

Tex. Farmer Gets 4 Yrs. in Slavery Case

WASHINGTON

A 62-year-old white Texas farmer and his daughter were sentenced to four- and two-year prison terms, respectively, last week for violating the Federal Slavery Statute.

They were accused of aiding each other in causing Alfred Irving to be held as a slave by threatening and intimidating him, and by inflicting bodily injury.

Attorney General Francis Biddle announced Thursday that the two, Alex L. Skrobarczyk, and his daughter, Susie, 29, had been convicted by a jury in Federal court at Corpus Christi, Texas.

This was the first conviction of a woman under either the slavery or peonage statutes, and the country's second conviction under the slavery statute, the first being in Arkansas in 1935.

Man Indicted for Peonage

At the same time, Attorney General Biddle announced that a Federal Grand Jury at Meridian, Miss., has returned an indictment charging Donald Castle of Lauderdale County, Miss., with violations of the Federal Anti-Peonage and Anti-Slavery Statutes.

The indictment followed an FBI investigation of the report of a law enforcement officer of Lauderdale County that Rossy Wyse had been forcibly seized by Castle and returned at gun point to the latter's sawmill near Toomsaba, Miss., to work off an alleged \$20 debt.

The defendant was arraigned Thursday and pleaded not guilty. The maximum penalties for vio-

lating either the anti-peonage or anti-slavery statute is a fine of \$5,000 or five years imprisonment, or both.

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BALTIMORE — The five-day license suspension, scheduled to have gone into effect against the Club Casino, 1500 block Pennsylvania Avenue, on Monday, has been postponed to April 19.

This postponement was granted at the request of the club's proprietor, Kenneth Bass, according to James D. Shea, secretary of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners.

The ordered suspension is the result of Criminal Court convictions and fines of \$100 each given Bass and his waitress, Miss Eula M. Posey, February 12, on a charge of selling to minors.

Others Face Similar Counts

Similar criminal court convictions have been returned against Louvon Millard, proprietor of the Wagon Wheel Cafe, 1628 Pennsylvania Avenue, and his waitress, Miss Ruby Chapman, both of whom were fined \$25 and costs Thursday.

John Whirley, proprietor of the Ubangi Tavern, 2200 block Pennsylvania Avenue, and his waitress, Miss Irene Jones, both of whom were also fined \$25 each Thursday.