

Mrs. Durant Denied High Court Review of Gem Theft Conviction

The Supreme Court today refused to review the court-martial conviction of former WAC Capt. Kathleen Durant in connection with the \$1,500,000 Hesse crown jewel theft case.

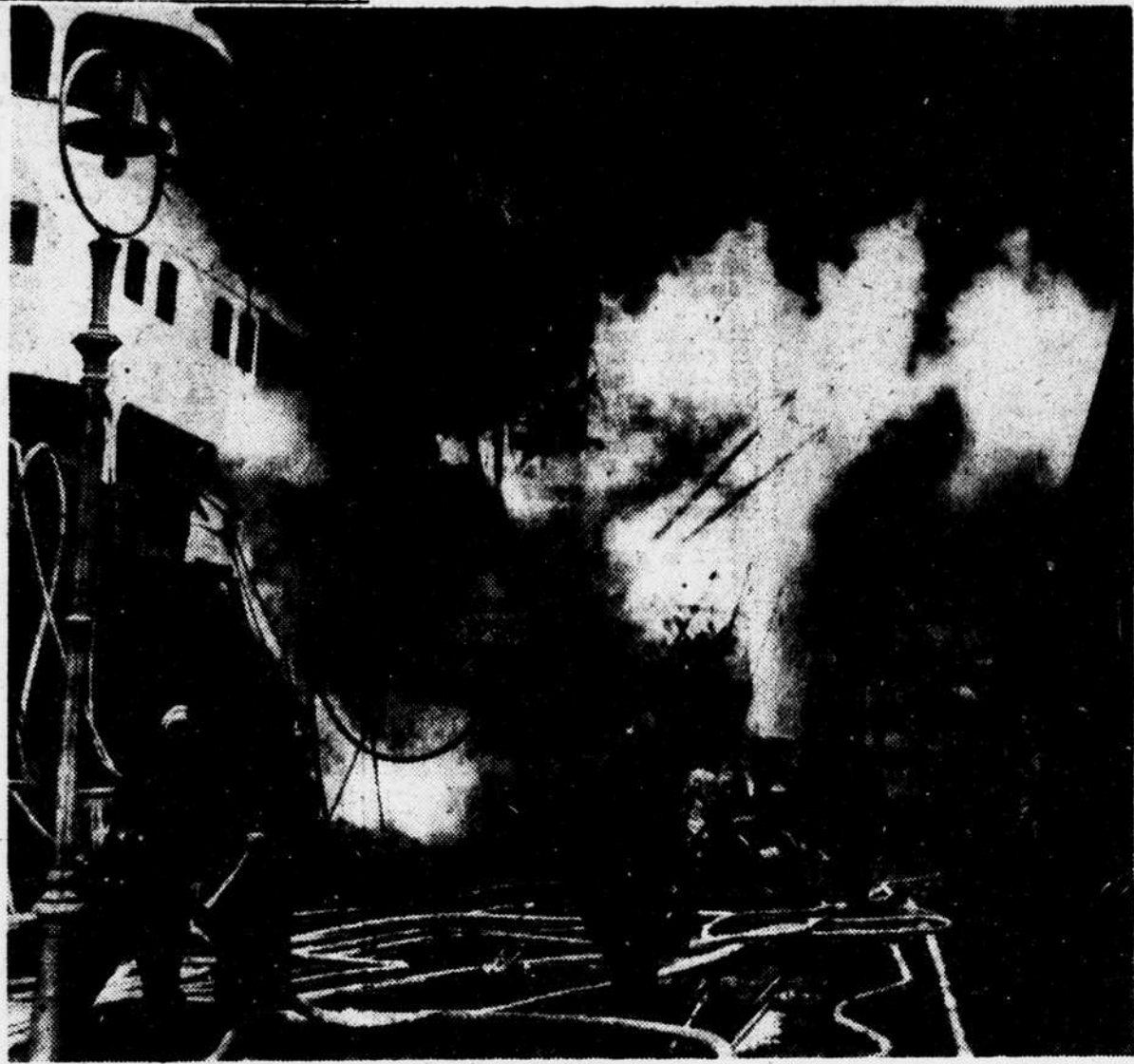
Mrs. Durant was convicted in 1946 and sentenced to five years in prison for her part in the theft. Her husband, former Col. Jack W. Durant, was later tried and sentenced to 15 years in prison in the same case.

In September, 1947, Mrs. Durant won release from the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, W. Va., on a habeas corpus petition granted by Federal Judge Ben Moore.

Last May, however, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond reversed Judge Moore's ruling and ordered Mrs. Durant returned to prison.

The Supreme Court's refusal to grant her motion for a writ of review closed the case unless the court itself at some later time agrees to a review.

In her petition, Mrs. Durant held she was illegally arrested, detained and convicted at the court martial because the Army lacked jurisdiction over her. She based this argument on the ground that she left active service and was on terminal leave when the Army recalled her to active duty so that she could be court-martialed on charges of having taken part in the jewel theft.



