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EDITORIALS

SUPREME COURT PROTECTS MINORITIES

Proposals to limit or abrogate the powers of review of the Supreme Court of the United States have made often in late years—and, for the most part, have come from representatives of radical organizations.

This is an ironical situation when the Supreme Court is the foremost protector of the rights and liberties of radicals or conservatives, as well as all others. Case after case could be cited in support of this.

A recent action is in point. A Portland, Oregon, Communist, Dirk DeJonge, was arrested at a Communist-sponsored meeting, convicted and sentenced to a long prison term and a heavy fine under Oregon's war-born criminal syndicalism law. The case was appealed through the state courts, which held the law Constitutional.

Then an appeal was taken to the United States Supreme Court. And on January 4, in a unanimous decision read by Chief Justice Hughes, the Court set aside the sentence and held that the Oregon law, as applied in this case, was repugnant to the due process clause of the Constitution—the clause which protects the rights of free speech and assembly. It is now believed that this decision will strongly and favorably affect the cases of other radicals convicted under the Oregon act.

Thus the Supreme Court uses its power and prestige to maintain the Constitutional rights of radicals who would destroy it! The Supreme Court has always been a fearless defender of civil rights—freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly—and especially the rights of minorities. Being immune to politics and to pressure of any kind, it can and does resist the hysteria of the moment so that the Constitution, in spirit as well as word, may be preserved, and America may remain a free nation.

AN ELOQUENT COMPLIMENT

The recent command of Gregory Ordzhonikidze, Soviet Commissar for Heavy Industry, that all Russian factories be reorganized along American lines to eradicate inefficiency and reduce waste, is perhaps the most eloquent compliment that could be paid to the industrial system in this country.

By the same token, it must have been a bitter pill for the Red Government at Moscow to publicly acknowledge that there was anything superior in the hated Capitalist system—a system which the Communist Party is dedicated to destroy.

No more opposite political philosophies exist than Communism and Democracy. The guiding principle of the former is rigid state control over the individual under a political dictatorship. Democracy, on the other hand, insures to a free people the free play of individual initiative and rewards commensurate with ability.

Under our system, American industry has created the world's highest living standards, the shortest working hours and highest wage scale, and has brought benefits to consumers and workers in a degree unequalled anywhere else under any other system.

That the Communists now make this public acknowledgment will come as no surprise to Americans. This imitation of our industrial system by the severest critic of our political system follows the recent adoption of a written constitution by the Soviet permitting the ownership of private property and furnishes fresh proof that political dictatorship and state regimentation of industry are not compatible with the interests of the working man.

COPY CATS

Only a few short months ago, the late Huey P. Long was winning notoriety, if not fame, with his "Every Man A King" idea. Before he died, he had promised every man an income of \$5,000 a year.

Everybody, including Long, knew his share-the-wealth scheme was impractical. But Huey was a smart

politician. He knew he could win followers by promising something they didn't have. As his audience grew, he raised his ante.

Now it appears that he left a couple of disciples behind—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor and President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers.

In their fight for the control of labor, Green and Lewis have been bidding right and left. On Labor Day, Lewis pulled his bushy eyebrows together, puffed up like a volcano getting ready to erupt, and promised a \$2,500-a-year income for all.

Green was a little surprised. But he pondered. And on Christmas day he upped Lewis \$1,000, promising \$3,600.

As the New York Times remarks, "It would be very desirable if each family could have a minimum income of \$3,600 a year, but still more desirable, for that matter, if each family could have a minimum of \$5,000, or even \$10,000." But the way to achieve that income level is not, as Lewis and Green propose, to shorten the work week and raise wages arbitrarily, thus increasing the cost of living. It is instead, as the Times points out, "to improve labor skills, machine efficiency and industrial organization—in short, to increase both individual earning power and national production."

S.P. Gets New Streamlined Engines

The largest and most powerful streamlined steam locomotives in the world, built to pull Southern Pacific's new "Daylight" fliers when they enter service in April between San Francisco and Los Angeles via the Coast Line, have just arrived on the Pacific Coast. It is announced by J. H. Dyer, vice president in charge of operations for the company.

Six in number, the engines were constructed at a total cost of approximately \$800,000 in the Lima Locomotive Works, Lima, Ohio, Dyer said. They are being placed in service on trail trips to fit them for their regular runs.

