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court order

The latest move in the Hal Haviland suit against the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, to determine jurisdiction over circus animals, was announced late last week.

A Federal Judge of the District Court in the District of Columbia ruled that motions for summary judgement must be filed on or before Oct. 8th, 1973.

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture must now stipulate the facts and let the court decide the issues of the law.

S.F. Police Sued—

The district attorney in San Francisco, Calif. filed a suit on Aug. 17th against the Police Officers Assoc. of that city. The suit charged the organization with using illegal telephone solicitations to sell tickets for an upcoming Police Community Fair.

The suit claims that hired solicitors failed to give required information to prospective ticket

Show goes on

When the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros Circus played West Springfield, Mass. on July 7th, they did so without a big top. The show went on as scheduled, with big crowds at both the afternoon and evening show, while temperatures reached 90 plus.

On July 6th, the circus was at Manchester, N.H., and shortly after leaving that city, the big top canvas truck broke down. As repairs were being made, the show's 24 hour men was out marking the show's route to Southington, Conn, which called for some back tracking.

When the big top truck was finally ready to roll it headed out and the driver picked up the arrows and merrily rolled into Southington missing West Springfield completely

buyers. This included the fact the organization will receive only 25% of the total income from the sale of tickets.

Police Chief Scott said, "This type of operation is reprehensible to me and all police."

Who's Who

PAT GRAHAM has his glass house on the Frazier World Fair Shows this season.

SLIM and LILLIAN LEWIS will soon be moving to California. For several years they made their home in the state of Washington.

BUTTONS McBRIDE, RBBB's advance clown, estimates he travels about 30,000 miles a year, with only two weeks off.

MARVIN GABEL visited Carson and Barnes Circus in South Dakota and Ringling-Barnum at Omaha, Nebr.

ROLAND and MARCIA recently became the parents of a six lb. boy.

ANDY EGGERS reports Beatty-Cole had good crowds at Manlius, N.Y., despite opposition from Miller Johnson Circus.

EDDIE SHERMAN, columnist for the Honolulu Bulletin, has resigned to book acts for the Oceania floating hotels at Waikiki.

DAGMAR MOOTZ does tightwire and swinginf ladder for the Sells & Gray Circus.

SMOKEY JONES writes the Paul Keye Circus in Hawaii offers a good show. The program runs about 2½ hrs

CAROL CHANNING, actress) was on

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The Professionals Worry

Professional telephone promoters from throughout the country are expected to meet at Nashville, Tenn. on Sept. 13th, to establish a "phone promoters group". The meeting, which will be held at the Airport Hilton, was proposed by Amusement Business magazine as a means of protecting the livelihood of the promoter.

The schedule calls for both morning and afternoon business meetings, with refreshment breaks and lunch. On the agenda are: election of officers, legal matters, registry of solicitors, ethics, morals, etc.

Most states and localities are setting up laws to control all phone promotions, with strict fines and even imprisonment for violation of those laws. Establishment of the "phone promoters group" is seen as a move to protect promoters from those laws, anti-phone rules and other such practices that would or could eventually stop all such promotions.

hand to greet the Ringling circus train at Oakland, Calif. She even rode the elephant to the Coliseum on Aug. 23rd.

CHARLIE FRANKS has reportedly donated his elephant "Sonita" to the San Diego, Calif. zoo.

TOM UPTON and PAT ARIETA were among the visitors seen at the Ringling-Barnum show's opening show in Oakland, Calif.

Rudy Bros.

In his AB review, writer Martin Hintz, called Rudy Bros. Circus "a winner." he caught the show at its opening performance in Milwaukee, Wisc.

There were problems, he said, as two new light plants failed to work, the costume truck arrived only minutes before the show started and the weather was scorching. But everyone pitched in and the straw house crowd was not disappointed.

The circus presented six performances during its June 20-25 stand at Milwaukee, where they played on the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds. Also on the grounds were midway attraction units for West Allies Wild West Days.

