

Board May Set T-H Precedent

NEW YORK—(AP)—The National Labor Relations Board says it has made its regional office accessible to a small Connecticut beer distributor—a ruling that might enable thousands of small businesses to invoke provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law.

The case involves William A. Mosow, a Bridgeport beer dealer, who wished to file unfair labor practice charges against Local 40 of the United Brewery Workers (CIO). Mosow, who normally employs one and sometimes two persons, charged the union was exerting pressure on brewers not to sell him any beer until he signed a union agreement.

The NLRB said this week Mos-

ow maintained that while his sales were confined to Connecticut his business had an interstate character because the home offices of companies from which he purchased beer were in New Jersey and Illinois.

Mosow took his request to Washington where NLRB headquarters ordered the New York regional office to take jurisdiction if investigation showed Mosow's charges of secondary boycott and freedom of employees to join or not join a union were well founded.

Observers pointed out that extension of this viewpoint might open the doors of the NLRB to corner groceries and cigar stores that obtain all or part of their stock from outside the state of their location.

An overland trade route across Asia, between the western world and the Indies, was developed in the 15th century.

Germans Get Army Surplus

FRANKFURT, Germany. (AP)—Surplus U. S. Army materials which originally cost more than \$1,000,000,000 have been offered for sale to the British and American zones of Germany for \$236,000,000, officials announced this week.

The surplus property, turned over to the office of foreign liquidation commission for disposal, includes medical supplies, cargo vehicles and spare parts, wire and communications equipment, construction machinery, tentage, hardware, kitchen utensils, textiles and other items no longer required by the army of occupation here.

The Germans are to pay for the goods from future export profits.

Atomic Farming Technique Seen

AUBURN, Ala.—(AP)—The average farmer can expect to grow bigger tomatoes and sugar beets and increase American wheat production in the next few years because of the application of atomic research to agriculture.

Dr. M. Thomas, agricultural research chemist for the American Smelting and Refining Co. of Salt Lake City, Utah, explained to several hundred fellow scientists here how atomic energy has made improved crops possible.

First Conference
He was one of several speakers at the world's first conference on farm research application of radioactive isotopes.

Thomas said researchers are using radioactive sulphur in experiments in vegetable growth. Farmers and scientists have known for a long time that tomatoes, sugar beets, grains and many other crops need sulphur for proper development, he said. But the trouble has been that different vegetables and grains appear to need the chemical in different forms and from different sources.

Sulphur Compounds
Where one type of sulphur compound helps tomatoes, another type actually slows the growth, scientists and farmers have been puzzling over ways to find out just which sulphur compound is good for which grain or vegetable.

Radioactive sulphur, produced in an atomic oven, can be traced through the plants to determine whether it is going to make large vegetables, fruit and grains or "nubbins" hanging to plants with large leaves and stalks.

Through such experiments in the laboratory, Thomas said, scientists are now about to tell farmers which kind of sulphur fertilizers to use on specific crops. The result will be cheaper fertilizer costs and better production.

Eagles Plan Party For Little Eagles

Children of members of the Eagles will attend a Christmas party Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Eagles Hall, the club announced Saturday. Parents will be welcome, but the party will be for the children.

Santa Claus will be present to distribute candy and gifts, and a program of entertainment will include music by the Eagles band and vocal numbers.

Dunkerque, France, with a population of 50,000 before World War II, handled about 5,000,000 tons of cargo in its port every year.

Schools Asked To Fight Crime

BREMERTON, Wash. (AP)—Educational budgets should be revised to include trained sociologists and psychologists in public school systems if crime is to be stopped before it starts, according to Warden Tom Smith of the Washington State penitentiary at Walla Walla.

The warden told the East Bremerton Parent-Teachers Assn. here that "school rooms, not prison walls, are the places to depopulate our penal institutions."

"Either we spend more money for education or we spend it for jails," he said.

Smith based his challenge to parents and educators on a three-year study of 2,000 case histories and on personal contact with inmates. He said he was amazed to learn how little many inmates had been taught of the right and wrong way of life.

"The fact that 80 per cent of prison inmates come from broken homes is all the more reason why educators should watch and intercept budding criminal careers," he said.

Medical School Sets Interview Date

The admissions committee for the University of Oregon medical school, Portland, will be on the Eugene campus Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10, to interview applicants for the 1948-49 school year. Dr. A. H. Kunz, chemistry department head, has announced.

Dr. E. S. West of the medical school heads the admission committee, assisted by Dean David Baird, and Dr. W. D. Youmans, head physiologist.

Students and others interested in gaining admittance to the medical school are urged to make arrangements for interviews as soon as possible. These applications may be made in room 1, McClure hall on the campus.

Lifts in some South African gold mine shafts travel up and down at the rate of 3500 feet a minute, more than twice as fast as New York City's most rapid skyscraper elevators.

Free Mail Privilege Ends December 31

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The free mail privilege which millions of servicemen have enjoyed since early 1942 expires at midnight, Dec. 31.

House armed services committee sources said that no action has been scheduled on an extension bill by Rep. Charles R. Clason (R-Mass.). The Army believes no extension is justified.

Soldiers, sailors and marines at one time mailed as many as 10,000,000 letters a week inscribed "free" in the upper right-hand corner. Recently the flow of free mail has dwindled to a trickle.

Clason said he will urge passage of his bill in January.

Dean Kratt to Attend Boston Conference

Dr. Theodore Kratt, dean of the University of Oregon school of music, will leave the campus Christmas day, December 25, for Boston, Massachusetts, where he will attend meetings of the National Assn. of Schools of Music, and the Music Teachers' National Assn., December 28-31.

Dean Kratt is a member of the executive committee and the commission on curricula of the National Assn. of Schools of Music. He is also the Pacific Coast examiner of schools of music, and will report on work of schools on the Pacific coast before the Association.

He is a former member of the executive board of the Music Teachers National Assn.

Sugar Hair Found Innocent of Beatings

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Sugar Hair John D. Spreckels III, tried on charges that he hit his pretty blond wife with a poker in their home last Sept. 22, was

acquitted of the murder by a superior court judge. The innocent verdict was turned by an 11-man jury. Attorneys agreed that the twelfth man, John C. G. offered a heart attack on

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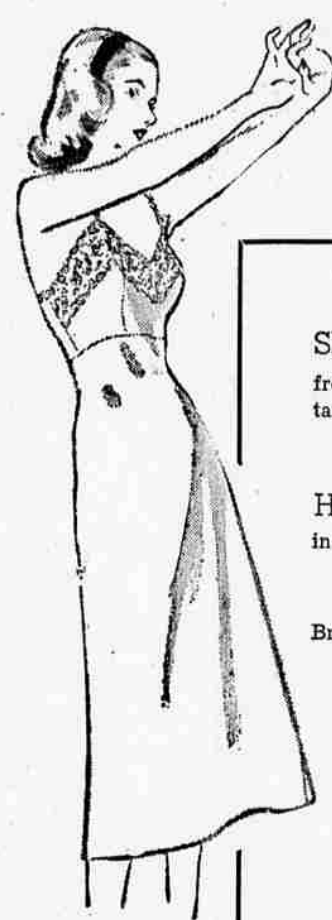
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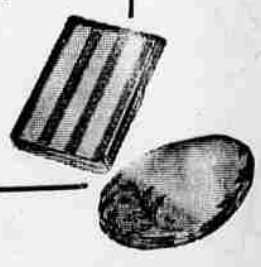
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