

Deterioration of German Courts, Guilt of Judges Described Here By Judge Brand in Legion Talk

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Under Nazi rule the German judicial system deteriorated to a level unparalleled in history, Justice James Brand of the state supreme court told a packed house of members and guests of American Legion, Capital post 9, Monday night in Legion hall.

Judge Brand presided at the Nuernberg, Germany, war crimes trials from March to December of last year. He explained that the trials at which he presided tried only the top judges and other officials of Germany's ministry of justice — roughly equivalent to the U. S. department of justice.

Most of the trials reviewed cases previously "tried" by the corrupt Hitler-ridden German courts. The German judges were tried for "crimes against civilization."

The Nuernberg trials had three primary purposes, Judge Brand stated. They were: to prove the guilt or innocence of the defendants, to set up a precedent for future world justice and to provide authentic testimony of Nazi Germany's guilt for all time to come — especially that of its judicial system.

The German judges defense was, Judge Brand declared, that they were forced to bow to Hitler's demands in order to hold their authority and to prevent Germany from becoming a police state. They also avowed ignorance of the extent of concentration camp atrocities.

Documents which showed that the German judges actually collaborated with the dreaded Gestapo and that they voluntarily aided the Nazis refuted the first defense, Judge Brand said. Motion pictures of concentration camps and other concrete evidence available belied their ignorance in the second excuse.

This evidence shows conclusively, the judge stated, that the courts were lost to all "sense of justice and ordinary decency."

The allied judges at Nuernberg did not follow the strict and formal American rules of evidence, Judge Brand noted. Instead the gates were thrown open to all evidence of any conceivable value — which, in most instances, reacted to the advantage of the accused, he said.

Under the Nazi rule, German judges were given absolute power of life and death even in minor trials. They were also aided by hastily worded and indefinite statutes, which made a farce of court justice for any defendant (usually a Jew or Pole) who incurred the disfavor of the Nazis.

Judges who did not knuckle under to Hitler were removed — but quick, the judge said. He added that after a staggering 100,000 documents were processed for presentation at the trial, it was estimated, at the finish, that approximately 600,000 humans were exterminated by the Nazis.

Rex Kimmell, assistant state attorney general, and past commander of Capital post, introduced Judge Brand. Commander Lawrence Osterman dispensed with the usual business meeting.

Some wealthy communities in the United States spend as much as \$4,000 per classroom unit on education while others spend less than \$100.

Council Probes Radio, Street Pump Problems

(Story also on page 1)
WEST SALEM, Feb. 2 — The bill for the new pump which went out about New Year's day was ordered not paid by the city council tonight, except that part of it for labor of installing the pump.

The action was taken upon recommendation of the city water board. Clyde Everett, manager of Oregon Flax Textiles Co., protested the manner in which the Southern Pacific had repaired Ninth street and said he was tired of hauling cars out of the hole which he compared to a mouse trap.

He also asked about radio interference. Harry Read, manager of Salem Electric who was present with figures for the council, was asked his opinion on the interference and said he had found heating pads responsible in two different cases he had personally investigated. David Wright, assistant manager of Portland General Electric who was present, concurred with Read's statement and told of an electrical device on an oil furnace which was found to be causing interference over an entire block.

In answer to letters from the state sanitary commission about the city plans for sewage disposal, Merrifield, Corvallis engineer making the survey, is to be requested to furnish the desired information.

What to do with women or juvenile prisoners, if and when the city has any, was the question posed council members by Earl Burk. The county seal, Dallas, will not take them, and City Attorney Albert Cook questioned the city's right to take them to Salem even should Salem be willing. Kuhn was all for "taking care of our own problems."

It was suggested another jail cell be provided and City Recorder R. E. Pattison was heard to inquire as to the need of another cell, since the present one is not used most of the time.

The state highway commission will probably pave one street and has recommended that it be Seventh with Bassett the second choice, Mayor Walter Musgrave reported in connection with the special state fund for streets in industrial areas. The highway commission would do either a 20-foot street or a 40-foot street where the curbs were built by the city or property owners.