The date was sponsored by the Metro Milwaukee Police Brotherhood. Advance family tickets were sold for \$7.00, while admission at the door was priced at \$3.00

Next on Stage:

The Circo Blue Star has suffered a blowdown and their tent was badly damaged. Read a full account of this incident in the next issue of Circus Report.

News report from South of the Border indicate the show has been in some extremely hot weather, with the temperatures ranging from 110 to 120 degrees in the daytime and about 100 in the evening.

The strong winds, in excess of 90 miles an hour toppled the tent, ripping it from the ropes and pushing poles through the canvas.

Miscellaneous

Circo Alegria is playing in the Tijuana, Mexico, area.

Both Rudy Bros. and the George Matthews Circus pulled good business during their Chicago, Ill. stands.

Key Bros. Circus played at an Alameda, Calif., shopping center on Aug. 16-18.

The California Museum of Science (Los Angeles, Calif.) has a display of the late Norman Carroll's circus collection. The exhibit runs thru Sept. 9th.

Polack Bros. Circus found the Monterey, Calif. lot was small. They had small crowds and the aerial motorcycle act was unable to set up its rigging.

Ticket prices for the Paul Kaye Circus in Hawaii (Aug. 9-19) were priced at \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00

Auditions for new clowns were held in Oakland, Calif. last week by Ringling-Barnum. A big turnout was on hand for the event.

RBBB's prices at Salt Lake City, Utah (Aug. 22-28) are \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.50.

In nearby towns roofs were torn off buildings, roads were closed to traffic and electric supplies were disrupted.



ROUTES

Beatty-Cole Circus
 Aug. 27 Racine, Wisc.
 28 Beloit
 29 Waukegan, Ill.
 30 Aurora
 31 Chicago Heights
 Sept. 1 Bloomington
 2 Galesburg

Carson & Barnes Circus
 Aug. 28 Peru, Ind.
 29 Wabash

Circus Kirk
 Aug. 27 Hawley, Pa.
 29 White Haven
 30 Tamaqua
 Sept. 1 Pottstown
 2 East Berlin

Clyde Bros. Circus
 Aug 31-Sep 1 Gladewater, Tx

Diamond "S" Wild West
 Aug. 30-31 Brenton, Ohio
 Sept. 1 Taylor, Mich.
 2 Portage

Fisher Bros. Circus
 Aug. 27-28 Silver City, NM
 29 Duncan, Ariz.
 30 Clifton
 31 Stafford
 Sept. 1 Benson

Hall's Circus Side Show
 Aug 30-Sep 3 Canfield, Ohio

Happytime Circus
 Aug 30-Sep 3 San Rafael, Ca

Hoxie Bros. Circus
 Aug. 27 Morristown, N.J.
 28 Lincoln Park
 29 Vernon Twnsp.
 30 West Milford
 31 Rockaway
 Sept. 1 Newton
 2 Lake Hopatcong

Lewis Bros. Circus
 Aug. 27 Tazewell, Va.
 29 Elkhorn, Kty.
 30 Jenkins
 31 Coeburn, Va.
 Sept. 1 Dante

Sells & Gray Circus
 Aug. 27 Glens Falls, NY
 28 Amsterdam
 29 Clifton Park
 30 Guilderland
 31 Fort Plain
 Sept. 1 Lowell

John Strong Circus
 Aug. 27 Twin Falls, Idaho
 28 Boise
 29 Ontario, Oreg.
 30 Baker
 31 La Grande
 Sept. 1 Pendleton
 2 Off

Wenatchee Youth Circus
 Aug. 28-31 Wenatchee, Wash.

