

High Court Upholds Utility 'Death Sentence' Clause

Government May Scrap 'Useless' Companies

Stamp Of Validity Put On Provision

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Supreme Court held 6-0 today that the Government may legally scrap "useless holding companies" under the long-disputed "death sentence" clause.

Putting the stamp of constitutionality on the provision, the court said it is not necessary to hold that the clause is unconstitutional. The court held that the clause is constitutional as it stands.

The two firms both with offices in New York City, are American Power & Light Co. and Electric Power & Light Corp. Both are holding companies which own the Electric Bond & Share Co. and the Electric Bond & Share Co.

MURPHY'S OPINION

The opinion, by Justice Murphy, said the actual and potential effect of the clause is to strip the companies of their assets and to leave them with nothing but their names.

Justice Brandeis, dissenting, said the clause is unconstitutional as it stands.

U. S. Urges Disarmament Discussions

Troop Inventory Stand Taken

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. — (AP) — The United States called on the United Nations today to open discussions immediately on the "whole program of disarmament" and demanded that a proposed international troop inventory be made all-inclusive as a preparatory step.

Sen. Tom Connally, Democrat, Texas, speaking before the 54-nation Political Committee of the General Assembly, urged that all members of the U. N. make available within 30 days full information on all troops at home and abroad.

He stepped a definite stand on a proposal made by Philip J. Noel-Baker, British Air Minister, a few minutes earlier that the data submitted in the troop inventory be subject to verification by a U. N. inspection unit. Connally agreed, however, that inspection and verification are necessary to any general disarmament plan.

AGAINST BRITISH PLAN

An American spokesman said afterwards that the United States "is opposed to the injection of the inspection issue into the disarmament discussions, which are now before the Committee, and that the United States is in favor of the British proposal."

Connally said any report on armed forces should include personnel on duty with "any type of military organization" anywhere in the world and then added:

"We must face and face now the subject of general disarmament. What is the use of a list of what is? We realize that it is a step toward disarmament and implementation. We proposed it for a simple reason: we want to know what we are dealing with."

"On the troop inventory question," Connally suggested that all data be submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as proposed by Russia, but agreed with Russia that the information should be of Nov. 1, 1946.

NO ACTION TAKEN

The committee adjourned until tomorrow without taking action. Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov attended the session, but did not speak.

Meanwhile, Australia was reported ready with a resolution calling for the United Nations to "take steps to ensure that the Russian people are not subjected to the use of force."

Informed quarters said Australian Delegate Paul Hasluck had drafted such a resolution.

The Australians were understood to feel that there is "sensible support for the Russian proposal," which was described as "less extreme" than measures which some other small powers were advocating.



Case Set For Wednesday By Federal Judge

Miners Said To Have 'Undertook To Decide The Law For Themselves'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Federal Judge T. Alan Goldborough, Chairman of the United Mine Workers' case, set for Wednesday the trial of the case. The trial will run into next week while industrial paralysis tightens from the diminishing coal supply.

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Epes, Wife-Killer, Denied Clemency

Columbia Story

COLUMBIA, S. C. — (AP) — Gov. Ransome J. Williams said at the conclusion of an open clemency hearing here today for Samuel C. Epes, serving a life sentence for the murder of his wife, that he would not interfere with the verdict of the jury.

Epes, young and handsome son of a wealthy family, was convicted a year ago of the death by poisoning and suffocation by his wife, Mary Lee Williams Epes, in January, 1945. The State Supreme Court affirmed his conviction.

Williams said he was not in a position to grant clemency to Epes.

Wyatt's Charges

Threat To Prefab Program Cited

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Housing expeditor Wilson Wyatt declared today that "inaction, temporizing and banking" by associates to be ready to strangle his program to build prefabricated housing for veterans.

Wyatt made the statement to a Senate War Investigating Subcommittee which called him as a witness together with RPO Director George Allen, with whom he is in conflict over RPO lending policies toward housing firms.

Alled with this dispute was a simultaneous struggle between Wyatt and the War Assets Administration over whether a \$17,000,000 surplus war plant at Chicago should be turned over to the Tucker Corp. to make mobile homes, or to the Lustron Corp., to make mobile housing units.

Wyatt's housing program has been a success, with \$33,000,000 operating money to Lustron.

