

Navy Captain Can't Be Found

WASHINGTON — (AP) — As far as two U. S. marshals were concerned Thursday Navy Capt. Harold A. Latta-Lawrence was hors de combat.

Latta-Lawrence is the officer whose wife claims he was too "close and intimate" with 68-year-old Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers. (R-Mass.)

The marshals are trying to find him to inform him officially about his wife's separate maintenance suit. But Latta-Lawrence was nowhere to be found — either at home or in his Navy Department office.

"Fantastic, Ridiculous"

The handsome, 47-year-old officer sent word via his secretary, Yeoman G. R. Perry, that the statements in his wife's suit are "fantastic." Mrs. Rogers herself said they were "ridiculous."

Latta-Lawrence's wife, Ellene, a former California model, filed her suit Wednesday. In it, she charged that her 11-month-old marriage to Latta-Lawrence had gone on the rocks because of his association with the veteran congresswoman, Latta-Lawrence was Mrs. Rogers' secretary before he went into the Navy.

Waxed Warm and Cool

Mrs. Latta-Lawrence claimed that her husband's affection for her waxed warm or cool depending upon Mrs. Rogers' proximity. Latta-Lawrence doesn't have to answer the complaint until the U. S. marshal's office serves a copy on him. In his statement late Wednesday he said he hadn't had a chance to study his wife's brief in detail.

Wary Marshals

And as far as the wary marshals were concerned, Latta-Lawrence didn't seem to be in any hurry to get his chance.

When reporters tried to telephone the Navy captain — a special assistant to Adm. Louis E. Denfeld, chief of naval operations — his yeoman replied that the

captain was "out, for an indeterminate time." Later on even the yeoman didn't answer. Only a busy signal.

The door of Latta-Lawrence's office stayed locked all day Wednesday except when the yeoman opened it a crack to hand out the captain's statement. No, the captain isn't in, he said. Then he grinned.

Battleship Iowa Joins Mothball Fleet

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — The U. S. Navy's last battleship in the Pacific—the 45,000-ton USS Iowa—joined the mothball fleet Thursday.

Decommissioning ceremonies were held for the super-battleship at Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard. In the ensuing months, the Iowa will be "pickled"—her 16-inch guns encased in preservative and her thousands of intricate machines covered with a coating of rubber, spun glass and plastic.

Only the USS Missouri remains of the 17 class "A" battleships afloat on V-J Day. Of those 17, six are in mothballs on the West Coast, eight are standing idle in their protective cocoons on the East Coast, two were sunk as target ships and one the USS Texas, is encased in concrete in the Texas Gulf as a war shrine.

RE Employee Paroled on Embezzlement Larceny

Clifford Burnell Johnson, 27, 150 Federal Lane, pleaded guilty in district court Wednesday to charges of larceny by embezzlement.

Judge Chester N. Anderson sentenced Johnson to six months in jail, suspended the sentence and placed him on parole for one year.

Johnson a Railway Express employee was arrested by sheriff's deputies and charged with converting \$13.37 of the company's funds to his own use.

Pull to the Curb, Bub

SEATTLE — (AP) — It cost William D. Pittman, 29-year-old elevator mechanic, the sum of \$35 for kissing a woman companion at the wheel of his automobile. Traffic Judge Roy De Grief imposed the fine on a negligent driving conviction. Traffic Investigator A. G. Edwards testified that when the traffic light turned green Pittman's car stayed still. He was busy—and not driving, either. He was originally charged with drunken driving.

County Moves Offices About

Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth, Dist. Atty. Ed Luckey and members of the Lane County Court reached a tentative agreement Thursday morning on moves which will provide space for a new circuit court.

The appointment of an additional resident circuit judge for the county is expected soon. A bill setting up the new bench has passed both branches of the state Legislature and has been forwarded to Gov. Douglas McKay.

The agreement reached Thursday will place the county's second circuit court in the chambers presently occupied by the county commissioners. It was used for a circuit court room before the present court was added to the courthouse.

DA Moves Out

The district attorney will move to quarters outside the courthouse. Luckey told the commissioners he expected to have a location by the middle of April.

Judge Chester N. Anderson's district court will be moved to the quarters in the courthouse now occupied by the district attorney, a larger space than district court has now.

Shift to Court

County Judge Clinton Hurd and Commissioners L. G. Raish and Walter Holland will move to the rooms now used by district court.

The county's cramped 50-year-old courthouse is scheduled for more moves before summer. The state police have been ordered to move out and the 4-H office is slated to move by April 1 to make room for an expanded elections department.

