar walkouts in the recent past as demonstrations and they have been short-lived.

The strike hit hardest at the Hudson River Luxury Line piers, among the busiest in the world. The world's largest liner, the Queen Elizabeth, was caught in the tieup but sailed on schedule nevertheless. Some of her passengers had to carry their own baggage aboard.

The midtown luxury piers are the domain of the ILA's Local 824—called the "pistol local" because of its notorious record of violence.

An unidentified official of the local said of the strike: "You can blame the NLRB for giving us a dirty deal. The AFL started this business and the NLRB lowered the boom on us."

It was the National Labor Relations Board that went into federal court yesterday to get an injunction against ILA strikes or interference with normal waterfront loading activities.

The Oil City congressman asked when Congress was going to start easing off on subsidy programs and approach the farm problem from a basis of what is best for the nation and not on a basis of "political expediency."

# Batchelor Placed Behind Bars

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 5 (AP)—The Army put Cpl. Claude Batchelor of Kermit, Tex., a prisoner of war in Korea who changed his mind about staying with the Reds, behind bars today.

Fourth Army headquarters here announced that charges of collaborating with the enemy had been preferred against the corporal and a pretrial investigation will begin soon to determine whether the evidence justifies trial by court martial.

The other American POW who changed his mind about staying with the Communists also had been charged with collaborating with the enemy and is awaiting trial by a court-martial. He is Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson, 23, of Cracker's Neck, Va., who came out of a Korean stockade several weeks before Batchelor walked

out of a neutral zone encampment in Korea last Jan. 1.

Both of the soldiers are 23 and both are from small towns.

Batchelor got back to Kermit, in West Texas, last Sunday. He came to Brooke Army Hospital here yesterday for a medical checkup.

Today he was confined to the stockade at Fort Sam Houston here, headquarters of the Fourth Army. He refused to make any statement.

Army authorities quoted him: "I did not harm my fellow prisoners. I never gave information about them."

They said the soldier showed little reaction when informed the charges were brought against him.

He accepted an offer to have Lt. Col. Kerlin J. Bragdon, a fellow Texan, serve as his counsel

# Guatemala Hits U.S. On 'Scare Warning'

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 5 (AP)—Guatemala accused the United States today of using Red scare warnings as a mask for attempts to pry into her internal affairs. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles lashed back, saying the United States would not permit "abusive" language to obscure the Communist issue.

Guatemala's Foreign Minister Guillermo Toriello in a stinging 55-minute speech accused the United States of pressuring the 20-nation Inter-American Conference to investigate Red infiltration in this hemisphere. This, he said, was designed to embarrass Guatemala and tag her with an "unjust" Communist label.

Toriello's speech won him 60 seconds of applause, nearly twice that accorded Dulles when he spoke yesterday. Some delegates said the Guatemalan used an approach that appealed to many Latin Americans.

Toriello said an attempt by the United States to get the conference to adopt an anti-Communist position was a "maneuver against Guatemala, which has been maliciously and unjustly accused of being Communist, of being the beachhead of communism, a danger to the Panama Canal, a bad example for the other peoples of the continent, and a menace to the security and solidarity of the American republics."

The Guatemalan minister charged that "imperialists, monopolists and some government officials" in the United States attack his government because of its program of agrarian reform and its efforts to "improve the living standards of our people."

## Six Months Grounding Sought for Godfrey

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—A Civil Aeronautics Board examiner threw the book at Arthur Godfrey today for "reckless" flying, recommending that he be grounded for six months. This is the stiffest available penalty.

In New York, the radio-television star said through a spokesman that he would not appeal. If no appeal is filed by March 15, the finding of the examiner, Albert H. Ruppard, will become the final decision of the five-man board and Godfrey's pilot's certificate will be suspended for six months.

Ruppard said he was convinced that Godfrey intentionally buzzed the Teterboro, N.J., airport.

## Wable Trial Open; State Asks Death

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 5—Selection of the jury was completed today and the state opened its case against John Wesley Wable by demanding "death in the electric chair" for the accused killer of two truckers on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Asst. Dist. Atty. John K. Best said the state will prove by witnesses that Wable had the death gun the night Harry F. Pitts, 39, of Bowling Green, Va., was shot to death while asleep in the cab of his truck.

Wable, 24-year-old resident of Ohio, Pa., also is accused of killing Lester B. Woodward, 39, of Duncannon, Pa., and wounding a third trucker, John K. Sheperd, of West Alexander, Pa. Sheperd recovered and will be a state's witness. Wable is on trial only for the slaying of Pitts.

In the opening address to the jury of seven men and five women, the state spent 23 minutes outlining its case. Best mentioned all three shootings. He said the state had witnesses who will prove Wable was on the turnpike on the dates of the killings.

Best told the jury: "We feel there is enough evidence for a verdict of murder in the first degree, sending him (Wable) to his death in the electric chair."

Best said a friend of Wable will testify that the "defendant told him he was the turnpike killer."

## Vietminh Raiders Cripple Airport

HANOI, Indochina, March 5 (AP)—Vietminh commandos raided Hanoi's big civil airport yesterday, blowing up at least 12 transport planes before they were beaten off. The attack crippled the vital airlift to the embattled French Union bastion of Dien Bien Phu.

In anticipation of fresh rebel assaults, the French hastily ordered their key defenses bolstered all along the vital Red River Delta around Hanoi.

A spokesman said today more than 200 suspects have been rounded up following the daring raid on Gialam Airport—important base for funneling men and supplies to Dien Bien Phu in northwest Indochina.

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