

# Oklahoma Loyalty Oath Out; No Change Expected in Pa.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—The Supreme Court knocked out Oklahoma's loyalty oath law today on the ground that it does not provide adequate safeguards for the innocent.

Justice Clark, who wrote the court's 8 to 0 decision, said that under the act, association alone determines loyalty—"it matters not whether association existed innocently or knowingly."

"Indiscriminate classification of innocent with knowing activity must fall as an assertion of arbitrary power," Clark said. "It offends the due process of law."

The Oklahoma law required state officers and employees to swear, among other things, that they had not belonged to any group listed by the U.S. attorney general as subversive or as a communist front for five years prior to taking the oath.

### Backs Ousting

In Oklahoma City, the author of the law, Rep. William Shibley, said he will introduce a new loyalty bill in the legislature next year, drafting it to meet the Supreme Court's requirements.

"I haven't changed my mind a bit," Shibley said. "I think it is a good thing. I am sincere about it."

In earlier decisions the court had upheld non-communist oath laws for Los Angeles city employees, New York school teachers, and Maryland political candidates. In those cases, Clark commented, persons required to take the oath were given a chance to say they had no knowledge of subversive activity on the part of organizations to which they belonged.

### Upheld in State

Clark said the Oklahoma Supreme Court ruling upholding the state loyalty oath law "must be viewed as holding that knowledge is not a factor under the Oklahoma statute."

The question before the high court, Clark said, was this: whether the due process clause of the 14th Amendment permits a state, in attempting to bar disloyal individuals from its employe, to exclude persons solely on the basis of organizational membership, regardless of their knowledge concerning the organizations to which they had belonged.

In other cases today, the court:

1. Ruled for the first time that use of wire tap evidence in state courts does not violate the Federal Communications Act.
2. Refused to interfere with a federal grand jury investigation of an alleged world oil cartel.

## Anglo-Iranian Oil Enjoys Immunity

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—A federal judge ruled today that the British controlled Anglo-Iranian Oil Company enjoys "sovereign immunity" against criminal prosecution in American courts.

Defense lawyers promptly hailed the decision as a blow to a four months old grand jury investigation of an alleged world wide oil monopoly. President Truman had personally ordered the inquiry.

In handing down today's decision, Judge James R. Kirkland said however that the ruling of "sovereign immunity" would not prevent possible civil suits against the Anglo-Iranian company.

## Electric Welding Added To Farming Course

The College has added electric welding to the general farming short courses, A. L. Beam, director of short courses, has announced.

The welding course will be included in the course scheduled for Jan. 4 to Feb. 4. Applications are now being filed.

## Prof Awarded Clock

William J. Reagan, associate professor of metallurgy, was presented an engraved 400-day clock at the tenth annual conference of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers in recognition of his part in the organization of the institute.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 15 (AP)—Atty. Gen. Robert E. Woodside expressed doubt today that the Pennsylvania loyalty oath law will be affected by the invalidation of a similar Oklahoma law.

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down Oklahoma's loyalty oath law on the ground that it penalizes persons who might have joined subversive organizations innocently.

Woodside said the saving feature of the Pennsylvania law is that the word "knowingly" was inserted in a section dealing with a person becoming a member of a subversive organization.

He emphasized his final opinion of the relationship of the Pennsylvania and Oklahoma statutes would have to await his receipt of the U.S. Supreme Court decision.

He said, "Deputy Atty. Gen. Robert L. Kunzig and I have examined the Oklahoma statute and notice that the oath required in Oklahoma contains certain provisions which we deliberately kept out of our oath because we felt they were of doubtful constitutionality."

"Our oath is more nearly like the Los Angeles oath which has been declared constitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States than the Oklahoma oath which has just been struck down."

The Pennsylvania oath requires all public employees, including teachers, to swear they are not subversives nor knowingly are members of a subversive organization under penalty of dismissal.

## Ike to Study European Unity Against Reds

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower, just back from his Korean "look and learn" trip, plunged today into talks on European unity against communism.

Eisenhower conferred with John L. McCloy, former United States high commissioner in Germany, and John Foster Dulles, who will be his secretary of state.

The nature of the talks indicated the President-elect was weighing whatever plans he might have concerning Korea with the rest of the world picture.

McCloy, who lunched with Eisenhower and Dulles, said "we talked about the steps that might be taken in relation to European unity, a subject we have all been engaged in and interested in for a number of years."

Asked if West German rearmament was discussed, McCloy said "not particularly, except in relation to other things."

