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## Court-martial decision avoided for Marine in Soviet spy scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A pre-trial hearing for a Marine embassy guard accused of espionage recessed Wednesday without any decision on whether he should be bound over for court-martial.

Lt. Col. John Shotwell, a Marine Corps spokesman, said the pre-trial hearing for Sgt. Clayton J. Lonetree recessed at about 3:30 p.m. CDT. He said proceedings would likely be completed Thursday morning "because they only have one or two witnesses left."

Lonetree, 25, is a former guard at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. He has been accused of becoming involved romantically with a Soviet woman while working in Moscow and then allowing Soviet agents to frequently roam the embassy late at night last year.

Lonetree and his defense attorneys went behind closed doors at 9 a.m. Wednesday to hear prosecuting attorneys present witnesses and

other evidence in a bid to justify the start of a court-martial.

During a break in the proceedings, one of Lonetree's defense attorneys told reporters his client had not denied having a relationship with a Soviet woman who worked at the embassy, Violetta Seina.

But Michael V. Stuhff, the attorney, added he was prepared to present evidence that such fraternization was "a very common, accepted practice."

"Among the things which will be introduced in evidence, we'll have photographs from the Marine Ball in November of 1985 showing the NCO (non-commissioned officer) in charge with two Soviet women, one under each arm on a sofa, one of them being a KGB colonel, as well as a State Department official with another Soviet woman," Stuhff said.

Lonetree "has been grievously and dangerously chastized, denigrated for engaging in something

that he quite frankly was encouraged to do," the attorney said.

"We're very confident that if we have an opportunity to present the facts fairly, it will be clear to everybody, to the American people, to the public, to the media, to the Marine Corps, that Sgt. Lonetree is a patriotic, young Marine," Stuhff said.

William Kunstler, another Lonetree attorney, said the defense had offered two legal motions on Wednesday, both of which were denied by the hearing officer. The first was a motion to open the pre-trial proceedings to the press and public. The second was a bid to obtain Lonetree's release from the brig on grounds he had been unconstitutionally held for more than 90 days without starting a trial, Kunstler said.

The hearing was held at the Quantico Marine Base in Virginia, just south of Washington, where Lonetree has been held behind bars

since the end of December. The Marine Corps imposed a news blackout on the proceedings.

Lonetree's arrest sparked an investigation that has unraveled a major sex-and-spy scandal. Two other Marines have been charged with espionage as a result of the probe and another has been charged with improper fraternization with Soviet women.

In a related development, the *New York Times* reported Wednesday the Marine Corps was having trouble gathering evidence to prosecute Lonetree and an alleged accomplice, Cpl. Arnold Bracy. The paper said much of the case against the two men was based on conflicting statements given by the two.

Officials who weren't identified in the story were cited as saying the Reagan administration was now divided over whether to grant immunity from prosecution to Bracy to improve the case against Lonetree.

## Son's suicide in courtroom baffles mom

KOKOMO, Ind. (AP) — Robert Gray told his mother he couldn't bear a long stretch in prison, but she's as puzzled as anyone about why he brought a bomb into the county courthouse and killed himself in the blast.

Fifteen other people, including the sheriff and Gray's defense attorney, were injured Tuesday. Hours earlier, a judge had summoned attorneys to discuss reports that Gray had threatened suicide.

His mother, Betty McKinley, of Marion, said, "I don't have an idea about what went through my son's head."

Gray, 42, was on trial on two counts of selling LSD, and faced a maximum prison term of 100 years on each count if convicted. An autopsy on his body was being conducted Wednesday.

Police said they had not determined where Gray obtained the explosives.

McKinley received a letter from her son on the day of the blast which said in part: "I love you. . . I'm sorry but I couldn't see the rest of my life in prison. Why they want me so bad I don't know. I've been trying to be good the last few years."

Gray's attorney, Charles Scruggs, said he believed his client intended to detonate the bomb in the Howard County courtroom, but changed plans when Sheriff John D. Beatty became suspicious about the briefcase.

## Amy Carter, Abbie Hoffman innocent of protest charge

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (AP) — A jury found Amy Carter, Abbie Hoffman and 13 other protesters innocent Wednesday of charges stemming from a demonstration last fall against CIA recruiters at the University of Massachusetts.

The six-member jury announced the verdict to a courtroom packed with 130 spectators about three hours after it began deliberations. Hampshire County District Court Judge Richard Connon cleared the chamber after the reading of the first verdict was greeted with thunderous applause.

"The people of Northampton, a jury of six in Northampton, have found the CIA guilty of a larger crime than trespassing and disorderly conduct and decided we had a legitimate right to protest that," the daughter of former President Jimmy Carter said as she left the courtroom.

"I don't know what is in the future, but I am sure I am going to be involved in this sort of thing for the rest of my life," she added.

She called her family from the defendants' headquarters, where jubilant supporters and defendants doused each other with champagne. She said her father, who had been following the trial in the Atlanta newspapers, was "really excited."

