

COURT CHANGES ITS MIND ON FLAG SALUTE

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—The supreme court overruled today a decision it delivered in 1940 and held that school children can not constitutionally be required to salute the American flag if they had religious scruples against such action.

Justice Jackson delivered the decision, involving a challenge by members of "Jehovah's Witnesses" of a flag-salute requirement by the West Virginia board of education.

Justices Roberts and Reed dissented.

"We think the action of the local authorities in compelling the flag salute and pledge," Jackson asserted, "transcends constitutional limitations on their power and invades the sphere of intellect and spirit which it is the purpose of the first amendment to our constitution to reserve from all official control."

In its June 3, 1940 decision, the court sustained the constitutionality of a flag-salute regulation by the Minersville (Pennsylvania) school district. It also was challenged by "Jehovah's Witnesses" who contended that saluting a flag constituted idolatry.

Chief Justice Stone was the lone dissenter at the time. But, since then, Justices Black, Douglas and Murphy, who had participated in the majority decision, expressed the view that the case had been "wrongly decided."

Justice Frankfurter who wrote the 1940 majority opinion, announced no dissent from today's action. Both Justices Rutledge and Jackson, who were not members of the court in 1940, joined in the majority opinion.

The West Virginia regulation provided that the right hand be placed upon the breast and the following pledge be repeated in unison: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

It was challenged by Walter Barnett, Paul Stull and Lucy McClure, parents of Kanawha county school children expelled for refusal to join in the salute.

The committee on the bill of rights of the American Bar association and the American Civil Liberties union urged the court to hold the flag-salute unconstitutional, as applied to those with religious scruples. The American Legion contended the regulation should be upheld.

Evacuee Return To Coast Not Contemplated

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14 (AP)—The war department has no present plans to return to the Pacific coast any large number of Japanese now in relocation centers, it was said in a statement announced here today.

The policy was explained in a letter by Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy to William G. Merchant, president of San Francisco's Down Town association.

It was in reply to a letter the association sent to Secretary of War Stimson and to General George Marshall, chief of staff, protesting "with all the forcefulness of language that we can command," any plan to release Japanese from relocation centers and permit them to return to the west coast.

"There is no immediate plan to return for residence on the coast of any large number of evacuees," the McCloy letter stated.

"There are certain mixed marriage cases that after proper screening probably will be handled on an individual basis with a view of correcting any unnecessary separation of man and wife."

VITAL STATISTICS

MARKHAM—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., on June 13, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Markham, Sprague River, Ore., a girl. Weight: 8 pounds 9 ounces.

KIRCHER—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., on June 14, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Kircher, Sprague River, a girl. Weight: 8 pounds 4 ounces.

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Germans Lay Plans for Smashing Allied Invasion

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, June 14 (AP)—Berlin correspondents of Swedish newspapers quoted German military circles today as declaring that the Germans would try to smash an allied amphibious invasion from Britain by using an armada of 2000 planes and laying mines in every British harbor.

FINES LEVIED IN ANACONDA FRAUD

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 14 (AP)—Federal Judge Thomas W. Slick concluded the case alleging war fraud against the Anaconda Wire and Cable company and five employees today by imposing fines and prison sentences, the latter to be suspended on payment of the fines.

The Anaconda company was fined \$10,000, the maximum, and costs. Maximum fines also were levied against Thor S. Anaconda plants, and Frank E. Hart, manager of the Marion, Ind., plant. Johnson received a two-year prison sentence, to be suspended on payment of the fine, and Hart an 18-month sentence with the same provision for suspension.

Chalmers C. Bishop, chief inspector, was fined \$500 and sentenced to a year and a day in prison, the sentence to be suspended on payment of the fine. Don R. Carpenter, former superintendent of the Marion plant, was fined \$500 and Frank Kunkle, former assistant chief inspector, \$100.

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Now on display in the chamber of commerce window, these handy gadgets can be obtained at a nominal price.

No other country in the world enjoys such complete coverage of the world-shaping battles now in progress. This is due to the actual bravery of correspondents discharging their responsibilities to the free press under the same dangerous circumstances as fighting men themselves.—Navy Secretary Frank Knox.

Wrestling With Bomb Holds Thrills for Fortress Crew

AT A U. S. BOMBER STATION IN BRITAIN, June 12 (AP)—With a live bomb caught in the bomb rack—and the spinner mechanism which explodes it on impact revolving on its nose like a child's top—the crew of a Flying Fortress had a nerve-wracking 15 minutes yesterday before they were able to release it.

Pint-a-Week to Continue as Liquor Ration

PORTLAND, June 14 (AP)—Administrator Ray Conway of the Oregon liquor control commission asserted today there is no immediate prospect of a cut in Oregon's pint-a-week liquor ration.

Conway, just returned from a three-week trip to the east, said he had been "fairly successful" in buying liquor for the state.

He warned, however, that the liquor shortage is bound to get worse unless the war ends soon or the government releases more alcohol from industrial use.

The "rigor mortis" was flying comfortably at 20,000 feet, returning from a raid over north-west Germany, when Lieut. Howard Gardner of Millinocket, Me., the bombardier, saw the bomb dangling below the Big Fortress, and shouted a warning over the interphone.

"Get the hell out of that tail and get up here as fast as you can to help us," shouted Sgt. J. K. Kunz of Pittsburgh, Pa., top turret gunner—to Sgt. Stanley Farnworth of Bakerfield, Calif., the tail gunner.

"Kunz grabbed hold of that damn spinner and stopped it just before it looked like it was ready to drop off," Gardner said. "Both fellows grabbed the bomb and lifted it off the shackle as I tried to get it loose by turning on the bomb bay release switches."

"We were scared the jolting against the plane might set it off any minute."

After a 15-minute struggle, the bomb fell into the ocean. "Boy, we were really sweating it out," said Gardner.

Marble Quarrel Brings Death to 8-year Old

OREGON CITY, June 14 (AP)—Deputy Sheriff Joe Shobe said today that a children's quarrel over a marble game resulted in the death yesterday of Franklin G. Baird, 8.

Shobe said a younger brother, Tommy Baird, 5, picked up what

he thought was an unloaded .22 caliber rifle after the quarrel, pointed it at Franklin and pulled the trigger. The gun was loaded, and the bullet struck Franklin in the neck.

Shobe said the death was listed as accidental, and there would be no prosecution.

The shooting occurred at the home of the boys' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burns Baird, in the Dodge area.

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