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LEADER VANISHES HERE

AY; SAYS Dodge Victory Opens Way to Regain Cut Pay

Appellate Division
Rules That City
Must Reimburse Him

The door was opened by the Appellate Division today to permit all District Attorneys of Greater New York to recover from the city the amounts of their pay cuts during the life of the Economy act and tap into also to all of the State officers, including Supreme Court Justices, who suffered similar cuts in salary under that act.

The Appellate Division unequivocally held that District Attorney William C. Dodge is a constitutional officer whose salary could not be cut under the Economy act, and it awarded him a judgment of \$13,519.51, the amount of the cut in salary he suffered since 1934.

Lawyer fe Shot Action on City Code Delayed at Albany

Legislature Adjourns
To Study Measure

By WILLIAM O. TRAPP,
World-Telegram Staff Writer
ALBANY, Dec. 17.—Yielding to demands from all quarters for more time to consider the proposed administrative code for New York City, the Legislature today adjourned the special session until next Thursday.

Seek Vote in Wage Bill

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ed Doomed

FRIDAY, Dec. 17.—House members tried to cram all day-wage-hour bill into one day wanted to pass the bill before adjournment at midnight.

Unfettered predictions of an expected motion to table the bill by the House Leadership, Chairman Mary T. N. J. said it would fail.

Confidence was bolstered by the fact that the bill had weathered storms. It has been only four points.

There would be a vote on the bill tomorrow.

Wins \$4,670

A verdict was awarded to Brooklyn Supreme Court to the Quinn, a dancer, of Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, who was injured on Dec. 12 in a studio at 113 W. 4th St. when she was unable to stand. A large tile was a wide floor crack, she said. The verdict was against Edward Strauss, dance in-



Miss Juliet Stuart Poyntz, missing Communist leader, is shown in a photograph taken by the World-Telegram staff.

State to Curb Silicosis Peril Faced by Drillers in Subway

Manhattan Rock Formation Makes
6th Ave. Job Great Death Hazard

Rock drillers on the Sixth Ave. subway risk one of the worst hazards of silicosis, fatal lung disease, facing workers anywhere, it was learned today.

This fact developed from a conference of 50 drillers, contractors, health experts and union representatives, called this morning by Elmer F. Andrews, Industrial Commissioner, to work out a final code to control silica dust in rock drilling. When completed it will be the first government protection from dust dangers subway workers ever have had in New York City.

The special danger arises from the make up of Manhattan Schist, the rock formation under Manhattan Island, which has a particularly high percentage of quartz, silica, origin of the dread silicosis.

Doctor Clerk Danger.
All rock drilling in Manhattan is potentially dangerous, Dr. Leonard Greenberg, executive director of the Division of Industrial Hygiene, said.

Today's conference was called to bring the code, promulgated by Commissioner Andrews last May, more in line with the safety requirements for subway building.

The present code prescribes only suction or exhaust methods for removing the silica dust in drilling.

Arthur A. Johnson, chairman of the General Contractors' Assn., told the conference expensive tests showed that the suction method was not effective for confined areas and that the wet method alone will

HAD LIVED IN FEAR SINCE LOSING SWAY IN PARTY COUNCILS

Case of Juliet Poyntz,
Missing 7 Months, Parallels
That of the "Robinsons"

By ARTHUR IRWIN,
World-Telegram Staff Writer

Copyright, 1937, by the New York World-Telegram Corporation.
Miss Juliet Stuart Poyntz, described by police as "one of the ten principal Communist leaders in the United States," has been mysteriously missing for almost seven months, the World-Telegram established today.

Her strange disappearance followed a reputed fall into disfavor with high Communist party leaders and a fight against the Nazi government to gain control of the estate of her estranged husband, a German consular attache in New York.

The disappearance of Miss Poyntz from her mid-town Manhattan apartment has several curious parallels to the disappearance of "Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Robinson" from their hotel in Moscow. The Robinsons are now reported to be in a Soviet prison suspected of "counter-revolutionary activity."

The conviction of Miss Poyntz's friends that she had not vanished voluntarily was strengthened by their belief that she had lived in fear of some secret harm from about the time she dropped out of the news as a Communist leader. During the last two years Miss Poyntz apparently had tried to hide her identity by using the name "Julia Glaser." Her dead husband was Dr. Frederick Franz Ludwig Glaser.

Some of Miss Poyntz's friends understood that she had been planning to go to Germany and press her claim to her husband's estate. The friends said such a trip would have been "practically suicide" for a Communist of her prominence.

The mystery was made more puzzling by the response of a Communist party spokesman to inquiries about Miss Poyntz. H. C. Adamson, press relations director of the New York Communist party, conferred with the National Membership Department and then said:

"We have no record of the woman as a member of the Communist party and no knowledge of her whereabouts for ten years."

Candidate to Office.
Yet in 1928 Miss Poyntz was the Communist candidate for Attorney General. She polled 10,621 votes in New York City; more than the city vote for the Communist Presidential candidate, William Z. Foster.

And in those days of the Jay Lovestone leadership, long before the adoption of the present "united front" policy against Fascism, Communists nominated: only Communists.

