

BRITISH LABOR ASKS ELECTION

Neblett Faces Accuser in Tear Jerker

FRIENDSHIP BROKEN OVER AID TO DRUNK We're Brother-Chisclers Says Pustau of Tie to Libel-Suitor

LOS ANGELES, March 25.—With G-Men hovering over the scene, Col. William H. Neblett today faced and questioned his accuser, Carl Pustau, whose 118 page deposition charging Neblett, and associates with bribery and associated crimes, blew the lid off the garbage can of local politics.

The mutual friend went unamed, but "it was understood" was a prominent Democrat in the State Assembly.

"Brother chisclers." He said he was neither a client nor a fellow attorney as there was no legal work involved in the deals in which they were merely political go-betweens.

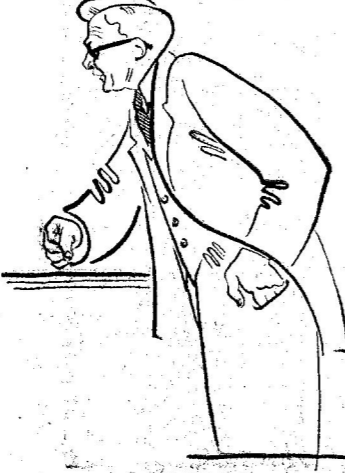
"The last weeks have seen a spring thundershow of depositions. First came Pustau with his detailed and annihilating account of political bribery involving such industrial heads as Bank of America's A. P. Giannini, the George A. Fuller Construction Company and others.

When came Neblett with days of vague, bewildering political reminiscences and accounts of the deals he had handled.

No Shoes a "Crime"; Parents Found Guilty Bebecks Await Sentence Monday for Keeping Barefoot Child from School—Not Valid Reason for Truancy, Court Rules

By Louis Seligson LOS ANGELES, March 25. Joseph and Alma Bebek today pondered on what sort of justice it is that deems it a crime for parents to be so poor that they cannot supply their children with shoes.

The Bebecks awaited sentence on Monday after having been found guilty yesterday because they would not send their children barefoot and in dilapidated shoes one and a half miles to school.



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It didn't help a bit to explain that they didn't have enough for food, let alone shoes for the children. The court just sat there, stolid, inhuman, reading its law books and abiding by the written ruling that had nothing to do with their case.

On the stand in their own defense, both Joe and Alma, explained patiently that they had only \$20.30 per month to feed a family of seven.

All these things are beside the law. Solid-Citizen Jury A stolid, property-owning jury of 11 women and a lone man found them guilty.

They are now perusing the 400-page deposition which Neblett unwound in three days of talking. Last day of Pustau's testimony was taken up with a review of what Pustau had told Dunn about his efforts in Washington on behalf of Giannini.

PLANT SMOOTH WITNESS FOR SHIPPING MEN Relic of 'Brass Knuck' Days Says Coastwise Pact Impossible

By Vern Smith SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Tom Plant, looking, acting, talking and wearing a haircut like Daddy Warbucks in the comic strip, took the stand when the longshoremen's hearing reopened before National Labor Relations Board trial examiner Walter Wilbur here today.

Plant used to be the big shot in the Waterfront Employers Union, in the pre-Waterfront Employers Association days, when the simple brass knuckle policy of the shipping companies had not yet given way to the present steel claw within the velvet glove tactics of Almon Roth.

Then it was "Yes, Mr. Harrison," and "No, Mr. Harrison," while suave, elegant, handsome Gregory Harrison, shipowners attorney went through the form of quizzing his boss, and "drawing out" the idea from him that there never was, couldn't be, and ought not to be any real coastwise agreement. There must always be differences even if not of wages, Plant thought.

Plant testified that even without coastwise agreements, wages and conditions were "basically the same" up and down the coast.

First he said that this was mainly because the first agreements used to be made in San Francisco, by pure accident of history, and then more or less copied in other ports. Even at present, under contracts largely in Portland and Seattle, and in many finishing up in San Francisco.

One Port Against Another The Waterfront Employers Association strategy throughout has been to prevent the coastwise negotiations evidently with the idea of playing the men of one port against those of another, and perhaps to install a different union in some ports, particularly Tacoma and San Pedro.

So, even under the sharp examination by Board's attorney Bertram Edises, Mr. Plant wouldn't admit the coast was much of a bargaining unit.

The theory of the accidental leadership of San Francisco in setting coast wages began to collapse when it was brought out, on cross examination of Plant, that the companies' main offices of most of them are in San Francisco, and as far as those companies were concerned, the contract was really always made for the whole coast.

Spy Theft of Blueprints Suspected Believed To Be Cause of Thorough Search on Troop Transport

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Investigation of an American civilian employee of the blueprint and plans department of the U. S. Army establishment in Hawaii suspected of stealing plans and blueprints from his office for sale to the Intelligence service of the Japanese Navy, caused the mysterious happenings on board the Army transport St. Mihiel upon its arrival here Wednesday.

