

Chow Aide Agrees To Produce Records

A truce was reached yesterday in the Federal income tax investigation of Albert K. Chow, Chinatown Democratic leader and pal of former President Truman.

A scheduled court fight to force a Chow employe to produce certain records was called off, at least temporarily, when the Government announced that the employe had change his mind and would permit the internal revenue service to see the documents.

Last week tax agent Erroll E. Cropsey filed a Federal court petition asking that the employe, Edward C. Lee, be ordered to supply the records or be held in contempt.

Cropsey alleged that Lee, who is Chow's brother-in-law, answered a subpoena, but declined to open his records of transactions with Chow, Chow's brother, Attorney William Jack Chow and the brother's law partner, Jack Wong Sing. The latter two also are under tax investigation.

TO REVEAL RECORDS.

Lee, a clerk-translator for the three men who share offices at 550 Montgomery Street, was directed by Federal Judge Edward P. Murphy to show cause why the records should not be furnished.

Yesterday, Assistant United States Attorney John Lockley told Judge Murphy that Lee said he is now willing to reveal the records and to "answer any questions that will not incriminate him."

Lee's attorney, Robert Harless, nodded in agreement.

Judge Murphy then continued the show cause hearing to July 22.

Later Harless shook hands with Cropsey and the two set July 19 for a new meeting between Cropsey and Lee.

BELIEVED FRAUDULENT.

In his petition, Cropsey said the Internal Revenue service had "reason to believe the tax returns of Albert K. Chow for the years 1947 to 1952 inclusive are fraudulent in that increases of his net worth are in excess of his reported income."

The petition added that the returns of the two attorneys for the same period also may be fraudulent.

Albert Chow, the unofficial "mayor" of Chinatown, is a former president of the Chinese Six Companies and former director of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

His brother was a deputy district attorney under Edmund G. Brown.

Cable Mishap Victim Dies

Mrs. Leah Wilson, 66 year old tourist from New York City, died yesterday from injuries received Thursday when she was thrown from a cable car at Powell and Washington Streets.

Mrs. Wilson, wife of an attorney, was sitting on an outside seat of a car inbound from Fisherman's wharf. As the car turned the curve at the intersection, she was jolted from her seat and thrown to the street. She died in St. Joseph's Hospital of a fractured skull.

Two other persons, injured in subsequent mishaps attributed to the accident, were recovering.

William Doucette, 28, of North Andover, Mass., who got off to help Mrs. Wilson, suffered cuts on his face when he fainted. His mother, Mrs. Bertha Doucette, 45, seeing her son collapse, also fainted, injuring her knee.