

Indecency Law Held Invalid

Washington, March 29 (AP)—The supreme court, in a 6 to 3 split, today invalidated an 1884 New York "indecency" law prohibiting sale of publications devoted to "deeds of bloodshed, lust or crime."

Justice Felix Frankfurter in a dissenting opinion, said that the ruling strikes down similar laws in 19 other states. He was joined by Justices Robert J. Jackson and Harold H. Burton.

The ruling reversed a conviction of Murray Winters, New York book store owner. A lower court found Winters guilty of possessing 2000 copies of a magazine he intended to sell and which contained stories and pictures banned by the law.

Frankfurter said he believed that New York, in enacting the law more than 60 years ago was fully within "its constitutional power to control crime."

He said statutes in these other 19 states "fall by the decision."

They include Washington.

Salem Midpoint Freedom Train

Portland, Ore., March 29 (AP)—The Freedom Train is being washed and tidied up today for its first Pacific northwest stop at Walla Walla, Wash., tomorrow, Fox Case, representing the American Heritage Foundation, sponsor of the train, said here.

The seven-car train, bearing a documentary exhibit of United States history, will spend the day at Walla Walla, going on to Yakima, Wash., the next day, March 31.

The train also will make northwest stops at Portland, April 1-2; Eugene, April 3; Corvallis, April 4; Salem, April 6; Olympia, Wash., April 7; Tacoma, Wash., April 8; Seattle, April 9; Wenatchee, Wash., April 10; and Spokane, Wash., April 13.

The train will be open to the public at each of the stops from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Case said the Salem visit would be the midpoint of the train's 1948 tour. He said the stop would be the 154th and that an estimated 1,500,000 persons will have inspected the priceless documents by that time.

The diesel engine pulling the train has been named "The Spirit of 1776."

2 Shots Fired at Consul Bankhead

Windsor, Ont., March 29 (AP)—Ontario provincial police sought clues today to the stealthy assassin who fired two gunshots last night at John Bankhead, American consul here.

Bankhead said the shots, apparently fired from behind a tree, struck the rear door of his car as he drove up to his Riverside Drive home. He was alone in the car.

Police found footprints between a post and tree at the driveway entrance.

It was the third attempt on his life in recent weeks, Bankhead said. He reported that poisoned liquor and candy had been sent to his home. On another occasion his car had been tampered with, he said.

Supreme Court to Rule on T-H Ban

Washington, March 29 (AP)—The supreme court today agreed to rule on the constitutionality of the Taft-Hartley law's ban on political expenditures by labor unions.

The court announced it will decide the legality of the government's indictment of the CIO for endorsing a candidate in a special congressional election at Baltimore last July.

It was the first test case to reach the high court on any phase of the Taft-Hartley law.

The court ordered oral arguments to start April 26. This means there will not be a decision until at least May.

Albany Postmaster

Washington, March 29 (AP)—President Truman today nominated Thomas O. Palmer to be postmaster of Albany, Ore.

Woman Dies in Explosion Blast

Portland, March 29 (AP)—A fire and explosion in an automobile trailer yesterday was fatal to Mrs. Mary Barton, 53, who lived alone.

Sheriff's Capt. Mearl Tillman said the woman told before she died of having smoked a cigarette before sleeping. She was awakened by smoke and flames just before a small gas stove exploded.

24-Hour Ban on Smelt Fish Run

Portland, Ore., March 29 (AP)—All was quiet on the banks of the Sandy river today as amateur and commercial fishermen observed a 24-hour ban on smelt fishing.

Fishermen and sightseers snarled Columbia boulevard traffic yesterday as announcement of the arrival of the smelt spring run spread.

More than a score of state and county officials tried to keep order as crowds lined both banks of the river, dipping for smelt with washpans, boxes, nets, birdcages, punctured straw hats and window screens.

The silvery-sided fish were first sighted at the mouth of the Sandy Saturday.

Old timers say this spring's school of smelt is a "big run."

They failed to show up last year and their arrival this spring is timed almost two years to the day since their last appearance.

The 24-hour ban is a parole period for the fish which allows a greater number to reach spawning grounds.

After midnight Monday, state game officials will declare open season on the smelt for the expected 10 days to three weeks run.

Queen Opens Cancer Drive

The drive for funds in Salem and Marion county to support the American Cancer society's program of research and education was officially opened today at a luncheon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Frank Queen, cancer specialist from the University of Oregon medical school, and guest speaker, warned the luncheon guests that a cancer cure would be "long in coming" and that the importance of early diagnosis and treatment could not be overemphasized.

He said, however, that an effective treatment might be uncovered within the next 10 or 15 years, but that at the present time cure depended upon prompt treatment by surgery, X-ray or radium.