..... SPECIAL ROUTES

Bugs Bunny Show
 Aug. 28 Essex Jct, Vt.
 Sept. 1 Lancaster, NH

Ice Classic
 Aug 29-Sep 1 Escondido, Cal

Royal Lipizzen Show
 Aug. 29 Thunder Bay, Ont
 Aug 31-Sep 2 St. Ste. Marie

Small World (Disney)
 Aug 28-Sep 2 Rochester, NY

..... CARNIVALS

American Eagle Shows
 Aug. 28-30 Franklin, Nebr
 Sept. 1-3 Johnstown

Amusements of America
 Aug 29-Sep 3 Reading, Pa.
 28-Sep 3 Flemington, N.J.
 27-Sep 5 Timonium, Md

Childress Shows
 Aug 27-Sep 1 Bedford, Va.

Continental Shows
 Aug 31-Sep 3 Contoscook, NH

berland Valley Shows
 Aug 27-Sep 1 Crossville, Tenn

Dean & Flynn Fiesta Shows
 Sept. 2-8 Northampton, Mass

Diamond State Shows
 Aug 27-Sep 1 Summerville, Ga

Don's Amusements
 Sept. 1-3 Woburn, Mass

Spaulding Shows
 Aug 21-25 Murfreesboro, Tenn

Wm. D. Stanley Shows
 Aug 29-Sep 2 Marshf'd, Wisc

Thompson Bros. Amusements
 Sep. 1-8 Port Royal, Pa.

Ralph Wagner Shows
 Aug 31-Sep 3 Boerhe, Tex.

..... FAIRS

Alcona County Fair
 Aug 31-Sep 3 Harrisv'le, Mich

Antelope Valley Fair
 Aug 29-Sep 3 Lancaster, Cal

Central Wisc. State Fair
 Aug 29-Sep 3 Marshf'd, Wisc

Chelsea Community Fair
 Aug 28-Sep 1 Chelsea, Mich

Chippewa Fair
 Aug 31-Sep 3 Kinross, Mich

Dickinson County Fair
 Aug 31-Sep 3 Norway, Mich

Eastern Michigan Fair
 Aug 27-Sep 3 Inlay City

Franklin County Fair
 Aug 28-30 Franklin, Nebr

Inter-Mountain Fair
 Aug 31-Sep 3 McArthur, Ca

Lake County Fair
 Aug 30-Sep 2 Lakeport, Cal

Marin County Fair
 Aug 30-Sep 2 San Rafael, Ca

Mariposa County Fair
 Sep. 1-3 Mariposa, Cal.

Maryland State Fair
 Aug 27-Sep 5 Baltimore, Md

Northwestern Mich. Fair
 Aug 27-Sep 1 Traversee City

Oceans County Fair
 Aug 29-Sep 3 Hart, Mich

Reading Fair
 Aug 29-Sep 3 Reading, Pa.

Sargent County Fair
 Sept. 1-3 Forman, N.D.

Tri-County Fair
 Sept. 1-3 Wishek, N.D.

Wyoming State Fair
 Aug. 27-Sep 1 Douglas, Wym

Lewis Bros. Circus
 Aug. 27 Tazewell, Va.
 29 Elkhorn, Kty.
 30 Jenkins
 31 Coeburn, Va.
 Sept. 1 Dante
 M & M Circus
 Aug 31-Sep 2 Detroit, Mich
 Miller Johnson Circus
 Aug. 28-31 Waukegan, Ill.
 Sep. 1-5 Wheaton
 Moffett's Int'l Big Top Cir.
 Aug. 27-28 Traverse City, M
 Sept. 3 Stonesboro, Pa
 Polack Bros. Circus
 Aug 31-Sep 2 Reno, Nev.
 Ringling's Blue Unit
 Aug. 31-Sep. 2 Spokane, Wash
 Ringling's Red Unit
 Aug 29-Sep 3 San Fran, Cal.
 Royal Bros. Circus
 Aug. 27 Lakefield, Ont
 28 Norwood
 29 Campbell Ford
 30 Frankford
 31 Modoc
 Sept. 1 Millbrook
 Tommy Scott-Tim McCoy Show
 Aug. 27 Frankfort, Ind.
 28 Champaign, Ill
 29 Havana
 30 Farmington
 31 Galesburg
 Sept. 1 Rock Island

