

Habitual Criminal Ruling Is Made

SALEM — The Oregon Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that persons convicted of four crimes

involving penitentiary sentences must be sentenced to life imprisonment.

The high court made its ruling in denying the petition of Claude Castle, Polk County habitual criminal, who sought his release. He was sentenced in Polk County for livestock theft to three years. Because it was his fourth conviction, he also was sentenced to life as an habitual criminal.

Castle contended that the sentencing judge had no right to give him both the three-year and life sentences.

The Supreme Court, in its decision by Justice Hall S. Lusk, said the Circuit Court was required to give the life sentence, but that it shouldn't have meted out the three year sentence.

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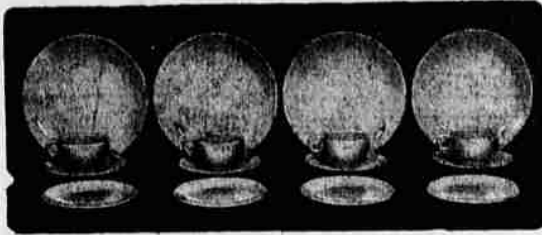
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Petrov's Letters To His Wife Read At Hearing

CANBERRA, Australia — Letters exchanged between Soviet envoy Vladimir Petrov and his wife before she joined him in exile in Australia were read to the Royal Commission on Espionage Wednesday.

The commission adjourned its inquiry into Petrov's story of a spy ring he headed in Australia to await further translation of documents he turned over in April, when he fled his post as third secretary of the Soviet Embassy.

In one of the letters read, Mrs. Petrov wrote that she feared the Australians were trying to trap her.

Sen. Langer (R-ND), is scheduled for hearings next month before the Senate Commerce Committee. Leading the fight against the bill were the Distilled Spirits Institute, Licensed Beverage Industries, Inc., and several labor groups. Also lined up to be heard were representatives of newspaper associations, advertising agencies, magazines and radio and television broadcasters.

Aerial Action Is On Increase Off China Coast

By SPENCER MOOSA

TAIPEI, Formosa — A sharp increase in aerial action off China's Chekiang Province the past two days has stirred speculation that the Communists may be preparing an attack on island bases held by Nationalist forces off the coast. A nationalist official said Thursday there is no indication that an invasion is near, but acknowledged that stepped up aerial attacks are aimed at disrupting any plans the Communists may have.

The official also acknowledged that a Red invasion could come with little advance warning.

The most important of the island bases is Quemoy, just off the China coast across the Formosa channel. Next in importance are the Tachen islands off Chekiang, north-

ern anchor for the string of offshore Nationalist strongpoints.

It is in the vicinity of the Tachens that Nationalist fighters have clashed four times in the past week with Communist MIG jets. And it is in this area that Nationalist pilots claimed to have sunk two Red warships—one of 1,500 tons and one of 800 tons this week.

Lt. Gen. Chiang Chia-Kuo, the president's son who heads the defense ministry's political section, said Thursday reports that non-combatants have been evacuated from the Tachens are ridiculous.

Another spokesman said "The idea that the Tachens are as of this moment in a critical or serious situation is false."

The Tachens consist of three major islands and about 200 islets. The big islands are heavily garrisoned and opinion here is that the Communists would have to be prepared for a comparatively major amphibious operation if they hoped to overrun them.

Pay Boost Negotiations Of CIO Again In Recess

PORTLAND — Negotiations between the CIO Woodworkers and lumber employers again were in recess Thursday after another round of meetings without report of progress.

Union negotiators met with the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. here Wednesday, following a Tuesday meeting with fir employers of

Western Washington and Oregon. In each case the result was the same. Employers said they held firm to their position that no wage boost or any other cost increase could be made. The union said it still wanted a 12 1/2-cent hourly pay boost, plus a job survey to correct pay inequities, and more vacation time.

Noblin Files Personal Injury Suit In Court

A personal injury damage action has been filed in circuit court by Billy Noblin against Harrell Walker.

Noblin seeks a judgment of \$35,000 general and \$1,547.50 special damages, alleging he received permanent injuries in an accident just south of Roseburg on April 3, 1954.

In the accident, the defendant's car struck Noblin's vehicle in the rear, the complaint states.

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