The specialist pointed out that the atomic energy problem had now become linked with cancer research, and he indicated that future developments in nuclear research might pave the way to a cure for the disease which is now rated as the nation's No. 2 killer.

Dr. Queen explained that the American Cancer society endeavored to support individual as well as institutional research. He said it also was carrying on a campaign of education both among the public and among the members of the medical profession.

"In Oregon alone," Dr. Queen emphasized, "we spend a mere \$75,000 on research and education while the disease costs us an estimated \$20,000,000 a year."

He compared the research which led to the development of the atomic bomb to the current research in the field of cancer. He predicted that the basic facts of the disease would be discovered by isolated individuals now working on the problem.

James Walton, president of the Chamber of Commerce, turned the meeting over to John Hay, president of the Salem Exchange club, prior to Dr. Queen's talk.

Hay, whose organization has assumed the responsibility for conducting the drive of the cancer society in Salem and Marion county, introduced members of the Exchange club who were guests at the luncheon.

Ken Potts, chairman of the Exchange club sponsored drive, introduced the various sub-chairmen of the group.

Pink Rabbit Drops from Sky

Bellingham, March 29 (AP)—In what was probably the first literally "hare-raising" experience ever recorded here, rural residents near Lynden in Whatcom county were startled shortly after 9 o'clock Sunday morning, to see pink rabbits in the sky.

The disconcerting sight was not, however, a sudden mass attack of hallucination, but merely the delivery of an Easter bunny by parachute to the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Meenderink, route 2, Lynden.

Young Mervyn was the excited recipient of the rabbit from the man for whom he was named, Dr. M. D. McKenzie, Bellingham veterinarian who pulled the ripcord on the chute 1000 feet up, and then watched the bunny drift nonchalantly to the waiting arms of his new owner.

And as long as "Doc" and his pretty, blue-eyed wife Lucy were at it, they dropped Easter baskets from the sky to a couple of other 5-year-olds, Johnny Rozebloom of Sumas and Rieky Hunter of Ferndale.

The airborne rabbit, white until the day he "died"—courtesy of "Doc"—was complacently unaware of his role in destiny. He took the flight in his stride and spent Easter afternoon stuffing himself with food, Mervyn's mother reported.

Pan-American Parley to Open

Bogota, Colombia, March 29 (AP)—The top-ranking diplomats of 21 nations assembled here today for tomorrow's opening of the ninth Pan-American conference. Territorial disputes threatened to loom high on the program.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall is slated to arrive about noon. His plane left Washington last night.

Chile, Paraguay and Cuba have expressed an interest in having the conference take a stand against communist encroachment in the Americas but there was no definite indication whether the topic would be taken up.

Many of the nations are expected to level their guns against European colonization in the western hemisphere.

Provisional President Romula Betancourt, chief Venezuelan delegate, said he would demand an end of such colonialism.

Betancourt said his nation would demand that all colonies of foreign powers in the Americas be given the opportunity to free themselves by means of plebiscites.

Foreign Minister Joan A. Bramuglia, who represents Argentina, said he would recommend an international parley to settle Antarctic sovereignty disputes of Argentina and other American nations.

Bramuglia added, however, that the question of sovereignty over the Falkland islands would not be introduced at such a parley since Argentina considered them rightfully hers.

Crater Lake Rim Lodge Sold

Klamath Falls, March 29 (AP)—R. W. Price, who has operated the lodge on the rim of Crater Lake for 27 years, said here today that the lodge has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lee and son, Kenneth, of Oakland, Calif.

Price who said he is retiring "on doctor's orders" disclosed that the national park service has approved the transfer of the concession.

Price recalled that last summer the Lees visited Crater Lake and when they could not get a reservation at the lodge, Lee remarked that he guessed he would have to buy the place.

"I told him he could do just that," said Price, and from then on the negotiations took shape. The president of the Crater Lake National Park company said he understands that Kenneth Lee will be active manager of the operations, which the Lees will take over for the coming tourist season.

Pinkley Quits United Press

London, March 29 (AP)—Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, today announced the appointment of A. L. Bradford as vice president and general European manager to succeed Virgil Pinkley, who has resigned to accept an executive position with the Times-Mirror company, publishers of the Los Angeles Times. The change will be effective May 1.

Bradford joined the United Press in 1920 as a member of the Washington staff when Baillie was UP Washington manager, and subsequently covered the White House and the state, war and navy departments.

Following various assignments in Europe during the postwar period he became manager of the Paris bureau in 1924. From 1930 to 1942 he was general manager for South America. Since 1942 he has been based in New York as director of UP's foreign services during which he has made numerous trips to Europe and Latin America.

Pinkley has been with the United Press since 1929. He was bureau manager at Salem in 1933-34 and spoke here several times during the war when he was war correspondent.

