

## Returned Veteran Forfeits Seniority Promotion, High Court Decides in 7-2 Split

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled Monday the Selective Service Act does not compel an employer to restore a returned veteran to a promoted position in a seniority capacity he might have achieved had he not gone into the armed forces.

Justice Frankfurter delivered the 7-2 ruling. Justices Black and Douglas noted dissents.

The decision as to job rights under the draft law was in the case of Henry T. McKinney, who before induction was employed by the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad as a relief clerk-chief caller. The job was in a group 2 seniority classification under a union working agreement.

After completing his military service, McKinney was advanced to group 1 and given a job as assistant cashier. McKinney contended his seniority entitled him to a better job in group 1 — that of bill clerk.

When MKT abolished the assistant cashier job, McKinney sought to "bump" the non-veteran holding the bill clerk job. But MKT reassigned McKinney to group 2 and his original relief clerk-chief caller position. This job paid \$10.08 a week less than the bill clerk position.

In two other principal decisions of the day, the court asserted the supremacy of federal legislation over state court views.

An 8-0 decision reversed the California Supreme Court and upheld validity of contracts between California irrigation districts and the Federal Reclamation Bureau that limit landholdings of water users to 160 acres.

### Tacoma Wins Power Right

Unanimously, the court held the city of Tacoma, Wash., has authority to condemn the site of a state fish hatchery in order to proceed with a hydroelectric development. It ruled the city got such authority through a grant of a license from the Federal Power Commission.

### Grass Fire Damages Idaho Catholic Mission

CATALDO, Idaho (AP) — A fast-moving grass fire swept to the steps of the historic old Cataldo Mission near here Sunday before Forest Service crews stopped it.

The fire burned over three acres and threatened to destroy the old church, built by Indians in 1854 under supervision of Catholic missionaries of the Jesuit order. It is now maintained as a tourist attraction.

Donald Welton, a Forest Service lookout, spotted the fire sweeping up from the Coeur d'Alene River. The blaze destroyed the mission's pump house and knocked out its water supply.

## Explorer III Expected To Die Next Weekend

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Explorer III, the American satellite launched March 26, will die sometime next weekend, the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory said Saturday.

Dr. Charles A. Whitney, observatory astrophysicist, said present behavior of the satellite indicates it will end its three-month career Sunday, June 29, "give or take two days." Later in the week it may be possible to predict time of death more closely.

Most recent sightings of the satellite made by a Sacramento, Calif., moonwatch team indicate that its present period is less than 94 minutes. Perigee, the closest point of the satellite's orbit to the earth, is just over 100 miles.

When the period decreases to about 88 minutes per revolution and the perigee distance to about 70 miles, the satellite can no longer survive. When Explorer III was launched its period was about 116 minutes and its perigee about 120 miles.

### SOUP AVERTS TRAGEDY

PHILIPPEVILLE, Algeria (AP) — A terrorist threw a bomb into a restaurant here where 40 French soldiers were eating Sunday night. It fell into the soup of one of the soldiers and the fuse fizzled out.



TRIBUTE TO WAR DEAD — Buddhist monks leave the base of the Goddess of Mercy statue in Kyoto, Japan, after unveiling of tablet memorial to Allied dead of World War II.

## Sen. Neuberger Hopes For Water Project Funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D - Ore) Monday expressed optimism over prospects for obtaining funds for development of Oregon water resource projects.

Neuberger said that new starts on Oregon projects have been stalemated since President Eisenhower's budget message opposed construction of new undertakings.

"I am hopeful that the Senate Appropriations Committee will act favorably to break this log-jam," he said.

Neuberger conferred with Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), chair-

man of the subcommittee on public works of the Senate appropriations Committee. He said he was "greatly encouraged" by Ellender's reactions to pushing increased allocations for Oregon river and harbor works.

Among projects Neuberger said he hopes will receive additional appropriations are the multiple-purpose Green Peter Dam on the Santiam River, the \$3,950,000 Rogue River navigation development at Gold Beach, and Army Engineers surveys of navigation on the Coos and Millicoma rivers and flood control on the Coquille River.

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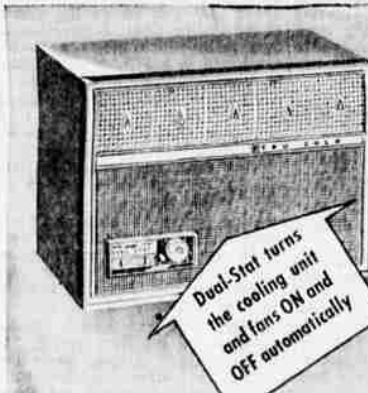
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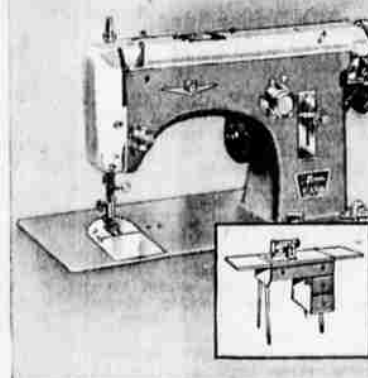
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