

# CITY DISPUTES ELECTION CHARGE

City and county were engaged in a dispute today over cost of the November 3 general election, with the city Council objecting to a \$7,665 bill tendered by the county, and a county official declaring "the city never pays its election bill anyhow."

The November 3 polling was a county election. But the city moved onto the ballot with its special election for the 3-mill civilian-defense levy, which lost.

**Bill Arouses Council**

The fireworks started yesterday afternoon as the city Council finance committee got the county bill. The committee asked the judiciary committee to investigate the bill, and to get the county to itemize it.

"How can they charge us \$7,000 for that little stuff up in the corner of the ballot?" demanded Councilman David Levine. "Do they charge us so much for every lever that was pulled down?"

The city ballot title was in the upper right corner of the ballot, far from the remainder of the issues. The measure lost not only because there were more "no's" than "yes," but because not enough people voted on it.

Councilman James Scavotto said the county had no more cost on account of the city election, unless it be the printing of the measure on the ballot.

"They would have had to set up their polling places anyhow," Scavotto said.

### Court Action Suggested

Levine suggested the city should take the county election officials into court to find out why the city should pay the bill.

Today, County Auditor Robert A. Morris described the bill as "very fair, and lower than it could have been because we know the city doesn't have much money."

### Roy Erford, election superintendent under Morris, said:

"The city is sore because its measure didn't carry. Now it doesn't want to pay the bill. We gave the city a break in figuring its share of the cost. The city couldn't have held its election for \$35,000, which was the cost of the county election within the city. For several years the city hasn't paid all its election bills anyhow. It always said it didn't have the money."

Erford said the election cost is divided among county, city, port district and other taxing districts "according to a rather intricate formula we have worked out for assessing the cost."

In a series of tests to determine which language is most easily understood over the telephone, Italian stood first.

# R. C. A. F. WOMEN VISIT HERE



The trim air-force blue uniforms of these two members of the Royal Canadian Air Force turned many a head in Seattle yesterday, and Pvt. Howard Constant, military policeman stationed at the King Street Station, was no exception. He is shown here telling Airwomen 2nd Class Frances Chrysler (left) of Ottawa and Lenore Snettinger of Toronto, what sights to see on their flying visit to Seattle. Stationed at Vancouver, B. C., the young women enlisted in the R. C. A. F. Women's Division three months ago and after two months in school were sent to Fighter Control Headquarters at Vancouver as operations-room clerks. Private Constant is from Dayton, Ohio.

# Jap Appeal Hits Army's Powers Of Internment

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—(AP)—An appeal filed in United States District Court today on behalf of an American-born Japanese now in a relocation center, declared that "for the Army to intern any citizen is a usurpation of judicial power and an interference with judicial administration."

The appeal was on behalf of Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu, resident of Alameda County, now in a center near Topaz, Utah. He is under a five-year probationary sentence in Federal Court, convicted of trying to circumvent the military's evacuation orders. He underwent a facial operation in order to change his features—he hoped to pass, then, for a Mexican—but that didn't work.

# Boeing Employees Almost Stampeded Into Striking

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a well-advertised program of jitterbug contests, "hi-jinx" revue, torrid dances from South America, comedy acrobats and other vaudevillean novelties, found themselves deep in a demonstration for wage increases and strike action.

"Kick in the Teeth"

The demonstrations began after the reading of a transcript of a telephone conversation between Harold J. (Hoot) Gibson, a union business agent who is in Washington, D. C., and members of Aeronautical Industrial District Lodge No. 751, which asserts it represents about 33,000 Boeing workers.

Gibson's message was that the aircraft workers were about to "receive a kick in the teeth" from the administration's War Labor Board and that, despite the fact the workers had heeded advice to remain on jobs and not strike, they were not being given the same consideration shipyard workers have received from wage-stabilization boards.

Gibson transmitted a statement by the wage-stabilization committee of the International Association of Machinists, with which the union is affiliated. The committee is meeting in Washington, D. C.

Gibson also advised that the aircraft workers were not in line to "get a square deal" and recommended that "each member of the union must publicly indicate his disapproval."

California aircraft workers, Gibson advised, would follow whatever action taken by Seattle aircraft men and women.

As soon as Pete Pioli, a lodge trustee, had finished reading Gibson's message, cries of "Strike!" and "Let's walk out!" arose in scattered sections of the audience. Business agents, other union of-

icials and delegates hurried to microphones to declare the War Labor Board policy constitutes "the most vicious sabotage of the aircraft industry in all the war effort."

