

SAPIRO TAKES HAND IN HIS OWN MILLION DOLLAR SUIT

Jewish Attorneys Takes the Witness Stand and Explains Plan

REVIEWS OPERATIONS Was Advisor and Attorney for Many Cooperative Associations

DETROIT, March 29.—(UN)—Aaron Sapiro has taken his million dollar suit against Henry Ford into his own hands.

The Jewish attorney's line of attack was indicated late today, when he had his counsel put him on the witness stand and began reviewing the history of his far-flung operations as an organizer of farmers' cooperatives.

Sapiro hopes to explain his connection with these concerns and in this way prove that he was not as Henry Ford charged in his magazine, the Dearborn Independent, seeking to set himself up as czar of the world's food industries for his own profit.

Earlier in the afternoon session of the trial, now in its third week, Judge Raymond had encouraged Sapiro by denying the Ford lawyer's motion to declare the case a mistrial because of amended pleadings, filed by the plaintiff.

Ford's attorneys fought bitterly for several hours, but lost the argument.

Starting with his boyhood and early education Sapiro said he had attended school in Oakland and San Francisco, later becoming an instructor in history at the University of Cincinnati.

Returning to California he studied law and after practicing a few months became secretary of the California Industrial accident board.

Sapiro said he first became interested in cooperative marketing through contact with David Lubin and Colonel Harris Weinstein of California, reading extensively in their libraries.

In 1915, when the Colonel became market director of California Sapiro served as his volunteer legal advisor without pay.

"The first instance where I acted professionally for farmers was in 1916 when I represented the poultry raisers in organizing," Sapiro said, "The owners of the one million hens were signed up before we formed the cooperative. Then I became counsel for the poultry men."

Branches Out From this beginning, Sapiro said, he branched organizing and advising the following parts of the country: the California prune and apricot growers; the California berry growers (mostly Chinese); California pear growers; California bean and fruit growers and the Milk Producers' Association; Washington and Idaho potato growers; Oregon prune owners; Mississippi staple cotton growers; cotton growers of Oklahoma, North and South Carolina and Texas; tobacco growers of Virginia and Kentucky; wheat growers of Kansas, Nebraska, Dakotas and Oklahoma; wheat growers of Saskatchewan and Manitoba and potato growers of Main, Minnesota and Colorado, were those advised by him.

Sapiro was just getting wound up when court adjourned. It is estimated that his testimony will take up all of today and perhaps extend well into Wednesday.

LEASES SERVICE STATION Following out the general policy of the company the Associated Oil Company has leased its Ashland service station to Merritt E. Randle, well known local man, who has been a resident of Ashland for many years. Mr. Randle has taken possession, and will continue to operate the station in the same efficient manner that it has been in the past.

JOINT MEETING IS HELD AT VALLEY VIEW

Horticultural Problems Are Discussed With College Man

Joining in a discussion of horticultural problems, ten men representing the Ashland Chamber of Commerce met last night with Valley View residents at the Valley View school, where Professor C. L. Long, of the Agricultural College at Corvallis, discussed a survey he is making to determine market condition, various kinds of fruits that are being grown, canner conditions, and general problems that concern the grower of small fruits. The meeting was well attended, and the discussion that followed was the means of arousing considerable interest.

Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce J. H. Fuller and Professor Long spent the afternoon, visiting with various growers in the Valley View section, and today are making similar visits throughout the Bellview vicinity. Those attending from Ashland last night were Homer Billings, L. S. Brown, H. C. Galey, V. O. N. Smith, W. M. Poley, F. D. Wagner, O. F. Carson, J. C. Hopper, Tom Hill and John Fuller. L. P. Wilcox, County Agent of Medford, was also in attendance. A similar meeting will be held tonight at the Bellview school house.

These meetings are being held under the auspices of the trade extension committee of the Chamber of Commerce, of which Homer Billings is chairman.

MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS HELD YESTERDAY

Y. M. C. A. Secretary Delivers Paper on "Association Work With Boys"

The Rev. H. F. Pemberton, Rev. Chas. D. Gaffney, Rev. M. S. Woodworth, Rev. H. T. Mitchellmore, G. M. Frost and W. P. Walter made up a group of local pastors and laymen who drove to Medford yesterday to attend the meeting of the Rogue River Ministerial association in the Methodist church of that city. Secretary Walter presented a paper on "The Young Men's Christian Association and its work with boys" which was well received and discussed at some length. The April meeting of the Association will be held in Central Point on the last Monday in April, it was decided. The last meeting of the season will be in the form of a picnic meeting and will be held in Litchia Park on June the sixth. Rev. Gaffney of this city was asked to present the paper at the April meeting, it was announced.