Carter, who was appearing at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., said later that he was a "very proud father tonight."

"Amy is a very shy girl, contrary to the image you see projected in the news media," he said. "But she be-

lieves very strongly in what she's doing."

"She has been, reluctantly I would say, involved in issues of importance to her. Amy's been arrested four times, three times for protesting apartheid and this last time for what she considers, and I consider, illegal activity of the CIA in Nicaragua."

## Shultz says agreement on missile ban possible

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz expressed optimism in Moscow on Wednesday about reaching an accord on eliminating medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe and flew to Brussels to consult with NATO allies.

"We will consult and, I am sure, come to a good conclusion," Shultz said before leaving Moscow, where he held three days of meetings with Soviet officials, including Kremlin leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who made new arms proposals.

A senior official in the Shultz delegation told reporters here at a midnight briefing, "We are very close to a deal. It all depends on how the discussions come out tomorrow (Thursday) and afterward." The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

In Moscow, Shultz said Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze told him the Soviets would

"I'm very proud of Amy, and eager for her to get back in the classroom and make up for lost time."

After the verdict was announced, Hoffman said, "It feels very good, very good. I am proud of what we did. It's good for the country. It's good for democracy."

eliminate their shorter-range missiles in the Soviet Union within a year, apparently meaning within a year after Senate ratification of a proposed treaty to rid Europe of hundreds of U.S. and Soviet medium-range missiles.

The Soviets have about 80 shorter-range missiles on their territory.

In addition, they have about 50 shorter-range launchers — with a range of 350 to 600 miles — in East Germany and Czechoslovakia. Those weapons would be scrapped on the signing of the proposed treaty on medium-range missiles, with a range of 600-3,000 miles.

Gorbachev made the proposals during a 4½-half-hour meeting Tuesday with Shultz in the Kremlin. They could remove a major obstacle to a treaty on medium-range missiles.

## Idle steel plant draws politicians, promises

HOMESTEAD, Pa. (AP) — The Rainbow Kitchen, a Depression-style eatery for the jobless, has become a magnet for politicians, and so has the idle steel plant beside it.

But when Gary Hart took a turn Wednesday serving up compassion for down-and-out steelworkers, he encountered skepticism from people who have heard promises again and again.

"Since 1980, there have been three presidential candidates through Homestead and dozens of congressional candidates," said Michael Stoudt, a grievance officer at United Steelworkers Local 1397, who confronted the Democratic presidential candidate outside the gate of the shuttered U.S. Steel Homestead Works.

"We're just as unemployed," Stoudt said. "We're just as broke. We're just as bankrupt. Are you going to do anything?"

Hart, standing in the rain on a plywood plank supported by concrete blocks, said, "I'm not going to make promises like everybody else. If I

get elected in 1988, you're going to see the steel mills of this country come back up."

Joseph Michel, 75, of nearby West Mifflin, wasn't buying it.

"He can't do it," Michel said. "The mills are never coming back. It's just a political strategy to get the people interested. It's not going to happen. It can't happen. It's impossible."

The soup kitchen and cadaver of the steel mill stand in stark contrast to the glory days when the Monongahela Valley was the heart of the U.S. steel industry.

Terry Chalich, a psychiatric nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital and president of the kitchen, said, "It's an attractive backdrop politically."

"The people don't see any concrete change," she said. "There's no big job creation, no major industry has come here, no concrete solutions. People feel like the Mon Valley is being forgotten."

Robert Anderson, 42, a laid-off steelworker and founder of the kitchen, argued that Hart's visit had its value.

"He's sort of using us, but we feel we're using him," Anderson said. "We want to keep the issues out in the open. The whole point is to try to get help for people. Things just continue to get worse around here."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, a 1984 presidential candidate, has handed out food at the kitchen that took its name from his Rainbow Coalition.

Former U.S. Rep. Robert Edgar, beaten in a U.S. Senate bid last year, washed dishes and served plates last year. And Walter Mondale represented Jimmy Carter's 1980 re-election campaign with a stop in Homestead.

The soup kitchen opened in 1984 to feed the jobless. A hot lunch is provided for 75 to 150 people a day, five days a week. About 1,000 families a week get bags of groceries from the kitchen's pantry.

### MATHEMATICS CONTEST

The annual Freshman and Sophomore Mathematics Contest will be held Thursday, April 16, 1987 from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. The Freshmen Contest will be in Room 216 Milner Hall and the Sophomore Contest in 304 Milner Hall. No calculators - all test material will be provided. Prizes for winners of first place will be \$100.00, second place \$60.00, and third place \$40.00. Prerequisite for Freshmen contest is knowledge of calculus through Math 151 or equivalent, for the Sophomore contest knowledge of calculus through Math 253 or equivalent.



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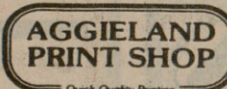
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