

### Insurance Firm, With Lower Bid, Hits At State's Award To Rival Concern

SALEM, June 29.—(AP)—The Truck Insurance Exchange protested Tuesday to the Board of Control because the Board refused to give it the insurance on state-owned motor vehicles for the next year.

The Exchange, a Los Angeles concern, submitted a low bid of \$74,717. General Casualty Insurance Co. of Seattle submitted the

second lowest bid of \$83,000, and it got the business.

Board of Control members had no comment after the protest.

Clarence J. Young, Portland, attorney for the Exchange, said the Exchange has been giving the state satisfactory service in the past five years in which it handled the state business. And he said the Exchange has lost money on it.

He said that in that time, the state filed 2,230 claims, and that 2,118 were settled and 112 still pending.

The state paid \$132,283 in premiums, and the total losses paid plus reserves amount to \$153,892.

Young said the Exchange wants to do business with the state for the prestige, even though it loses money.

Board of Control members had said they gave the business to General Casualty because it would spend \$15,000 to educate drivers of state-owned vehicles.

Young pointed out that this



**AUSTRIAN AGREEMENT**—This map brings out the basic points of a proposed Austrian peace treaty on which the Big Four agreed before adjourning the four-week Paris Conference. The foreign ministers plan to write the treaty by Sept. 1.

### Armed Forces Unification Law Needs Teeth, Defense Chief Says

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP)—The armed forces unification law needs strengthening because it has been "tried and found wanting," Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson said today.

He testified before the House Armed Services Committee, supporting a Senate-approved bill which would give him more direct control over the armed forces.

"The present authority of the secretary of defense is disturbingly inconsistent," Johnson said.

The problem, he continued, is how to maintain strong civilian control over the military force. This force for the first time in the nation's history "must be permanently maintained at a strength of more than a million and a half men," he said.

### Extra Job-Aid Grants To States Recommended

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—An extra allotment of \$33,000,000 for grants to states for administering their job-finding and jobless payments programs was recommended Thursday by the House Appropriations Committee.

The Committee said available evidence indicates the money is needed to handle claims of the large number of unemployed and any further "unforeseeable work load."

He said he can "enthusiastically endorse" the bill, which passed the senate a month ago, adding: "It is a bill which goes far to realize the three essentials of good government management: efficiency, economy, and clear accountability; and a fourth essential peculiar to the military establishment—unique and civilian control."

The surface of the Atlantic ocean is far more salty than the surfaces of the other great oceans.

The extra funds for state employment security programs were included in an omnibus \$127,032,243 deficiency money bill sent to the House for action probably next week. The bill is the third and final deficiency measure for the fiscal year ending at midnight next Thursday.

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company already operates such a program, and that there wasn't anything in the call for bids mentioning a safety program.

**PRICE PROPS FAVORED**

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP)—The House Agriculture Committee has approved legislation to provide price supports for honey and tung nuts at 60 to 90 per cent of parity.

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