Hand Ball Series Started Last Night

Walton and Deford emerged as victors in the first game of the handball series for high school boys being promoted by the H-Y club and played in Pioneer hall last evening. They defeated Vestal and Billings 21-18 and 21-12. Other games will be played this week when the following will meet in the preliminaries: Stennett and Hawks vs. Hartley and Bibby McGee and Miller vs. Neil and MacCracken; Hulien and Sanders vs. Nutter and Frost. Prescott and Mangold drew a Bye and will play the winners of the last named competitors. These games are being played in Pioneer hall each evening and are open to the public; a silver loving cup will be awarded to the winners in each event, it was announced.

SERVICE STATION ROBBED

Chief of Police McNabb was requested to be on the lookout for a man accused of participating in the hold up of a service station at Dunsuir last night, described as resembling an Italian, with dark hair and eyes, heavy set, wearing light corduroy trousers, a wool sweater, with V neck, grey or blue cap. But few details of the holdup were given local officers, other than the crime was committed by two men, one of which was arrested.

CHILOQUIN WOMEN DIES

Mrs. Ruth West of Chiloquin, Ore., aged 27 years, passed away in this city yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the R. S. Parks home in the Bellview district. The deceased was the wife of J. L. West, who formerly worked for O. A. Paulserud, and the daughter of C. R. Boyd of Illinois. Funeral services will be held from Stock's undertaking parlors tomorrow afternoon, March 30 at 2 p. m., with interment in the Mausoleum.

FIRST PREMIER OF RUSSIA IS NOT AFRAID OF SOVIET GAINS

Inroads by Bolsheviks Into Mexico and China Laughed At

NO PROGRESS IS MADE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—Bolshevist bugaboos in China and Mexico should not cause American officials to lose sleep, Alexander Kerensky, first premier of Russia following the 1917 revolution, told the United News. As soon as semblance of order is restored in China Cantonese leaders will oust all bolshevist and their propaganda, the ex-premier believes. Suggestions that America should fear soviet inroads into Mexico brought only a laugh from the former premier.

No Influence "There is no bolshevist influence at work in Mexico, that is, they are making no progress," Kerensky said. "Calles is too smart to permit Russian propaganda to upset his government."

In China the ex-premier pointed out, civil war was breaking in long before bolshevism appeared on the scene. "The bolshevists simply took advantage of the unrest," he said, "and sent their agents to China after the war movement had had started. All they are doing in China is stirring up trouble and the Cantonese leaders are not unaware of this."

Wealthy Chinese merchants and industrial leaders are backing the Cantonese movement, so it would be foolish to believe they would have anything to do with the bolshevists, Kerensky declared. Kerensky is entirely in sympathy with the Chinese national movements.

Expect Disorders Instances of disorders such as occurred at Nanking can be expected, but should not be marked against the nationalists, he declared. "Looting and rioting is bound to happen in China as an aftermath of victory, but foreign powers should go no further than protecting the lives and property of their nationals," the ex-premier said.

In Kerensky's opinion, if America, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, and France will look to the protection of their nationals and not interfere in Chinese internal affairs the Cantonese leaders will soon work out solutions for their own problems with a newer and

Water Bonds Will Be Sold Tonight

Ninety thousand dollars worth of bonds, for the improvement of the Ashland city water system will be sold at a meeting of the city council tonight. Fifteen thousand of this amount will go toward the improving of the Litchia pipe line and the balance will be used for the Crowson reservoir, and the rebuilding of many of the water mains. Gertrude Biede, city recorder stated today that several bids had already been received and it was thought that many more would be in before the council convened.

IN THE BIG LEAGUES

Philadelphia Athletics

1926 line-up—Dykes or Bishop, 2b; French rf; Lamar lf; Hale 3b; Simmons cf; Poole lb; Cochran c; Galloway ss. 1927 line-up—Cochrane c; Collins 2b; Cobb rf; Simmons cf; Wheat lf; Branom lb; Hale 3b; Boley ss.

A glance at the contrasting line-ups above shows that in five positions the Philadelphia Athletics are much stronger than in 1926. Moreover, Connie Mack has retained all his regulars from last year for use in case of need. Bishop, French, Lamar, Poole and Galloway—benched to make room for high paid stars purchased since the close of last season, and fitted into the line-up during the spring training—are all on hand, ready to step into what is obviously a pennant winning machine should any of the veterans or new stars meet with an accident.

Two Champions

Although he has put together what amounts to two champion ball teams, reversible, if he sees fit for left and right handed pitching, Connie Mack has such a wealth of tried material on hand that when he cuts the squad to 25 players on April 15 it is doubtful if a single rookie is retained. "The Athletics' pitching staff is the strongest in the league, including, as it does Sam Gray, Howard Ehnke, Ed Rommel and Jack Quinn, right handers, and Bob Grove, George Walberg, Charles Willis and Joe Pate left handers. If any rookie makes the grade it may very likely be Spike Hunt."