In 1928, two years after the time the Communist spokesman said the party had its last knowledge of her, Miss Poyntz was national secretary of the International Labor Defense. She was a leader in demonstrations at City Hall and in the Gastonia case, a cause celebre.

In 1934, seven years after the time the Communist spokesman says the party had its last knowledge of her, Miss Poyntz was a Communist leader of the unemployed at City Hall. And she delivered the first Communist speech ever made from the top step of the City Hall.

Made Front Page.
Later that year Miss Poyntz, Robert Minor and James W. Ford, the Communist candidate for Vice President at the last election, led a Communist demonstration in front of the Austrian Consulate and together made the front pages when police charged the demonstrators.

Miss Poyntz's disappearance was discovered by apartment attaches who communicated with her friends late last June after failing to see her for several weeks. The friends said, however, that she had probably gone into seclusion, while writing, in July.

However, in July

Think 'Robinsons' Quit Communists

U. S. Follows Theory
They Joined Trotsky

State Department agents pressed their investigation of the international espionage mystery of the bogus Robinsons today on the theory that the young man and his wife were members of the Communist party who went over to the opposition group led by exiled Leon Trotsky.

The federal men working on this theory believe the evidence indicates it is the most logical explanation of the tangle of riddles surrounding the couple who, traveling on fraudulent passports as "Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Robinson," vanished from Room 123 at the National Hotel in Moscow and reappeared in dread Lubanka Prison.

Spokesmen for the Communist party and the Trotskyites each denied that the photographs of the "Robinsons" were pictures of a member of their group.

The "Robinsons" obtained their passports by using birth certificates of children long dead, obtaining these certificates from the Health Department by writing for them and enclosing \$1 fee. But the investi-

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Weather Flier Safe

Special to the World-Telegram.
MITCHELL FIELD, Dec. 17.—The Army Air Corps reported today that Lieutenant C. K. Nelson, missing for four hours on a weather observation flight, landed safely in Boston Airport. He makes the hazardous flight daily, going up 15,000 feet or more to take weather readings. He reported his radio went bad at 7,000 feet and he crashed around in the

Wall St. Trading at a Glance

Stocks drifted moderately lower today in quiet trading. The three major divisions of the market were affected by light offerings. Some selling appeared shortly after the opening but was absorbed well.

Oil gave the best performance, turning on active trading. Motors were depressed as utilities were quiet.

A Brockhurst Child

By the Associated Press.
BROCKHURST, N. J., Dec. 17.—A 15-year-old boy, born to Bertrice Lester, 18-year-old companion of Lester, Brockhurst, 22, on his flight, landed safely in Boston Airport. He makes the hazardous flight daily, going up 15,000 feet or more to take weather readings. He reported his radio went bad at 7,000 feet and he crashed around in the

Red Leader Vanishes Here

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the apartment attaches notified her attorney, Elias Lieberman, of 1501 Broadway, and he found what her friends believe is conclusive evidence that she had not disappeared voluntarily.

The date of her disappearance was established as last June 3 by a friend with whom she made an appointment, by an order of books and by a prescription she had had filled at a drug store that day.

Belongings Undisturbed.

Mr. Lieberman found apparently all of the missing woman's personal belongings, except the clothes she wore, undisturbed in her room. She had not taken even her passport.

"I haven't had the slightest success or a tiny bit of hope from all the avenues I've explored in the search for my client," Mr. Lieberman said.

"While she was a woman who never discussed her personal affairs or plans with anyone, not even her attorney, I can't believe she is staying away of her own will. When we last met she implied she was in need of funds and was anxious to complete the litigation delaying settlement of her late husband's estate."

A friend of the vanished woman recalled that on the last day she was seen at her apartment she had made an appointment by telephone to call on the friend that afternoon, but never appeared nor sent word.

Unfinished Manuscripts.

Another indication to her friends that Miss Poyntz had not remained away voluntarily was that her personal papers and records and some unfinished manuscripts on which she had been working were left in the apartment. In her apartment also were her two trunks, hand luggage and clothes.

Her attorney said he had last seen Miss Poyntz late in May, when they met in the Times Sq. subway station. He asked her if she was going to sign papers in the litigation over her husband's estate. She offered no reason, he said, but promised to call on him within a few days. Mr. Lieberman said he was satisfied that she had intended to keep the appointment and that she would have done so except for whatever circumstances caused her disappearance.

Miss Poyntz, who later was recorded as a teacher at Barnard and Hunter College, was attending the London School of Economics in 1912 on a scholarship awarded by the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Also attending the classes was Dr. Glaser, whose family was reputed to be important in the German Dye Trust. He was married, but he divorced his wife and followed Miss Poyntz to New York where they were married October 8, 1913.

Little is known of her marriage except that she and her husband separated several times. Few of her friends even knew she had a husband.

After Hitler's rise to power, Mr. Glaser became an attaché at the German consulate general here. During one of their separations he became ill and was taken to Park East Hospital, where he died November 16, 1933.

