

COURT SETS ASIDE ORDER ON MESSAGES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The supreme court set aside late Monday an order restraining Western Union from sending interstate messages from offices where it has employees under 16 years of age.

Justice Jackson delivered the court's 5-4 decision.

The southern New York district federal court ruled that transmission of messages under such circumstances violated child labor provisions of the fair labor standards act. Its order restrained Western Union from handling any interstate message produced in an office "in or about which within 30 days prior to the transmission" of the message there was an employee under 16.

The second federal circuit court upheld the order. Western Union contended before the supreme court that congress did not intend to require telegraph companies to cease employing messengers under 16. It argued the lower courts were wrong in deciding that telegrams are "goods" and are "shipped" in commerce and a telegraph company is a "producer" of messages.

The court majority said telegrams were goods, but refused to hold that Western Union is a producer or shipper within the act's meaning.

Justice Murphy dissented from the majority's decision and was joined by Justices Black, Douglas and Rutledge.

Murphy said that "by reading into the fair labor standards act an exception that congress never intended or specified, this court has today granted the Western Union Telegraph company a special dispensation to utilize the channels of interstate commerce while employing admittedly oppressive child labor."

The majority held, however, that ascertainment of the intention of congress in this situation is impossible.

46TH HOSPITAL AWARDED PLAQUE

The 46th general hospital United States army, organized at the University of Oregon medical school and made up principally of Portland doctors and nurses, has been awarded the meritorious service unit plaque, according to information received from Col. J. Guy Strohm of Portland, commanding officer.

Capt. Hugh B. Curran of Klamath Falls, a graduate of the medical school, is on the staff of this army hospital which was originally set up in North Africa, now located in the French battle area, making an amazingly quick transfer.

The citation was awarded, Dr. Strohm wrote, because of the efficient and rapid manner in which the hospital organized for treatment of casualties and for high quality of professional work done by the staff. This is believed to be the first Oregon hospital unit so honored.

WLB Member Replies To AFL Man's Charge

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The charge of being "an inflector of bureaucratic wisdom is one which not even a public member of the national war labor board, accustomed as he is to being called almost everything in the book, can take lying down," Dexter M. Keezer declared at a board session yesterday.

The former president of Reed college in Oregon spoke in reply to a declaration by AFL Member Robert J. Watt that the majority was imposing the "dubious benefits of their bureaucratic wisdom" in a transportation case decision.

Said Keezer: "The opinions and the viewpoints of some members of this board are exclusively determined by whose ox is getting gored."

DOUBLE JOLT

CHICAGO, Jan. 9 (AP)—Trouble caught up early with Robert Kolb after he left his hotel to drive to open his meat shop.

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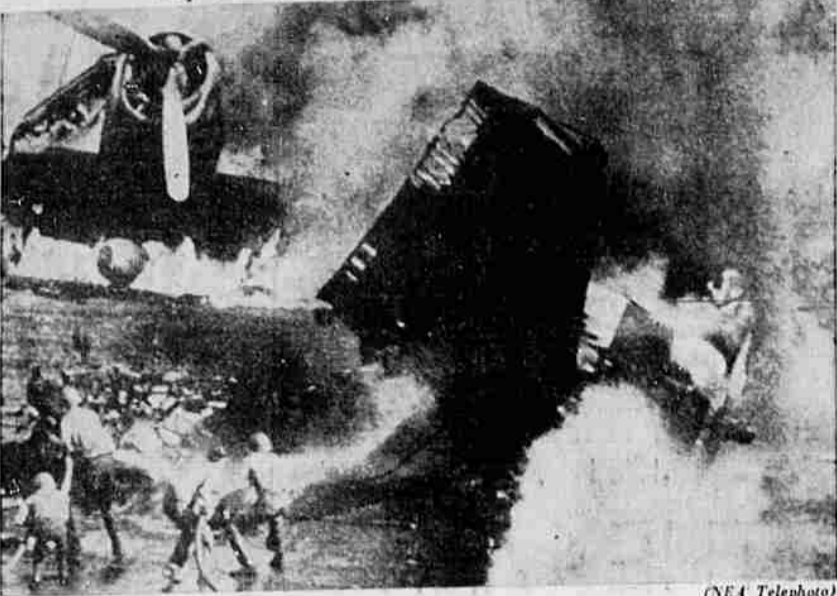
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Jap Bomb Strikes U. S. Navy Carrier



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JAP BUILDINGS ON SURIBACHI BLASTED

AN ALEUTIANS BASE, Jan. 7 (Delayed) (AP)—Aerial photographs revealed today four Japanese buildings at Suribachi on Paramushiro island were destroyed, 16 others damaged and an airstrip rendered temporarily inoperative by a January 5 shelling of the island.

Rear Admiral John L. McCrea, commander of a cruiser and destroyer task force which hurled thousands of shells into enemy installations at dusk, said the operation was a total surprise to the Japanese.

Enemy shore fire was meager and inaccurate. The American ships escaped damage and there were no casualties.

The attack was against the three largest Japanese canneries in the northern Kuriles. The Japanese fishing fleet operating in this area of the northern Pacific in the summer supplies a large portion of the nation's seafood, which is canned in the Kuriles.

