

Air Force Ousts 'Whitey' Dahl Following Trial

Ottawa, April 11 (CP). — Sqdn. Leader Harold E. (Whitey) Dahl, United States veteran of the Loyalist forces in Spain and early war recruit in the RCAF, has been convicted of four charges in connection with improper disposal of about \$680 worth of aircraft equipment and other articles, and sentenced to dismissal from the air force, it was announced tonight.



"Whitey" Dahl

Dahl, released in 1939 from a Spanish prison by Gen. Franco after an American torch singer pleaded direct to the general that Whitey was her husband, had been commanding officer of a Royal Air Force Transport Command station at Belem, Brazil, where the improper disposal was alleged to have taken place.

He was tried on 14 charges, but convicted only on four, which alleged not only improper disposal but conduct "to the prejudice of good order and air force discipline."

The court-martial, which started hearings in Montreal Jan. 15, found Dahl guilty of disposing of articles that included a vacuum cleaner, radio transmitter, an astro compass, a signal pistol, two emergency rafts, two signalling lamps and a radio receiver.

Unique procedure was followed in the case of the court-martial, with the court and officials boarding a bomber after hearings at Dorval Airport and flying to Brazil to record additional evidence.

Dahl was married in 1941 to a Belleville, Ont., girl.

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