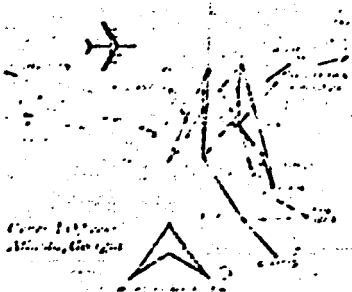


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BY HIGH COURT BARRED TWO LOYALTY OATHS

WASHINGTON—Two loyalty oaths required of some public employes in the State of Washington were struck down by the Supreme Court. The Court held, 7 to 2, that the language of the oaths was "unconstitutionally vague."

In a dissenting opinion, Justices Tom C. Clark and John M. Harlan said that the language thus described by the majority was "much more clear than the Smith Act," a federal antiradicalism law. The two Justices asked: "Where does this leave the constitutionality of the Smith Act?"

One Washington oath requires every public servant to swear that he or she is not a "subversive person." The majority opinion held that the State law did not define clearly enough what is "loyal" or "disloyal."

The other oath, for schoolteachers, exacts a pledge of respect for the flag and the institutions of the United States and the State of Washington. It was argued in the majority opinion that a teacher who criticized the State judicial system or the Supreme Court, for example, might be violating the oath.

TRIPLE-DAMAGE AWARD AGAINST ELECTRIC FIRMS

PHILADELPHIA—A U. S. district court judge awarded triple damages against six manufacturers of electrical equipment. The firms were defendants in a civil price-fixing suit. Ordered to

pay damages of 28.9 million dollars were Al Electric, Westinghouse, Allis-Chalmers, McGraw Edison of Elgin, Ill., Mahoney Electric and Wappler Electric, both of St. Louis.

The suit was brought by two Philadelphia utilities.

The trial was the first of more than 1,000 pending civil cases growing out of criminal charges brought by the Justice Department in 1961. Then, 29 manufacturers and 46 individuals pleaded guilty or no contest to charges of bid rigging and price fixing.

Several companies immediately announced they would appeal the Philadelphia verdict.

ASSASSINATION STORY— THE REACTION IN JAPAN

TOKYO—A Japanese security agent's story of the Kennedy assassination created quite a stir here.

The story, based on agent Atsuyuki Sassa's survey of American security methods, first appeared in the "U. S. News & World Report" issue of June 8. It has since been confirmed in all essential details, although it develops that the Japanese officer had no official connection with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's study of the assassination. Sassa did work with various security agencies in the U. S.

Correcting a translation error, Sassa says he never met any Dallas police who frequented the night club operated by Jack Ruby, convicted of killing Lee Harvey Oswald.

HOW'S BUSINESS? THE PRESIDENT SAYS THIS—

From President Johnson's news conference in Washington June 2: "In the four weeks ending May 23, retail sales averaged 7 per cent above a year earlier.

"Manufacturers are reflecting the stronger markets.

"The industrial production index jumped a full point in April, the largest advance in 10 months.

"New orders for durable goods, which foreshadow future production, rose 6 per cent in April, while machine-tool orders ran 76 per cent above a year earlier.

"Unemployment was down from 5.7 per cent in April, 1963, to 5.4 per cent this April.

"Total labor-force time lost through unemployment and part-time work is down even more sharply—from 6.1 per cent in April, 1963, to 5.9 per cent this April.

"Best of all, there was a gain of more than 1 million new nonfarm jobs from December to April.

"No inflation is in sight although some people feared overheating of the economy.

"Wholesale prices are lower today than in January, lower than three years ago, lower than six years ago.

"Both our Government surveys and leading private surveys show confidence in future price stability."