One speaker from the audience reminded the delegates: "Don't strike! Don't talk about striking—remember that for every Flying Fortress we do not build we kill Americans!"

Cries of "Boo" and "Sit down" were shouted at speakers who urged caution and conciliation.

Others stated: "We're 30,000 strong and we are not going to stand for a basic wage of 62½ cents an hour!"

The demonstration subsided only after union agents informed the audience no legal action could be taken because the assembly was not a called meeting and "many outsiders" were present. However, the "attitude" of the assembly toward the War Labor Board and the wage situation was referred to the executive board of the union, which was in executive session until early this morning.

Early this year, shortly after shipyard workers received wage increases under a stabilization agreement reached in Chicago, the aircraft industry unions began asking for a like agreement.

Conferences started last July in California on the West Coast aircraft stabilization program and continued into the fall. Late in October, the Boeing Aircraft Company recommended to the government, company and union representatives at the stabilization conference that wage increases be granted.

**Boeing Proposed Increases**

Boeing proposed immediate increases, recommending a new wage scale ranging from 95 cents-an-hour minimum to \$1.50 an hour. The present pay at Boeing, corresponding to the proposed new scale, is 78 cents an hour for helpers and \$1.23 for premium-rate mechanics.

District council members said about 40 per cent of Boeing employees receive the basic minimum pay of 62½ cents an hour.

Boeing stressed the necessity for the wage increases on the grounds of competing with other war industries, where pay is higher.

On the basis of the Boeing recommendation, leaders of the union here yesterday had expected "good news" from Washington, where a hearing had opened on the West Coast aircraft wage program. Instead, Gibson sent his disappointing report and last night's auditorium "hi-jinx" boiled into an indignation meeting in which a strike vote very nearly was called.

The big show of the union began at noon yesterday and continued until early this morning. A swing-shift floor show was staged yesterday afternoon and another last night. During the entertainment and between shows, members of the union voted on 14 candidates for business agent, 4 to be elected.

All 14 candidates for office were busy electioneering outside the voting hall. Incumbents running were Verne Burch, Cecil Kirk, Floyd Verne and Gibson and an informal vote tally reported this forenoon Gibson was reported running far ahead.

Many of the thousands who walked in the rain to the auditorium last night to vote gasped when they saw "B" cards plastered on sidewalks. But the cards weren't for gasoline, just for Burch.

For three months, while his master served a prison sentence, a dog waited outside the Criminal Court at Darlington, Australia, where the man had been sentenced.

# DETROIT WORKERS GROUP COFFEE 'FROZEN' TO JOBS RATION CLARIFIED

DETROIT, Dec. 10.—(UP)—An estimated 660,000 essential war workers in the Detroit area were frozen to their jobs today in a sweeping order announced by Montague A. Clark, Michigan director of the War Manpower Commission.

The order, approved by a local W. M. C. labor-management advisory committee and covering nearly two-thirds of the area's gainfully employed workers, lists 34 categories in which employees may not leave their jobs without specific government authorization.

Included in the order are workers at the huge Willow Run bomber plant, the Chrysler tank arsenal, the Hudson naval arsenal and other plants throughout Wayne County and parts of Wastenburg, Oakland and Macomb Counties.

The freezing action, Clark said, was approved yesterday at a meeting of the labor-management committee. It is intended primarily to prevent labor "pirating" and production dislocations caused by shifting of workers to high-paying jobs.

The order directs employers to "refuse to hire or solicit workers from other essential industries within the area unless the applicant presents a certificate of release from his former employer or from the review unit of the United States Employment Service."

# Gen. Hurley Escapes Death on Russ Front

MOSCOW, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, who returned two days ago from a long tour of the Russian front, was disclosed today to have come so close to hitting a land mine that his automobile was showered with parts of two trucks which did.

Hurley, United States minister to New Zealand and one-time secretary of war under President Hoover, was being driven along a new captured road following two trucks. Both trucks hit the mine and blew up within his sight.

Socialist Labor Rally To commemorate the birth day of Daniel De Leon, pioneer Socialist worker, members of the Socialist Labor Party will hold a public meeting next Sunday afternoon at the I. O. G. T. Hall, 1109 Virginia St. Mexico supplies 74 per cent of the world's chicle.

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**BUSINESS MEN** Adopt Staggered Working Hours for your factory, store or office. Call MA 3513 for details as applied to your business or location!

**STUDENTS** Walk to and from school if you can. You give war workers right-of-way...

**EVERYBODY** Move back in coaches promptly... correct change ready—or buy tokens from conductor in advance. Save tires by riding coaches during "off-peak" hours for business or pleasure trips.

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