Workers Return to Jobs

DETROIT — (AP) — About 25,000 CIO United Auto Workers and CIO Rubberworkers returned to their jobs Wednesday at five Chrysler Corp. plants and at the U. S. Rubber Co.

Chrysler blamed wildcat and slowdown strikes by a few workers in the plants for the layoff of nearly 20,000 employees Tuesday.

A two-day shutdown which idled 5000 employees of the U. S. Rubber Co. ended during the night. Powerhouse workers had walked off their jobs, causing the layoffs.

SPAIN THREATENS PORTUGAL

MADRID — (AP) — Well-informed sources said Wednesday that Spain had threatened to denounce the Iberian Pact with Portugal should the latter country join the Atlantic Pact.

Portuguese participation in the Atlantic alliance would be a direct violation of the Iberian Pact, these sources said.

Suit Against Marx Thrown Out of Court

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Postal clerk Samuel (Canvasback) Cohen's \$100,000 invasion of privacy suit against comedian Groucho Marx was thrown out of court Wednesday.

Cohen, an ex-fighter, had charged that a joke Marx made on his radio show about Cohen's fighting career damaged his reputation, resulted in loss of his appetite and left a ringing in his ears from the "loud wave of laughter" by the studio audience.

Superior Judge William B. McKesson ruled Marx did not invade Cohen's privacy and that Marx didn't even identify him sufficiently. The suit resulted from a Jan. 12 program when the sharp tongued comic cracked:

"I once managed a prize fighter, 'Canvasback Cohen.' I brought him out here, he got knocked out and I made him walk back to Cleveland."

Cohen insisted Marx never managed him, he was never knocked out and never forced to walk to Cleveland.

The postal clerk said he had been trying for 10 years to live down his "far from glittering" life as a fighter.

Onthank Returns From Conferences

Karl W. Onthank, director of Graduate Placement Service on the University of Oregon campus, has returned from a series of conferences and meetings in Seattle, Wash., and Portland. In Seattle he attended a Northwest area counseling meeting of the Y.M.C.A., and met with business personnel managers in regard to graduate placement.

An executive committee meeting of the Federal Personnel Council was held in Portland to make arrangements for an April conference of federal agencies on the University of Oregon campus.

Ice Cream for Breakfast

ASTORIA — (AP) — Ice cream for breakfast? Good any time, say the ice cream makers.

And so, the Northwest Association of Retail Ice Cream Manufacturers will open its convention session Thursday with their product on the breakfast menu.

More conventional affairs—such as a style show of waitresses' uniforms and golf matches—are also part of the meetings which opened Tuesday. Some 200 members are present from Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Fred Klaus, Salem, is president.

Martin Bormann Tried

MUNICH — (AP) — Martin Bormann, Nazi deputy fuhrer at war's end, was tried in absentia by a de-Nazification appeal court at nearby Traunstein Wednesday.

Bormann was classified as a major offender and was sentenced to 10 years in a labor camp. His property, valued at \$78,000 deutschmarks (nominally \$172,800) was confiscated.

Bormann's fate at the end of the war never was established definitely. The best evidence indicated that he was killed while trying to escape through the Russian lines in the last hours of the battle for Berlin.

Timber Sale Okayed

PORTLAND — (AP) — Sale of 42 million feet of timber on the Boulder Creek unit on the Quinalt Indian Reservation in Washington has been approved by Assistant Secretary of the Interior W. E. May. E. Morgan Pryse, regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced Wednesday.

The timber will be sold by oral bids. The unit includes approximately 40 million feet of western hemlock, the remainder being western red cedar, Sitka spruce and Douglas fir.

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Bay Area Plans Bridge Sequel

SACRAMENTO, Cal. — (AP) — California officials sought federal approval Thursday to build a \$105,000,000 twin to the famous San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

The California toll bridge authority, recommending "earliest possible" action, Wednesday approved construction of a new bridge almost identical with the present one.

Like the present bridge, the span will start in San Francisco, jump by suspension cables to Yerba Buena Island in the middle of the bay and then continue on to Oakland by cantilever construction. The new bridge will be started by June, 1950 and be completed four years later.

When both bridges are in operation, each will be used only for one-way traffic. The new bridge will have 10 lanes. The present bridge has six traffic lanes on its top deck and three lanes and two commuter train tracks on the lower deck.

The toll bridge authority also gave general approval to eventual construction of a southern bay crossing by underwater tube and trestles. However, the bridge will be built first.

Truck Driver's Record Broken after 13 Years

SEATTLE — (AP) — "Let's look at the record," suggested Halsey E. Felts, 39-year-old Wenatchee truck driver, in traffic judge Roy De Grief's court.

