

Senator Morse Raps Army's Apparent Inefficiency in Its Snow Disaster Operations

By CHARLES D. WATKINS
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 — (AP) — Senator Morse (R-Ore.) said today the Army's operations in snow disaster areas are causing so much dissatisfaction that it appears that an investigation of its efficiency or lack of it would be in order.

Morse told a reporter he considered it a mistake to let the Army handle domestic civilian problems unless it is subordinated to "the control and direction of a civilian board."

"I am satisfied that the Congress should make clear to the administration that the Army should be used purely as a service agency and not be given administrative powers over domestic problems," Morse said.

"The Army runaround is an old Army game and will always be played unless Army jurisdiction is strictly curtailed by civilian control."

The Senator said he had information to show that in many cases "Army red tape has thrown up an additional barrier to bring quick relief to the snow disaster areas."

As an example he cited the case



SPY KINGPIN — Dr. Richard Sarge (above) led a Soviet spy ring in Japan which "flashed the urgent word" to Moscow in 1941 that Hitler's armies would attack Russia, the U. S. Army has revealed. Sarge was hanged by the Japanese Nov. 7, 1944. (AP Wirephoto)

of a machine, manufactured in Oregon, called "snow cat" which he said is recognized by experts as being suitable for work in snowbound areas.

"Because these machines have never been tested by the Army for Army work, Gen. Lewis S. Pick, in charge of the snow dis-

Need of Halt on Dissipation Of Timber Told by H. J. Cox Of Lumbermen's Association

Oregon stands on the threshold of its greatest industrial opportunity, and until the government puts into practice its laws regulating the cut of the forests, there will be "continued dissipation of this state's green gold."

So warned H. J. Cox, Eugene, executive secretary of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's Association, who addressed the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce at its noon luncheon Monday.

Cox declared as "wholly unfounded" the belief that the federal sustained yield program was created to "put the small lumberman out of business," and he pointed out that "no less than 60 per cent of the private timberland is owned by 34,000 owners."

Such private timberlands include farm wood lots which can supply much of the production for small sawmills. He cited the example of the pulp industry of New Hampshire, which depends upon farmers for a large share of its pulp wood.

Cox mentioned "a class of operators who bought mills with the belief that federal timber was available," and who did not intend to stay in the lumber industry, but to "make a killing."

He brought out the growing importance of research into uses of by-products in the lumber industry. Hitler's "outstanding secret economic weapon," Cox said, were his plants which utilized wood sugars to produce proteins and other essentials.

The government alcohol plant at Springfield, completed too late for use during the recent war, and not now in operation, stands as a "silent challenge" to the lumbermen of the United States to develop chemical processes here.

He pointed out that the poultry and livestock production of the state could be greatly increased with use of high grade protein concentrates obtained from wood.

Cox opened his talk with a historical review of the lumber industry in the Northwest, remarking that it "followed the trail of the first pioneers." He told of the growth of the industry, named the first mills established more than a century ago, and told of the first uses of steam power and other mechanical improvements.

Cox was introduced to his audience by Kenneth Ford, this year's president of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's Association, and past president of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce.

Cooks-Stewards Union O. K. China's Red Rule

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16 — (AP) — The National Council of the CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards union today advocated recognition of the Chinese Communists as an established government.

The council, concluding a seven-day meeting here, urged this recognition as a means of restoring Pacific shipping.

It invited Vito Marcantonio, American Labor Party congressman from New York, to address the union's convention here July 18 to 23.

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Landlords Invade Congress To Protest Control of Rents

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 — (AP) — Protesting landlords went to Capitol Hill yesterday and assailed rent control as "confiscation of property" and "un-American."

Some carried threats of mass evictions of their tenants—if Congress grants President Truman's request for continued rent controls. Earlier at a downtown rally they applauded speakers calling for such evictions.

Mr. Truman has asked for strengthening, broadening and a two-year extension of rent controls.

The property owners opened their fight before the House Banking Committee, housing taxpayer "Felix" Woods told the Committee fighter: controls are needed to stop "a growing black market in rents."

John E. Owen, president of the National Apartment Owners Association, did not discuss evictions, but gave the committee a statement saying:

"Rent control is actually 'confiscation of property' and a mockery of personal dignity and enslavement of tenants and property owners alike."

The National Association of Home Builders dropped in a complaint that rent controls are "un-American, by discriminating against one class—the investors in real estate, large and small."

The landlords gathered here under the auspices of the House Anti-Communist Association of America.

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