

No Censorship Wanted, Film Industry Czar Announces

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Eric Johnston, head of the Motion Picture Association, said Monday movie producers rejected a proposal from him that they agree not to employ "proven Communists."

That was one of the proposals he made when he became head of the industry association several years ago. Johnston told the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Testifying at the committee's hearings on Red activities in Hollywood, Johnston said he proposed that no "proven Communists" be hired in positions where they might influence the screen.

The producers turned down his proposal, he said, because of a legal danger that they might be accused of "conspiracy" to keep a man out of a job and because there is no definite way to determine who or what a Communist is.

The association's legal counsel advised against the "potential conspiracy" that might be involved, he said.

At the outset of his testimony, Johnston read a statement which said the motion picture industry will continue to "insist on our right to decide what will or will not go in our pictures."

"I don't propose," Johnston declared, "that government shall tell the motion picture industry, directly or by coercion, what kind of pictures it ought to make. I am as wholeheartedly against that as I would be in dictating to the press or the radio, to the book publishers or the magazines."

Johnston told the lawmakers he would use "every influence at my command" to combat any move by "intimidation or coercion" to curtail the screen's freedom of expression.

He said the movie industry is deeply conscious of the responsibility that freedom involves and has "no intention to violate this trust by permitting subversive propaganda in our films."

He denied that the industry contains any considerable number of Communists or that its movies carry Red propaganda. "Four Demands Made"

Johnston called upon the committee to:

1. Corroborate during the present hearings an impression he said was given last week "that Hollywood Communists are astronomical in number and almost irresistible in power."

2. Recontact a statement made by a subcommittee which held hearings on the same issue in Hollywood last spring that "some of the most flagrant Communist propaganda films were produced as the result of White House pressure."

Johnston said the charge "has been completely refuted" by testimony.

3. Make public a list of films made in the last eight years which the committee considers to contain Red propaganda because "until the list is made public the industry stands condemned by unsupported generalizations, and we are denied the opportunity to refute these charges publicly."

Makes 4000-Mile Mercy Flight Alone



Chubby, 16-month-old Maurita H. Van Eck is pictured in New York after flying alone from his Amsterdam, Holland, home, en route to Philadelphia for a delicate operation. He swallowed some paint flakes which lodged in his windpipe and lungs. The surgery, no medical instruments in the Netherlands to remove the flake, so the 4000-mile mercy flight was arranged. Holding Maurita is a family friend, Dr. H. P. Laquer, who accompanied the boy to Jackson Clinic of Temple University.

U. S. Rights Over Submerged Oil Lands Paramount

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—(AP)—The Supreme Court Monday formally asserted the federal government's "paramount rights" to submerged oil lands off the California coast.

At the same time, the court made clear it has nothing to say now about what the government does with the lands.

In issuing a decree declaring the government's "full dominion and power" over the lands, the court ordered stricken from the record as "irrelevant" stipulations signed July 26 permitting oil companies to continue producing from the lands under state permit.

The agreement, signed by Attorney General Clark and Secretary of the Interior Krug on one side, and the State of California on the other, specified areas in San Francisco, San Diego, and San Pedro Bays which the United States does not claim.

In effect the court said that any objections to the agreement should be taken to a federal district court. Pending such litigation, the stipulations continue in effect.

Pelley Denied Review

Among other actions today, the court:

1. Denied William Dudley Pelley, former leader of the Silver Shirts of America, a review of his conviction on a seditious charge.

Pelley was convicted in U. S. District Court in Indianapolis in 1942. The conviction resulted from publications by the Fellowship Press, Inc., which he headed. He is serving a 15-year sentence in the federal penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind.

While in Washington as a defendant in another seditious case dismissed last July, Pelley filed a habeas corpus petition attacking the jurisdiction of the Indianapolis District Court.

Negro At Issue in Case

2. Agreed to review a decision that the Bob-Lo Excursion Company violated Michigan's civil rights act by refusing to transport a Negro woman on one of its vessels.

The Negro, Sarah Ray, was re-

fused passage on a vessel from Detroit to Bob-Lo Island, Ontario, and return. The company contended the act would not apply to its operations because it was engaged in foreign commerce. The Michigan Supreme Court ruled the law applied to foreign commerce as well as to intrastate.

