

Reviews Effect of New U. S. Legislation Which Outlaws The Communist Party

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The Communist party of the United States is on a rocky road now, but its fate is still uncertain even though President Eisenhower signed the act outlawing it Tuesday.

That's because of the court fights which are taking place and still lie ahead. Two questions may stick in people's mind because of the confusing way Congress passed this legislation in its closing days this month.

Does this new law mean the Communist party must now cease to exist? Does it make it a crime now to be a Communist or a member of the Communist party? The answer to both questions is no. The law doesn't say the party must pass out of existence, although in time that may be the effect. It says the party is now deprived of rights, privileges, and immunities which other organizations enjoy.

NO RED CANDIDATES

For example, it cannot have candidates on a ballot in federal elections for Congress or the presidency. It's up to the states whether they keep the party off their ballots in state elections.

Fuzziness begins at this point on what else the party loses. The law itself doesn't say specifically. Government lawyers are still studying the possibilities the law provides for action against the party.

The first government move may be sudden. The party no doubt will fight in court then to try to have the new law thrown out as unconstitutional.

The party is already in court trying to get the McCarran Internal Security Act of 1950 declared unconstitutional. Under that act the government found the party to be a Moscow agent or "Communist action" group.

OFFICERS MUST REGISTER

According to the McCarran act, the party's officers and members must register with the government. They were ordered to. Instead, as expected, the party began its court fight.

The supreme court by next spring may give its verdict on whether the party members must register or the McCarran act is unconstitutional. Party leaders have indicated they will never register, no matter what the verdict is.

If the court rules against them, they can be jailed and fined for not registering. Their refusal in that event would actually kill the party.

If that fate overtook the party while it was fighting the law which Eisenhower signed Tuesday the second fight would end in mid-air. But there is something else the communists may try.

They may inject the new law into their present fight on the McCarran act, arguing that certain

language in the new law fortifies their contention that the McCarran act is unconstitutional.

As for the individual Communist the new law doesn't say his membership in the party is a crime but that he must—if the government can prove his knowledge of the party's conspiratorial nature—register as a member of a "Communist action" organization.

Right there the new law overlaps the McCarran act's registration requirements and may confuse the court struggle. This doesn't mean the government in the meantime is helpless to act against individual communists.

ANOTHER ACT AVAILABLE

It can and is going to. There is another law, the Smith act of 1940, under which the government can prosecute anyone who is a member of an organization having the purpose of overthrowing the government by force. The Smith act does not mention the Communist party by name.

In such a prosecution the government has to prove a defendant had knowledge of the organization's purpose. It will start its first trial under this section of the act this fall. The defendant will be Claude Lightfoot, a Communist leader of Chicago.

The party can be expected to fight this case—if Lightfoot is convicted—all the way up to the supreme court, too, on constitutional grounds.

The court has upheld the constitutionality of another section of the act which the government used to convict 81 Communists on different grounds: conspiracy to teach forcible overthrow of the government. Under that section the government tried communists in groups, not singly.

Mineral Output In Canada Up

OTTAWA, (CP)—Production of eight of Canada's 16 leading minerals rose in the first five months of the year, the bureau of statistics said Tuesday.

Petroleum output advanced to 34,362,355 barrels from 26,582,392 in the January-May period a year ago; natural gas to 87,602,220 cubic feet from 46,358,588; copper to 118,638 tons from 113,258; gypsum to 1,143,846 tons from 1,093,238; lead to 91,088 tons from 88,333; lime to 497,890 tons from 495,342; and nickel to 64,262 tons from 58,647. The value of clay products rose to \$10,463,021 from \$10,189,760.

BLIND SWIMMERS

SAINT JOHN, N. B., (CP)—Several blind persons are among 2,112 candidates enrolled with the Red Cross in New Brunswick this year for instruction in swimming and water safety. The record registration is nearly double the total for all last year.

Murray River

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MONTAGUE W.M.S.

"The regular meeting of the W.M.S. of Trinity United Church, Montague, was held on July 20 at the home of Mrs. Will Fraser, with 21 members present.

The devotional period was led by Mrs. Leon Johnston, assisted by Mrs. Ethel Stewart, Mrs. Lester MacLeod and Mrs. Robert Machon. A reading was given by Mrs. J. M. Fraser. The devotional closed with the Benediction given by Mrs. Leon Johnston.

It was decided to send \$5 to pay the shipping charges on the last box sent to Overseas Relief.

Mrs. J. M. Fraser gave a report on the rally held at the Montague United Church in July. It was well attended and was both enjoyable and instructive.

Correspondence was read by Mrs. Chester Reynolds, Murray River.

The many friends of Mrs. Reginald Johnston, Murray River, are sorry to hear she is a patient in the King's County Memorial Hospital, Montague. It is the wish of all that she will have a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hemphill and granddaughter, Marie, of Pictou County, N. S., were recent visitors to Murray River, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rafuse.

Mrs. Odell Dyer, Stratton, Maine, is visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William J. MacKay, High Bank.

Mr. John Herring and children, Moncton, are visiting at the home of Mr. Herring's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Herring, Murray River.

Mrs. Lloyd Wilson and young daughter, Janet and son, Leonard, Boston, Mass., are spending their holidays at the home of Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hooper, Murray River.

A. C. I. Ray MacInnis, who is with the R. C. A. F. in Greenwood, is spending some time at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.

Leon Johnston, acknowledging receipt of the box sent recently to Overseas Relief.

There were seven sick calls, 24 cards, 28 shut-in and 29 hospital calls, and 22 treats reported for July.

It was noted that Mrs. M. M. MacLean has returned to Montague after her illness at Summerside. Being an active member of the Montague W.M.S., all members expressed the hope that she would soon be well enough to attend the meetings again.

The August meeting is to be held at the summer home of Mrs. L. A. Johnston, with Mrs. George Nicholson as devotional leader and Mrs. Lewis Higginbotham in charge of the study book. Mrs. Robert Machon and Mrs. George Lake were appointed on the lunch committee.

The financial report was given by the treasurer, and the literature report was taken by the literature secretary, Mrs. D. R. Fraser. Mrs. Gordon Coffin then gave an interesting reading from the present study book. The meeting closed with the Misspah Benediction. Lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

PLAGUE OF FLIES

TORONTO (CP)—Swarms of small black flies attacked man and dog alike in Toronto's high temperature and humidity Tuesday.

They pestered pedestrians, drove cats and dogs frantic and plagued spectators at ball games. Doctors report many calls from parents of children, bitten by the buzzing insects.

South Rustico

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Doucette, U. S. A., are visiting at the home of the former's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Theodor Doucette, South Rustico.

Miss Margaret Blanchard of Montreal is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theophile Blanchard and family, South Rustico.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gallant of U. S. A. are visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mosie Gallant, Oyster Bed.

Mr. and Mrs. William Arsenault and their daughter, Jacqueline of Cambridge, Mass., were visitors at

St. Augustin's Convent, South Rustico, visiting with the former's sister, Reverend Mother Superior.

Mr. John Gallant and son, Edwin, have returned to their home in St. John, N. B., after spending six weeks visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mat Doucette, South Rustico.

They were accompanied from Montreal, N. B., by Miss Leger.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doucette of Rumbold, Maine, are visiting at the home of the former's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Doucette and family, South Rustico.

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