

NEW EVIDENCE IN MUNITIONS PROBE FOUND

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Combine's Ex-Aide Says
Rep. May Once Inquired
'About That \$3,000'

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—The Senate War Investigating Committee reported today that it has uncovered "new evidence" in its war profits inquiry into a Midwest munitions combine.

The "new evidence" delayed a committee decision on what steps it might take in halting Chairman A. J. May (D-Ky.) of the House Military Committee before it for a public explanation of his activities in connection with the combine.

The committee met for more than an hour behind closed doors for a "general discussion" of possible steps.

Two written invitations already have been sent to him by Chairman May to appear "voluntarily." But he has laid down conditions for that appearance—among them the right to cross-examine witnesses and summon records which the committee has refused to accept.

May has acknowledged that he aided the Illinois industrial combine during the war years, but has insisted that aid was for the war effort alone and has denied that he profited personally.

Yesterday the committee heard testimony that he once asked an official of the combine, "What about that \$3,000?"

Mum on New Evidence

At the close of today's executive session, Francis Flanagan of the committee counsel announced the discovery of the new evidence, but flatly refused to disclose to reporters even an "inkling" of its nature or who it involved.

He acknowledged that it might involve the reopening of public hearings.

Mead, who brought public hearings to a tumultuous end yesterday, said the committee also will decide whether to take on the non-appearance of Murray Garson, Garson was one of the promoters of the Erie Basin Metal Products Company of Elgin, Ill., and Batavia Metal Products Company of Batavia, Ill., leading companies in the munitions setup.

He told newsmen that the committee is "not satisfied."

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VICTOR IN MONTANA—Backed by union labor and James Roosevelt, former State Supreme Judge Leif Erickson, above, in the Montana primary this week defeated Burton K. Wheeler, seeking his 5th term in the Senate, who was supported by President Truman.

Montana Demos' Vote Far in Lead

HELENA, Mont., July 18.—(AP)—Democrats polled more than two and one half times as many votes as Republicans in Montana's primaries Tuesday, a still incomplete unofficial tabulation indicated today.

In nominating 40-year-old Lief Erickson to run for the Senate the Democrats gave the former supreme court justice 47,828 votes in 1,018 of 1,164 precincts.

Burton K. Wheeler, 64-year-old Senate veteran who conceded yesterday, received 41,912 votes in the same precincts, for a total of 89,740.

This compared with a total of 32,453 votes cast in 1,027 precincts for James N. Ecton, Manhattan rancher and state senator, and R. E. Skeen, Billings brakeman, in the Republican senatorial primary. Ecton won handily, 1,027 precincts giving him 21,330 votes to 11,123 for Skeen.

In a statement issued in Butte, Wheeler said that "probably I lost many supporters because I did not go along blindly with a Democratic administration in the past few years, but I could not sacrifice my principles for party expediency."

Foes of Atomic Energy Control Bill Lose Test

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—Opponents of the administration's atomic energy control bill today lost the first round of their fight to kill the legislation.

By a standing vote of 131 to 102 the House defeated a motion by Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) to strike out the bill's enactment clause. This action would have killed the measure.

Rankin who yesterday told the House there are spies now at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic plant, declared in support of his motion that "peace should be secured before we begin to give away the weapons."

He contended that the legislation, proposing creation of a five-man control commission, would result in leakage of the atom bomb secret to other nations.

Two Congressmen Quit To Become U. S. Judges

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—Two Democrats resigned yesterday from Congress—to become federal judges. They are Reps. Murphy of Pennsylvania and Luther Johnson of Texas.

Murphy will become a judge of the Pennsylvania Middle District Federal Court. Johnson will take a seat on the U. S. Tax Court in Washington.

By resigning before the House reached the judicial salary bill, they become eligible for any increases in pay provided by the legislation.

The bill proposes a flat raise of \$5,000 a year in all judges' pay. It passed the Senate yesterday.

Ex-Army Officer, Wife, Mother Missing on Trip

SEATTLE, July 18.—(AP)—Police of three states were searching today for Col. H. C. Muhlenberg, retired Army officer, his wife and Mrs. Muhlenberg's mother, Mrs. L. A. Dorrington, 80.

The trio have not been heard from since leaving Seattle by car for Los Angeles July 5. Assistant Sheriff Ray Carroll said.

Colonel Muhlenberg, for many years military instructor at the University of Washington, was due in Long Beach Calif., for an important business engagement July 12.

Conferees Not Yet in Accord On OPA Bill

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP)—A successor to Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles will be named by President Truman, the Chief Executive said today, when he can get an OPA law under which a successor can function.

Asked at his news conference whether he thinks he will get such a law from Congress, he told a reporter "your guess is as good as mine."

Efforts are under way on Capitol Hill to work out a law revising price control to substitute for the legislation the President recently vetoed. However, there was a temporary lull in these efforts today.