BRITISH SHIP BURNS AT COPENHAGEN DOCK—Clouds of smoke rise from the British ship Takoradion of Liverpool as Danish firemen fight flames sweeping her from stem to stern. The 5,452-ton vessel caught fire at the Copenhagen dock while her cargo of oil cakes and palm seed was being unloaded. The crew of 47 escaped, but the ship appeared to be a total loss.

Youth Falsified Age To Get Beer, Police Say

An 18-year-old Washington youth yesterday was arrested by Prince Georges County police with misrepresenting his age to obtain beer.

Police said the youth, Robert L. Fleet, of the 1100 block of South Carolina avenue S.E., admitted under later questioning that he used a borrowed driver's permit to establish his age as more than 21.

He was arrested in a tavern on the Baltimore boulevard, Riverdale, by Roy D. Bright, County Parole and Probation Officer, and Pvt. Emmett F. G. Gray of the county police, who were making a check of about 15 taverns Saturday night.

They said they learned Fleet's correct age from his draft registration card.

The youth posted \$27.80 collateral pending a hearing in Hyattsville police court next Monday.

Mr. Bright said the tavern was checking its patrons closely as they entered the place and was led to believe Fleet actually was more than 21.

The drive started a week ago by Mr. Bright in an effort to halt illegal sales to minors has led to a "big decrease" in such sales, Mr. Bright said.

Chemists Hear of Tests For Liquor Impurities

Refined methods of determining the amounts of iron, tin and copper in beer, fuel oil in whisky, and other minute impurities in wines and liquors were discussed at the opening meetings of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists at the Shoreham Hotel this morning.

New techniques of light absorption by the various substances found in beverages, it was explained, promise even more accurate analyses and eventually purer liquors for the drinking public.

The association, composed largely of Agriculture Department Chemists, is concerned entirely with analytical methods and not with the effects of impurities.

Other section meetings heard reports on the present status of analytical methods for testing flour and fertilizers.

Louis Bean to Speak

Louis Bean, author of "How to Predict Elections," will speak on "Pre-election Trends" at 8:15 p.m. tomorrow at 1751 New Hampshire avenue N.W. under auspices of the Greater Washington Area Council of the American Veterans' Committee. The public is invited.

Unemployment in Denmark is over double that of a year ago.

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gan work on Red Feather Day Thursday.

The Alexandria, Montgomery, Arlington, Fairfax and Prince Georges units started last week. The business units launched their drive September 30.

Yesterday, churchgoers heard special campaign messages in observance of Red Feather Sunday.

Observance of the day was urged in a letter to some 650 Protestant ministers throughout the city by Bishop Angus Dun, president of the Washington Federation of Churches.

The ministers were asked to "use the occasion for arousing the Christian conscious to a full realization of the importance of the Red Feather to so many people who, except for our social agencies, might be 'passed by on the other side'."

To all Catholics of the Washington archdiocese, Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle wrote:

"On this first Red Feather Sunday since my coming to Washington, may I respectfully appeal to our Catholic people to give generously and wholeheartedly to the current campaign of the Community Chest Federation."

He pointed out that many Catholic charitable organizations and institutions have received aid from the Federation within the last 19 years, and the goal set for this year's campaign will cover only minimum needs of the community.

Jewish congregations here will receive messages about the Chest drive in synagogues and temples throughout the city on Wednesday, which is the day celebrating the Jewish Feast of the Atonement.

The Rev. Charles W. Lowry of All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, Md., was among the ministers to devote their entire sermon yesterday to pointing out the basic Christian ideals behind the work of the Community Chest and its member agencies.

Cites Divine Example.

He said the example of Christ's life should be a major force in overcoming public apathy in the face of this Christian duty, and quoted His words:

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

The Rev. Dr. E. H. Pruden urged generous participation in the drive by members of his congregation at First Baptist Church, Sixteenth and O streets N.W.

"Surely no one needs to comment further on this all-important community enterprise, which has come to mean so much in the life of the community," he said.

Capper Among 5 Honored For Conservation Work

By the Associated Press

FONTANA, N. C., Oct. 11.—Five national conservation leaders here have been chosen for honorary membership on the board of the American Forestry Association.

Upper Marlboro, Md. Mrs. Smith and another infant, Darnell Smith at the same address, were listed as beneficiaries in the will itself.

The list of 17 who had been receiving annuities from Mrs. Patterson and were to continue to receive these payments under the will follows:

Cissy Smith, Wladyslaw Tyszkiewicz, Quebec, Canada.

Robert W. Patterson, Coronado, Calif.

Mrs. Robert W. Patterson, of the same address.

Mrs. Isabel Morris, New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Madame Maria Gorska, 221 Channing street N.E.

Miss Maud E. Blanchfield, Bar Harbor, Me.

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Miss Pattie Grimshaw, Pensacola, Fla.

Forney Cole, Jackson, Wyo.

C. E. Carrington, San Diego, Calif.

Harry Nelson, 934 New York avenue N. W., Apartment 1.

