

Anti-Trust Suit Hits American Railway Assn.

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violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Long Procedure Looms

Assistant Attorney General Wendell L. Berge, in charge of the anti-trust division, said the War and Navy departments did not object to the filing of the suit, but he added he did not know what action might be taken by them later.

The service departments have requested postponement of approximately 30 similar suits until after the war.

Berge said that under any circumstances from 9 to 12 months would be required to prepare the case.

Complaint Is Detailed

He reported that the complaint makes these charges:

"It is alleged that by collusive and illegal action, the defendants have maintained freight rates for the western part of the United States which are higher than those fixed by the defendants for shippers in the east and this inequality has deprived the west of the advantage of low competitive rates and has operated as a detriment to its development."

"It is alleged that the conspiracy by the defendants has stifled the utilization of improved railroad technology, that the defendants have retarded the introduction of radio equipment on trains, delayed the installation of air conditioning equipment and prevented the construction of essential spur tracks and loading sheds."

"It is alleged that the defendants have deliberately delayed the delivery of perishable products, that they have collusively refused to permit the reduction of rates by certain railroads for the relief of drought-stricken areas, despite the fact that such reductions were requested by officials of the United States government."

Oil Conspiracy Included

"It is alleged that the defendants, by conspiring with the major oil companies owning and operating common carrier pipe lines, have fixed arbitrary and non-competitive rates for the transportation by rail and pipeline of petroleum and petroleum products and that thus the advantage of low-cost shipment by pipeline was denied to the west."

"It is alleged that the defendants have conspired with motor carriers and water carriers to bring motor and water carrier rates up to high rail level."

"It is alleged that the defendants have established an organization called the highway department with the Western Association of Railway Executives, that the declared purpose of the highway department is to retard the development and growth of the trucking industry, particularly in the long-haul field, in the western part of the United States, and that this has been and is being accomplished by various methods, including concerted action by the railroads to cause the enactment of state laws restricting the development of the trucking industry."

Three Lose Citizenship

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The federal district court has cancelled naturalization papers of three German-born citizens, all of Portland.

They are Phillip L. Frischmuth, 53, Herman Paul Kuhn, 44, and Alfred Schuboth, 35, a U. S. soldier, accused of having given false oaths of allegiance when they were naturalized.

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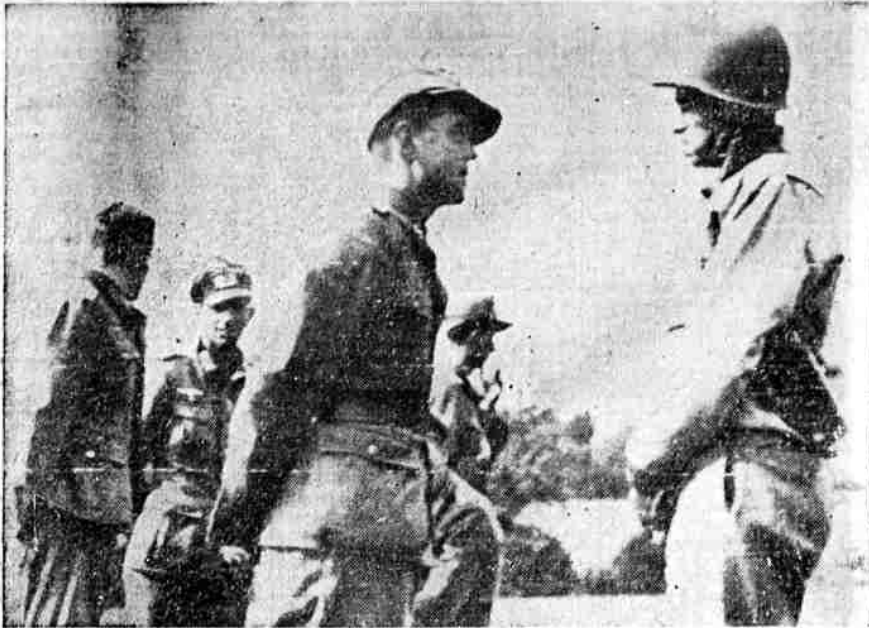
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General Bradley Quizzes German War Prisoners



Gen. Omar N. Bradley (right), commanding general of U. S. 12th Army, questions a German prisoner, during tour of front lines in France, as other Nazis wait their turn. Signal Corps radio-telephoto from London.

