

# Tobacco's Big Three Held To Be Monopoly

## High Court Decision Upholds \$255,000 Fine

Washington (FP)—The nation's three biggest tobacco companies, R. J. Reynolds (Camels); Liggett & Myers (Chesterfield) and the American Tobacco Co. (Lucky Strike), were found guilty June 10 of conspiring to form a monopoly by the U. S. Supreme Court.

In a 6-0 decision, the court upheld a fine of \$255,000 assessed by the District Court in Lexington, Ky., that had been upheld previously by the Sixth Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

Justice Harold Burton, the Ohio Republican named to the bench by Pres. Harry S. Truman, delivered the decision, saying the three companies "have been found to have conspired to establish a monopoly and also to have the power and intent to establish and maintain the monopoly. To hold that they do not come within the prohibition of the Sherman (Anti-Trust) act would destroy the force of that act."

In a separate concurring opinion, Justice Felix Frankfurter said he believed the court also should have ruled on whether errors were committed in the picking of the jury.

The basic reasoning behind the Supreme Court's ruling is that it is not necessary to prove that the monopoly excluded competitors, but only that the monopoly had the power or strength necessary to exclude them if it chose. It was the first time that the Supreme Court had ruled on the point.

## 'Free' Press Free With Facts Musicians Find

St. Petersburg, Fla. (FP)—Throughout their week-long convention delegates of the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) had been getting madder and madder at the distortions and downright lies about their actions which were appearing in the St. Petersburg Independent.

Temperatures reached a boiling point last day of the convention when the Independent's daily convention story achieved a score of no hits, all errors. Wrath focused on the hapless Independent reporter who was sitting at the press table and delegates began demanding that he get up on the platform and account for the lies.

Turning pale, the reporter rose slowly to his feet and stammered that he could not speak for the paper. From the platform Pres. James C. Petrillo sought to pacify delegates:

"It's the same old story, boys," he said. "This poor guy," pointing to the reporter, "isn't responsible for what goes into the paper, it's the boys up top." Delegates calmed down while Petrillo exhorted big business control over the press, magazines and radio and gave laughing approval to his windup statement:

"I hope that after big business hears the results of this convention, it will take all the money it's spending on propaganda and give it to charity to help feed poor starving people."

## Work On New

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wishes to thank all those who volunteered as blood donors during the illness of his wife. Especially does he wish to thank brothers Pfeiffer and Wojciecowski, two of the group whose offers were accepted.

We were glad to see where Oscar Dale has been chosen a member of the national auditing committee. Oscar has been a faithful, conscientious worker in whatever capacity he has been asked to serve in local affairs and it is fitting that his loyalty and ability be recognized by our national officials. O. C. 76.

## OBITUARY

**MRS. RUBY JANE McDONOUGH**  
Mrs. Ruby Jane Olinger McDonough, decal worker at the Homer Laughlin China Co. died June 13 in her home, 125 Beechwood Ave., following a five-day illness.

Mrs. McDonough was born in Mason County, W. Va., and lived in East Liverpool for the past 21 years. She was a member of Local Union 124, National Brotherhood of Operative Potters, United Brethren Church in Mason County, and attended the Beechwood Free Methodist Mission.

She is survived by her husband, William C. McDonough; a brother, John F. Olinger, and a sister, Mrs. Christina Beaver, both of Albuquerque, N. Mexico.

Services were held from the Martin Funeral Home by Rev. Wesley Holliday, pastor of the Free Methodist Church. Burial was in the United Presbyterian Cemetery at Calcutta.

### EDWIN W. COLLINS

Edwin Wilson Collins, 242 Virginia Ave., Chester, died suddenly June 15 in the Kiehl Nursing Home, following a three-month illness. He was 74.

Mr. Collins was born in Wellsville and came to East Liverpool about 15 years ago from Sebring. He was a dipper by trade and employed last by the Edwin M. Knowles China Co. in Newell, W. Va. He was a member of Local Union No. 18, National Brotherhood of Operative Potters and a member of the Knights Templar at Tiffin.

He leaves a son, Edwin W. Collins of Tiffin; a brother, Carl Collins of East Liverpool, and one grandson. Services were held from the Martin Funeral Home by Rev. C. T. Weimer, pastor of the Chester Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Tiffin.

### HARRY POYNTER

Harry Poynter, 64, former East Liverpool potter, was killed June 13 in an automobile accident at Hawthorne, Calif., local relatives were advised.

He was a brother of Mrs. Robert Tucker of Erie street, and Ray Poynter of Etruria street.

Mr. Poynter, a jiggerman by trade, was employed by the Homer Laughlin China Co. before going to California 17 years ago.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Poynter; three daughters and two sons all living in California, and four other sisters, Mrs. George Parr, Mrs. Belle Horner, Mrs. Iva Lee and Mrs. Clyde Brown, all in California.

## Labor Views

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overwhelming public approval and be sustained by Congress."

Edward Keating, editor of Labor, railroad labor weekly:

"From the very beginning Labor has taken the position that additional labor laws are not needed. With proper administration the laws now on the statute books will deliver the goods."

"The House has acted wisely, and they would now best put aside all proposed anti-labor laws. If they do, the first thing that some of the toughest, anti-labor employers would do is sit down and talk business with the unions instead of waiting for anti-labor legislation to help them out."

## Clark Asks Senators for Full Anti-Trust Fund

Washington (FP)—Atty. Gen. Tom C. Clark pleaded with a Senate subcommittee on appropriations May 31 to restore the \$200,000 House cut in Justice Dept. anti-trust funds.

