

### Undue Influence In Contracts For Bombers Denied

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(P) Robert A. Lovett, former assistant secretary of war for air, told the House armed services committee Tuesday absolutely no undue influence was exerted to get the B36 bomber on its way in 1941.

Lovett was the first witness as the committee opened its investigation of the B36 and strategic air power policies.

The B36 was born in August, 1941, he said, after air corps planners decided the U. S. had to have a bomber capable of juggling a 10,000-pound bomb load 10,000 miles.

A contract for designing the plane was awarded the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Co. after it and two other plane manufacturers had submitted preliminary plans, Lovett related.

Joseph B. Keenan, the committee's special counsel for the investigation, asked Lovett whether

### Grants Pass Post Votes Legion Dues' Increase

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 10.—(P) Grants Pass post of the American Legion, which furnished the incoming Oregon department commander, Attorney Samuel M. Bowe, apparently did not take well the action of the department convention in tabling a resolution supporting a 25-cent annual raise in Legion dues to provide additional rehabilitation funds for the legion national organization.

The post Monday night passed unanimously a resolution supporting the proposed assessment and asked all other posts in the state to take like action prior to the national convention.

In his first address to his own post as department commander, Bowe pledged appointment of World War II veterans to key department posts.

er he knew of "any evidence of influence" from "bankers, industrialists, Floyd Odium, Mr. Emmanuel, or any other well known persons."

"Absolutely no evidence," Lovett replied. "I had never heard of Mr. Odium or Mr. Emmanuel at that time."

Odium is head of the Atlas Corp., which now controls Consolidated, Victor Emmanuel heads the Aviation corporation, which controlled Consolidated before Atlas. Both are due to testify before the committee later.

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AP wire says the battle of fashions is on again in New York. Over the weekend, the big stores broke out with a few million dollars worth of female finery for fall, with the French New New Look—battling it out with the American "Back to the Twenties" look. The New New Look differs from the "Twenties" look in that hems hang higher . . . 13½ inches from the floor. Also, the New New Look has something called a floating panel, which is kind of a misplaced bib, hanging from the waist like an apron. On the other hand, in another store, there's the "Back-to-the-Twenties" look, with memories of President Coolidge, prohibition and flappers. The tight skirt is back—it's the bold hobble skirt, and it's way, way up from the floor . . . as a matter of fact, the bottom nearly hits the waistline, which is halfway down the hip. And, of course, the baggy coat is back, so we might as well face it—the old oatmeal box figure may be making a comeback. But new look or old, the plunging neckline remains, and it's still plunging.

Former President Hoover asks us to "Think of the Next Generation" in a government-sponsoring speech tonight at 10. He'll speak from the amphitheater on the campus of Stanford university in Palo Alto, Calif. The occasion—his 75th birthday.

Following tonight's speech by Herbert Hoover, KRNR will broadcast the music of Jan Garber and his Orchestra. The "Idol of the Airwaves" is being engaged tonight by the Elks club . . . and the broadcast will originate directly from the Elks ballroom. Garber has for many years been an old-time, all-time favorite, so we know you'll enjoy this "live" broadcast scheduled for tonight at 10:30.

### Private Phone Companies Attack Poage Bill As "Socialist" Gesture

By PETER EDSON  
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WASHINGTON.—Backers of the Poage-Hill bill to authorize Rural Electrification Administration financing for farm telephone lines have been showing off what they claim is a typical letter. It is from a country store operator in San Bernardino county, Calif.

We have tried to get telephone service here, but have not had any luck," says one paragraph of the letter. "The Bell people will put a pay station at the store if we make them a gift of \$10,700. We can get a 10-party line from Victorville if we advance \$15,000, refunded 10 per cent of the bills for 10 years, then nothing thereafter. Both a joke. We have made a survey and can get 100 subscribers here and nearby."

Farm organization representatives are now putting the heat on the Senate Agriculture committee to do something this session about the rural phone bill, so as to take care of situations like the above. A sub-committee under Sen. Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma has held two days of hearings on such a bill introduced by Sen. Lister Hill of Alabama and nine other senators. It is a companion measure to Texas Congressman W. E. Poage's bill which recently passed the House by a vote of nearly three to one.

The Poage bill would authorize REA—the Rural Electrification Administration—to make two per cent, 35-year loans to private companies, public agencies and co-operatives for extending phone service to farmers.

Bell System Opposes  
There is plenty of opposition trying to keep the Poage-Hill measure hung up in the Senate. Bell telephone system companies, which tie in over 80 per cent of the Class A telephones in the U. S., don't like the Poage bill. The 6000 independent telephone companies don't like it. Yet the Independent Telephone Institute spokesmen have told Congress that one of the chief obstacles to expansion of rural phone service is lack of capital.

A number of congressmen and free-enterprise trade associations of businessmen oppose the Poage-Hill bill because they say it is "socialistic." They maintain that putting the government in the phone business will simply add to the competition it now gives private enterprise.

Of course the government is already in the electric power business, through REA. And now that the REA co-ops have their lines strung, they maintain that the same poles can easily be used for telephone wires.

REA has for some years had a plan whereby private telephone companies might share use of REA poles to provide rural service. But REA administrator Claude Wickard recently told Congress that only 206 such agreements have been made, bringing phones to only 120,000 more customers.

