

Truck Lines Cannot Honor 'Hot Cargo' Clause To Public Detriment, ICC Rules

Washington—The Interstate Commerce Commission ruled today that truck lines cannot shirk their legal obligation to serve the public in order to honor a "hot cargo" clause in a labor union contract.

In a major ruling, the ICC held that it has no authority to pass on the legality of the controversial "hot cargo" clauses

as such. But it made clear that truck lines honoring such provisions in a union contract at the expense of public service will be subject to penalties for violating the interstate commerce act.

"Hot cargo" refers to goods coming from a firm involved in a labor dispute. Some unions, particularly the teamsters, have

terms in their contract which permit them to refuse to handle such goods.

The ICC ruled on a case brought by Galveston Truck Lines Corp. of Houston, Tex. This firm, headed by Desmond A. Barry, refused to sign a contract with the teamsters before the union had been certified by the National Labor Relations Board as a bargaining agent for its employees.

Action Called Unlawful

As a result, Barry's firm ran into a "boycott" by other Southwest truckers. These firms refused to carry Galveston's cargo to its ultimate destination because the teamsters labelled it "hot."

The commission held that the refusal of these truck lines to accept and transport shipments brought to Oklahoma City by Galveston Truck Lines was "unlawful."

The ICC order is effective Feb. 3, 1958.

In its ruling the commission upheld Examiner Frank R. Saltzman who had recommended a cease and desist order. Saltzman also had urged that the commission consider revoking the operating permits of truck firms who refuse "hot cargo" a second time.

In holding that it had no jurisdiction to rule on the legality of hot cargo clauses, the commission said that was a job for

the NLRB.

The hot cargo issue already is before the Supreme Court. It has accepted for review three such cases from New York, Los Angeles and Oklahoma City. **Must Serve Public**

The NLRB has taken the position that hot cargo agreements may be entered into but not enforced by labor unions because of the ban on secondary boycotts under the Taft-Hartley law.

The ICC said it was concerned "not with the legality of the hot cargo clauses as such, but with the actions of the defendant carriers in relation to their obligations under the interstate commerce act to the public, without regard to the terms of any contract which they may have executed with a third party. Clearly, a common carrier may not bargain away its statutory obligations to the public and thereby relieve itself of such obligations."

The commission said the law imposes on truck lines under its jurisdiction a "clear and unmistakable" duty to provide adequate service, equipment, and facilities for transportation of property in interstate commerce. "This duty is almost an absolute one, and if the public is to be adequately protected," the commission said, "common carriers must be held strictly accountable for their performance."

Hagerty Boils Over New York Humorists' Parody of White House Press Briefing

Paris — Presidential Press Secretary James A. Hagerty got his Irish right up to the summit Tuesday and demanded equal space to reply to a newspaper humorist's parody of a White House press briefing.

He got equal prominence, but the columnist, Art Buchwald of the New York Herald Tribune, refused to apologize and wrote another spoofing column of the incident today.

The debate was at such different levels it could hardly be described as joined.

The original column purported to be a transcript of a special briefing "held late at night for reporters who couldn't sleep," and was devoted to questions and answers on the President's retiring for the night.

Sample: "Q. Jim, do you have any idea what the President is dreaming of this very moment?" "A. No, the President has never revealed to me any of his dreams."

The press briefer was not identified, but "Jim" is what Hagerty is called by most White House reporters.

At a really truly press briefing Tuesday Hagerty denounced the tongue-in-cheek column as "unadulterated rot."

Asks Equal Space

"I think all of you ladies and gentlemen know all of my press conferences since I have started this have been mimeographed and handed to you ladies and gentlemen. At no time did the reports of the New York Herald Tribune even remotely resemble what I ever said at a public

briefing," Hagerty said. I would assume that the New York Herald Tribune, being a fair and decent paper, would give these remarks equal play on the front page in their edition tomorrow, as they did with this unadulterated rot that was printed in the paper this morning."

The Herald Tribune did. Alongside the story it ran Buchwald's column, headed "adulterated rot, yes—unadulterated, never." It was another spoofing press conference—this time with Buchwald's secretary, Miss Jo Patrick.



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Eisenhower Laughed
Sample: "Q. Has Mr. Buchwald seen the attack by the reader?"

"A. He was there at the time. "Q. What was his reaction?" "A. Shock, surprise and I think I could even say hurt."

"Q. Someone said he cried. "A. He didn't cry. He bit his lips a few times but I was standing right next to him and he didn't cry."

Buchwald, interviewed in Paris, said he had "no reason to apologize. I don't think I have done anything to hurt anybody. As a matter of fact, Mr. Hagerty's name was never mentioned in the column."

The interviewer, Eldon Griffiths, chief correspondent for Newsweek magazine in Europe during the NATO meetings, said that "when President Eisenhower himself read that column he laughed like mad and his only comment to Jim Hagerty was—'Simmer down, Jim, simmer down.'"

Griffiths didn't say who told him that.

HOTEL OWNER DIES

Southampton, N. Y. — Ralph C. Frood, owner and manager of resort hotels and clubs, died Tuesday at the Southampton Hospital.

THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Tuscola, Ill. — The city council has ordered Christmas wrappings for the town's parking meters. Each meter is covered by a paper bag bearing the words: "Free parking, Merry Christmas."

EAGLE POINT

School To Present Program

By LAURA A. McFALL

Eagle Point—The primary department of the Eagle Point elementary school will present its Christmas program at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, in the elementary school gym.