Before this year, he testified, he had driven a truck 75,000 miles each year for 13 years without mishap or arrest.

Then the state patrol took over. They said he threw a beer bottle from the window of his moving truck Jan. 30. He jackknifed his heavy gasoline truck and trailer, overturning the trailer, on Feb. 4. Late that afternoon, after he was released from the county jail on a drunk charge, he again jackknifed his equipment, and again the trailer was upset.

So the court fined him \$20 for negligent driving, \$10 for drunkenness, \$10 for failure to set out flares after the first accident, and dismissed a drunken driving charge. For reckless driving he

New Flight Said Better

SEATTLE — (AP) — It took more than a half a century but W. B. Stephens, 78 year old Tacoma port commissioner, finally took his feet off the ground again Wednesday—and liked it.

Stephens was among the guests of Pan American Airlines who were taken for a ride in the giant clipper America which is described as the "world's largest, fastest, most luxurious commercial aircraft."

"Liked it mighty mine," he said when he returned. "Moved a lot faster and landed a lot easier than I did the last time I went up."

The "last time" was in the early 1890s, when he took a flight in a balloon near Tacoma.

"The gas leaked out and we cracked-up in a corn field," he recalled. "Scared me, too."

7 Withdraw From Meet

NEW YORK — (AP) — Withdrawal of seven more prominent persons from the controversial Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace was reported Thursday.

Americans for Intellectual Freedom, a group opposing the conference, listed seven headed by Franklin Pierce Adams, the newspaper columnist known as FPA.

Sponsors of the three-day conference, the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, said, however, that only two on the list had sent them notices of withdrawal. They said the two were Adams and Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Sponsors of the controversial "world peace" parley which opens Friday charged the State Department with "deliberately misrepresenting the conference in the eyes of the American people" as protests against it mounted.

The State Department has said the international meeting will be devoted largely to Communist-inspired attacks on U. S. foreign policy.

lost his driver's license for 60 days, was fined \$75 and sent to jail to serve two days of a 30-day sentence, with 18 days suspended. And now that's in the record.

Group Approves T-H Repeal

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House Labor Committee Thursday approved the administration's bill to repeal the Taft-Hartley Labor Act without changing a comma.

Approval was on a 13 to 10 vote after a 15 minute closed session. The committee refused to even read the bill so that members could offer amendments.

One Southern Democrat joined nine Republicans in opposition to the bill. He was Rep. Wingate H. Lucas (D-Tex.).

The identical bill has been approved by the Senate Labor Committee. But opponents of the bill, which wipes out the Taft-Hartley Law and re-enacts the Wagner Act with certain "improvements," predict the bill will be amended freely when it reaches the House floor.

Repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act is one of President Truman's major campaign promises.

Ranking committee Republican Rep. Samuel K. McConnell, Jr. (Pa) offered a substitute bill. It would have made some minor amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act.

The substitute was rejected by a 13 to 11 vote.

Italian Labor Leaders To View Paper Mills

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Three Italian labor leaders may inspect a paper mill in the Portland, Ore., area while in the United States to debunk Communist charges that "slave labor" exists in the U. S. The Economic Cooperation Administration said the group will tour the Crown-Zellerbach Corp. plant in San Francisco and possibly go to the Portland area.

Italian Communists have leveled charges against Marshall Plan aid in Italy, headed by James D. Zellerbach, that the U. S. firm employs "slave labor."

The Italians are inspecting American industrial techniques with the idea of adapting them to European industry. The trip to the West Coast was made in a move to counter the Communist claims with first hand reports to Italian workers.

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Repatriation To Be Speeded

BERLIN — (AP) — The licensed German transports with 1000 German war prisoners to Russia would be speeded.

The agency said the board had arrived at the on-order-Moscow. Among them were live in Western Germany.

The United States recently charged the with violations of its agreement on returning prisoners.

Americans are credited with venting ice tea.

"The DIAMONDS"

By Rex Hamlin

MANY interesting tales of how Persia came into possession of the Koh-i-noor, but the most interesting one concerns a woman.

When Nadir Shah, ruler of Delhi, he went about the booty which was due the conqueror is a but none of the secret was able to find the Koh-i-noor was not desirable since it was a great power. One superstition was that it would rule the world.

One of the ladies of the harem of Nadir Shah, the king of Delhi, told the story of how she found the Koh-i-noor. She said her lord always went to the fields of his Indian rarely parts with a ban regardless of whether Nadir Shah threatened to kill him.

According to the custom of the time, at dinner he gave change of turbans, a pair the greatest friendship. Mohammed Shah refused. The diamond there passed to the King of Persia.

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