Telephone company officials in testifying before Congress have stressed the arguments that they have been installing rural telephones at record-breaking rates. They claim 1,200,000 new rural phones installed since the end of the war. Since the 1945 U. S. Census of Agriculture reported 1,866,000 farms with telephones, this would mean 3,000,000 rural phones now in service for the 6,288,000 U. S. farms. But many of the new installations are believed to be in villages and rural non-farm areas where the customers run up to 16 to the mile, instead of from one to four to the mile, as in the farm areas.

C. F. Craig, vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., says that in six of the nine U. S. Census Bureau geographic areas, about 70 per cent of the farmers now have phone service. The three areas where the percentage is below this figure are southeast, southcentral

### Washington Polio Cases Increased By 24 In Week

SEATTLE, Aug. 10.—(P)—Twenty-four new cases of infantile paralysis were reported in the state last week, the state health department said, compared to 16 the previous week.

The department listed eight new cases in King county, including four in Seattle. Seven reported in Snohomish county—one in Everett and the others in rural areas.

Other cases reported last week were: Asotin, one; Clark, two; Lewis, one; Yakima, one; Ste-

### FESTIVAL THROUGS UPPED ASHLAND, Aug. 9—(P)—The Oregon Shakespearean festival has drawn attendance 15 percent above last year during its first week's run.

Tourists from 15 states have attended the Shakespearean plays, which opened Aug. 2 and will continue through Aug. 24.

one; Pend O'Reille, one; and Pierce, two.

The new cases brought Washington's total for this year to 144.

### Ecuador Bravely Facing Realities Of Quake Horror

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Aug. 10.—(P)—This brave little nation went gamely about the task today of doing what she could for her earthquake ravaged areas, which include some of the richest agricultural land in the country.

Citizens have caught up the phrase of youthful President Lasso, who said: "The situation is horrible, but this is no time for lamentations. Let us shed the money of Ecuador, not the tears. That seemed to size up the situation and the need of a nation for help in a tragedy wherein several thousand lost their lives and tens of thousands their homes."

Meanwhile heart-rending tales of suffering are being brought back by rescue workers who have visited the stricken areas.

One member of the medical brigade said many living persons still are trapped beneath the ruins of their homes.

"The most heart-fearing experience I had," he said, "was hearing the cries of men, women and children still imprisoned while relatives, helpless to aid them, stood by."

That happened in Pelileo, a town which formerly had some 3,500 residents and where not a house stands today.

President Plaza said only 300 persons in Pelileo survived the quake.

One of the biggest buildings in Ambato, a cathedral, was torn asunder by the quake. At least 200 persons are believed to have died in that incident alone.

One reason for the heavy damage is that most houses are constructed from a mixture of lime and earth, which the quake cracked easily.

### 3 N. Y. City Parties Join To Oust Negro Councilman

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—(P)—The Democratic, Republican and Liberal parties are joining forces to try to oust Benjamin J. Davis Jr., Negro Communist party leader, from his city council seat.

Davis, one of the 11 top communists now on trial in federal court on conspiracy charges, won his seat under a city wide proportional representation balloting system.

This system now has been ended and election by districts has been substituted.

Davis is seeking a new term in a Harlem district.

### Hawaii Dock Strike Branded Red-Inspired

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(P) Rep. Anderson (R-Calif.) called Tuesday for government intervention in the Honolulu longshoremen's strike which he said was "the first step in communist domination" of all American shipping.

He said the United States should institute an airlift to take supplies to Honolulu.

The strike, he said in a statement, is "the direct result of a communist-inspired and Soviet-directed blockade of the Hawaiian islands."

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6:30—Music.  
6:45—Rise & Shine.  
7:00—News.  
7:15—Breakfast Gang.  
7:30—Local News.  
7:45—Music.  
8:00—Laven of Rest.  
8:15—Modern Home.  
8:30—Novelties.  
8:45—Waltz Coffee Time.  
9:00—Music.  
9:15—Man About Town.  
9:30—Musical Interlude.  
9:45—Shopper's Guide.  
10:00—News.  
10:15—Sweetwood Serenade.  
10:30—Ray It With Music.  
10:45—Art Baker.  
11:00—Ladies First.  
11:30—Queen for a Day.  
12:00—Music at Noon.  
12:15—Sports Page.  
12:30—News.  
12:45—Clocking the Stars.  
1:00—Local News.  
1:15—Market Reports.  
1:30—Man on the Street.  
1:45—Listen to Liebert.  
2:00—Music.  
2:15—Eddie Howard Orchestra.  
2:30—Against the Storm.  
2:45—It's Requested.  
3:00—Johnson Family.  
3:15—Music.  
3:30—W. C. T. U. Program.  
3:45—Local Loan Show.  
4:00—Walter Trohan.  
4:15—Frank Hemingway.  
4:30—Passing Parade.  
4:45—News.  
5:00—H Bar B Ranch.  
5:15—Adventures of Champion.  
5:30—Curley Bradley.  
5:45—Cavalade of Safety.  
6:00—Mutual Sewareel.  
6:15—Sports Page.  
6:30—Musical Interlude.  
6:45—Local News.  
7:00—Southland Singing.  
7:15—Charles Show.  
7:30—Frank Purdy.  
7:45—Music You Remember.  
8:00—Here Comes the Bride.  
8:15—Hopalong Cassidy.  
8:30—Fishing & Hunting Club of the Air.  
8:45—News.  
9:00—John Wollman Orchestra.  
9:15—George Slaver Trio.  
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