Mac Puts Ban On Jap Strikes

Tokyo, March 29 (AP)—General MacArthur invoked a general strike ban today to halt rapidly spreading walkouts by Japanese government workers.

He specifically instructed Japanese officials to prevent a threatened strike by an estimated 400,000 communications employees. They spearheaded a quit work movement by nearly 1,000,000 government workers.

Maj. Gen. W. F. Marquat, chief of MacArthur's economic and scientific section, declared in a memorandum the threatened nationwide communications strike, set for Wednesday, would have a "drastically unfavorable impact upon the economic recovery and public welfare" of the nation.

The strike, said Marquat, is subject to provisions of MacArthur's Jan. 31, 1947 ban which prevented a similar planned general strike.

Marquat's memorandum did not mention employees other than communications. All government workers have been demanding increased cost of living bonuses. Officials predicted

Bridges Calls Policy Meeting

San Francisco, March 29 (AP)—Harry Bridges, president of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, today announced he has called a meeting April 9 of all west coast maritime unions with contracts expiring June 15.

The move was believed to be an attempt to discuss unified action in forthcoming waterfront contract negotiations.

Unions invited to the meeting include the National Maritime Union, Marine Firemen, Marine Cooks and Stewards, Marine Engineers and the Radio Operators' Division of the Marine Engineers.

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CIO President Resigns in Huff

Portland, March 29 (AP)—The state CIO industrial council has accepted the resignation of Tom George, Portland, and asked Ralph Peoples, Silverton, to take over as president.

Peoples has been vice president.

George, a member of the longshoremen's union, said in a letter to the council he was resigning because he was not in "sympathy" with a national CIO union council directive.

The ILWU member said the directives were issued by John Brophy, national director of state councils, in which state councils were told to follow national CIO policy on national issues.

Stanley Earl, executive secretary of the council, said the council voted Saturday, upon accepting George's resignation, to endorse the national CIO policy on the Marshall program and opposition to the third party of Henry A. Wallace.

The union spokesman said the state council will not endorse primary candidates, but that the Portland council can and probably will endorse candidates in the city elections.

that if the communications walkout folded, the others would stay on the job.

Some workers were due to lay off today. Indicating possible internal friction, only 3000 of 5000 communications workers in Ibaragi prefecture obeyed strike orders prior to today's ban.

Street car and bus operators in Tokyo have been on strike three days.

Wall Street Workers Strike

New York, March 29 (AP)—Employees of the New York stock exchange went on strike today and an official of the exchange charged that an attempt had been made to "sabotage" its vital telephone network.

Emil Schram, president of the exchange who flew back from Washington in the emergency, said telephone lines had been jammed some time over the week-end. Technicians managed to clear the tangle just before the world's largest financial institution opened "as usual" at 10 a.m.

The strike was called secretly against the stock exchange and the New York curb exchange, financial hubs of the nation, by the United Financial Employees union.

Stock exchange members, many of whom paid as much as \$100,000 for their seats, went to appointed posts as the market opened, replacing quotation clerks, runners and other employees who were picketing outside in a demonstration for higher wages and union security.

The union claimed it had summoned out almost all of its more than 1,000 members in the exchanges. Outside the 23-story stock exchange building, its granite face newly sand-blasted, about 500 pickets jeered every-one crossing their lines.

Mihai Touring Detroit Auto Plants

Detroit, March 29 (AP)—Former King Mihai of Romania arranged today to see wheels turning in "the arsenal of democracy" after getting a birds-eye view of it Sunday from Gov. Kim Sigler's private plane.

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Pulp and Paper Workers Voting

Seattle, March 29 (AP)—More than 17,000 pulp and paper workers began voting today in one of the largest union-shop elections held since passage of the Taft-Hartley act, it was announced here today.

Thomas P. Graham, regional director of the national labor relations board, said the week-long election would be supervised by field examiners in 32 plants from Bellingham, Wash., to Pomona, Calif.

Eligible voters are members of either the Pulp and Sulphite Union or Paper Workers Union, both AFL. Both unions have similar contracts with the industry.

Election results will be announced by the board here April 9.

Meanwhile nearly 13,000 Boeing aircraft workers and company officials awaited certification by the board following last week's union-shop election. Results showed members of the independent Aero - Mechanics union voting 12,138 to 663 to

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maintain a union-shop provision with the company.

An election is required by the Taft-Hartley bill to make a union-shop contract provision legal.

Russians Deserting Families

Moscow, March 29 (AP)—Pravda demanded today that something be done about Russian fathers who abandon their children without support. The paper, organ of the communist party, said mothers in such cases sometimes had great difficulty in getting action, occasionally encountering "bureaucracy" which caused them great expense in pursuit of their delinquent spouses.

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