

Justices Refuse Reviewing Of Gag Rule Crime Action

Washington, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The Supreme Court today refused to review a decision which struck down Baltimore's unique gag rule on crime news.

The court's refusal was announced in an unusual opinion by Justice Frankfurter. It said the tribunal's action "simply means that fewer than four members of the court deemed it desirable to review a decision of the Maryland court as a matter of 'sound judicial discretion.'"

In addition to nullifying the gag rule on crime news the lower court decision—given by the Maryland Court of Appeals—also upset contempt convictions of three Baltimore radio stations and a radio newscaster.

Frankfurter said "a variety of considerations" figured in the Tribunal's refusal to review the state court's findings.

Then he went on to say that one thing that can be said with certainty about the refusal to review, "is that it does not remotely imply approval or disapproval or what was said by the court of appeals of Maryland."

The crime news curbs are set forth in rule 904 of the Baltimore Supreme Court bench. Among other things they ban pretrial publication of confessions in pending cases.

Radio stations WFBB, WCBM and WTH and newscaster James P. Connolly were held in contempt because they broadcast news about a confession given by Eugene H. James. The broadcast was made before James, a Negro, was con-

victed of killing an 11-year-old white girl. James was held last August. The contempt fines ranged from \$100 to \$500.

The Maryland court in throwing out the contempt convictions said the news curbs was "in the nature of censorship."

The state had contended that early announcement of the James confession prevented a fair jury trial for him. But the appeals court said, "we find no direct evidence of prejudice in the community because of the broadcast information. Trials cannot be held in a vacuum hermetically sealed against rumor and report. If a mere disclosure of the general nature of the evidence relief on would vitiate a subsequent trial, few verdicts could stand."

Frankfurter wrote a 25-page opinion to explain the High Tribunal's refusal to go into the matter at this time.

His opinion included eight pages citing recent English decisions dealing with cases in which publications were said to have affected prosecutions of crimes.

Frankfurter said he referred to these cases "merely for the purpose of indicating the kind of questions that would have to be faced were we called upon to pass on the limits that the 14th Amendment places upon the power of speech to safeguard the fair administration of criminal justice by jury trial from mutilation or distortion by extraneous influences."

The 14th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution says no state may make any law which abridges privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States. It also says no state may deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person the equal protection of the laws.

Spiders in Basketball Finals
Intramural basketball is resting easy in its final stages, with the D Infantry Spiders waiting to meet the winner of the H and B Air Force game for the basketball championship. The Spider quintet sparked by Newt Bonner, high scorer with 8 points, won their seventh basketball game of the year with a 15-12 win over A Cavalry. Aiding Bonner on the backboard was right guard Val Bennett, who scored four points. Dick Vehon of A Troop led the Cavalry with six points.

Box Score
D Infantry Spiders (15)
FG FT PF TP
Tex Avrett 1 1 0 3
Newt Bonner 4 0 1 8
Val Bennett 2 0 0 4
Mike Lindner 0 0 0 0
George DuBose 0 0 0 0
Totals 7 1 1 15
A Cavalry (12)
FG FT PF TP
Dan Waddell 2 0 0 4
Dick Vehon 3 0 0 6
Ira Johnson 0 0 0 0
Bill Moon 1 0 0 2
Dave Nelson 0 0 0 0
Totals 7 0 0 12

In the club league of intramural basketball, the Marketing and Financing Club downed the Business Society, 21-19, to win the League Club Championship. Lou Woods of the Business Society and Tal Margan of the Marketing Club tied for highpoint honors with

three baskets each.

Upset Marks Handball
The Open Handball Doubles Tourney was climaxed with an upset in the finals when last year's champs—Burr Layne and Jewell McDowell—were defeated by Jack Balders and Powell Scheumack, 21-12, 16-21, and 21-10. The singles division of the handball tournament remains in the semi-final stage with McDowell set to mix with Balders in one match, while Layne takes on Scheumack in the other final fit. McDowell was the singles division winner last year.

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Quarterback—Dick Gardemal, Port Arthur.
Halfbacks—John Christensen, Galveston, Yale Lary, Fort Worth; Glenn Lippman, El Campo; Doyle Moore, Austin; Charles McDonald, Fort Arthur; Charles Royalty; Freepart; Robert Shaffer, El Paso and Billy Tidwell, Hearne.

Fullbacks—Bob Smith, Houston, and Clarence Lawson, Wichita Falls.

MURAL NEWS

By FRANK N. MANITZAS

Quarterfinal flag football games came off as scheduled yesterday, and in the semi-final fits scheduled for Thursday will be E Infantry against A Quartermaster, while in the other game A Infantry's nine goes up against B Infantry.

E Infantry reached the semi-final round with a 6-0 win over the Senior Company. The paddlefeet scored under the direction of their able quarterback, W. R. Barber, who called a tricky, lateral pass play which clicked from the 6-yard line.

A QMC edged B Engineers by four penetrations with Bud Yeager, sophomore of QMC, turning in a very creditable performance. Bob Shubert called the plays for the Quartermaster team.

A Infantry's win over the fighting arm of H Flight proved to be one of the most topsy-turvy games of the season. Both teams played a hard game offensively with little thought given to defense. John Hill, the mainstay of the airmen, completed a thirty yard pass to Roy Dollar on the Infantry's twenty yard line. The next pass by Hill was intercepted by the Infantry who tallied for their first score. A Infantry scored again, kicked the extra point, and beat H Air Force 13-0.

