

CALIFORNIA FARM LABOR TURMOIL IS SHOWN ON CHARTS

Senate Civil Liberties Committee Opens Investigation—Counsel Testifies.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The senate civil liberties committee opened its investigation of the farm-labor situation in California today with introduction of charts showing the numerous strikes in the state and testimony by a University of California professor on factors which underlie the agricultural labor conflicts.

Senator Robert LaFollette, chairman, opened the hearing by calling Henry H. Fowler, his chief counsel.

Fowler then presented a series of charts giving California's agricultural picture and its relation to the nation at large.

Many Strikes Charted.

The charts, covering the years 1933 to the first six months of 1939, showed there were 180 strikes, with 34 in the peak year of 1937.

He said 156 strikes concerned field crops, 15 cannery and preserving, and five sugar refineries.

"It is now seven years or more since civil strife began intermittently to jeopardize the fruit, vegetable and cotton crops of California," Paul S. Taylor,

University of California professor of economics, told the committee.

"The economic stake of our people in orderly production is large, for these crops represent an annual value of nearly 350 millions of dollars and constitute about half of the total value of agriculture produce from our state, which, in this industry, usually leads the nation.

Liberties Periled.

"Beyond this, the commonwealth is deeply concerned because civil strife jeopardizes the liberties of its citizens."

Prof. Taylor then pointed out the highly industrialized state of agriculture in California and listed five "factors which underlie the agricultural labor conflicts in our state in which civil liberties may be jeopardized."

He listed them as industrialized agriculture, the desire for complete control of wages as distinct from other costs, perishability of crops, lack of status of mobile workers in agriculture and interstate migration of native American excess labor supply.

GUARD HALTS ATTEMPT TO SCALE PRISON WALL

Lansing, Kas., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Gunfire from a guard broke up an escape attempt of 12 state penitentiary convicts late Wednesday.

The convicts, with four guards and officers as hostages, were within 75 yards of the prison wall when Officer Ralph Sanders opened fire, forcing the prisoners to scatter.

Other guards in the prison yard immediately subdued the group. None got near enough to erect a crude ladder which the 12 carried.

REORGANIZATION SWELLING COSTS SAY F. R. CRITICS

Appropriations Committee-men Say Number Federal Employees Increasing

Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Two Republicans and a Democrat on the house appropriations committee said today that President Roosevelt's reorganization of the government was increasing, rather than decreasing, federal expenditures.

They told newsmen budget bureau estimates for the next fiscal year indicated that government personnel would be increased considerably.

Rep. Dirksen (R-Ill.) said that, not counting defense requirements, the federal payroll had been increased by 11,605 from May to December. He reported 40,056 persons were added because of the defense program.

"When the roll is called down yonder at the treasury department pay office, it seems to get bigger and bigger," Dirksen declared. "Two or three more reorganization plans and we'll soon have a million persons on the civil payroll."

A high-ranking Democrat on the committee, who declined to be quoted by name, said that the new federal security agency had "a great many more" employees than the total of separate agencies from which it was formed.

HEALTH SEALS SENT THROUGHOUT COUNTY

Claiming the undivided support of groups throughout the city and county, the annual Christmas seal sale, which each year finances anti-tuberculosis work, is now in its second week.

The letters which went out last week carrying seals to hundreds of people in all walks of life were prepared by a group of volunteers, working under Miss Josephine Koppes in the Jackson County Health department. These volunteers were Miss Jean Rolph, Miss Barbara Jean Schuler, Mrs. Paul Janney, Miss Margo Boyle and Mrs. Emil Mohr.

Jail and Fine For Drive While Drunk

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Glenford Guy, cook at the South Umpqua Falls CCC camp, was sentenced today to six months in jail and was fined \$100 after he had pleaded guilty in justice court to a charge of drunken driving.

Guy was arrested, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported, after a wild ride in which he struck a parked automobile and overturned a taxicab Sunday night.

AMERICAN FLIERS WOULD AID ALLIES

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 6.—(AP)—The Windsor recruiting depot said today that 15 United States airmen had applied in two days for enlistment in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

HI JOHNSON SCORES ACTION BY RUSSIA

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—(AP)—U. S. Senator Hiram Johnson, preparing to open his campaign for re-election to the post he has held 23 years, characterized the Soviet invasion of Finland as arousing "utmost detestation of the deed and abhorrence of the perpetrator."

"We should sever diplomatic relations with Russia, which is all we can do short of war," the 73-year-old senator said in an interview. "But not even by war could we save Finland."

FINN LEGATION PLANS MOSCOW DEPARTURE

Moscow, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Finnish legation staff, virtually isolated since hostilities began last Thursday, is planning to leave Moscow tonight for Riga and Berlin en route to Stockholm, Finnish sources said today.

Since establishment of the communist government at Terijoki, on the Karelian isthmus, the Soviet government has refused to recognize the legation and efforts of the Swedish minister to act as intermediary for the Helsinki government have been futile.

Movies Wonderful Say Elderly Pair Seeing First Show

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Lusingus H. Schneck, Lehigh valley folk who celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary last week, saw something "wonderful" last night—their first moving picture.

Said Mrs. Schneck: "It was the greatest thing I ever saw in 85 years and six months." And Lusingus thought the girls "looked plenty nice."

LOSS OF U-BOATS EXCEEDS BUILDING SAYS CHURCHILL

Five German Submersibles Sunk This Week Claim—Mine Use Is Discounted.

London, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, announced in the house of commons today that five German submarines had been sunk by the French and British navies this week and that the rate of destruction surpassed Germany's capacity to replace her losses.

Churchill said the Allied drive against German submarines was destroying from two to four weekly, which rate is superior to what we believe to be the German power of replacing U-boats."

More than 1,000 British merchant ships have been armed for defense, and there will be 2,000 soon, he added.

Germany's magnetic mines accounted for more than half the British sea losses within the past month, Churchill declared.

CCC WILL UNLOCK MYSTERY REGION

Salmon, Ida. (AP)—Idaho's famed "River of No Return," the Salmon river, must lose soon its mystery when a crew of Civilian Conservation Corps youths finish construction of a road down its banks and open to tourist travel one of the few inaccessible wildernesses left in the United States.

The road is being cut through walls of rock which bound the turbulent river in many places. The road pierces the heart of the Idaho Primitive area, one of the most wild and undeveloped areas in the nation.

Named By Indians

Water rushed at express train speed through gorges at places deeper than the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. This brought Indians to name the Salmon, "The River of No Return," and pending completion of the new route, it will continue to deserve that name. Indian warriors and white men who braved its waters in canoes never returned to tell of the trip.

He added that magnetic mines were neither new nor mysterious and preparations for counter measure already were far advanced before the first magnetic mine was sown in British waters.

Building Fast.

Churchill said British naval losses for the first three months of the war totaled 50,000 tons, and "we have at present building—much of it in an advanced stage—nearly a million tons of warships of all classes."

German attacks on neutral shipping, the first lord continued, "should encourage neutrals to charter their ships to Britain for the duration of the war."

The magnetic mine, Churchill asserted, may be "Hitler's much vaunted secret weapon. It certainly is a characteristic weapon and one that no doubt will be ever associated with his name."

Churchill compared the German use of torpedoes with the "warfare of the Irish republican army in leaving bombs in the parcel office at railway stations."

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Find Frozen Body

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 7.—(CP)—Frozen body of Joe Dochter, middle-aged resident of Poxford, northeast of Prince Albert, was found 10 miles south of Weirdale in Fort A La Corne forest reserve. It was said he was a victim of exposure and starvation.

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