Aug 27-Sep 1 Crossville, Tenn
 Dean & Flynn Fiesta Shows
 Sept. 2-8 Northampton, Mass
 Diamond State Shows
 Aug 27-Sep 1 Summerville, Ga
 Don's Amusements
 Sept. 1-3 Wishek, N.D.
 James H. Drew Shows
 Aug 27-Sep 1 Penningtin Gap Va
 Frankie's Amusements
 Aug 27-Sep 1 Indiana, Pa
 Gillette Shows
 Aug 31-Sep 3 Spencer, Mass
 Bob Hammond Shows
 Aug 29-Sep 3 Bethany, Mo.
 King Reid Shows
 Aug 27-Sep 1 Essex Jct, Va.
 Mid-South Amusements
 Aug 27-Sep 1 Athens, Ala
 Mississippi Valley Shows
 Aug 27-Sep 1 Moulton, Ala
 Moore's Greater Shows
 Aug 31-Sep 1 So. Haven, Kan
 Murphy Bros. Exposition
 Aug 31-Sept 9 Lincoln, Nbr
 Buck Page Exposition
 Aug 30-Sep 3 Chatham, NY
 Pugh Shows
 Aug 29-Sep 3 Portsmouth, Ohio
 Rose City Rides
 Sep. 1-3 Mokane, Mo.
 Royal Amusements
 Aug 27-Sep 1 Woodstock, Va
 Skerbeck Shows
 Aug 31-Sep 3 Norway, Mich

Sept. 1-3 Forman, N.D.
 Tri-County Fair
 Sept. 1-3 Wishek, N.D.
 Wyoming State Fair
 Aug. 27-Sep 1 Douglas, Wym

YEARS AGO

Sells Floto Circus at Pittsfield, Mass. Jun. 15-16, 1919

The afternoon show started on time and had a good crowd despite the hot weather. The evening show also pulled a big crowd.

The dinging tent and draft horse tents were taken down about 6 p.m. The menagerie was down at 9 p.m. and the side show about a half hour later. The big top, loaded on a spool wagon was all set to go by 11:30 p.m.

Everything went well with the loading, which took only a short time. Thus it was about 1 a.m. when the train pulled out for its next stand at Glens Falls, NY.



KOHLER PARTY

by Norman Wilbert

Kohler Village (Wisc) was the scene of a gigantic centennial festival on the weekends of Aug. 11-12 and Aug. 18-19, for the Kohler Co.'s 100th anniversary. Picnics have been a tradition of the company and it was estimated that some 17,000 employees, their families and friends attended the four celebrations, many were in 1870 costumes.



Each of the four picnics featured exciting circus acts -- elephants, tigers, aerialists and tumblers. They all added to the afternoon's festivities.

It was interesting to visit Guy Gossing, who has a group of 8 trained tigers. He came to this country 11 years ago and has appeared in most of the major U.S. circuses. His family owned a circus in Brussels.

It was also my good fortune to meet Lee Keener, who handles the Diano elephants. He has been an animal trainer most of his life and is now presenting a group of five elephants, the leader of which is Tommy, the tusker. These elephants also took part in the July 4th parade at Milwaukee.

Alvin Williams, chore-boy for the herd is an American Indian from Neopit, Wisc. He participated in the American Indian Movement at Wounded Knee, S.D., but says when the bullets started flying I made a hasty exit.

Francarro & Estrileta presented

stage acts

Acts appearing on the stage show at the Port Townsend, Wash., Fair (Aug. 10-12) included:

Terrell Jacobs, Jr. - bear and dog acts

The Country Bugs - rock group
Kramien & Co. - illusions

Howard Hardin - juggling/m.c.

a thrilling high wire and iron jaw number. This act is presented on an unusually high rigging, thus providing suspense and excitement for the onlookers.

