

UNION ELECTION SUIT DISMISSED

United States District Judge Lloyd L. Black yesterday dismissed a complaint in which the Lumber & Sawmill Workers' Union, an American Federation of Labor affiliate, asked for an injunction to prevent the National Labor Relations Board from holding an election among employees of the Potlatch Forests, Inc., of Idaho, to select a bargaining agency.

In dismissing the suit, Judge Black said he was doing so "without prejudice."

The election is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, George Flood, attorney for the A. F. of L. group, asked the court to stay the election pending an appeal, which also was refused without prejudice.

Judge Black said that the election ordered by the board would be void because no hearing such as required by Congress was afforded to the A. F. of L. and that any certification as to the result of such an election would, in his opinion, be void.

Action Held Premature

The complaint was dismissed because the court felt the action was premature and that a court remedy would have to await an attempt by the board to certify someone as a result of this void election.

"Congress endeavored and, to a certain extent succeeded, to deprive the United States District Court of any voice as to the National Labor Relations Board or its proceedings," Judge Black said. "The hearings on proposed legislation make that clear. Certainly there is no word in the Act that invited any action by the district court upon the prayer of one complaining. If there

R. C. Parkhurst To Be Head Of Commandery

Ralph C. Parkhurst, a cashier in the King County clerk's office, will assume command of Seattle Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, at the 62nd annual installation of the Masonic organization Friday evening in the Masonic Temple.



RALPH C. PARKHURST

Retiring Commander William E. Beggs will act as installing officer, assisted by Hugh Mc-Niven, acting as grand marshal; Past Commanders Arlyn B. Carr and John H. Benson, adjutants, and Rev. Newton E. Moat, grand prelate.

A hand concert at 7:30 o'clock will precede the ceremonies and an exhibition drill by the Commandery drill team, a grand march and dancing will follow the installation.

The following officers will be installed:

James C. Davis, generalissimo; Robert K. Waage, captain general; Ranzo Gaia, senior warden; Ross Stokke, junior warden; Horatio Belt, prelate; Leslie Cramer, treasurer; Clark J. Munger, recorder; Clifford C. Monear, standard-bearer; M. J. R. Williams, sword-bearer; Cyrus Haugum, warden; Earl W. Parr, captain of the guard; L. V. Crozier, second guard; L. C. Starke, third guard; Harry L. Reed, organist, and J. Homer Jackson, sentinel.

Actually a hearing, this court has no right to interfere.

The election was approved by N. L. P. B. officials at the request of the International Woodworkers of America, a Congress of Industrial Organizations union. The injunction petition declared the A. F. of L. group pioneered labor organization in the Idaho forests and eventually was certified as the bargaining agency for Potlatch workers.

The Potlatch Forests, Inc., a Maine corporation, is the largest operator in the white-pine industry, the union's counsel declared, and employs between 4,000 and 5,000 workers.

The complaint was against Thomas P. Graham, N. L. P. B. regional director, and William A. Babcock, regional attorney. Babcock and John Hedrick, attorney for the board, argued the case the past two days against Flood.

PAY FORMULA IN PERIL---W. L. B.

By FRED O. BAILEY
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The War Labor Board and the Office of Price Administration warned tonight that the "Little Steel" wage stabilization formula is in dire danger.

The W. L. B. indicated that it might have to revise the formula unless living costs are rolled back to September 15, 1942, levels, and Price Administrator Chester Bowles asserted that the formula may have to be abandoned if Congress, as it seems bent upon doing, kills food subsidies. Bowles added that if the anti-subsidy farm bloc has its way, food prices will shoot up.

Letter Sent to Wallace
The Labor Board's warning was indirectly voiced by Chairman William H. Davis in a letter to Vice President Henry A. Wallace accompanying the W. L. B.'s monthly report to the Senate.

Bowles uttered his warning at a press conference, his first since he succeeded Prentiss M. Brown, resigned.

The two warnings were made independently as evidence accumulated that forces separately warring against food subsidies and the "Little Steel" formula have a good chance of winning.

Closely following the board's approval of an increase of \$1.50 a day for 450,000 soft coal miners, Davis told Wallace that the W. L. B. is becoming "increasingly conscious" of the administration's failure to hold down living costs.

C. I. O. Denounces Formula
Meanwhile, the Congress of Industrial Organizations declared war on the "Little Steel" formula. The C. I. O.'s United Steel Workers, headed by Philip Murray, president of the C. I. O., is expected to launch a campaign next week to outlaw the formula.

American Federation of Labor officials also have denounced the formula as inconsistent with rising living costs.

The formula, adopted in September, 1942, limits wage increases to 15 per cent of wage levels on January 1, 1941, except when granted to adjust inequalities or raise substandard pay rates.

C. D. Desmukh, the first Indian to be made governor of the Reserve Bank of India, had been deputy governor since 1941, and prior to that head of various financial departments of the government.

Disloyal Japs Fed Well, Idle While Nearby Crops Rot

By NICK BOURNE
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SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—Ducks and geese today feasted on unharvested lettuce and barley crops, \$250,000 worth of frost-threatened potatoes, and the Army fed 15,000 admittedly disloyal Japanese at the Tule Lake, Calif., segregation center, where the Japs attempted to kidnap Ray R. Best, project director, Thursday night.

The Japanese refuse to harvest the crops, which would be shipped to the nine evacuation camps holding the 95,000 "loyal" United States persons of Japanese ancestry.

Focal point of the trouble which brought troops, tanks, machine-guns and armored cars to take over the camp was 1,200 kibei, unruly young Japs educated in Japan, brought here from Hawaii.

Until the Army took over, white

War Relocation Authority employees feared for their lives, after beatings of whites, intimidation and the inadequacy of protection.

While at the camp, I learned how the Japs live. There were many rumors that they dined on T-bone steak, wasted butter and were being "coddled."

Here is a typical menu for a day: Breakfast—Fruit, such as stewed prunes or apricots; cooked cereal,

tea, bread or rice.
Lunch—Sukiyaki (the Jap version of chop suey), or a stew with some meat, rice, a vegetable, tea or coffee with canned milk.
Dinner—Fish, potatoes or another vegetable, or salad; sometimes dessert such as pudding or stewed fruit; coffee or tea.

The evacuees receive oleomargarine, no butter. They eat all they want; there is no limit on

quantity. The food comes from the Army quartermaster and cost the government an average of 38 cents a day for each evacuee for the past three months. Each is rationed about one-half an ounce of sugar a meal.

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