

HIGH COURT HEARS ATTACK ON STATE UNION REGULATION

Picketing Control Violates Fundamental Rights of Workers Is Contention

Salem, May 21.—(P)—The fate of Oregon's union control law, which the voters passed in November, 1938, by a margin of 197,771 to 148,460, was before the state supreme court this afternoon when five justices were to hear arguments in the attack by labor unions on the constitutionality of the law.

The law prohibits picketing or boycotting of employers unless more than half of their employees are engaged in a labor dispute, prohibits unions from collecting more dues than they actually need, prohibits anyone from interfering with the marketing of agricultural products, opens books of unions to inspection by their members, and prevents unions from stopping any person from accepting work from any employer.

AFL-CIO Join In Attack
The suit attacking the law was filed by the AFL, CIO and the Railroad Brotherhoods, with the American Civil Liberties Union intervening on behalf of the unions. Circuit Judges Robert Tucker of Portland, James T. Brand of Marshfield and Arthur D. Hay of Lake county ruled on July 8, 1939, that the law is valid.

The AFL brief before the state supreme court contended the regulation of picketing "violates the fundamental and constitutionally protected rights of workers to join and conduct unions." It argued also that the law was vague and indefinite, that it denies free speech and free press, and that it conflicts with federal labor legislation.

The AFL cited the recent United States supreme court decisions which outlawed picketing laws of California and Alabama because they denied free speech, the AFL contending that the highest court's decisions in the two cases apply to the Oregon law.

The CIO, asserting the union control law "is in truth an anti-labor law," argued that it "arbitrarily and unreasonably abridges the exercise of the fundamental rights" of picketing, boycotting and existence of labor unions.

Peace Declared Aim
The American Civil Liberties Union, while asserting the law denies free speech and due process of law, said "The only legitimate purpose behind the enactment of this law was to prevent disorder and intimidation."

District Attorney James R. Bain of Multnomah county, defendant in the case, denied all charges that the law is invalid, and said the law was passed in order to stop bitter warring between the AFL and CIO, and to stop violence and intimidation by labor unions.

A decision in the case is expected in two or three weeks. The only judges not sitting in today's hearing were Justice Bailey, who is in Washington, D. C., and Justice Bean, who is ill.

ROUTINE BUSINESS ON CITY COUNCIL'S DESK

Only routine business is on the formal calendar to come before the city council at its regular semi-monthly meeting tonight. The session will be held, as usual, at 7:30 in council chambers on the top floor of city hall.

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German Arrival Near Channel Puts Allies in Bad Situation

By DeWitt MacKenzie

The German claim of having smashed through the allied front and reached the vicinity of the English channel at Abbeville means, if it is substantiated, that the allies are in a precarious position.

It doesn't mean, however, that the allies have been crushed.

It is almost folly to discuss this wholly confused situation as it now stands. We need much more information before we shall be able to pass judgment, and for that reason we should hold steady until we get that information.

However, there can be no harm in speculating on what the development may mean.

Ninth Army Crushed
The Germans say they have crushed the French ninth army and captured the general staff with the commander, General Giraud.

It isn't wholly clear just where the ninth was holding at the moment of the crash, but it would seem that it had been blocking the route into the valley of the Somme, near Peronne, which is a famous military route to the coast.

The nazis claim to have smashed on and captured Amiens and Abbeville. This would mean that they have achieved in at least one measure what the kaiser's forces attempted in the spring of 1918 when they all but won the war.

What the Germans don't make clear is the strength of the forces employed in this thrust. We must assume that a comparatively small mechanized spearhead has been jammed through to the coast, to be followed by supporting troops.

Must Send Support
In order to make this breakthrough stick, the nazis must pour strong support through the gap in the allied line, else they will have merely tossed some mechanized contingents out into the blue to wander about on their own.

If it proves that the Germans have broken through in force, then what does it mean? To my mind the worst aspect of the situation would be that the large allied forces in Belgium would be severed from the French armies to the south in France.

The armies in Belgium would be surrounded on three sides by the enemy. The possibilities are pretty nasty. We can at least say that it would take masterful allied generalship to save a disaster.

The German breakthrough also presumably would ease the way to Paris and we can expect that the nazi drive toward the capital, which had lost some of its momentum, now will be increased again.

Air Open To England
If the Germans are able to get hold of the channel ports, especially on the northern French coast at Calais, they will have achieved their object of getting back up against Eng-

ALL NAVY YARDS TOLD TO PUT ON MORE WORKMEN AT HIGH SCHOOL

66 Warships Under Way to Be Hurried Along; Roosevelt Summons Admirals

Washington, May 21.—(P)—All navy establishments were ordered today by Lewis Compton, acting secretary, to speed up defense preparations by working additional shifts and by increasing civilian shipbuilding forces by at least 15,000 within three months.

Compton sent a letter to the commandants of all naval districts, yards and stations, all bureaus and offices of the navy department and to headquarters of the marine corps.

The proposed increase of 15,000 in shipbuilding forces, the navy said, would be distributed between the Portsmouth, New York City, Mare Island, Philadelphia, Boston, Charleston, Norfolk and Puget Sound navy yards.

66 Ships Underway
There are 66 warships under construction or projected, including eight battleships.

Even as Compton's order was announced President Roosevelt concentrated on navy affairs, summoning ranking admirals and senate and house naval committee chairmen to a conference at which the effects of federal labor laws on shipbuilding were expected to be discussed.

The house committee approved a proposal to authorize the navy to dismiss, without regard to the civil service law, employees engaging in subversive activities. The committee withheld final action on the legislation, however, until Vinson could take to the White House a set of amendments designed to relax the labor laws.

Meantime the government pledged full credit backing to American industry enlisting in the national defense drive.

Methodist Young Will Give Comedy
Young people of the high school Epworth League of the First Methodist church are preparing for the three-act comedy-drama "Valiant Hector," to be given in the church gymnasium Monday evening.

Last year the young people gave the play "Take a Chance," which proved a great hit. This year two plays are to be given as, since the union of the two Methodist churches, the young people's society was divided into two groups. Wesley League plans their play for the latter part of June.

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benediction of the Rev. Werner Jessen.

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