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Washington News From an Inside View

Argument, Sentiment, Comment

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—When congress recessed June 24, it was scheduled to resume active sessions after Labor day. Sudden and victorious developments in Europe indicated a possibility of earlier peace in at least one war theatre than was thought possible in June. For this reason congress went back into active session a month earlier than planned. The present sessions are for the specific purpose of acting upon certain legislation for the postwar period.

Practically all attention is being focused upon just two major bills—one covering the problem of the disposal of surplus government war property, the other having to do with the reversion of war industrial production and employment into civilian peacetime production. After these two pieces of legislation are handled, it is generally anticipated that the congress will again recess, perhaps until after the November election.

The first postwar bill to be considered by the house is H. R. 5125 to provide for the disposal of surplus government property and plants. This bill has been under consideration on the floor of the house all of this week. Numerous amendments have been offered, no final action was reached by adjournment three last evening. Final roll call on the bill will probably be called early next week.

The bill now under consideration, which will be known as the Surplus Property Act of 1944, was developed out of the studies conducted by the house special committee on postwar economic policy and planning. Recommendations in the Baruch report are also found included in the text. As a matter of fact, the above mentioned committee, as long ago as May 27, 1943, reported a comprehensive bill to the house (H. R. 2795). This bill was passed by the house on June 9, and is now pending in the senate.

However, with the passage of time, the rapid changes in the

war procurement program, the resultant large number of contract terminations, and the progress of the war with Germany, the temporary problem of disposal of current and future war surpluses has currently overshadowed the permanent matters dealt with in H. R. 2795.

On February 19, 1944, the president created by executive order, in the Office of War Mobilization, a Surplus Property administration. Mr. W. L. Clayton was named administrator of this agency, in which capacity he continues to function.

It has become more and more apparent, however, that complete legislation covering this subject should be enacted. Mr. Clayton took a leading part in holding conferences with the heads of interested agencies, and by conferring with representatives of the various interested committees of congress. The results of the work of Administrator Clayton, the house committee on postwar economic policy and planning, Bernard Baruch and the house committee on expenditures in the executive departments are incorporated in the bill now under discussion.

The objectives of the bill are set forth in Section 1 as follows: "The congress hereby declares that the objectives of this Act are to facilitate and regulate the orderly disposal of surplus property so as—

- (a) to assure the most effective use of such property for the purposes of war and national defense;
- (b) to facilitate the transition of enterprises from wartime to peacetime production and of individuals from wartime to peacetime employment;
- (c) to promote production, em-

ployment of labor, and utilization of the productive capacity and the natural and agricultural resources of the country;

- (d) to avoid dislocations of the domestic economy and of international economic relations;
- (e) to discourage monopolistic practices, preserve and strengthen the competitive position of small business;
- (f) to foster the wide distribution of surplus commodities to consumers at fair prices;
- (g) to effect broad and equitable distribution of surplus property; and
- (h) to realize the highest obtainable return for the government consistent with the maintenance and encouragement of a healthy competitive economy.

Paris Freed From Nazis After Four-Year Bondage

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broken by the lightning German attack across the Maginot line, and its faith in its generals and leaders broken, had no chance to fight for the capital. Even if the will had been there, there was none to organize it. A few days after Paris fell, the remainder of heartbroken, bewildered France capitulated.

German soldiers turned tourist swarmed like locusts over the city, buying up everything of value to consume or send home to Germany.

Sabotage Harries Invaders

Before a year was out, however, Paris began to reawaken. On the walls the defiant words "Vive De Gaulle" began to appear. Sabotage harassed the Germans in factories feeding the Nazi war machine. Germans were being found mysteriously slain. Hostages were seized and curfews imposed, but the mute, deadly resistance went on.

After the United States entered the war, great things began to be accomplished by the Maquis in remote regions of France where the German garrisons were light, but a tight Gestapo grip was clamped on the capital to prevent outbreaks. Nevertheless, clandestine newspapers continued to appear; De Gaulle agents were sped on their missions, sabotage continued and plans for liberation became clearer each day.

The tide of resistance grew hourly and swiftly. When the end finally came for the Germans, they had as little chance of keeping their stolen prize as the French four years before had of defending it.