Peak year for anti-trust work was 1942, when \$2,325,000 was appropriated. The figure dropped during the war, on the theory that trusts would not be pursued too vigorously in wartime, to a low of \$1.5 million in 1945.

To the \$1,700,000 1946 figure the budget bureau proposed an increase to \$1,900,000 but the House slashed it down to the 1946 amount. The recent federal pay increase will mean even less effective work than in 1946 if the House appropriation should stand.



**LABOR TAKES TO THE AIR**—To better serve air transport industry members, the International Association of Machinists (unaffiliated) has added a plane to its organizing staff. Pilot Charles Houser is greeted by IAM officials headed by Pres. Harvey M. Brown as the ship completes a nationwide tour of commercial airline ground employees. (Federated Pictures.)

## Fight On Black Taken Up By Senator Bridges

Washington (FP)—The smear campaign designed to drive Associate Justice Hugo L. Black off the Supreme Court bench moved ahead another notch June 12 as Sen. Styles Bridges (R., N. H.) accused him of supporting New Deal theories.

Bridges' attack on Black followed the publication of an open cable to the Congress from Justice Robert Jackson making allegations against Black's professional record on the bench in the handling of a portal-portal iron ore decision.

Bridges fastened his fight on Black in the latter's public appearance at the Roosevelt memorial dinner in New York city last April 12. The dinner was sponsored by the Natl. Citizens Political Action Committee.

The New Hampshire senator has proposed a bill to require that Supreme Court Justices devote their entire time to the court's work and to prohibit their engaging "directly" or indirectly in activity political in nature or use, or lend the use of their names to movements of public character "other than those permitted by law or by vote of the remaining Justices."

## Party Held

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usual came forth in fine style. Sandwiches, liquid refreshments and amateur entertainers provided a fine evening's pleasure for all. The committee was made up of the following: Eileen Angus, Geanne Borer, Betty Feasel, Rose Bernard, Edward Robenalt, Joan Fraley and Frank Kovaschitz.—O. C. 95.

## Sympathies Extended

Word has just been received as we go to press of the death of E. H. Benschel of Trenton, N. J., who died at his home on June 17th. Mr. Benschel is the father of Constance Applegate, an employee in the eastern office of the Brotherhood in Trenton. The National officials and the trade in general extend to Mrs. Applegate their sincere sympathies in the bereavement of her father.

## Only 13% Have Written To Washington, Results Of Survey Indicate

Denver (FP)—The Natl. Opinion Research Center thinks it has a clue to why Congress so consistently thumbs its nose at the will and needs of the people.

A nationwide survey by the center showed that only one person in eight ever bothers to write a letter to his senator or congressman. The other seven may talk, but do not act.

Although only 13% of the U. S. people have ever written a letter to their congressman or other government officials to give their views about some public question, even one letter apiece from them has meant between 10 and 12 million letters on official desks.

## House Narrowly

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mind, an essential element of government authority. This authority, however, should not be available to private employers under the vast variety of conditions contemplated by Section 11 of this present bill."

Pres. Truman said the Case bill "strikes at symptoms and ignores underlying causes." He repeated his request for "adequate insurance against unemployment, health and medical services for families of low and moderate income at costs they can afford, a fair minimum wage, and the continuance of the price control and stabilization laws in effective form. These measures would remove some of the major causes of insecurity and would greatly aid in achieving industrial peace."

## Duffy Visitor

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This change was made because of the repairs that must be made on the bisque and circular kilns.

We hear wedding bells will be tolling soon for Vance and Elizabeth; how about "Toots" Anthony on the 4th.

Bros. Canfield, Mushack and Jenkins who have been hitting the 225 mark in bowling, warns the rest of the league by the time the winter league starts rolling, the above mark will be their average.—O. C. 99.

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## Shipowners Balk At Pay Raise But Not Huge Profits

New York (FP)—The U. S. shipping companies which were refusing to grant maritime workers pay boosts and better hours increased their profits, dividends and total assets 100% and 200% during the war years, despite ship losses and damage and high wartime taxes.

The financial statements of 14 representative steamship companies for 1938-44 reveal:

1. Total assets grew from about \$237 million in 1938 to more than \$460 million in 1944, or nearly 100%.
  2. Net worth increased from about \$125 million to \$285 million, more than 125%.
  3. Net profits after taxes rose from a little over \$10 million in 1938 to \$32 million for 1944, more than 200%.
  4. Total net profit for the 14 companies for the seven war boom years amounted to nearly \$250 million.
  5. Dividends to stockholders increased from nearly \$4 million in 1938 to over \$14 million in 1944, or 250%.
- Dividends paid by these companies in the seven years totaled around \$75 million.

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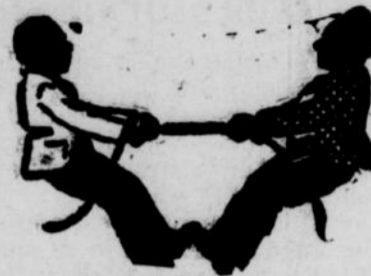
NOTICE CLAYMAKERS

A special meeting of vital importance to every member of Local Union 21, Claymakers, has been called for Thursday evening, June 27 in the banquet hall at Headquarters. Every member is requested to be present.  
—By Order of President.

### SUSPENDED

By action taken at the last meeting of Local Union 132, the following members were suspended: Eva Burnside, Ruby Farr, Alice Merical, Ella J. Merical, Virginia Carol McEaloy and Clara Webber.

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