

Libel Suit Against Seattle Newspapers Dismissed By Judge

OLYMPIA (UPI) — A newspaper may not be sued for libel if it reports accurately the statements of major public officials, Thurston County Superior Court Judge Charles T. Wright has ruled.

Wright dismissed The Seattle Times and The Seattle Post-Intelligencer as defendants in a libel suit filed by five National Guard technicians against the state and the two newspapers.

The trial of the action against the state is scheduled to begin in Wright's court Dec. 9.

The technicians claimed they were libeled by statements made at a news conference May 31, 1962, by Maj. Gen. George Haskett, state adjutant general.

"There is no question that the statements in question were made by General George Haskett, adjutant general of the Washington National Guard nor that the newspapers correctly reported the statements," Wright said in a memorandum opinion.

It was the first case ever decided in Washington that was directly concerned with the accurate reporting of the statements of public officials, Wright said.

However, he said that in a majority of other jurisdictions newspapers have the right to publish such statements "even though the official himself may be in error."

"It is not only the majority rule," Wright said, "it is also the better rule."

themselves, they must be informed," the judge said. "To be informed accurately and promptly and probably often to be informed at all, they must rely upon the established news media of which newspapers are the oldest and most complete."

He concluded, "If the media are to carry out their function of service to the public, then they must be free to do so without assuming the peril for the accuracy of the statements of major governmental officials."

The five technicians were dismissed from their jobs at Nike missile sites in 1961. Arthur Hare, president of the Seattle local of the Building Services Union, charged that the men, all members of his union, were fired for union activities.

Gov. Albert D. Rosellini was blacklisted by the King County Labor Council for a few months as a result of Hare's charges. The council contended the governor should have interceded on behalf of the technicians.

Haskett called the news conference to tell his side of the story.

Sikkim Maharaja Dies in Calcutta

CALCUTTA, India (UPI) — The Maharaja of Sikkim, ruler of the small Himalayan border state, died today. His son became the new king and his daughter-in-law, former New York debutante Hope Cooke, Sikkim's first foreign-born queen.

The Maharaja, who was 71, died in a nursing home here. The former Miss Cooke, 23, and her husband, Palden Thondup Namgyal, were at his bedside.

The Maharaja was treated last week by Dr. William T. Foley, a well-known diagnostician and chief of the cardiovascular clinic at the New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center.

The monarch, known as His Highness the Denjong Chogyal Sir Tashi Namgyal, had been in failing health for some time. A trip to Europe last month failed to produce satisfactory medical relief and led to a call for the New York doctor's services.

NEW ZEALAND VOTES
WELLINGTON, New Zealand (UPI) — About 1.5 million New Zealand voters turned out Saturday to give Prime Minister Keith Holyoake and his ruling National party a solid vote of confidence in elections for the one-House parliament.

Your Money's Worth

By SYLVIA PORTER
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IMPORTANCE OF WHAT DID NOT HAPPEN

It is a tribute to the basic strength of the United States and to the defense network we have created for the U.S. dollar in the past two years that so little has happened in our economy since President Kennedy's assassination.

This is scarcely a facetious comment. Often what does not happen in the sphere of finance is more important than what does happen — and last week was a dramatic illustration of this point.

The powerful governors of the Federal Reserve System did not find it necessary to call a special meeting to ease credit to bolster a faltering economy because the economy didn't falter.

The Treasury's debt managers did not find it necessary to alter their financing plans to reassure a panicky U.S. government securities market because investors in government securities did not panic.

The central bankers of the free world did not find it necessary to take extraordinary steps to protect the U.S. dollar from a speculative raid because the very existence of the dollar's defense network killed off speculation and the dollar held firm.

Wall Street's leaders did not find it necessary to act to prevent a disorderly slump in stock prices because when the markets reopened last Tuesday, what disorder existed was more on the up than down side.

The nation's top businessmen did not find it necessary to downgrade their programs for spending on new plants and equipment in anticipation of a slowdown in the economy because there are no signs that Kennedy's death will be a direct cause of an economic slowdown.

Washington budget officials did not find it necessary to revise their figures on the next budget to fit President Johnson's views because Johnson's views on the budget are generally what Kennedy's were.

So it goes. But just as President Johnson has inherited a sturdy economy and a protected dollar from Kennedy, so he has inherited the economic problems that frustrated Kennedy from the start to the end of his aborted term.

Our unemployment rate is way down from the recession level of 7 per cent. But after 33 months of sustained economic advance, the overall rate still sticks at 5½ per cent and the jobless rate among teenagers is a shuddering 15.4 per cent.

Industrial production is at an all-time high and our output of goods and services (gross national product) is climbing toward the historic milestone of \$600 billion. But due to our sluggish growth rate in recent years, our output is at least \$30 billion below our normal capacity to produce and many factories are operating below their preferred, profitable rate.

The gap between what we spend abroad and what we earn abroad — the deficit in our balance of payments — is way down from the near-catastrophic rate of \$5.1 billion recorded in the second quarter. But the deficit in our international accounts for the full year of 1963 will approach \$3.5 billion, another deficit in sight for 1964 and this red ink is a constant threat to our dollar's value.

Prices in our country have been remarkably stable in the last few years. But upward pressures are mounting and the danger of a renewed price-wage spiral can never be shrugged off.

Thus, Johnson takes over the problems as well as the achievements.

Our economic growth must be accelerated to provide jobs for our mounting labor force, to take up the slack in production, to create sufficient profits and paychecks to balance our domestic budget. Our spending abroad must be curbed and our earnings abroad must be increased to narrow the deficit in our balance of payments.

