

Screening System Unconstitutional; Law Suits Seen

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Suits possibly totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars may be filed shortly by seamen once barred from work by the Coast Guard on security grounds.

The suits would spring from this week's decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals which ruled the Coast Guard screening system unconstitutional. Richard Gladstein, attorney for the seamen, said he would file motions for back wages lost by all those barred under the system. He estimated the number as "at least 500" in this area and said the suits would total several hundred thousand dollars.

There was no comment from the Coast Guard.

Judge Walter L. Pope of Montana wrote the 2-1 majority opinion, saying, "... The time has not come when we have to abandon a system of liberty for one modeled on that of the Communists."

Judge Thomas F. McAllister of Grand Rapids, Mich., concurred and Judge William Healy of Idaho dissented.

The case was brought by six seamen screened off ships under the Magnuson Act of 1950. The decision did not hold the Magnuson Act unconstitutional but overruled the Coast Guard system in applying it.

The court ordered new hearings for the six under different ground rules.

The opinion said the barred seamen were not given advance notice their jobs were in jeopardy or an

opportunity to be heard in their own defense. Judge Pope continued: "The question is: Is this system of secret informers, whisperers



TO HEAD C.A.P.—Maj. Gen. Walter R. Agee, 50, a native of Silver City, N. M., has been named by the Air Force as the next commander of the Civil Air Patrol.

COMPLETES REFINERY

TOKYO (AP)—Red China Wednesday announced completion of its first refinery to produce beet sugar. Constructed near Pao-tow in inner Mongolia with East German help, the refinery can produce 22,000 tons of beet sugar annually, the Peiping Radio said.

and talebearers of such vital importance to the public welfare that it must be preserved at the cost of denying to the citizens even a modicum of the protection traditionally associated with due process (of law)?"

Astoria's Mayor Elected President Of Cities' League

PORTLAND (AP)—Peter G. Cosovich, Astoria mayor, was elected president of the League of Oregon Cities this week.

Paul O. Landry, Klamath Falls mayor, became vice president and J. W. Barney, Hillsboro city manager, treasurer. Directors named include: Robert White, Salem mayor; John F. Porter, Grants Pass city manager; and Edward C. Harms Jr., Springfield mayor.

The league urged cities to lay their problems before the legislative interim committee on local government and urban area problems.

Other resolutions called for: Federal agencies, owning real property within incorporated cities, to be made subject to special assessments for local improvements.

Support for President Eisenhower's commission on intergovernmental relations for government decentralization through strengthening of local units.

Legislation requiring counties to give cities a share of market road levies in lieu of general road taxes.

The Oregon Recreation and Park Assn., which met along with the league, elected Robert O. Robertson, Albany, president; W. Riley Stutsler, Eugene, vice president; Miss Percy Margaret Gill, Corvallis, secretary, and Lynn Rodney, University of Oregon, treasurer.

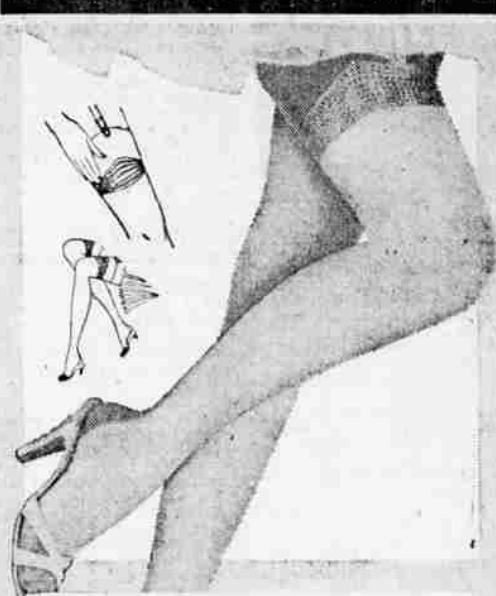
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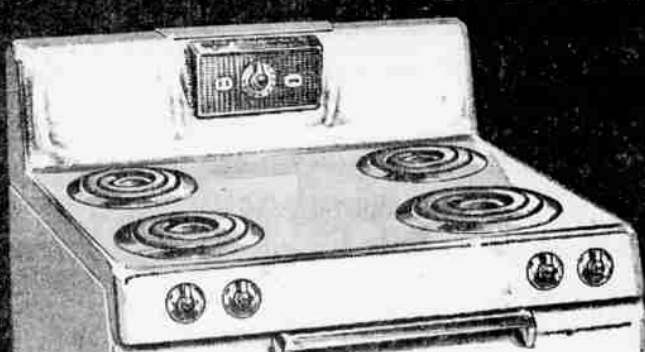
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