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METHODIST CHURCH TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

Initial Pledge of \$14,000 Will Be Asked at This Time

Because of the increased attendance at the Methodist Sunday School and other departments in general, the Sunday School and Epworth League rooms are to be rebuilt and enlarged. Work will be started in the very near future. An initial pledge of \$14,000 will be asked to start the movement which will include, also a \$5,000 pipe organ and will clear up all debts on the Parsonage.

TRAFFIC DISRUPTED BY FLOOD OF FLIVVERS

SAO PAULO, Brazil, (UP)—So many of the two most common of the lowest price American automobiles have been sold in Sao Paulo recently that street traffic has been almost disrupted, causing the mayor of the city to issue a decree prohibiting taxi-cabs of these two makes from stationing at regular taxi parking spaces in the business district of the city during the business hours.

The mayor's decree resulted in an open conflict between the mayor and the Municipal Council and needless to say, strong protests from the local agents of the two lower priced American automobile manufacturers.

BRICK PLANT MAY BE ESTABLISHED

The possibility that Ashland may have a brick and pottery works within the near future, was apparent with the visit here of C. E. Braudisch, of Tujunga, Cal., an experienced man along these lines. The visitor was particularly interested in the clay deposits south of Ashland, numerous samples being taken, and a general survey of the local market being made.

OLIVE TREE PLANTED IN LOCARNO SQUARE

PARIS, (UP)—Locarno, where the "olive branch of peace" was figuratively extended to European nations in 1926 in connection with the Locarno treaties is, shortly to have a real live olive tree to commemorate the event. M. Rusca, major of the town, is now negotiating for the purchase of an olive tree from Paris, which he will plant in a carload of dirt from the heart of Berlin. The Berlin soil will be mixed with the soil of Locarno and the tree will be planted in the center of the Locarno public square.

ASHLAND WILL NOT ENTER BALL LEAGUE

Heavy Cost of Financing a Team Proves Stumbling Block

Ashland will not have a baseball team of its own in the Southern Oregon League this season, according to the results of a meeting held last night in the Chamber of Commerce, and attended by a fair representation of local boosters. The great cost of financing a team seemed to be the main stumbling block in the way of local enthusiasts when it was pointed out that it would require at least \$1250 to complete the season in addition to the amount that could be expected from the sale of tickets. It was deemed impossible by those in attendance to raise that amount of money this spring.

However, there is still some hope that Ashland will have baseball this season. Gold Hill has evidenced a desire to enter a team, and preliminary negotiations were entered into Sunday to have them play their home games here instead of at Gold Hill. This matter was held up until such time as Ashland made a decision as to their plans, and with the meeting last night going on record as not favoring the entering of a team, a motion was made and carried, instructing the chairman of the meeting, A. C. Ninninger, and Dr. Shinn and "Bernie" Burnett, as committeemen, to meet with Gold Hill representatives at Medford tonight, in an effort to work out an equitable arrangement whereby the Gold Hill team would become partially identified with Ashland, and play the games that would naturally be scheduled at Gold Hill, in Ashland.

SPRING QUARTER IS STARTED AT NORMAL

Students Are Enrolled From Nearly Every County in State

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ALL HOPE FOR ARMIES TO BE REDUCED HAS BEEN GIVEN UP

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WILL NOT INVADE

SHANGHAI, Mar. 29.—Danger of immediate invasion of the foreign settlement of Shanghai appeared to be past today as hundreds of refugee foreigners left the Yangtze river area, virtually draining all sections of all persons except Chinese. United States warships waited at ports which had not yet been evacuated. Thirty-five foreigners are expected to arrive here shortly from Soochow. Other foreign nationals left at Nanking, when the Great American and British exodus from that port last week, poured into Shanghai Monday. Among them were 130 Japanese, who said that complete evacuation of that city, which has played so important a part in foreign life in China, would be accomplished soon.

CHRISTIANITY LINKED WITH ALLEGED FOREIGN IMPERIALISM

Christianity was linked with alleged foreign imperialism by speakers and posters at meetings in Wuhu and Hangchow. In both places prominently displayed in public meetings were pictures of Christ being torn from the cross. Chinese artists who had drawn pictures tending to show that native Chinese Christians were bowing before foreign imperialists. One such poster suggested that the new Chinese government would install radical workers who would be directed to wage a campaign against the religion of western nations.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—The "battle of the concessions" in China will be fought, not by the sword, but with the pen.

Chinese mobs wanted to settle it by force. For a time it appeared as if they might have their way, but reports Monday were more reassuring to navy officials. Fighting bloodshed, massacre and all of the horrible attendant outrages may be averted. At least that is the hope here.

CHINESE MOBS APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN HELD IN CHECK

Foreign Minister Chen Cantonese expressed sincere regret for the loss of American life in Nanking, the state department announced. However, all danger is not over and the 1,560 marines now being concentrated for duty in China will begin their trip to San Diego, Cal., Tuesday and Wednesday. They will embark on the transport Henderson at San Diego early next week.

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PASTORS AND LAYMEN OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOLD CONFERENCE

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