Miss Poyntz did not learn of her husband's death until June, 1934. She applied for letters of administration of the estate, but was opposed by the Public Administrator. With counsel for the German government, the Public Administrator contended that she had failed to make her application within the time specified by law.

Compromise on Estate.

The Consulate and the Public Administrator were upheld by the Surrogate's Court. Miss Poyntz was preparing to carry her fight to the Appellate Division when a compromise was reached by which it was agreed that the Public Administrator should continue to administer the estate.

In addition to the family's reputed large interest in the German dye industry, it is said that cash and

Missing Woman in '34 Clash with Mayor



Communist leaders denied today that they had any record of Juliet Stuart Poyntz, revealed today to have been missing seven months. Police say she was a prominent Communist leader. Photo above indicates her activity. It shows her in 1934, at the head of a delegation of the Trade Union Unity League, Communist led, asking Mayor La Guardia in 1934 to abolish home relief give cash to the needy.

other assets of the estate had been found in Cuba and the Argentine.

Miss Poyntz, who was described as five feet six inches tall, weighing about 100 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. She was born in Omaha, Neb., came East to attend Barnard and, after graduation, taught history there.

Arrested in Boston.

She first attracted public attention in 1914 as equatorial director and first woman labor leader of the Ladies' Waist and Dressmakers' Union, local 25. Newspaper files show that subsequently she was active in radical and labor movements in Philadelphia and Boston as well as in New York.

In 1928 she was arrested in Boston for calling Calvin Coolidge, then President, "an errand boy of the capitalist system."

Leading cafeteria strikers in a demonstration at City Hall, she found Mayor James J. Walker "out" and denounced him for having time to receive flattery and every aristocrat from Europe, but no time for the workers of New York City.

Leading unemployed women at City Hall three years ago, she clashed with Mayor La Guardia. The Mayor accused her of "representing the workers" and threatened to put her out, and Miss Poyntz denounced the Mayor as a "bulldozer" and a "low bully."

After the battle between police and demonstrators February 14, 1934, there seems to have been no further mention of Miss Poyntz in the newspapers until today's revelation she had vanished mysteriously.

Robinson Case Still Mystery

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ators still were without clew today to the true identity of the couple.

Ralph Raymond, secretary to a plastic surgeon at 30 E. 42nd St., informed the World-Telegram that he recognized the photograph of "Robinson" as a picture of a man who applied for an extensive plastic operation in March, 1936.

He said the man wanted his nose shortened, his lips thinned and his ear lobes made smaller. He accepted as satisfactory a tentative fee of \$300 to \$700. Mr. Raymond said, then became highly excited and hurriedly made an appointment for the next day when informed that he would have to have a photograph taken. The man never showed up again.

Mr. Raymond said. The address he gave was fictitious.

James P. Miron and his wife,

Catherine, who operate the Miron Blood Donor Agency, 122 Fourth Ave., Brooklyn, said today they were convinced that the passport photograph of Robinson was that of Donald Reiff, a Brooklyn Communist who was registered with them as a professional blood donor.

Photographs taken of Reiff in 1929, and filed with the agency, did not correspond with the passport picture, however. Reiff, who lived at 55 Fifth Ave., Brooklyn, when he registered, gave his date of birth as March 23, 1905. The child whose certificates "Robinson" used was born on March 23, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Miron recalled that a woman who described herself as "Ruth" frequently called the agency, asking for Reiff.

Ruth is the first name given by "Mrs. Robinson" on her passport.

Others who said they thought they had seen the fake Robinson or his wife at one time or another was a shopkeeper, who described them as former tenants in 1937 at 345 E. 17th St., a former superintendent of the building, who recalled the couple, not tenants, had aroused his suspicions in the building in April or June, 1937, and an unidentified man, who told the police "Robinson's" picture resembled a convict who escaped from a Tennessee jail in July, 1937.

Time Lapses Puzzling.

The federal men continued their search for the passport mill which they are convinced is operating in New York, providing bogus passports under which, in the guise of American citizens, spies of various foreign governments are able to operate in Europe. It was learned that the federal agents already have discovered 100 such bogus passports. Especially puzzling to the investigators were the long lapses of time between the traceable movements of the "Robinsons" in their passport plot, which apparently began almost three years ago.

Got Birth Certificates.

In January, 1935, the couple applied—and received—the birth certificates of Donald Louis Robinson and Ruth Norma Birkland. Federal men say they may have obtained these names while checking records in a relief project at the Health Department or merely by consulting the record books on file at the Public Library, 42nd St. and Fifth Ave.

They did not use the birth certificates, as far as investigators could learn, until more than a year later. Then, in March of 1936, they applied for passports, which they received the next month.

And they did not turn up in Moscow on their fraudulent passports until last November 6. The only clews agents have found to their movements during this last road of seven months is that they sailed on the Italian liner Rex, according to

Vienna Nazis Retaliate

By the United Press.
VIENNA, Dec. 17.—Nazi youth painters were reported today to have smashed the show window of a Jewish-owned shirt goods store and to have added to the shattered glass young people's urine in retaliation for the smashing of a large window containing a picture of Hitler in the new German travel agency.

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