Mr. Truman said rising prices—what he called them substantial—had followed the collapse of price control and predicted they would go higher unless controls are re-instituted.

Compromise Sketched

Sketchy outlines of a possible compromise OPA bill began to take form as a House-Senate conference today.

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Food Workers Vote to Strike if Pay Not Hiked

PORTLAND, July 18.—(AP)—Office workers of six Portland food companies have voted to strike if demands for 20 to 30-cent-an-hour wage increases two weeks vacation and sick leave are not met, a union spokesman said today.

Irving Enna, secretary of the AFL Office Employees' Local No. 11, said the 125 workers are employed by Safeway Stores, Hudson-Duncan, Wadham's & Co., United Grocers, General Grocery and Northwest Grocery.

A wage negotiation meeting is set for Monday.

Tax Debt of Former Klan Wizard Set at \$257,763

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—Counsel for Hiram W. Evans, of Atlanta, Ga., agreed today that under a tax court ruling the former imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan owes \$257,763.27 in federal income taxes for the years 1937 through 1941.

The agreement, in which the Bureau of Internal Revenue concurred, was referred to Tax Court Judge Samuel B. Hill for final decision—which court attaches said "will be a matter of routine approval."

Oregon Gains 1,200 New Business Enterprises

SALEM, Ore., July 18.—(AP)—About 1,200 new business enterprises have been started in Oregon in the past 11 months, Governor Snell said today in saying that "prospects of a postwar let-down in business missed their guess in Oregon."

The governor said many national concerns have established branches in Oregon, and that the state's economy is on a "sound and solid foundation."

Baby Seriously Burned As Fire Destroys Home

GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 18.—(AP)—A fire caused by an exploding lamp completely destroyed the home of George Dwver, four miles up Deer Creek near Selma, Ore., last night.

The four-month-old son of the Dwers was seriously burned in the blaze and was taken to Joseph General Hospital here for treatment.

The house and all household possessions were destroyed.

Utility Lines Question Blocks Tax Levy for Rural Fire Zone

Question whether public utility rights of way may be taxed has delayed the evaluation of property in the Roseburg Rural Fire Protection District, County Assessor Ned Dixon said today.

The district's proposed tax levy, which may be up to four mills on each dollar of evaluation, and planning of the budget for the coming year have been postponed pending the assessor's summary of taxable property in the area adjacent to and surrounding Roseburg.

The assessor's office hit a snag when it discovered a state law providing for exemption from taxation of rights of way, improvements thereon, and rolling stock. Dixon said. No mention in the law was made for tax exemption of rights of way of water mains or power lines, he added.

More than a week has passed since the assessor's office wrote to the State Tax Commission at Salem for an opinion on the exemption of public utility rights of way in addition to that of railroad property, Dixon said. No reply has yet been received.

Approximate evaluation of the fire district, exempting properties of the Southern Pacific, California-Oregon Power Company and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, has been set at \$1,371,020, the assessor said. The tax base will be determined by the millage decided upon by fire district board of directors.

The budget, when drawn up by the district, must be advertised 20 days prior to adoption, then filed with the state fire marshal at Salem. When the tax levy is known, responsibility for its collection will be turned over to the sheriff's office.



SUPER SPY—Ignacy Witezak, listed by Canadian investigating Commission as a "super spy," was a University of Southern California student for seven years after enrolling in 1938. The commission charged that the Russians bought a forged passport for Witezak and that he was still operating in the U. S.

Umpqua Forest Sales Reported

One hundred and five million feet of timber, in 26 sales amounting to \$527,000, were sold on the Umpqua National Forest during the fiscal year ending June 30, it was announced today by M. M. Nelson, forest supervisor.

As soon as timber access roads are completed, Nelson said, it is hoped to increase timber sales to \$527,000 a year, the maximum allowable cut. The access roads are authorized under a national program for obtaining more lumber to relieve the housing shortage.

Most of the timber sales were within Douglas County. A few sales were made in the Bohemia Ranger District, which is in Lane County, Nelson stated.

Of the sales, 19 amounted to less than \$500; one, between \$500 and \$1,000; three between \$1,000 and \$5,000; and three more than \$5,000. Biggest sale was that of the Fir Manufacturing Company of Myrtle Creek, involving 49 million feet of timber.

There were nine sales of miscellaneous forest products, such as yew wood billets for bows and arrows used in archery; Christmas trees; ferns for floral decorations, and cascara bark for medicinal purposes.

Value of the cascara bark was illustrated by Nelson, when he related that Ranger Rex Wakefield of the Bohemia District last year caught a man attempting to strip a cascara tree of its bark. He took the offender to Justice of the Peace Alta King at Cottage Grove, who fined the man \$100 and suspended half the amount.

