

Lead Ballast In Ships Causes U. S. To Lose on Sales

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 — (AP) — Buyers of 61 government-owned surplus ships may have received a windfall exceeding \$500,000, investigating senators contended yesterday.

A subcommittee headed by Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) said this came about through failure of the maritime commission to collect for valuable lead ballast which went with the vessels.

The two "most flagrant examples" cited in the subcommittee's report involves sales to Henry J. Kaiser interests.

Consolidated Builders, Inc., Portland, Ore., identified as a Kaiser subsidiary, bought the steamship Leonard Wood in December, 1947, for \$67,750. The report went on:

"After the purchaser started scrapping operations on this vessel, 699.92 tons of pig lead was found in the double bottom fuel tanks. The lead was salvaged by the purchaser and sold for \$206,831.04. The Maritime Commission subsequently estimated the value of the lead at \$232,926.40."

A stenographer's error may have cost the government \$41,000 in the sale of the steamship Joseph T. Dickman to the Kaiser Company, Oakland, Calif., the subcommittee reported.

This ship was sold for \$67,100. The senators reported the vessel contained 100 tons of lead ballast, but that an unidentified Maritime Commission stenographer listed this as five tons.

"It would appear that this single stenographic error cost the government over \$41,000, the value of the additional ballast found aboard the vessel," the report said.

It was explained that the Navy put lead ballast in the vessels to give them "greater stability." In San Francisco, Henry J.

Kaiser spoke of the hazards of buying surplus vessels for scrap.

"There is a certain amount of hazard in bidding on such ships," he said. "Sometimes we are unfortunate and sometimes fortunate."

"We are unfortunate when we discover the hull is filled with concrete and it has to be taken out at an enormous expense."

"Nothing is guaranteed in the purchase of such ships. All are sold on a 'where is, as is' basis. Therefore, you never know whether you are getting something that is going to cost you more than you pay."

Told that the Justice Department is studying whether to seek recovery of the value of the lead, Kaiser commented:

"As usual, we welcome any investigation."

Neuner, Gile Put On Interstate Co-op Committee

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17 — (AP) — Oregon's new 15-man Committee on Interstate Cooperation was appointed today. It planned its first meeting for this afternoon.

The committee, which will work with similar groups from other western states, will handle such matters as the uniform daylight saving laws suggested by Governor McKay.

The governor designated Budget Director George Aiken as chairman of the committee. Other members, appointed by the governor and the legislative presiding officers, are:

Attorney General George Neuner; Victor P. Morris, state postwar development chairman; State Engineer Charles E. Stricklin; Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg; Sen. Carl Engdahl, Pendleton; Sen. Irving Rand, Portland; Sen. Paul Patterson, Hillsboro; Sen. Eugene E. Marsh, McMinnville; Sen. Austin Dunn, Baker; Rep. Alex Barry, Portland; Rep. W. W. Chadwick, Salem; Rep. Carl Francis, Dayton; Rep. Giles L. French, Moro; and Rep. Robert C. Gile, Roseburg.

Teachers in Montreal Strike for Pay Boosts

MONTREAL, Jan. 18. — (AP) — More than 1,500 lay teachers of Montreal's Catholic schools struck for wage boosts yesterday and gave some 50,000 children an unscheduled holiday.

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For the first time since the competition was inaugurated, three \$500 scholarships will be awarded this year. Two are being given by the State Federation. The third is to be awarded by the Oregon Joint Council of Teamsters.

The federation's scholarship contest has become one of the most popular among all the awards made in the state. The contest is open to every senior high school in Oregon. There are no restrictions on any grounds.

Free of Propaganda

The scholarship program has been acclaimed throughout the United States because it is free of propaganda and because it stimulates high school students to study one of the most important phases of national life—the industrial and economic system which has made this the leading nation of the world.

Awards are made on the basis of a written examination given simultaneously in high schools throughout the state. Papers are scored by persons who do not know the identity of the students. The examination will be held, Wednesday, April 13.

Announcements, containing all particulars and instructions, have been mailed to the principal of every accredited high school, public or private.

Tree Farming Gains Heavily In 8 Years' Practice

In the west where it was born eight years ago, the American tree farm movement gained 651,747 acres in 1948. Eighty-three new tree farms certified in the western pine and douglas fir regions during the year brought the total in the western states to 3,722,923 acres, up more than 12 percent from a year ago.

These figures were announced by American Forest Products Industries, Inc., Washington, D. C., which keeps national tally on the private enterprise tree-growing program that started in Washington state in 1941 and now has spread to 23 states. The nationwide score as the new year arrived stood at 1,633 tree farms, 17,096,126 acres.

Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho and New Mexico are the western states in the program, which is guided there by the forestry staffs of the Western Pine Association and West Coast Lumbermen's Association for their respective regions. Between them they now have approved for tree farm rating 293 forest land properties ranging from 10 acres up and owned by farmers, city folk and industries.

"The tree farm sign means the owner of the land has dedicated it to growing tree crops," said Charles A. Gillett, managing director of AFPL. "The tree farm program is a serious effort on the part of private woodland owners, large and small, to increase the nation's timber growth so as to insure ample supplies of all forest products in the years to come."

Pensions of \$100 Monthly Going to Coal Miners

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8. — (AP) — Hundred-dollar-a-month pensions now are being paid to 11,689 retired soft coal miners.

This and other facts about the United Mine Workers' welfare and retirement fund were disclosed by John L. Lewis in a report issued over the week-end.

Since the fund began operating 20 months ago, 1,000,000 checks have been mailed to 260,123 soft coal miners or their families, the UMW president announced.

The average age of the retired miners receiving pensions is 64. They had an average of 35 years in the mines.

A death benefit of \$1,000 has been paid to widows of 10,489 miners.

TRY FIFTH COLUMNISTS

BERN, Switzerland. — (AP) — Since the end of the war, 102 Swiss citizens have been prosecuted as members of the Nazi fifth column in Switzerland, according to a government report.

Of the 102 persons charged with treason, collaboration with the Germans and undermining Switzerland's neutrality and independence during the war, only three were acquitted. Ninety-nine fifth-columnists were sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment, ranging from 20 years to six months. Those sentenced to prison terms included several tried in absentia and still believed to be abroad.

DRUNKS, VAGS PENALIZED

Four persons were arraigned in Municipal Court today on charges of vagrancy and disorderly conduct. Penalties imposed by Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle included:

Lloyd Mitchell Cox, 35, Roseburg, disorderly conduct, \$10; Garland William Brownell, 44, Salem, vagrancy, 10 days in jail in lieu of \$20 fine; Clifford Calvin Pearson, 13, vagrancy, five days in lieu of \$10 fine; Herman Eugene Pearson, 23, vagrancy, five days in lieu of \$10 fine.

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PARIS — (AP) — Frenchmen with families are paid more than single men.

In the Paris region, a man with four children, whose wife does not work, gets 18,250 francs monthly (60 dollars) in addition to his salary. For a father of eight children, the bonus is 319,800 francs (1,060 dollars) a year.

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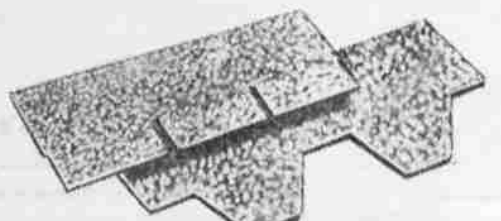
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