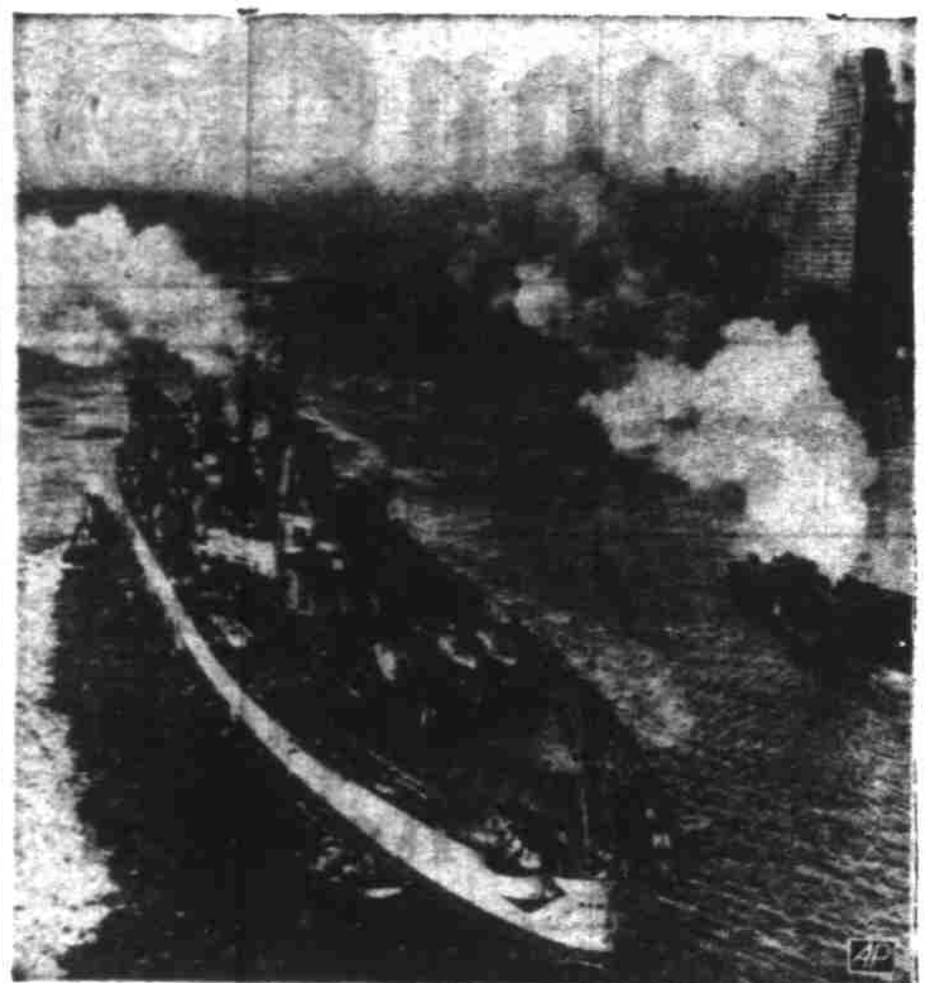
Owners of property are to be solicited in an effort to have them voluntarily assume the financial responsibility for the curbs. Named to a special committee for this solicitation were Burk, Kuhn, and Cook.

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'New Jersey' to Be 'Mothballed'



BROOKLYN, Feb. 2 — The 52,000-ton battleship New Jersey, one of the world's heaviest armed warships, passes under Brooklyn Bridge, N. Y., en route to Gravesend bay to unload her ammunition prior to returning to the Brooklyn navy yard for stripping. The mighty vessel, finished in 1944 at a cost of more than \$100,000,000 will eventually be berthed at Bayonne, N. J., on a deactivated basis. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Funeral Today For Victim of Auto's Plunge

(Story also page 1)
Funeral services for Mrs. Chester Weber, 21, Keizer, one of three persons drowned when a car driven by her husband, Chester, skidded off the Independence highway early Sunday morning, will be held from the W. T. Rigdon chapel today at 11 a. m.

The Rev. G. G. Rauser will officiate. The body will be sent to Sacramento, Calif., for burial. Surviving besides her husband are her four-month-old daughter, Katherine June Weber of Keizer; parents, Jacob Derheim of Florin, Calif.; and a sister, Violet Launtenschlager of Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Drake, also killed in the accident, were the parents of a 2-year-old son, Thomas E. Drake, Jr. Mrs. Drake's mother, Mrs. Ellen McClaren, lives in Salem, and Drake's parents live in Bay City, Tex. The bodies of the Drakes were taken to the Henkle-Bollman funeral home in Dallas. Funeral services will be announced when both families arrive in Dallas, the funeral home said Monday.

NONE HURT IN WRECK
WAYCROSS, Ga., Feb. 2 — (AP) — The engine and several cars of the Flamingo, Chicago to Jacksonville express, jumped the track three miles west of Waycross tonight. No injuries were reported.