Creation of Another Oregon County Proposed

WALLA WALLA, July 18.—(AP)—Creation of a new county in Oregon by dividing the present Umatilla and Morrow counties recently was proposed at a meeting of the Stanfield, Ore., Commercial Club, it was disclosed last night. The new county would be named McNary.

The suggestion was made by Bill Nugent, president of the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce.

Larceny Charge Faced By Camas Valley Pair

Harold Victor Denn, 20, and Laurence P. Denn, 45, both of Camas Valley, were released on \$500 bail following their arrest by county and state officers on charges of larceny worth more than \$500, Sheriff O. T. Carter said.

The pair allegedly stole an assortment of tools, including a power saw, and hid them in the woods.

A delay in entering their pleas was granted by Justice of the Peace Hartfield to allow them to consult an attorney.

Boy Little Hurt in Fall Down Crater Lake Wall

MEDFORD, Ore., July 18.—(AP)—Seventeen-year-old Ray B. Knapp fell from the rim of Crater Lake and tumbled a third of the way down the wall before bringing up against a rock ledge, Park Supt. E. P. Leavitt reported today.

He said the youth's escape with only brush burns on his hands and body was "incredible."

New Coal Pay Hike Tightens Hold of Lewis

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—A government-granted wage agreement covering 136 mine supervisors gave John L. Lewis a new foothold today in the soft coal industry.

It means that Lewis and his United Mine Workers (AFL) have won the first contract specifying supervisors' wages and working conditions ever negotiated in the industry's history.

Mine owners for years have resisted all attempts to enter into union contracts applicable to supervisors on the contention that supervisors represent management.

In recent weeks the operators sought unsuccessfully to restrain the government from entering into such an agreement. The mines still are under federal ownership as a result of the seizure order which grew out of the two-month bituminous strike this spring.

The agreement signed by Secretary of the Interior Krug and Adm. Ben C. Moreell, coal mines administrator, stipulates that it is to be effective only for the period of government possession and is to be voided in event the

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Another Timber Access Road Being Located

Plans for the location of additional six miles timber access road in the Little River area are being made by H. F. Erickson, Forest Service engineer. In cooperation with a Public Roads Administration survey crew, it was announced by M. M. Nelson, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest.

Four miles of road in the area have been surveyed and the contract for construction let, Nelson said. The additional six miles will place the road in the vicinity of Lake-in-the-Woods, early day stop-over point for parties taking the Little River trail to Diamond Lake.

In the South Umpqua district, road improvements are being carried out to facilitate the traffic of logging trucks. Work is under supervision of Walt Holbrook.

Dick Baker Resigns Job of Deputy Sheriff

The recent resignation of R. G. ("Dick") Baker as a full-time deputy sheriff, and the appointment of Deputy Sheriff Clifford Collins to his place, was announced by Sheriff O. T. Carter today.

Carter gave high praise to Baker and said that he was "a very good man" to have in the sheriff's office. Baker intends to go into business for himself, Carter said.

Collins left college four years ago at the outbreak of the war and upon his discharge from the service last winter was a major in the air forces. Carter also said. He intends to keep his pilot's license to use in emergencies requiring aerial reconnaissance, such as in manhunt or in the search for livestock lost in the hills.

Baker will continue as captain of the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse Carter added.

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Bread Ration Plan Stirs British Row

LONDON, July 18.—(AP)—The Labor government decided to stand fast today on its plans to ration bread despite a threatened revolt by nearly half the country's bakers, and the House of Commons in an angry session voted a formal investigation of street posters attacking the plan.

Indignant labor members of the house voted the investigation after Winston Churchill, former prime minister and opposition leader, had taunted them with "I know you do not want free speech. You go further and further on the road to destroying it. We are not in Russia yet."

In another angry exchange across the floor Churchill shouted "absolutely false and a living assertion" when Gallagher, communist, charged the conservatives had incited the opposition to rationing.

Signed by the "Face the Facts Association," the posters appeared in London's walls last night and declared members of the house who supported rationing were "public enemies and dictators."

Applications Filed for Two Roseburg Buildings

PORTLAND, July 18.—(AP)—Construction applications were filed for two Roseburg buildings with Civilian Production Administration offices here.

They are: Hove T. Hansen, building for Pacific Fruit Company, \$15,000; H. F. Snyder, freight terminal building for the Oregon, California, Nevada Fast Freight, \$9,000.

These Prices Not for His Customers

Protesting high prices of food since end of OPA, Philadelphia grocer Mitchell Grossman walks out of his store, not to return until he can get normal prices, ring up "more normal prices." Grossman hopes other stores will follow his example.

(NEA Telephoto)

Portland Vet Heads Oregon's Legionnaires; Jack Maris Elected Vice-Commander

PORTLAND, July 18.—(AP)—Delegates to the 28th Oregon American Legion convention were homeward bound today after electing Fred A. Lathrop, Portland, state commander and jamming 85 resolutions through final day sessions here.