Joseph Locke, 2551 Seventeenth street N.W., Apartment 305.

Marion Koffenberg, 203 Second street S.E.

Mrs. Northcross, Bloomfield, N. J.

Paul E. Switzer, 1719 Lincoln road N.E.

Henrietta Hall, 224 H street N.W.

Thaxton Church Burns

THAXTON, Va., Oct. 11 (AP)—The Thaxton Baptist Church in Bedford County was partially destroyed by fire a few hours before the Sunday morning service yesterday. Damage was estimated at between \$12,000 and \$14,000.

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they came under the provision for continued annuities to certain friends. The other names were either mentioned in the will or were

Two Youths Sentenced For Robbing U.N. Aide In Rock Creek Park

Two 19-year-old youths were sentenced today in District Court for robbing George Saint-Pol, a United Nations attaché, last May and also for other offenses.

Robert E. Walton, Jr., 400 block of Eleventh street S.E., was sentenced to serve from four to 12 years and Walter M. Kendall, formerly of the 100 block of Eighth street S.E., was sentenced to one to three years. The sentences were by Judge Jennings Bailey.

At the time of the robbery, Mr. Saint-Pol told police he had been lured into Rock Creek Park by a girl who said she was having car trouble. Two men, identified as her friends, were picked up, he told police, and they then robbed him. The girl was released in custody of her parents.

Admits Car Theft

In addition to the robbery of Mr. Saint-Pol, Walton pleaded guilty to stealing the U. N. official's car a few days after the park robbery. The keys obtained in the robbery allegedly had been used in the car theft.

The two youths also were sentenced on housebreaking and larceny charges, the terms to run concurrently with the robbery sentence.

One sentence was for the theft of clothing valued at more than \$1,600 from the Palace Laundry and Dry Cleaning Corp.

Sentenced in Extortion

In another sentence today Judge Bailey gave Marie Revell, 42, from 20 months to five years on charges of attempting to extort \$25,000 from a beauty parlor manager and for twice representing himself as a policeman.

Revell was found guilty of attempting to extort the sum from Miller L. Wimer of the first block of Channing street N.W., by threatening to malign his character.

When indicted last May, Revell's address was listed as being in a downtown hotel.

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for foreign policy, and "wholeheartedly and vigorously support the labors of our bipartisan delegation at Paris and specifically its insistence on the prompt lifting of the blockade of Berlin."

While the New York Governor would not say so publicly, reporters assigned to his campaign were given to understand that Gov. Dewey regards the Vinson incident as a desperate blunder.

More direct Republican criticism came from Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, speaking in New York later last night.

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee told his listeners the United States has "just had a narrow escape" from "independent action" on the Berlin situation in a "recent dangerous hour."

Senator Vandenberg went on to say that this Government must avoid any move not taken in concert with its close allies—principally Britain and France.

While Senator Vandenberg thus directly linked the Vinson mission plan with the Berlin crisis, statements issued here Saturday night by President Truman and Gen.

Marshall tied it instead to Mr. Truman's reported concern over the refusal of the Soviets to accept an atomic energy control plan which the Western powers would regard as satisfactory.

Sunday Meetings Held

The President and his Secretary of State had two conferences on Saturday and met briefly again yesterday.

Yesterday, too, Gen. Marshall spent several hours at his desk in the State Department, where he conferred with Secretary of Defense Forrestal.

No official information was given out about their talk. It was believed, however, that they reviewed the state of readiness of this country's armed forces to support a strong American foreign policy and probably also talked of the developing plan for an American military aid program for Western Europe.

Authorities said military aid for Western Europe is still in such an early stage that there is not yet even a reasonably good guess of the cost of such a program. Gen. Marshall, however, presumably would be interested to know what the planners consider this Nation may be able to do as how well American and European military men are co-operating in planning the project.

Capper Sees No Fact Hope

Meanwhile, Senator Capper, Republican, of Kansas said an authorization of \$2,000,000,000 to rearm Western Europe may be asked of the next Congress in a radio broadcast, Senator Capper added.

"I think the pretensions that a deal for peace could be negotiated between nations of the Western world and Russia are just about to be officially abandoned."

Home Show Exposition To Offer Quiz Contest

Spectators at the National Capital Home Show Exposition, which opens Saturday at the National Guard Armory, will have a chance to win thousands of dollars of merchandise for right answers to questions by the "roving quizzer."

William J. Tobin, director of the National Association of Home Builders' labor department, will be the "quizzer" who will pop questions "machine-gun fashion" to the spectators from 10 a.m. to midnight, the hours of the show. Certificates for merchandise, donated by 150 exhibitors of the home show, will be awarded for the right answers.

October 22 is the deadline for entering a photograph and letter describing personality and activities of a candidate for the home show queen contest. More than 100 Washington women already have entered. The contest is open to women, regardless of age, and the prize will be a \$3,000 all-aluminum cottage, equipped and furnished. Photographs and letter should be mailed to the Home Show Queen Contest Committee, 426 Investment Building, Washington 5, D. C.

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