

Dispute Over Jobless Pay Law Is Compromised

WASHINGTON. — (AP)—Secretary of labor Tobin announced Wednesday a compromise settlement of a dispute over California's unemployment compensation law.

The department withdrew its contention that recent rulings in California had altered the state law so that it no longer conformed to the Federal Social Security act.

The action removed the threat of interrupting jobless pay to California unemployed and of imposing additional taxes upon employer payroll.

Tobin said that an exchange of letters with California officials had removed the issues involved in the question of conformity between the two laws.

Charles W. Johnson, California Deputy Attorney general, presented a letter of behalf of the California unemployment insurance appeals board stating it did not consider its ruling in a recent case a binding precedent and promising to reopen pending cases of a similar nature.

The issue, on which a labor department hearing was concluded yesterday, concerned an appeals board ruling in California denying jobless benefits to union seamen while on strike in 1948.

Slot Machines At Issue In Test Case

BAKER, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A case testing the constitutionality of the law permitting confiscation or destruction of slot machines is expected here following the filing of a complaint in circuit court by E. E. Shannon, proprietor of the Geiser Grand hotel, against Sheriff Fred Thom.

Shannon is seeking \$750 or recovery of four coin-in-the-slot machines confiscated by the sheriff's office June 18. He also asks \$500 damages for the taking and keeping of the machines. They were taken from the Clipper club, in the hotel, by a state police officer.

Shortly after the confiscation Shannon was fined \$100 for each of the machines by Justice of the Peace Will Nordean. Now Shannon's attorneys claim that the sheriff wrongfully and without the plaintiff's consent took and kept the machines. Tuesday Circuit Judge Forrest Hubbard ordered the sheriff to hold the machines but not to destroy them.

Shannon's attorneys claim that provisions of the state's gambling laws relative to confiscation and destruction of personal property, such as the slot machines, are unconstitutional.

Douglas Fourth In Vets' Taxes On Loan Property

SALEM. — (AP)—The Oregon department of Veterans Affairs paid \$214,171 in taxes on farm and home properties this year, the department said.

These taxes are paid on 3,360 farms and homes for which the department made loans to Veterans. The department collects the taxes from these veterans and then pays them to the counties.

Multnomah county received the largest tax payment from the department, \$79,414. Marion county was next with \$15,231. Clackamas was third with \$13,113, and Douglas was fourth with \$12,999.

The endurance of the American bison was remarkable. He could often run 40 miles at a time.



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