MAX RESIGN

In the midst of this Administration family row, Wyatt was said to be ready to resign unless he receives new assurance of Presidential backing for his directives.

Wyatt told the Senators that the output of factory-built, mass-produced homes under the RPO emergency housing program is "in a state of suspended animation" because of the failure of the builders to get "the kind of emergency financial assistance which the Government gave when it hesitated during the war."

To requests for such loans, he said, RPO assets infrequently refuse more frequently or says "maybe."

French Reds Meet Rebuff

Paris Report

PARIS — (AP) — Revised figures tonight put President Georges Bidault's MRP ahead in the French Parliamentary elections. An MRP leader declared the Communist bloc "has been rebuffed."

New figures announced by the Interior Ministry gave the MRP 24,311 electors from yesterday's election, and the Communists 24,311.

The electors will select the Upper House of Parliament. The Communists previously won more seats than any other party in the Lower House.

Nearly complete returns announced previously had given the Communists an Upper House lead.

Truman Back At His Desk

President's Return

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman returned to his office today after a brief absence. He was seen at the White House and in the Oval Office.

The President's brother, J. Edgar Truman, and his family and the President's sister, Miss Mary Jane Truman, were with him when he returned.

It was a typical family dinner, the kind the President has always enjoyed.

"Turkey and everything that goes with it," Miss Truman reported.

The President could stay little more than a couple of hours because that plane, backing the wind, arrived an hour later than he had planned.

No prior announcement was made of Mr. Truman's intentions to fly to his home in Independence, Mo., today. The President's return was a surprise to many of his friends.

TB Hospital Head Killed

Alcoholic

RALEIGH — (AP) — Dr. Paul P. McCall, 62, of Sanatorium, superintendent of North Carolina tuberculosis hospital, was instantly killed here today when his automobile was in collision with a bus.

Dr. McCall was riding alone when the collision occurred. The bus was carrying a group of patients.

The collision occurred on the highway between Raleigh and Durham. The bus was traveling northbound and the car was traveling southbound.

The car was a 1945 Ford. The bus was a 1945 GMC.

The driver of the car was not injured.

Henry Morgenthau Sr. Dies At 90 In New York

New York Post

NEW YORK — (AP) — Henry Morgenthau Sr., 90, former Ambassador to Turkey, died today at his home in New York City.

Morgenthau was a prominent figure in the New York City financial and political circles. He was a member of the New York City Board of Education and the New York City Board of Civil Service.

He was born in 1856 in New York City. He graduated from the University of the City of New York in 1878.

He was married to Sarah Morgenthau. They had three children.

Woman Dies At 102

Longevity

LANCASTER, Pa. — (AP) — Mrs. Sarah Stoshum, 102-year-old American woman, died Saturday leaving 14 direct descendants, according to relatives. She is survived by five children, 26 grandchildren and 100 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Stoshum was born in 1844 in Lancaster, Pa. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

She was married to John Stoshum. They had five children.

Greeks To Make Protest To U. N.

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LONDON — (AP) — The Greek Information Council for the Americas today announced that it would make a protest to the United Nations Security Council, the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and the United Nations General Assembly, regarding the situation in Greece.

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Yankee Farmer Prospers In Polk County

Success

Folks wouldn't recognize that old rundown farm near Tryon that W. C. Freeman bought in 1941. He's from Chicago, is Mr. Freeman, but he thought he could make a go of a Carolina farm. And he's doing it! Read the story of this successful conservation plan in the Carolina Farmer today.

North Plains Area Cold But Relief Seen

Weather Picture

WINTRY cold covered the upper lake region today and its effects extended southward to central Texas, but Government forecasters said the trend would arrive Wednesday in the Northern Plains States.

Temperatures in the North Plains area were in the 20s and 30s today. A cold front was moving southward from the Arctic.

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Spectators Arrive Early

Blase Washington Gets Excited

WASHINGTON — (AP) — This town is used to all sorts of hearings, but the one today was different. The hearing on the RPO emergency housing program was held in the Senate Chamber, and the spectators arrived early.

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Four Canadian Trainmen Killed

Accident

SASKATOON, Sask. — (AP) — Four Canadian trainmen were killed last night when a passenger train collided head-on with a freight train about 50 miles east of the city.

The accident occurred on the Canadian National Railway. The passenger train was carrying 100 passengers.

The freight train was carrying coal.