## Congress Praises Radio - TV Cleanup

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—The radio-television industry was commended for its voluntary cleanup efforts today by a congressional committee which said some programs are bad but federal controls might be worse.

The committee, a special House interstate group headed by Rep. Harris (D-Ark.) objected particularly to overemphasis on crime programs, and said some programs contain "offensive, objectionable, or suggestive material." Also, it said some advertising is in "poor taste."

But, it added, the existence of a voluntary code of ethics and industry efforts to make it work "are proof of the sincerity of the industry in this endeavor."

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department today identified 103 Korean War casualties in a new list which reported 29 dead, 68 wounded, five missing and one injured.

## 10 Air Battles Rage in Korea

SEOUL, Tuesday, Dec. 16 (AP)—Clearing weather touched off a series of ten air battles high over northwest Korea Monday in the first appearance of the Communist Air Force in five days.

Air Force headquarters said Sabre jets damaged at least two of the MIGs and drove the rest back across the Manchurian frontier before they could interfere with slower Allied fighter-bomber sweeps.

Allied losses, if any will be announced later in a weekend summary.

One MIG was damaged in a morning encounter between ten Red jets and four Sabres. The other MIG was riddled in an afternoon duel between four Russian-built jets and four Sabres.

## 49 Thought Drowned

MANILA, Tuesday, Dec. 16 (AP)—A wall of water flooded the shaft of a gold mine 125 miles southeast of Manila Monday, trapping 49 workers who were feared drowned.

Twenty others were accounted for after the disaster.

## 82 Die as Reds Try Mass Prison Break

PUSAN, Korea, Tuesday, Dec. 16 (AP)—Allied guards quelled a mass breakout attempt by 3600 die-hard North Korean Communist prisoners Sunday on Pongam Island, killing 82 and wounding 120 more.

Two U.S. and two South Korean soldiers also were injured by rock-hurling Reds who ignored all orders to halt and charged the guards in waves, the UN prisoner of war command announced.

## Brookhaven Cosmotron Dedicated

UPTON, N.Y., Dec. 15 (AP)—A giant machine today was dedicated to the task of discovering secrets of the insides of atoms and new secrets of the universe.

The machine is the cosmotron, the world's most powerful atom smasher. It is a great doughnut shaped magnet, covered with a red plastic skin to keep it clean and rust free, weighing 2,200 tons and measuring 75 feet in diameter.

It is the newest tool for learning what holds the hearts of atoms together, where the energy of stars comes from and what are the basic atomic facts of life and of the universe.

The cosmotron was dedicated at Brookhaven National Laboratories, one of the research centers of the Atomic Energy Commission, in ceremonies attended by 200 prominent scientists and educators from 10 nations.

Like a slingshot, it has hurled atomic bullets at the fantastic energies of 2,300,000,000 electron volts, sending them smashing into the cores of other atoms.

The collisions shatter atoms more powerfully than any machine yet built. The parts and pieces that come from the smashed atoms will yield new secrets about the hearts of atoms and atomic structure.

In work already, the cosmotrons have produced some new and yet unexplained particles from atomic collisions.

## Bertrand Russell Takes American Bride

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP) At the age of 80, white-haired philosopher Bertrand Russell was married today to an American woman, 59 year old Edith Finch.

She became his fourth wife, his second American wife and, by virtue of the brief civil ceremony in the Chelsea Registry Office, she became a countess.

The philosopher is the third Earl Russell of the United Kingdom, and by rules governing precedent in the British peerage his wife is automatically a countess.

The Allied announcement was expected to bring angry new protests from the Communist truce delegation and blasts from the Red radio.

It was the bloodiest uprising yet, exceeding by one the number of Red prisoners killed in a Feb. 18 riot on Koje Island.

Pongam is a small, terraced, wind-swept island about one and a half miles on the southwest tip of Koje.

It said that wind blowing across prison camp site at the time of the uprising "prevented the use of tear gas to quell the rioters."

After an investigation, Col. C. V. Cadwell, commanding the UN prisoner of war command, praised the island commander, Lt. Col. George P. Miller for "using sound judgment."

"Col. Miller did not use any more force than was necessary," Cadwell said. "He acted promptly. It could have been a very serious situation."

The mutiny occurred at 1 p.m. Sunday among one-third of the 9000 Korean civilian internees held in UNC Camp 1C. These prisoners—many of them former inmates of notorious Compound 62 on Koje Island—had originally been classified as prisoners of war at the time of their capture. They had been picked up during changing tides of war, mainly in Red retreats.



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