

# U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Conviction Of Top Communists

WASHINGTON, June 4—(AP)—The supreme court today upheld the conspiracy convictions of the U. S. communist party's 11 top leaders, holding that they "intended to overthrow the government of the United States as speedily as the circumstances would permit."

With Justices Douglas and Black dissenting from the majority's decision, making it a blow against freedom of speech.

## SEEMS HOME

By Charles A. Sorague

When inflation was threatening to touch off another round of the price war, Macey's in New York altered the direction of its strategy. It has lasted for days, with neither counteracted and a price war was on. One calling "uncle," Macey's clings to its slogan of underselling by six per cent and Gimbel's replies with its "nobody but nobody undersells Gimbel's." The result has been a buying orgy in the metropolis.

Nominally the price cutting started when Macey's, always a holdout against fair trade laws, seized on the supreme court decision exempting non-signers from fair-trade pricing, and cut six per cent on 6,000 fair-trade items. Another motive doubtless was in mind, and that was to reduce inventories. The bulge in stocks has extended from manufacturers to distributors and retailers. Previously the price slashing had started on TV and radio sets to lower inventories which two months ago were 200 per cent of those a year ago. In fact the general average of inventories of all goods was 31 per cent higher for 350 department stores reporting and manufacturers at the end of April reported their inventories were 29 per cent higher than at the same time in 1950.

The simple fact was that the greatly increased productive capacity of our industry had been turning out more goods than the public was willing to buy. The flurry of forward buying set off by the Korean war was deceptive, and the slowdown due to diversion of materials and labor to rearmament was not as fast as had been anticipated.

## More Money Required for Courthouse

Additional funds may be required before work can start on Marion county's proposed new courthouse.

This was brought out in a meeting Monday of the courthouse building commission and architects from the office of Pietro Belluschi of Portland.

The building was planned originally to cost about \$1,500,000. When bids were called recently, however, the lowest bidder was about \$400,000 above that mark, because of steadily rising material costs.

Architects then went to work to revise the plans in an effort to shave off the surplus expense. Their report Monday, according to County Judge Rex Hartley, showed that only a portion of the \$400,000 was chopped off.

"To bring the building costs within the original estimate," said Judge Hartley, "we would have to leave out many necessities, which would mean an incomplete courthouse."

Judge Hartley said the court was as yet uncertain how much additional revenue will be needed over the original estimate or how the money will be raised. The court, he said, will take up soon the matter on when new bids will be called.

## Fate of Confiscated Merchandise Outlined

Merchandise prizes given in connection with illegal punch-board operations, when confiscated by officers, should be sold by the courts and the proceeds turned over to the state, Attorney General George Neuner ruled Monday.

The prizes could not be sold until the illegal punch-board operators were convicted.

## Animal Crackers



Testing, 1-2-3-4, wool!

Weather table with columns for Max, Min, Precip for various cities and a forecast for Salem.

## Salem Automobile Accident Fatal

One young woman was killed and another injured early this morning as the car in which they and two other persons were riding, overturned at the corner of 25th and Mission streets.

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## Negotiation Possibilities in Iran Improve

TEHRAN, Iran, June 4—(AP)—The chances for amicable negotiations in Iran's explosive oil dispute with Britain were better today despite a strange mixup in President Truman's letters to the premiers of the two nations.

## Policeman Kills Man as School Class Watches

NEW YORK, June 4—(AP)—A stunned group of lightly clad high school girls today watched a motorcycle policeman shoot and kill a man who had invaded their physical education class.

## Constitution Wins Puerto Rico Vote

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, June 4—(AP)—Puerto Ricans voted four-to-one today for a constitution of their own, returns from almost half the polling districts indicated tonight.

## Colorado Escapee Caught in Salem After 6 'Straight' Years

A convict, who apparently had "gone straight" for six years since he escaped from Colorado state prison, was arrested in Salem Monday by Marion county Sheriff Denver Young and deputies.

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## Russian 'If' Dims Chance Of Big 4 Talk

LONDON, June 4—(AP)—In another 12 months Russia will be able to put more than 30,000 warplanes in the air, a royal air force Review estimated today.

## McKay Urges Early Action on Mall Extension

Earl action toward extension of the Capitol Mall from Chemecketa to Center street will be urged by Go. Douglas McKay at the next meeting of the state board of control, he said Monday.

## Four Generations, and Evenly Spaced



There are quite a few four-generation families, but not many in which all four are spaced just 29 years apart. One such family is pictured above.

## 4-Lane Highway North Of Salem Said Distant

Construction of a four-lane highway all the way from Salem to New Era is at least two or three years away from beginning, and a delay in selling new highway bonds could postpone it further, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock asserted Monday.

## Acheson Denies Red Taint on China Policy

WASHINGTON, June 4—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson denied today there ever has been any taint of communist influence in deciding United States policy toward China.

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## Votes Defeat School Budget

MONMOUTH, June 4—The proposed budget for Monmouth-independence school district 13-C was defeated today by a vote of 283 to 265. Another vote will be required, but Bev Walker, school board chairman, said next step in the procedure was uncertain.

## 'Wars' Flare In Baltimore, Newark, Omaha

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## Firemen Offer Fire Hazard Inspection

A free inspection of your home to eliminate fire hazards. That is what the Salem fire department is offering during the month of June as part of a nationwide service to cut dwelling fires and pare the annual toll of these caused deaths.

## BASEBALL

Western International At Vancouver - Tri-City At Victoria 7, Wanderers 3 (Only games scheduled). Coast League (No games scheduled). National League At Brooklyn - Chicago (radio) At New York 3, St. Louis 1. At Boston 7, Cincinnati 13. At Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 15. American League At Cleveland 4-0, Boston 5-0. At Cleveland 4, New York 3. At St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 9.