In a rush to clean up the business, delegates voted unanimously for all resolutions seeking aid for World War II veterans.

The convention was returned to Portland for August 14, 15 and 16, 1947.

Other officers serving with the new commander are: Jack Maris, of the Sutherland-Oakland Post, vice-commander; Thomas Stoughton, Portland, re-elected finance officer; Lt. Col. George Monballu Bailey, S. J. Pendleton, chairman.

District commanders and vice-commanders include: District 2—commander, Don Good, Salem; vice-commander, Arthur Dresselhouse, Dayton; District 3—J. M. Larson, Springfield; O. F. Thompson, Waldport; District 4—Paul Otterbein, Klamath Falls; Harry Pinkerton, Medford; District 6—Karl Schoewe, Arlington; C. D. Franz, Pendleton; District 7—Merton A. Davis, Union; Joseph Bover, Baker.

Easing of Loans Urged

Resolutions seeking aid to veterans urged: Relaxing of state loan laws so veterans may borrow to repair homes and farms or to stock or re-stock ranches, instead of only for purchase of homes or farms; increasing of loans from \$3,000 to \$6,000; transfer of home and farm appraisal from state landlording to the director of veterans' affairs; inclusion

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Two Men Die When Car Plunges Off Highway

BEND, Ore., July 18.—(AP)—Injuries suffered in the plunge of their car from The Dalles, California Highway were fatal yesterday to John McCurdy, Spokane, and James T. McNulty, the driver, both about 60.

Police said the men were thrown through the fabric top of the car as it left the highway and were crushed as the car overturned.

No Loan to Russia This Year, Truman Indicates

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—President Truman today virtually ruled out a \$1,000,000,000 loan to Russia before next year, saying he had no intention of asking Congress at this session for more funds for foreign financing.

When Byrnes went to Paris, the big issue was peace by treaty with Italy (which we and the British more or less dominated).

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Urge for County Sanitarian To Be Renewed Here Monday

Appointment of a county sanitarian will be urged next Monday, July 22, at the public hearing for the 1946-47 county budget by the County Public Health Association and other interested groups, it was stated by Dr. E. J. Waincott, county health officer, this morning.

Request for \$2,700, the county's share in the expense of a sanitarian, was turned down by the budget committee last month.

Dr. Waincott pointed out that with the great influx of population into the county in recent months, many families are living in extremely unsanitary conditions with inadequate water and sewage facilities.

The expense of the sanitarian will "build up," he admitted, but in the prevention of epidemics—such as typhoid—the sanitarian will be worth several times his salary. The county has been "fortunate" not to have had a typhoid epidemic, he said.

Under state law, the health department must now inspect all restaurants and eating places in the county every six months and

grade them according to their cleanliness.

The health department includes one doctor and two nurses whose time is largely taken up with child and school health programs. This staff serves the estimated 30,000 to 40,000 residents of the county.

On a population basis of 34,000, the sanitarian would increase the per capita tax expense from 23 cents to 25 cents. The county allows \$5,000 for livestock disease control, almost as much as for the health department, Dr. Waincott said.

Russia Rejects Seizure Protests

LONDON, July 18.—(AP)—Russia has rejected United States and British representations on seizure of Austrian property for reparations, a high authority said today.

In a note handed the Austrian government, the Soviet occupation authorities in Austria were said to have made it plain that there is no change in their recent position in regard to seizure of \$22,000,000 worth of Austrian industrial plants and other property confiscated by the Germans following the Anschluss in 1938.

The text of the note said it disagreed with almost every point set forth in American and British representations.

The controversy arose July 6, when the Soviet command in Austria announced the property in Eastern Austria had passed into Soviet ownership along with all other German external assets in the Russian zone.

The United States disputed this interpretation in the Allied council, asserting that property forcibly confiscated by the Germans after 1938 could not be classified as German under the Potsdam agreement.

The Americans also set forth that they considered industrial plants and other assets, built under German orders by Austrian labor and with inflated Austrian funds, belong rightfully to Austrian economy.

Britain subsequently backed the American contention and both nations made representations to the Soviet command. The Russians previously had rejected Austrian protests.

Damages Asked as Sequel To Collision of Autos

Action for \$2,075.22 in damages has been filed in the circuit court here by Bessie Lorna Fandrick against C. W. Moore, who allegedly drove his car in a "careless, negligent and reckless manner" February 7, while overtaking another vehicle on the Pacific Highway four miles south of Roseburg.

Moore, she claimed, drove on the wrong side of the highway while passing, and was in collision with her automobile, and badly damaged it. Her own injuries included painful abrasions and contusions, she states.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Sen. Wheeler's defeat in Montana tends to prove that a letter of endorsement from President Truman is about as valuable as a political asset as was a pat on the back from the latter's predecessor.