

### Ice Freezes Up Barges

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 27 (AP)—The ice-clogged Ohio river, closed to navigation for the first time since 1940, held a dozen barges loaded with 408 new automobiles in its grip ten miles upstream from here today.

D. A. Murray, superintendent of river transportation for the Ohio Petroleum company, said the barges were being towed by the company's towboat Fleetwing and were en route from Cincinnati to Mayersville, Miss., when they were caught in the ice.

In Cincinnati, headquarters of the Ohio river division U. S. engineers quoted Echol Cook, assistant lockmaster at lock 46, Owensboro, Ky., as saying the Fleetwing and its towboat returned to the lock 46 early yesterday.

Cook said towboat captain, Cy Kimmel, of St. Louis, was advised to tie up at the lock, but decided to continue downstream. The barges began sticking in the ice and soon became frozen fast. The towboat returned to the lock 46 minus its tow.

### Bend Girl Wins Prizes

BEND, Jan. 27 (AP)—A pretty high school sophomore here, who has spent most of her life under physicians' care and wrote about her "heart's desire" to a national radio program, is going to get her wish. Betty Jean White will receive a radio—her heart's desire—and also a complete wardrobe of clothes, an electric clock, wrist watch and a number of other special gifts as a reward for the letter she wrote for the radio program.

The girl has been attending Bend high school this year as her first full year at regular classes. An ailment suffered in childhood left her unable to live a normal, active life, although she enjoys watching sports and attends school games regularly.

Since her mother died in 1942, the girl has made her home here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mosley.

PASSES  
PORTLAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—Carl August Applegren, 76, president of the Security Title company here and Portland attorney, died at his home here Sunday. He served in the state house of representatives in 1913.

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### Reds Granted Use Of Schools

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (AP)—Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Froessel has refused to order communists and fascists barred from after-hours use of New York City public schools.

William Stanton had sought to prevent use of school buildings by the communist party or other groups that the superintendent of schools might believe to be communist, Nazi or fascist, or devoted to fostering religious and racial intolerance.

Justice Froessel yesterday declared that the communist party is a legal organization under New York state law. He said therefore that he would not order the board of education to close the schools to communists.

### Boatmen To Quit CIO

SEATTLE, Jan. 27 (AP)—Declaring that the Congress of Industrial Organization (CIO) "has shown no initiative in bringing about unity," Capt. John M. Fox, president of the Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific, said today the union will quit the CIO and rejoin the American Federation of Labor.

A referendum vote on disaffiliation with the CIO carried by a 6-1 majority, Fox said.

The union has 4000 members and jurisdiction from Puget Sound to San Diego.

The IBU quit the AFL in 1937 to join the newly-created CIO.

Fox said the union's policies will not be changed as a result of the shift, and the union "will continue to operate on a basis of complete autonomy and self-rule in relationships with employers and other unions."

In reference to labor unity, Fox asserted that "all moves have been made by the AFL."

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### Solon Blasts Relief Policy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) said today he is irked at demands by supporters of the Marshall plan to aid Europe that congress must take "all or nothing" of the proposed program.

Few people, he said, will deny this nation should help "neighbors on the other side of the Atlantic get on a self-supporting basis" but added "the 'all or nothing' complex" tends to hamper congress.

He said he was "stopped" by a letter from the committee for the Marshall plan which said "enough or our aid should be in the form of grants so that Europe will not be saddled with a hopeless load of debt."

The United States, he continued, is saddled with the heaviest debt of any government on earth and its requirements are causing "us to eat our economic heart out with taxation."

### Garment Workers To Oust Reds

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 27 (AP)—Officers of the International Ladies Garment Workers union (AFL) who refuse to sign non-communist affidavits will be unseated, Union President David Dubinsky said.

Dubinsky's statement yesterday said only five members of the Los Angeles joint boards would be affected. He declined to name them.

The union head said the action had been authorized by the executive board. Dubinsky said he and other officers of the union had signed the pledges required under the Taft-Hartley act for access to the machinery of the national labor relations board.

### Air Transport Workers Strike

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 27 (AP)—Members of the Air Transport Workers union (CIO) at the Aircraft Service corporation, plant here today were threatened with repudiation as strike breakers if they work on National Airlines DC-6s, now grounded at the hanger.

Regional Director Charles N. Smolikoff, of the ATW, and M. L. Edwards, president of ATW local 500, issued a statement late yesterday in which they said they had learned the Douglas Aircraft corporation, makers of the DC-6s, had contracted with the Service firm to do modification work on the planes, beginning today.

The strike, began last Friday with a walkout of the Clerical Workers union of the International Association of Machinists (Independent) over sub-contracting of work.

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