ENDS TODAY! (Tues.)
George Montgomery "Brasher Doubloon"
The Bumsteads
Blondie's Anniversary

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Red Activities In Washington Capitol Heard

SEATTLE, Feb. 2 — (AP) — State Rep. H. C. (Army) Armstrong, a 12-year veteran of the legislature, testified today that legislators belonging to the communist party actually held communist "fraction" meetings in the state capitol during the 1939 legislative session.

Armstrong's testimony that he sat with the group as a member of the communist party, after being elected from King county on the democratic ticket, highlighted the opening of the second week of the legislative un-American activities fact-finding committee's public hearing.

The hearing continued in the face of an announcement from Olympia that the state treasurer's office would refuse to issue money for the committee's vouchers, pending further clarification of the group's status in the courts.

Argument is scheduled tomorrow in King county superior court on the issue of whether or not a declaratory judgment should be granted to the committee from sitting as an official arm of the legislature. The Washington pension union has asked such action by the court.

Armstrong testified after Howard G. Costigan, former leader of the Washington commonwealth federation and unsuccessful candidate for the democratic nomination for congress, and his wife told the committee they were communist party members, without cards, from 1937 to 1940, and broke away from it after being convinced by wartime reverses of the "party line" that it was committed to follow the pro-Russia line without deviation.

Crowd Jams Dance For Polio Drive

A capacity crowd jammed the March of Dimes dance at Crystal Gardens Monday night to hear Mildred Meighen, 870 Fairview ave., named winner of KOCO's March of Dimes radio contest.

Miss Meighen won by guessing the mystery voice (T. M. Medford, campaign chairman) who has been making campaign announcements daily and by submitting the best reason for contributing to the infantile paralysis fund. Her winning slogan was: "To hasten the day when children and adults can be spared the misery, suffering and deformities brought about by this terrible disease."

'Christmas Ship' Will Sail Today

PORTLAND, Feb. 2 — (AP) — Officials of Pacific Northwest states and Alaska participated today in a ceremony prior to departure of a shipload of food and clothing gifts for Europeans.

The S. S. Gretna Victory, carrying 2,600 tons of supplies, sails tomorrow for Bremen, Germany. Communities of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska cooperated in the "Christmas ship" program.

Suburban Bus Routes Smooth

Oregon Motor Stages' first day of operation over new suburban routes outside Salem went smoothly Monday and no major adjustments in schedules will be necessary, R. J. Davidson, local OMS manager, said Monday night.

The new routes follow most of the old ones covered by the Salem Suburban Bus lines which discontinued operation last December 31. Under a permit granted by the Oregon public utilities commission, fares remain at 10 cents, but without transfer privileges. Davidson said he had spent most of the initial day checking the new arrangement and found only a few persons who were not acquainted with schedules.

Meanwhile in Portland on Monday the Oregon Motor Stages proposed rate increases between Portland and some Willamette valley points failed to draw a single protest at a PUC public hearing. This operation does not affect Salem city or suburban lines operated by the company.

Portland Printer Stoppage Held Off

PORTLAND, Feb. 2 — (AP) — The possibility of work stoppage among printers on the Oregonian and the Journal has been averted at least until Wednesday.

Printers' union officials, who called a mass meeting yesterday, said they had deferred to a Portland labor-management committee request to continue negotiations until midweek.

CAP to Receive Training Craft

Two L-4 army liaison planes will arrive in Salem March 22 for use of the local civil air patrol, Lt. James E. Cannon, commanding officer of the Salem unit, announced at a meeting Monday night.

Speaking at the Salem high school shop building, Cannon said the light ships would be available for a limited time only for flight training of local cadets.

Cannon also announced that 100 openings for CAP cadets now exist in the Salem unit and urged men between the ages of 15 and 35 years of age to join if interested in a good aviation education. Urgently needed, Cannon said, is a medical officer who is qualified in all phases of first aid.

Persons interested in joining may secure information by calling

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Cpl. Jim Boone, CAP publicity director at Pariah junior high school, at 2-1492; Cpl. Doug Perkins, Salem high representative, at 9307 or Pvt. John Baisden, Lees representative, at 8870.
Next CAP meeting will be at Salem high school on February 16.

Ends Today! (Tues.)
Don Ameche
"That's My Man"
Hoosier Hotshots
"Over Santa Fe Trail"
LIBERTY
Opens 6:45 p. m.
TOMORROW!
Thriller Romance
"Angel and the Badman"
Gail RUSSELL
John WAYNE
Co-Feature!
Tod Donaldson
and "Ace"
"Son of Rusty"
Chapter Five
"Jungle Raiders"
Cartoon - News!

Ends Today! (Tues.) Lloyd Nolan "GUADALCANAL DIARY"
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