

Inquiry Board Absolves Bride Ship Medical Men In Eight Infant Deaths

NEW YORK, May 28 (AP)—An army board of inquiry today absolved the medical staff of the brideship Zebulon B. Vance of "negligence or misconduct" in connection with the deaths of eight GI babies who died soon after the ship's arrival here May 19 from Le Havre.

The number of infant deaths during the past week rose to 10 as the port of embarkation announced receipt of a radiogram from the transport John Erickson—due here Thursday from Southampton—advising that a

Morse To Make War On Truman

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) has declared he will "fight and vote against" the anti-strike legislation sought by President Truman.

The former dean of the University of Oregon law school said he believes that the president already has the power to halt strikes against the government and that he doubts the legislation asked would be constitutional.

"If Truman exercises his present powers, loyal Americans in sufficient number would respond to his call to work and keep the wheels of industry in operation," Morse declared. "There would be no need of giving the president power to 'attempt to force men to work under penalty of court martial,' he said.

Referring to a statement he made in the senate yesterday that the president's action in his joint speech was a "ham act," Morse said it was "mild" compared to what was said in the cloakrooms of congress. "The only difference is, I believe in talking for the record and not behind the scenes."

Klamath Students Act At Ashland

Klamath Falls students at Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, were among those cast in the modern presentation of Shakespeare's "Macbeth," given Monday and Tuesday under the direction of Angus Bowmer, dramatics instructor.

Nannette Cuddle took the part of Lady Macbeth, and Duain Monroe was cast in the parts of both King Duncan and Macduff.

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Principal Quits Over Book Ban

JEWELL, Ore., May 28 (AP)—A school board's ban on two novels in the school library—The Grapes of Wrath and Strange Fruit—has brought the resignation of the Nehalem Valley high school principal.

Colin McEwen announced his resignation in protest against the board's ban and declared in his letter of resignation that it was "preposterous for the directors to presume to dictate" the books to be used.

"I cannot teach modern literature if I am not permitted to use the books of novelists who in the course of great realistic portrayals of life, present with fidelity the manners, morals and, indeed, the speech of real people," McEwen declared.

Mrs. Pearl Vincent, chairman, explained the board's action was made on request of parents. "They came to the board and asked us to do something about it," she said.

The library, used by the schools 30 pupils, is also the reading center for the community's adults.

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Supreme Court Denies Vet Job

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AP)—The supreme court today decided veterans do not have "super-seniority" rights to their prewar jobs.

The decision came on a suit by Abraham Fishgold, a Brooklyn welder and war veteran.

He contended that under the selective service act, he was entitled to regular work for one year on his old job with the Sullivan Drydock and Repair corporation—even though that would require laying off a non-veteran worker with greater seniority.

The justice department appealed on behalf of Fishgold contending that congress intended a veteran to have unlimited right to one year's reemployment at his old job, regardless of seniority or greater skill of other workers who did not go into the service.

The CIO Marine and Shipbuilding Workers union said such a view of the act would cause conflict with union bargaining contracts based on seniority and would "upset the whole fabric of industrial relations."

Fishgold worked at the Sullivan plant for four and one half months before he was inducted in May, 1943. He was discharged from the army in July, 1944, and

went back to his old job. Work slackened and he was laid off for nine days. Non-veterans continued to work.

Fishgold sued the company in U. S. district court and won \$86—nine days' pay. The union appealed to the federal circuit court in New York City and won reversal of the district court decision.

The circuit court said congress intended that a veteran was to be assured of his job for a year, but that the place to which he was restored was to be subject to the same conditions as those affecting his prewar job.

Medford Office Burglars Busy

MEDFORD, May 28 (AP)—An epidemic of office building robberies kept police scurrying here over the weekend.

All the offices on the second and third floors of the Liberty building were entered, as were several in the Medford center building. Burglars either entered or attempted to enter two lumber plant offices. Small amounts of money were reported stolen.

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Oregon Caves Chateau Open

GRANTS PASS, May 28 (AP)—When the palatial chateau at the Oregon caves is officially opened to tourists Wednesday, May 29, all will be in readiness to receive an estimated 50,000 visitors during the 1946 season—the first season since 1941 that the resort has been open to guests.

Already this year hundreds upon hundreds of tourists have visited the caves themselves, and during the war the caverns were open to visitors at all times during season and a staff of guides was maintained here. But the chateau and guest houses were barred and locked to the world while the war was being fought.

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