The theme of the program is "Finding Christmas." This is the story of two children in search of the meaning of Christmas. Each room is portraying in pantomime and song, a different aspect of Christmas.

The teachers expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Ray Chamberlain, the accompanist and extend an invitation to everyone to attend the program.

Clarence Webster returned to his home Tuesday, Dec. 17, following confinement at the Sacred heart hospital for the past few days. He lives at the Lester McFall home.

The Eagle Point Community Bible church Christmas Christmas meeting will be held Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Dave Kahl, 330 South B st.

On Friday, Dec. 20, any women who wish should go to the home of Mrs. Edward Chamberlain to help prepare the treats for the Christmas gathering. They will meet at 1 p.m.

The Eagle Point Community Bible church Christmas program will be held Sunday night, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Rehearsal for the Sunday school program will be held on Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. and Wednesday will be held Friday, Dec. 30, at 8:45 p.m.

A Pink and Blue shower was given in honor of Mrs. Joaquin Medina at her home with the following guests attending: Mesdames Herman Higday, Gus

4-H CLUB NEWS

The Antelope 4-H Cooking club met at Nyla Murray's home on Dec. 7.

The club members drew names for the Christmas party to be held at Phyllis Jaffery's on Dec. 17.

Nyla Murray and Jo Ann Mallory gave an interesting report on spices and their discovery.

The leader, Mrs. Edyth Bohner, gave out assignments for each club member for next meeting.

The meeting is to be held at Donna Gerens home on Jan. 11.

Reporter
Paulette Anderson

Central Point Sparkplugs
The Central Point Sparkplugs will meet on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. in the McCormick Park Store, Biddle rd.

Jim Frink, reporter.

SEDS AIM FOR MOON

London — A Soviet scientist has predicted that flights to the moon will be possible within the next 10 years, Moscow Radio reported today. The broadcast quoted an article in the magazine Yunost by Prof. Yuri Pobedonostsev in which he said that "substantiated projects" for flights to the moon—and even to other planets in the solar system—already are in existence. He said the two Soviet Sputniks had yielded more information about cosmic space in a few weeks than had been learned in the "whole of preceding history of mankind," the broadcast said.

New Withholding Tax Tables Being Sent to Employers

Salem—New state withholding tables, reflecting the lower personal income tax rates imposed by the special session of the Legislature, have been printed and are now being mailed to Oregon's 52,000 employers. S. W. Horn, state tax commission chairman, said mailing will be completed this week in time for computing deductions on the first payroll in January.

The new tables are based on an over-all tax reduction averaging 18.7 per cent, Horn said. They have been computed for joint tax returns from all taxpayers claiming two or more exemptions and single returns for zero or one exemption. The tables in use since Sept. 1 were figured on the basis of single returns in all columns. This change will provide additional withholding benefits in some cases, Horn explained.

Incorporated in Tables
The tables have been computed by the research section of the tax commission with the objective of closely approximating the actual tax liability under the new laws. Several different pay periods, exemption claims, and salary difference, have been incorporated in the tables. Instructions have also been included for handling irregular pay periods as well as bonuses, commissions, and other applications.

Most employers find that the use of withholding tables provides the simplest method of withholding, but some employers using punch card equipment or other machine accounting will find it advantageous to use the percentage method permitted by law. The tax commission has printed a separate percentage-method withholding formula which is currently being mailed to employers using punch card equipment. Additional copies are available on request from the tax commission.

The new tables are printed on green paper to distinguish them from those previously in use and will be enclosed with the employer's quarterly report, while insuring that the forms get into proper hands as quickly as possible. Requests to the tax commission for additional copies will be handled promptly, Horn said.

GENEROSITY CURTAILED

Compton, Calif. — Tommy Perry, 4, got into the Christmas spirit a little too much, his mother thought today. Mrs. Perry had set aside \$80 for Christmas presents. Tommy found it in her purse, went for a stroll and handed the bills to pals and passers-by, wishing all a "Merry Christmas."



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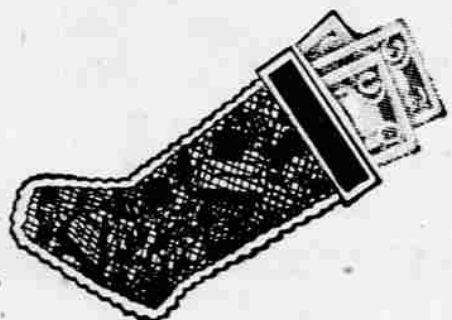
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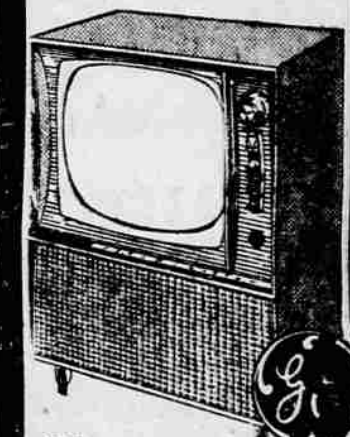
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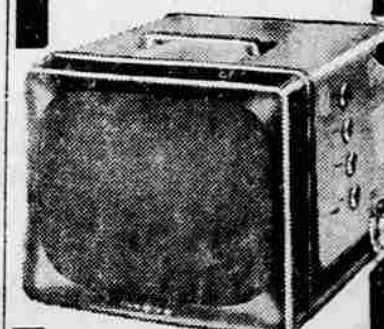
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