Food, Clothing Ready

Within the past month as supplies from Normandy were cut by the allied invasion and communications were rendered almost useless, severe shortages developed inside Paris and there were bread riots. Now that liberation has been accomplished, food will flow into the city.

A high ranking allied officer estimated 75,000 tons of food a month would be sent to the capital by rail, truck and barge. Huge stocks of food, medicine and clothing are waiting in Normandy for the relief of the city's residents. Distribution will be made by the civil affairs branch of the allied command.

The story of how the underground armed its great forces is still to be told in detail. Paris long was described by the French in London as the place where partisans were largest in number and poorest in arms. But throughout years of occupation, the resistance movement added to the store of arms cached for

Allies Land at 2 More Southern France Spots

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French partisans already seizing town after town. Inland drives could link up with the western invasion forces of Gen. Eisenhower, and the southern arm of Gen. Wilson.

Nazis Reported In Rout

Allied fliers said the German retreat in western France during the last 24 hours had become more a rout, British and Canadian armies on the allied left flank punched ahead up to 15 miles, pushing the Nazis into the fire of flanking Americans moving along the Seine toward the sea. Behind them in the Argentan trap in Normandy, the Nazis left from 40,000 to 50,000 prisoners and their dead still were uncounted, headquarters announced.

By ferry and rubber boats, the enemy attempted to escape across the Seine at about 30 points, under a hail of bullets and cannon shells from low-swooping allied planes.

Nazis 7th's Leader Wounded

Col. Gen. Paul Hausser, commander of the German Seventh army, has been wounded in Normandy, the Berlin radio said tonight.

Hausser, under the overall command of Marshal von Kluge, led the army which was battered heavily in the Falaise pocket and now is falling back upon the lower Seine, menaced with a new envelopment.

Canadians Get Revenge

The German 12th SS tank division, accused by an allied board of murdering 19 captured Canadian soldiers early in the French campaign, has been destroyed in the battle of the Normandy pocket, it was announced.

The Canadians fought elements of the 12th SS tank division in a battle leading to the capture of Falaise. Then the division disappeared into the death trap along roads leading south from Tru, where the Germans suffered terrible casualties while trying to escape.

One of Lt. Gen. Patton's American Third army columns is operating in Fontainebleau, 35 miles below Paris on the Seine, it was announced.

Bulgaria, Nazi satellite, put forth another tentative peace bid last night, but Ankara dispatches said it was based on retention of part of territory gained as a German ally.

In the air, in clearing weather, heavy assaults were resumed against Germans retreating in France.

Bucharest Panicky as Red Armies Approach

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to Yugoslavia and Greece. Romania, besides being Germany's greatest oil reservoir, is one of her largest breadbaskets.

Red Star said Axis' many blocks of stone buildings on a hillside above the Prut generally were intact and the "soviet blow was so swift the Germans and Romanians could not evacuate their wounded and left 147 cars of munitions and food in the rail yards."

Enemy efforts to widen the newly established escape corridor west of Riga for two German armies in Latvia and Estonia were frustrated a communique said.

the day of liberation. Weapons were stolen from Nazi supply depots, taken from slain German soldiers, and stored until the supply could satisfy the need. These were small arms, easily hidden and easily moved in the event of German raids.

Whiskey Bonus Stands Pending Ban Clarifying

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PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The Oregon liquor control commission has asked the San Francisco regional OPA to clarify its order barring sale of an extra fifth of whiskey to customers who purchase two bottles of imported rum, gin or brandy. The bonus sales meanwhile continued in state liquor stores.

Draft Evader's "Magic" Fails to Ban Prison Term

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Don Antonio Tabasco pleaded guilty yesterday to pos-

session of a forged 4-F card and evasion of selective service.

Gally, he told Federal Judge Michael J. Roche the card was used as a "prop" in his magic act at night clubs. He always brought down the house, he related, by making the 4-F card turn up in a service man's wallet.

"I am not impressed," said Judge Roche. "Three years in federal prison."

British Ships Destroy 8 Of Enemy In Combat

LONDON, Aug. 23.—(AP)—Royal navy ships in two running battles destroyed eight enemy ships in the Audierne bay between Brest and Lorient before

daybreak today, the admiralty announced tonight.

Two minesweepers, three supply ships and three escort vessels were knocked out of action. Two of the escorts were heavily armed.

The British ships came through without casualty or damage, although German shore batteries joined the battle.

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