B Infantry reached the semi-finals with a close, hard fought victory over A Coast Artillery, 6-2. The artillery never ceased to fight until the final whistle. Bill Couch and Bob Smith are only two of the A Coast team and others of the Infantry who played fine ball in the best game of the day.

Order Curtails Pay To 78,500 Reserves
Under the economy order issued by the Army, some 78,500 reservists stopped receiving training drill pay because of a lack of funds beginning January 1.

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Mystery Story Field Gets New Writer; Opera Star

BY CYNTHIA LOWRY

New York.—(AP)—It is only fair to warn mystery story publishers that Helen Traubel has decided to get into the writing game.

Miss Traubel is a singer. She is a Wagnerian star of the Metropolitan Opera Company. There are many who say she is the best singer in the world.

She also possesses one of the loudest, most infectious laughs extant and a frightening love of practical jokes. She absorbs detective stories the way opera stars are reputed to demolish whipper cream pastries.

She has now completed her first detective story, a 5,500 word literary Hors D'Oeuvre designed to whet appetites for her major opus.

The first novel is entitled "The Pitomaine Canary," and what a psychiatrist would make of it bodes ill for other suspense novel writers. She is determined to call her second novel "The Post Mortem of Mortimer Post," which gives you an idea.

Miss Traubel is having her first work printed privately—25 copies in limp leather. Suitably autographed, they will be sent as Christmas presents to intimate friends.

To facilitate reviews, Miss T. has written her own criticisms in advance, and will include them on a fly leaf. She has the Saturday Review of Literature proclaiming: "Three cheers for this high tension yarn."

Pravda, she alleges, called it "upper class propaganda." Newspaper reviews are confined merely to "Yes," "No" and "Best

detective story of the season." Roughly, and the word is chosen well, the plot concerns a metropolitan opera star with an enormous laugh who adores detective stories. Her manager-husband invites all the nation's top mystery-story writers like Erle Stanley Gardner, Ellery Queen, Rex Stout, to a party at their home.

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What's Cooking

AFS-ASME, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7:30 p. m., Room 303, M. E. Building. Joint meeting to hear speaker.

Agricultural Engineers, Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 p. m., AG Eng. Lecture Room.

AGRONOMY SOCIETY, 7:30 Tuesday, Jan. 10, in A&I Lecture room.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Tuesday January 10, 7 p. m., Foster Hall.

BRAZORIA COUNTY CLUB, Thursday, January 12, 7:30 p. m., Room 24 Academic Bldg.

BRUSH COUNTY CLUB, Thursday, Jan. 12, 7 p. m., Room 304 Academic Bldg.

DEL RIO CLUB, Thursday, January 12, 7 p. m., Reading Room YMCA.

BUSINESS SOCIETY, Aggieland '50 pictures, Wednesday, 5 p. m., steps of Agriculture Bldg.

BUSINESS SOCIETY, Dinner Dance, Finfeather Club, 8 p. m., Thursday. Buy tickets from club.

CORVELL COUNTY CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday January 12, Room 125, Academic Bldg. Election of officers and plans for party.

ENTOMOLOGY SOCIETY, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 8 p. m., Room 10, Science Hall. Dr. E. F. Kipling will speak.

GEOLOGY CLUB, Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 p. m., Petroleum Lecture Room, Dr. W. B. Wather will speak.

HANDICRAFT GROUP of the College Women's Social Club, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 9:30 a. m., YMCA Cabinet Room. Ed Rayborn of A&M Industrial Education Dept. will speak.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION WIVES, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7:30 p. m., South Solarium, YMCA. Election of officers.

JUNIOR CHAPTER, A.V.M.A. AT&M regular meeting Wednesday night, Jan. 11, 7:30 p. m., South Solarium, YMCA. Election of officers.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Thursday, January 12, 7:30 p. m., St. Mary's Chapel in Basement.

NEWMAN CLUB, Wednesday, January 11, 7:15 p. m., CE Lecture Room.

PANHANDLE CLUB, Thursday, January 12, 7:15, Lounge of Dorm 1. Plans for picture and party will be discussed.

S. A. M., Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 p. m., room 301, Goodwin Hall, Dick Price, speaker; elections of officers for Spring semester.

SPANISH CLUB, Tuesday, January 10, 7 p. m., Room 125 of Academic Bldg.

SUL ROSS RESEARCH CLUB, Wednesday, January 11, 5 p. m., steps of Agriculture Building, coats and ties or No. 1 uniform for Aggieland picture.

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Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	4,111.14
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$1,294,053.31
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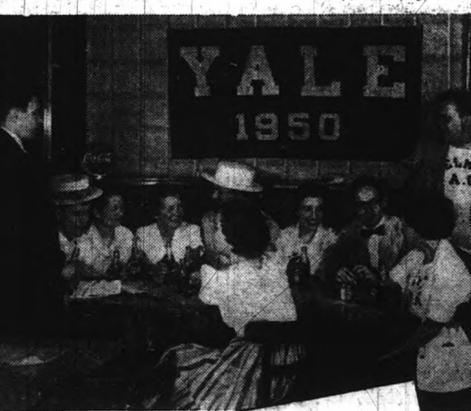
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