Portland Lucky In Scarce Food Supplies

PORTLAND, Jan. 9 (AP)—Prospects for 1945 supplies indicate little over-all change from last year, the district food advisory committee for the war food administration said today.

The committee, meeting with OPA and federal agriculture officials, reported its studies showed that in December Portland had more adequate supplies of certain generally scarce commodities than the average either for the nation or the west.

Included were baby foods, fruit spreads, frozen vegetables, beef, veal, lamb, mutton, eggs, milk, sugar and cocoa.

Hood River Minister Group Hits Legion

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Jan. 9 (AP)—The Hood River County Ministerial association last night termed "un-American and un-Christian" the action of the local American Legion post in removing the names of Japanese-American soldiers from its honor roll.

It said the action would bring "trouble and shame to Hood River valley" and urged creation of a county plaque bearing all names and placed on the space now occupied by the Legion roll.

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PERSEVERANCE

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 9 (AP)—Mario I. Freyre, Cuban, has been reported five times and served one eight-month sentence for illegal entry into the United States.

Yesterday the federal grand jury indicted him again—for the same offense.

WORTH CROWING ABOUT?

TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 9 (AP)—It seemed altogether fitting and proper that it should happen in Kansas, an agricultural state.

So nobody minded when Andrew F. Schoepel was sworn in for his second term as governor of Kansas amid crows, clucks and cackles.

There was a poultry show in the basement.

FLYING MONEY

DECATUR, Ill., Jan. 9 (AP)—Police Sgt. Charles Kemper rubbed his eyes when a \$20 bill blew past him. But he swung into action when several of the r ten, some fives and a \$100 bundle of greenbacks when scattered down the street.

Passersby helped him round up a total of \$377. Kemper investigated at a nearby bank and found a warehouse clerk had arrived with only \$7 of \$384 she planned to deposit. The wind had scattered the bills.

FULL HOUSE

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 9 (AP)—Republicans blinked out an SOS.

One member of the Idaho house of representatives showed up for work although his wife had recently broken her leg in a fall on an icy sidewalk. Another left his wife in a hospital awaiting the birth of a child.

The lineup for the opening of the legislature, with all members present: Republicans 30, democrats 29.

QUAINT NAME

"Hallelujah" is a popular European name for the wood sorrel, of the geranium family. This name is due to the fact that the plant flowers between Easter and Whitsuntide.

COUNTIES HIT WAR CHEST DRIVE QUOTA

The sum of \$2,607,296.28 was raised by the 36 county war chests in their campaign which started October 9, 1944, according to a report made by Irl S. McSherry, executive director of the Oregon war chest, today.

Of this amount, \$1,334,196.13 has been allocated to the Oregon war chest and will be used in supporting eight state agencies and the 22 agencies of the national war fund. The balance of the money raised, \$1,273,100.15, will be applied mostly to local agencies in the various counties, announced McSherry.

Director McSherry stated that 33 counties exceeded their total budgets during the campaign and only three failed to make it, namely: Douglas, Jackson and Jefferson.

Klamath county made its quota with John Ebinger acting as drive chairman, DeLos Mills as Klamath representative of the war chest, and J. V. Owens as chairman of the executive committee.

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SUPREME COURT VOIDS BARBER LAW IN STATE

SALEM, Jan. 9 (AP)—The state supreme court unanimously voided the 1943 state barber law, which allows barbers to fix minimum prices, by holding it unconstitutional on grounds the legislature unlawfully delegated its powers to the state barber board.

The law provides that 70 per cent of the barbers in any county may set prices for all barber services in that county, by filing price schedules with the state barber board.

Barbers sought enactment of the law to prevent price cutting, and immediately after passage of the law, prices of haircuts rose from a low of 35 cents to 75 cents and more.

The suit was brought by Earl La Forge, Portland barber, against the barber board. Today's decision by Justice Hall S. Lusk reversed Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson of Multnomah county.

La Forge also contended the law was invalid on grounds it violates the due process clause of the federal constitution, but the high court did not pass on this phase.

Parents Invited to Mills School Program

Parents of Mills school children have been invited to visit the schoolrooms from 1 to 2 p. m. on Friday, January 10, under a program arranged by the Mills PTA.

Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria after the visit, and this will be followed by a safety program in the auditorium given by the Mills patrol boys. Business meeting of the PTA will close the events.

The next stamp and bond sale at Mills will be on Friday, January 12. These sales will be held every other Friday thereafter.



Famed songwriter Irving Berlin, above, who toured Europe with his hit musical "This is the Army," is now on an entertainment tour of the Far East, doing his stuff for servicemen in liberated parts of the Dutch East Indies.

*First United States marines to land on European soil accompanied Benjamin Franklin to France in 1776.

Labor Needed For Lumber Production

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The war production board said yesterday the army and navy may have to slow down more munitions programs unless more labor and equipment can be channeled into lumber and pulp-wood production. Lumber output, dropping steadily since August, has left supplies 18 per cent below requirement, the board said.

NHA Approves 100 Houses For Salem

SALEM, Jan. 9 (AP)—The national housing administration has allocated 100 priorities for construction of new houses in the Salem area, the Salem city chamber of commerce said today.

Salem has had a critical housing shortage almost since the war started.

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