

Wage Boost In Contract Talks Invalid

Union Must Be Notified Unless Raise Rejected, Supreme Court Rules

WASHINGTON, June 1 — (AP) — The Supreme Court held Tuesday that a union must be notified before a wage boost can be granted during contract talks unless the increase has been rejected by the union.

Specifically, the tribunal held that a Georgia textile mill committed an unfair labor practice because it raised wages 12 days after contract talks with the CIO textile workers union had become deadlocked.

The firm, Crompton-Highland Mills, Inc., of Griffith, Ga., contended the increase was necessary to keep a working force in a highly competitive labor market.

Justice Burton delivered the opinion, which was unanimous on the principle issue involved. Justices Douglas, Murphy and Rutledge disagreed on a question of procedure.

Burton was joined in the majority opinion by Chief Justice Vinson and Justices Black, Reed, Frankfurter and Jackson.

The increase at issue, ranged from four to six cents an hour. It was more than the union had asked during the negotiations.

Actions On Other Cases

In other actions the court: 1. Held unanimously that the OPA should not have used as evidence against a businessman information he volunteered during questioning by an investigator for the wartime price control agency. The case involved a \$470,000 fine and three-year prison sentence given George Smith, a New York manufacturer, on charges of illegal use of textile-buying priorities. The tribunal sent the case back to lower courts in New York.

2. Denied Dawn L. Allen, an unmarried mother, a hearing on her efforts to recover her two-year-old son from a Tappahannock, Va., couple who adopted him. The mother claimed that before the baby was born, and while she was in "a state of emotional agitation" an agreement to the adoption was obtained "by duress and coercion."

3. Refused to reconsider its recent action upholding the conviction of two men for offering bribes to New York Giant pro football players. The pair, Harvey Stemmer and David Krakower, were sentenced in New York to prison terms of 5 to 10 years each.

4. Canceled an \$80,000 award made to the Penn Foundry and Manufacturing Company, Inc., of Waynesboro, Va., because of a broken wartime contract with the Navy. The case, decided 7-2, hinged on a letter to the company notifying it that it had been given a \$2,087,555 contract for gun mounts and a telegram received the same day saying the notification was a mistake.

5. Agreed to review a National Labor Relations Board order requiring the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company to reinstate 37 employees discharged from a Berkeley, Calif., plant on de-

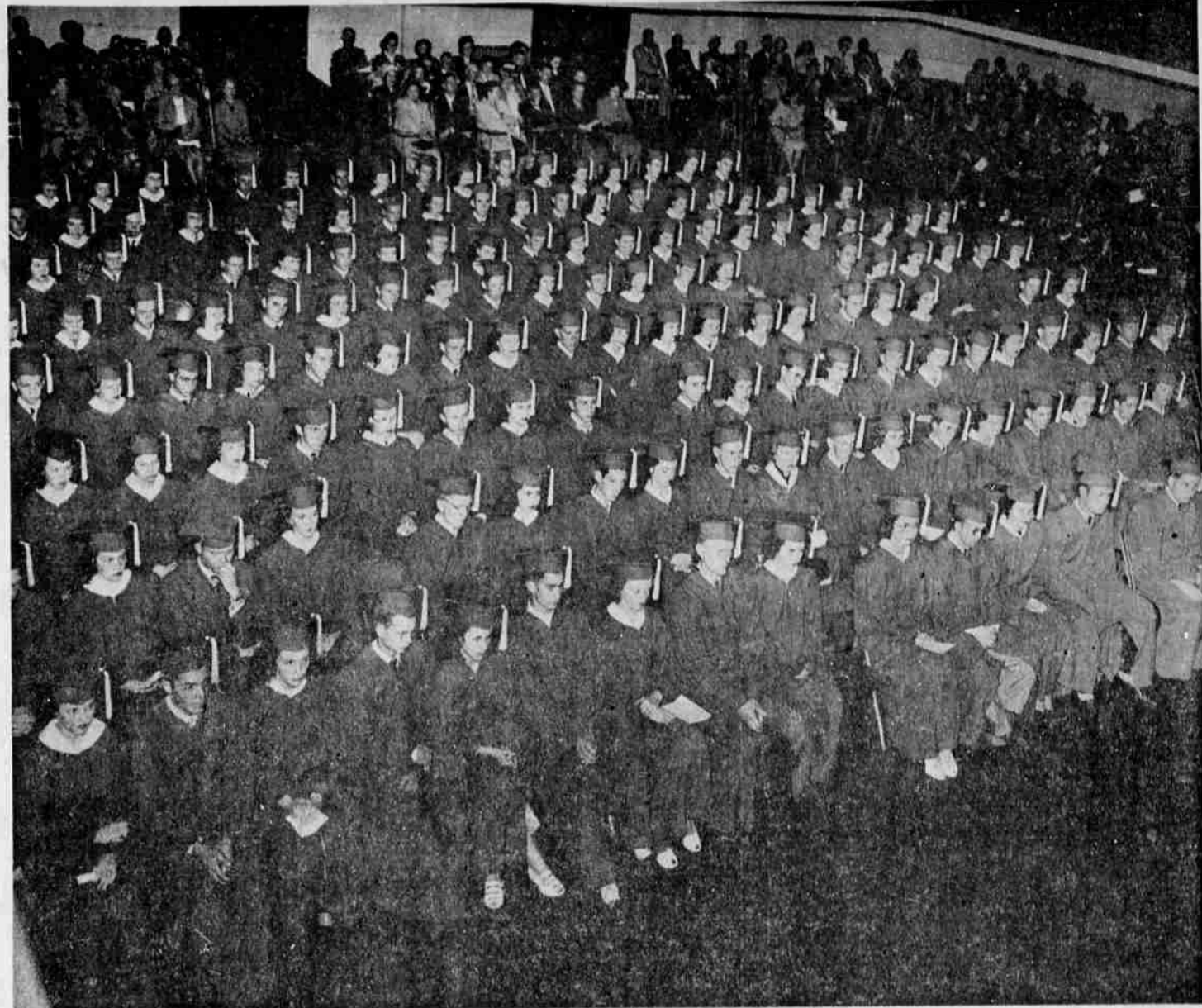
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GRADUATES—Roseburg Senior High School's graduating class of '49 is pictured here as the students appeared for baccalaureate services Sunday evening in the Junior High School auditorium. Graduation exercises Friday night, in the Senior High auditorium, will complete the preparatory schooling of the students in Roseburg. The largest class in the school's history, 182 students, will receive diplomas on the stage. (Picture by The Photo Lab.)