Nothing Found The search which held up disembarking for over an hour in which the crew and returning troops had to stay above deck resulted in nothing being found, it was learned on good authority. The suspect was allowed to leave though he is probably under surveillance.

Woman Suspected Another rumor that held credence with the crew until what is believed to be the true version of the blueprint employe being searched was established, was that a woman was being investigated.

If the blueprint employe version is to be accepted, the facts point strongly to the involvement of Japanese, observers believe, rather than to Germans who are also known to be interested in U. S. Army and Navy movements in the Pacific.

The Japanese are known to tempt impetuous Americans, unwarned in espionage, with large sums of money, leaving the amateur spy to work out his own methods of transferring. The Farnsworth case of a year ago is typical of this branch of Japanese espionage inebriety. Farnsworth, a naval officer, now in jail, made the blunder of having a public photo-station in Washington, D. C., make copies of military secret plans. The Japanese naval attaché in Washington fled the country when he knew Farnsworth was on the point of being caught.

YOU TELL ONE J. E. of Sacramento with a candid, LAR today with this gem of a double. The remarks are those of Mike Koontz, Secretary of the Sacramento Building Trades Council, member of the Sacramento City Council:

And Dipso Low thinks the Franco-Soviet pact is an agreement between the Soviet Union and General Franco.

ENVOY DENIES HOSTILITY TO UNITED STATES Attacks Hearst Reports As Inciting Violence Against Mexicans

LOS ANGELES, March 25.—Attacking Hearst-inspired reports aimed at creating anti-Mexican feeling in the United States, Adolfo Dela Huerta, inspector general of the Mexican consulate in this city, today said his people were striving for a closer international understanding.

Nothing Hostility Shown "A statement issued from the Mexican foreign office in connection with the matter confirms my belief. Notwithstanding the unprecedented patriotic enthusiasm which characterized the public demonstration in favor of the government action, this was carried out in the most orderly, disciplined and exemplary fashion without a single act of hostility on the part of the people toward foreign tourists or Americans.

Blum Averts Cabinet Crisis in Compromise Urges Chamber to Yield to Senate Slash of Finance Bill

PARIS, March 25 (TP)—A strong personal appeal by Premier Blum averted a French cabinet crisis temporarily tonight after a day of bickering over finances.

14 Men Trapped in Flooded Mine

NEVERVILLE, Pa., March 25 (TP)—More than 50 men working in the Eberville Gollyery of the Veddo Coal Company were caught by a flood in the mine today when a stripping holding thousands of tons of water gave way.

Never Too Late SAN JOSE, March 25 (TP)—Mrs. Laura Bacon Bailey, 79, who graduated from the San Jose State College in 1902, applied for re-admission today.

58 Subs Will Carry Alameda WBA to Goal ALAMEDA County World Builders through consistent plugging have now amassed 692 charter subs. This places them within tossing distance of the Alameda Quota of 750 subs.

Charges Tories Betrayed Peace; Demands Change Labor Party and Trade Union Chiefs in Joint Session Open Campaign to Oust Chamberlain Cabinet

LONDON, March 25. (TP)—Britain's Labor Party and Trade Union leaders denounced Prime Minister Chamberlain's hands-off foreign policy today and demanded a general election to oust the present government.

On Thin Ice Leon Blum A Laborite statement called for an immediate meeting of the League of Nations Assembly to devise means to bring about an appeasement of the Central European situation.

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LUCK and Penn Face Pen for Unlucky Note WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 25. (TP)—Extortion and blackmail indictments were returned today against Werner Luck and Edward Penn for their alleged attempt to "chisel" in on the Levine kidnap ransom.

SENATE OK'S TVA Probe WASHINGTON, March 25 (TP)—The Senate agreed today to accept the Berkeley resolution providing for an investigation of the Tennessee Valley Authority by a subcommittee of members of both Houses of Congress.

1442 Subs Needed! ONLY 5 DAYS LEFT! LOS ANGELES . . . 105 ALAMEDA . . . 12 SONOMA . . . 5 OTHER COUNTIES . . 14 Total in 3-24 . . . 136 SUBS IN TO DATE . . 5922 TOTAL SUBS IN . . . 6058 NEEDED . . . 1442 OUR GOAL! . . . 7500 That's lots better WBA'ers! Sonoma with a quota of 75 is now but 11 away from the top! Now we're riding high!

Catholic Women Donate Ambulance to Loyalist Spain SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Unexpected help from six Spanish speaking clubs in the bay region is credited by the Medical Bureau for the raising of sufficient money to send 13 ambulances rolling into Spain to help stem Franco's drive, it was announced today.

McDonoughs Face Trial For Felony Monday SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Pete and Tom McDonough, Harry Rice, George Fleming and Howard Newport will get into superior court here finally on Monday, when indictments charging them with conspiracy to violate the state bail bond law (a felony) are scheduled to be returned.

A. H. of Los Angeles takes us to task for the dirty B is for Britain, Oh long may it waver. Quite correctly, he points out that this is a fascist hope. He says it should read: B is for Britain, how long will it waver? Poetic license just doesn't hold in this instance.