Jehovites Lose Appeal

3. Denied the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, Inc., a hearing on a protest against a Los Angeles County tax on printed literature stored in society-owned building at Lynwood, Calif.

The society, the governing body of Jehovah's Witnesses, argued that the tax violated rights of freedom of speech, of press, and of worship. It asked return of \$463 paid under protest, plus 5 per cent interest. California courts upheld the tax.

Ramadier Voices Attack on DeGaulle

PARIS, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Socialist Premier Paul Ramadier delivered a blistering attack today against Gen. Charles De Gaulle, and declared to the National Assembly: "There are men who want to divide the country into two blocs. I warn you this can only result in economic ruin and civil war."

Ramadier called the De Gaulle "Caesarists" and "enemies of the republic."

Ramadier told the deputies that "if the Marshall plan is not carried out in a sufficient manner, a crisis will arise which no aid will be able to help."

Ramadier said that failure to provide a "sufficient" Marshall plan, under which western European nations are asking \$20,000,000,000 aid from the U. S. treasury, would mean that "all our industry would be forced to shut down."

Ramadier, who just had granted railroad workers substantial wage increases, said "we know we can go no further" in line hikes for "we must hold the line against inflation."

The Union of South Africa which was formed from four independent colonies, retains four provincial governments and legislatures.

X-Ray Unit Will Offer Tests At Douglas Towns

The Mobile X-Ray Unit, sponsored by the Oregon Tuberculosis Association, the State Board of Health and the Douglas County Public Health Association, will be at the Fir Mfg. Company at Myrtle Creek, Friday, October 31, from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M., according to an announcement made today by the Association president, Mrs. Hedwig Watzig.

X-rays of the neck will be available from 8 to 11 o'clock. From 1 to 4 P. M. the X-Ray unit is available to the general public. All residents of the community are urged to take advantage of having these x-rays taken without charge. Mr. Sund, manager of the Fir Mfg. Company, is reported to have been most cooperative with the Health Association in making arrangements for the unit to be in southern Douglas County.

Saturday, November 1, the unit will remain at the Fir Mfg. Company and will be available all day to the general public.

Monday, November 3, the unit will be at the Martin Bros. Box Company at Oakland and will be available to employees of the company and the general public from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Ben Martin, mill manager, and Mrs. John Edwards, who will be in charge, have urged that all residents of the community take ad-

vantage of having these x-rays taken during the unit's stay in that community.

This unit is made available in Oregon by donations given annually to the Christmas Seal fund.

To date the Mobile Unit has

taken 5220 x-rays in Douglas County.

The Philippine Independent Church, which separated itself from the Church of Rome in 1901 has approximately 1,500,000 followers.



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Army Recruiting Held Back by Ex-GIs' Gripes

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 28.—(AP)—"GI gripes" have driven off badly needed armed services recruits, Maj. William J. Wallace, commander of Marine Corps aviation of the Atlantic Fleet, said here in a Navy Day speech.

He termed the postwar antipathy to military service "natural." Most veterans did not like the wartime restrictions, or the shoving around necessary to handle large bodies of men, he said, adding that they have carried their viewpoints back to their communities.

Hailstorm Deals Heavy Damage in Texas Region

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 28.—(AP)—Hail, whipped with bullet force by a hard wind cut a million dollar path of damage through a broad section of East Texas Sunday.

At least three towns were left without electrical power and telephone communications were disrupted by a hailstorm which struck late in the afternoon. Hardest hit was Jacksonville, where Raymond West, editor of the Jacksonville Daily Progress, said damage might amount to \$2,000,000.

Tavern Owner's Hunch Nabs Would-Be Robber

PORTLAND, Oct. 28.—(AP)—"I had a feeling that someone was going to break in," said tavern operator Norman Ellwood Brown—so he hid in his darkened tavern for three hours after usual closing time.

At 4 A. M. he called police to say his hunch had turned out: he had just collared a 21-year-old youth by the cash register. The youth, identified as Jack Edward Karterud, was bound over to the grand jury today on a burglary charge.

HUNTER DIES ON TRIP

LA GRANDE, Ore., Oct. 28.—(AP)—Apparently a heart attack victim, Albert Crossland, 50, Portland, died in the mountains near here Sunday as he was being carried out of an elk hunting camp.

Three hunting companions reported they returned to camp that evening to find the stricken Crossland. They started out with him, but he succumbed before they reached aid.

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