U. S. Witnesses In Bridges Case Said Tampered With; Grand Jury Probe Ordered

WASHINGTON, June 1 — (AP) — Attorney General Tom Clark said Tuesday he has ordered a grand jury investigation into reports of tampering with government witnesses in the Justice Department's proceedings against Harry Bridges.

The attorney general said the matter has been placed in the hands of F. Joseph Donohue, his special assistant on the West Coast.

Donohue was in charge of the grand jury at San Francisco which indicted Bridges, the CIO Longshoremen's leader, and two other union officials last Wednesday.

The indictment accused Bridges, who has twice successfully resisted deportation, of em-

ploying fraud in obtaining his American citizenship in 1945. Bridges is a native of Australia. The indictment also charged Henry Schmidt and J. R. Robertson, other officials of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, with making false statements in the naturalization proceedings.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1 — (AP) — Sam Darcy, who ran for governor in 1934 as the Communist Party candidate, is here to testify before the federal grand jury.

The jury's probe of "the Harry Bridges case" will be resumed today. Bridges, head of the CIO Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, was indicted last week, accused of perjury and conspiracy in obtaining his naturalization papers in 1945. He was born in Australia.

There was speculation that the new hearing would go beyond the Bridges issue; that it would open up the wider field of reputed Communist activities in Pacific Coast labor unions.

Darcy will be one of about 15 new witnesses.

Darcy, described years ago as America's No. 2 Communist, was expelled from the party several years ago on charges of "democratic centralism." He refused today to discuss what information he might supply the grand jury. But he confirmed he would be a witness.

In Bridges' 1941 deportation hearing, Harry Lundeborg, AFL sailors' union chief, testified that Bridges and Darcy had once tried

to recruit him as a Communist party member.

25 New Judgeships OK'd; Oregon Slated For One

WASHINGTON, June 1 — (AP) — The House Judiciary Commit-

tee Tuesday approved a bill to create 25 new judgeships.

Six of them would be in federal circuit courts, the 19 others in federal district courts.

The new district judgeships proposed include: Southern California one; Northern California one; Oregon one.

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Ex-GI Presumed Dead Turns Up With New Family

NEW YORK, June 1 — (AP) — An ex-infantryman, presumed by his Connecticut wife to have been killed in the war, has a second mate and family on Staten Island, his former employer said Tuesday.

The former soldier, identified as Anthony V. Martino, a taxicab driver, was listed as missing in combat in France in 1944. Later the Army presumed him dead. His wife, Mrs. Mary Martino, who lives with her two children in Waterbury, was startled a few days ago when the Army informed her Martino had walked into an Army recruiting station to check on his status.

Army officials said Martino told them his memory had a blank spot.

Tuesday, Nicholas De Joy, owner of the Staten Island Taxi Company, said Martino worked for him as a cab driver 4 years, but quit his job several weeks ago.

De Joy said Martino has a wife and two children living at Tamplingsville, Staten Island. A woman at that address declined to give her name.

Martino left his home Monday and has not been seen since. Meantime, the first Mrs. Martino headed here from Waterbury in the hope of meeting her husband.

BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS

A two weeks' daily vacation Bible school was started Tuesday in the Winchester School, under sponsorship of the American Sunday School Society. A. Kolstrup, missionary, is in charge. Classes will meet daily, except Saturday and Sunday, from 9 to 11:30 a. m.

Pinson previously had served time at Walla Walla for forgery and robbery and in Missouri for burglary.

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