

Law Against 2nd Class of Boycotts Kyoed by Court

PORTLAND, April 12.—(AP)—Oregon's 1947 law prohibiting secondary boycotts in labor disputes is unconstitutional, Circuit Judge Charles W. Redding ruled Saturday.

He said it was an infringement of the rights of free speech and a free press.

He said that unions may seek to influence other firms not to do business with a firm involved in a labor dispute, so long as there are no threats of intimidation or coercion. Peaceful picketing may be maintained, even though a majority of employees have rejected the union, so long as the pickets are not employees of the firm, the judge ruled.

The decision was handed down in the case of the Whistlin' Pig Coffee Shops, Inc., Portland, against the Waitresses and Cafeteria Workers Union and the Cooks and Assistants Union, both AFL. The firm sought an injunction against picketing, which has been maintained at the downtown coffee shop on a one-picket basis for several months. The injunction was denied.

The constitutionality question was raised only on the matter of secondary boycott and not on the issue of picketing. Relative to the latter, Judge Redding said the 1947 law clearly prohibits picketing by employees of a firm after a majority rejects union representation—but if the employer-employee relationship does not exist, the law does not apply. The pickets have not been employees of the coffee shop.

On secondary boycotts, Judge Redding said paragraph 2, section 2 of chapter 356—the law in question—is so vague, uncertain and sweeping that it would permit prior censorship of constitutional guarantees. Specifically, he said, the law prohibits employees engaged in a primary dispute from publicizing it in an effort to get other workers to withhold patronage from firms doing business with their employer.

This denial of the right of publicizing the dispute is contrary to the constitutional guarantees of free speech and a free press, he ruled.

The coffee shop may proceed with its case, however, he held but must restrict its evidence to a showing of intimidation or coercion. If proved, such acts could then be enjoined, Judge Redding said.

Mining Permit Bill Opens Way to O. & C. Lands

PORTLAND, April 12.—(AP)—Western Oregon's mining industry is moving into a "new era" of growth, Billman Leidenmann, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, says.

This is because Oregon and California revested lands have been opened for mineral entry under a bill signed yesterday by President Truman.

Leidenmann quoted a raw materials survey showing approximately two and a half million acres of land affected by the opening. He said there were many known deposits of a wide variety of minerals on the O. & C. lands which previously could not be exploited.

Rail Labor Disputes Up To Emergency Boards

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(AP)—President Truman today created emergency boards to study two railroad labor disputes. This action continues present working rules pending their reports.

The board will investigate controversies between:

1. The Pennsylvania Railroad and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

2. The Allegheny and Southern Railroad, a 46-mile line in western Pennsylvania, and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Names of the board members will be announced later.

Both boards are given 30 days to report.

Oregon-Born Babies To Be Given Lifetime Code

PORTLAND, April 10.—(AP)—Oregon is arranging to number its babies next year under the nationwide plan proposed by the U. S. Public Health Service.

The plan, giving each child born after next Jan. 1 a lifetime code number, was presented to vital statistics registrars from the different states at a Washington, D. C. meeting.

If the program goes into effect, all Oregon-born babies would have a number beginning with 130. The next two digits would state the year of birth—49 for next year; and the remaining six digits would classify the child according to the county in which it was born and the initial of its surname.

Comeback of Sardines On Pacific Coast Sought

LOS ANGELES, April 12.—(AP)—A Tri-state study has been proposed to bring back the absentee sardine to Pacific Coast waters.

California, Washington and Oregon experts—from state agencies and commercial fisheries—will begin investigation at once, California officials said. Expert consensus to date has it the sardine has just been virtually fished out.

Farmer Loses Thumb On Lead Rope; Warns Others

DALLAS, Ore. (AP)—Wendell De Haven, Dallas, warns his fellow-farmers not to twist a lead rope around their hands.

De Haven was leading a calf to pasture, the rope twisted around his fingers. The calf suddenly bolted; he felt a violent pain in his left thumb.

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Oregon Veterans Borrow Heavily For Farms, Homes

Oregon's World War II veterans are borrowing on the state veterans' farm and home loan at the rate of about a million dollars every three months, and the agency handling this rapidly growing business is hard pressed to keep ahead of the increasing demand.

Loan officials said the Department of Veterans Affairs, which administers the act, has loaned more than \$3,500,000 in the two and a half years since the start of operations. Nearly three millions of this amount were loaned in the past year alone, and the rapid growth of the department's

business, according to Loan Officer A. J. Crose, is due mainly to the fact that the state legislature in 1947 liberalized the loan act to permit veterans to borrow up to \$6,000 to buy homes and farms, and streamlined the act to permit speedy processing of applications.

Veterans who were Oregon residents before entering service in World War II are eligible to apply. They may borrow up to 75 per cent of the appraised value of the home or farm being purchased, to a maximum of \$6,000. Interest on the loan is at four per cent. Under today's conditions, the average time allowed to repay is about 12 years.

This means that the veteran who borrows \$4,000, for example, on a 12-year repayment plan, will repay at the rate of about \$35 a month, plus taxes which the department collects and in turn pays to the county annually.

Fire Protection Procedure Told To Fair Acres People

Fire protection for rural areas is strictly a problem for the residents of their respective communities to solve, Rural Fire District Secretary John Zenor and Roseburg Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor informed a gathering from the Fair Acres district in the Winchester School Friday night.

The meeting was called by residents of Fair Acres community, about three miles north of Roseburg, for the purpose of discussing procedure for joining the Roseburg Rural Fire District. Full cooperation and advice of the Rural Fire District executives and the city firemen was offered by Zenor and Taylor, but the

work of bringing the new area into the district, they said, was up to the people themselves.

The procedure for joining an established district, they explained, requires circulating a petition, which must contain 15 names of land owners or taxpayers in an area specifically defined. This petition must be presented to the directors of the Rural Fire District, and if their approval is granted, permission of the County Court must be obtained to call an election in the designated area. Any community wishing to unite with an established district must adjoint that district. There can be no gaps between.

A committee was chosen to canvass the territory for an expression of opinion and to study possible boundaries. A second meeting will then be called to further discuss the matter. Residents of the Fair Acres area may obtain further information by

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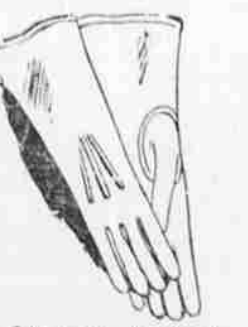
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