No circus would be complete without a flying act and this program featured the Flying Valentine group. Ray, Sr. his wife Debbie and their son Ray, Jr. (15) make-up the daredevil act, which ranks with the very best. They feature a blindfolded triple somersault as performed by Ray, Jr.

For those who were interested a balloon flight was available. The 50 x 70 ft. giant was filled with air blown from electric fans, and heated by gas burners mounted on the gondola.

We commend Jack Jarvis for including circus acts in this 100th anniversary celebration. Congratulations also to Mel Hummitsch, for booking the excellent performers.

We also commend Herbert V. Kohler, Chairman of the Board of the Kohler Co., for making this gala affair possible. The firm spent \$65,000 for the four picnics.

A Death in the Family

The deaths of two well-known circus personalities were reported last week:

Vander Barbette (68) was a famous trapeze performer in the 1920's and 1930's. In later years he produced productions and aerial numbers for Cole Bros. and Polack Bros. as well as for several circus films. He is survived by a sister, Mary Cahill, with whom he lived and a half-brother. He died on Aug. 5th at Austin, Texas.

Theobald Forstall (80) concession secretary with the Al Kunz Century 21 Shows. He had been with the Campbell Carnival, Gollmar Bros., Al G. Barnes Circus, Clyde Beatty and Ringling-Barnum. His survivors include his widow, Erma, a former circus performer and two daughters. His death occurred on Aug. 7th at Springfield, Mo.

animals imp'd

Some 42 animals at a zoo near Corona, Calif., were impounded last week by County authorities on charges the animals were not being cared for. Dr. Harold Erickson, Riverside Health Officer, said the animals had not been fed and watered.

Owner of the zoo, William Hampton (30), was arrested for attempted murder of a man who tried to serve him with divorce papers.

A tiger, owned by Hampton, was shot and killed when it terrorized several small children in the area where Hampton lived.

A RECENT VISIT TO RUDY BROS.

"I really received a warm welcome when I visited the Rudy Bros. Circus in Chicago," writes Tad Tosky, former clown. "I met Rudy Jacobi and his courtesy would be hard to beat. He even provided me with a chauffeur (Jesse Faurer) for my wheel chair all day long."

In addition to visiting in the backyard, Tad says that he was able to watch the show from the doorway so he could talk with the performers as they moved in and out of the tent.

They had a nice show, he reported, and the audience really liked Irene and Tonga, the gorilla act. Another good number was the Cristiani trampoline act. The last time I saw Lucio, says Tad, was in 1935 when we were trouping together on the same show.

Clowns on the show included: Dime and Connie Wilson, Bob Gerardo, Neill Kay, Dave Harrington, Fred LaVine and Will Hutchins.

GOOD MORNING



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Animal Export Port Deletions

The Department of Agriculture has proposed dropping from its list of points for the export of animals the ports of San Diego, Los Angeles, Seattle and Tacoma, as well as certain other ports on other U.S. coasts.

Reason given is that the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has found that the ports lack or maintain inadequate export inspection facilities.

At the same time, USDA said it plans to add the ports of Honolulu and Richmond, Virginia, to its list of harbors that do have acceptable animal export inspection facilities.

Those two ports would be added to San Francisco, Portland (Oregon), Tampa and Houston--all of which have been found to have adequate facilities for such exports.

Parties wishing to submit comments on the proposed USDA rulemaking are advised to file them with the Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782--before September 10.

Death of a strongman

Isaac Goldman, once known as Sailor Jim White, the strongest man in the Navy, died last week (Aug. 19) at Miami, Fla. Goldman, who was 80, won his title while serving aboard the battleship Texas in 1917. He was written up by both Robert Ripley and John Hicks.

Born in Manchester, England, his father was a blacksmith and a wrestler. Goldman joined a circus when he was 12 and studied under the great Eugene Sandow.

His first feat was to have four men break rocks over his head and chest with sledge hammers.