Embodying every modern development for speed, safety and efficiency, the Daylight locomotives are strikingly different both in design and appearance. Striped with red and orange, the engines introduce a color scheme that will extend the full length of the 12-car Daylight streamliners to accentuate their speed and sleekness.

Lines of the locomotive are smooth and continuous. The conventional smoke stack and domes do not protrude above the top but are covered by a "skylight" casing that completely shrouds the top of the boiler.

The pilot is entirely new in design with long, graceful lines. It is of sturdier construction than heretofore and is finished with bright ornamental metal bands that carry out the rounded effect of the front end. Headlight, indicator lamps and other accessories are modified to present a trim appearance.

The overall length of the engine and tender is 108 feet, 11 inches, and the weight, loaded, is \$21,280 pounds. It develops 4500 horsepower, has top speed of 90 miles an hour and is capable of handling a train, without change, the full distance of 471 miles between San Francisco and Los Angeles, it was stated.

The six streamlined locomotives for use on the new Daylight Limiteds are the first deliveries from orders for 46 new passenger and freight locomotives, placed by Southern Pacific within recent months at a total cost of about \$7,000,000. Fourteen streamlined passenger engines of even more powerful design are included in those under construction. They will be used on various trains of the company's coast lines, it was announced.

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There in the church yard to lie, Though our hearts are near broken, We'll not question "why" She will not rest near the grasses That over her grave will creep, She has gone into the Kingdom, Sister has fallen asleep.

Rest the tired feet forever, Those dear wrinkled hands are still; Cares of this earth shall no longer Bring to our loved one a chill. Angels through heaven will guide her.

The Master will bless and keep; Not for the world would we wake her.

Sister has fallen asleep, Beautiful rest for the weary, Well deserved rest for the true: When our life's journey is ended We shall again be with you. This helps to quiet our weeping, Hark, angel music so sweet, He giveth to his beloved, Beautiful, beautiful sleep.

Civil War Veteran Dies. Aged 92

Polk Hull, veteran of the Civil War, died early Saturday morning in a Medford hospital at the ripe old age of 92.

Mr. Hull had enjoyed remarkably good health until a few days ago. He participated each year in Memorial and Armistice day parades and always marched on foot, keeping step with the youngest in the procession. He marched in his final parade last Armistice day when he walked the entire route with the grand marshal's staff.

In 1882 Mr. Hull purchased a ranch near Beagle and resided there for 20 years. In 1903 he traded the property for the holdings he possessed on Griffin creek at the time of his death.

Mr. Hull did not fully retire until seven years ago when he came to Medford. Some of his last winters were spent in southern California.

His only close surviving relative is a son, O. O. Hull, who resides on a ranch on Griffin creek.

Funeral services were held in the Conger chapel at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon with A. J. Hanby officiating. Many beautiful flowers and a large number of his friends were present. He was laid beside his wife in the Medford I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

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Schools

First Grade News

The following items were written by pupils in the first grade of the Central Point school as part of their regular school work for the purpose of increasing their vocabularies. They will appear each week:

Wednesday-January 20, 1937

Only 20 children here.
Too many are sick.
We must drink our milk.
We want to be well.
So we can come to school.
It is very very cold today.
Pearl saw two little baby chickens.

They hatched out of an egg.
They hatched very early.
Their mother will make them warm. They will sit under her wings.

High School Notes

Lobby Hamilton is confined to her home with a sore throat.

Donald Smith went skiing in the Siskiyou mountains Sunday.

The Pointer quintet won its second conference game of the basketball season when it defeated the Jacksonville team by a score of 16-13 Friday night. Bill Grimes was high-point man for the Central Point team.

The journalism students, in connection with their study of the newspaper plant, toured the Medford Mail Tribune printing office, Tuesday morning.

In English I the freshmen are writing autobiographies.

At a class meeting Monday night, the juniors decided to have a skating party at the Medford Armory

sometime next week. The date has not been definitely set.

Norma Holland and Viola Penland visited Barbara Koehler Monday evening.

Mary Lou Gerber attended the High School Class dinner at the Christian Church Saturday evening.

Edith and Leatha Vincent visited friends in Sams Valley Sunday afternoon.

Marion Strayer visited friends in Medford Sunday afternoon.

Bessie Burns spent the week-end at her home at Table Rock.

SALEM, Jan. 19.—The state supreme court, in two actions today ruled against Earl H. Fehl, former Jackson county judge, in his moves to obtain an unconditional release from the state penitentiary.

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