The tax reduction bill Kennedy wanted so much is a key to these goals. The speed with which Congress passes the bill now will be the first test of Johnson's power and skill as President.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Tuesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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16 Making 46 Shines 76 Work
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19 Chance 49 For 79 Better
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Good Adverse Neutral

The Medical Roundup

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Eight Rules To Help a Child Stay Mentally Healthy

Some time ago the National Association for Mental Health published suggestions for giving children good mental health.

First, the child must be given love. He must be made to feel that his parents love him, they want him, they enjoy having him with them, and they are deeply concerned with everything that happens to him. (2) The child needs acceptance — in other words he wants his parents to love him the way he is, even if at times he is bad-tempered, difficult and not lovable. (3) The child needs a feeling of security—that his parents will always be there to back him up and take care of him, especially in time of crisis when he needs them most. He may very much want to feel that he belongs to the family group. Parents can help him to feel this by giving him various tasks to do around the house.

(4) The child wants protection—he wants to feel that his parents will keep him safe from harm. They will be there to help him when he must face some strange, unknown and frightening situation, such as an illness, or an accident. (5) The child needs some feeling of independence—he needs to feel that his parents grant him some independence and a chance to make some of his own decisions. He wants to feel that his parents have confidence in his ability to do some things for himself. As soon as he is old enough, he should have his own little allowance so that he can buy a few things on his own.

(6) A child needs faith—in a set of moral standards to live by. He needs to learn the values of integrity, honesty, kindness, courage and generosity. Fortunately is the child whose parents are fine honorable people. Then in his home he will constantly be absorbing the idea of always living honorably and honestly. Eventually it should become second nature to him.

(7) A child needs guidance—he needs help in learning good manners, and the art of behaving toward other persons so as to be accepted and liked by them. One of the most difficult lessons all of us have to learn is how to get along amicably with our fellows, and the parent who does not teach this sort of thing to his children is failing badly. I know that today many accept the modern idea that a child must never be corrected or chided or taught to respect his elders and persons in authority. But the parent who does not teach good manners is derelict in one of his most important duties.

Every child needs to be taught that there are limits to what he is permitted to do, at home and in school and in the homes of friends. A splendid idea to give him is that in his family certain things just are not done; while other things, like paying one's bills on time, must be done. Also, a guest in the house must always be treated with courtesy, kindness, respect and consideration.

(8) At times a child needs punishment, but this should never be brutal or long-lasting. A small child should learn, when he is disobedient, that punishment will come surely and immediately and without any threatening. Often the best thing to do with a small child when he becomes a pest is to say, "Go to your room and stay there until you can be a pleasant member of the family. Then you can come back." Punishment ought to have no anger or vindictiveness in it, and as soon as a brief spanking is over the child should be forgiven and taken back into the hearts of his parents.

I hate to see parents just threatening a child, who knows they won't do anything. I hate also to hear a mother say, "Just you wait until your father comes home, he'll take a belt to you."

The mother ought to do the punishing right away.

Also, I think it so silly to say to an erring child, "For two weeks you can't have dessert," or "You can't go to the movies," or "You can't have your friends in." Such punishment is usually so much trouble that the mother soon gives up on it and the child loses all respect for her.

I cannot remember punishing my children after they were old enough to be reasoned with, and to agree with me that what they had done was not wise or kind or advisable. They were good children, and so they always agreed that what had been done had better not be repeated.

Mental illness can strike a friend or family member at any time. To better understand this illness write for Dr. Alvarez' booklet, "When Mental Illness Strikes a Family." To obtain your copy send 25 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, Box 987, Des Moines, Iowa 50304.

WEU Delegates Meet in Paris To Assess Cold War

PARIS (UPI)—The Western European Union, a seven-nation organization of the Common Market nations and Britain, today undertook its first assessment of the state of the cold war since President Kennedy's death.

The four-day talks will range over disarmament, the strength of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces, relations with Russia since the test ban, and prospects for renewed understanding between Britain and the Common Market.

The defense discussions will serve as a preliminary for the NATO council meeting here in two weeks' time. Britain and the market nations—France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg—all belong to both WEU and NATO.

As the WEU delegates gathered for their meeting here, two conferences in Luxembourg and Brussels were taking up Common Market trade problems.

Ministers of the trading bloc were discussing a proposed increase in steel tariffs in the Luxembourg meeting.

Germany, Italy, and France favor increasing steel tariffs to 9 per cent from their present 5 to 6 per cent. Belgium and The Netherlands oppose the rise.

President Johnson made known U.S. disapproval of the move last month while touring Europe as vice president. He said the increase would contaminate the atmosphere at next year's worldwide tariff talks in Geneva.

Lone Survivor Tells Of Sea Tragedy

CHARLESTON, S. C. (UPI)—The lone survivor of the surplus cutter Judy Saturday told a nightmare tale of fire and fumes and mountainous waves and death in the stormy Atlantic.

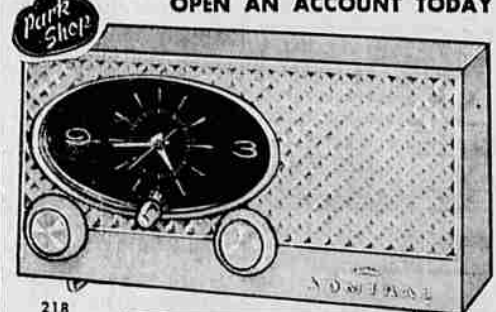
The 83-foot surplus Coast Guard cutter went down 50 miles off the coast as the sun set Friday and rescue planes could only circle helplessly overhead, driven away by 30-foot waves.

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