

Defense Secretary Johnson Jolts Congress By Refusal To Permit Army Plane Use

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Defense Secretary Louis Johnson, a big man with a bald head, caused a lot of riffs in Washington with the jolt he has just handed a bunch of senators.

When Johnson, a businessman himself, took over the Defense department last spring, he said he'd "knock heads together" if he had to, to make the armed forces work all right.

Since he has been in office, he has heard senators preaching the virtues of the free enterprise system and the need for economy in government spending.

Then Johnson got a letter from Senator Elmer Thomas, Oklahoma Democrat and chairman of a subcommittee of the Appropriations committee.

Seems in his letter Thomas told Johnson about 11 members of his committee wanted to take an "official" inspection trip to Europe, and some wanted to go around the world, and please, would he send them around in an Air Force plane.

(Since this was to be an "official" trip, it would be at government expense anyway, whether they went by Air Force plane or one of the airlines, or by boat.)

Johnson wrote Thomas he was sorry but there was economy to worry about in the armed services, and it cost about \$130 an hour to keep a plane in the air on such a trip, and please, would they just go by commercial plane. In short, he said no Air Force plane for the senators.

Wont Compete
Then he put in the little reminder about free enterprise: "I have felt that I could not justly place the armed services in competition with commercial

carriers. . . . That's another way of saying that, since the government is going to have to foot the travel bill for the senators anyway, let them spend it on regular airline planes which stay in business by carrying passengers.

This must have been a shock to Thomas—the Air Force has always jumped when congressmen wanted to make "official" trips—for he said later: "I know senators will not be pleased."

Every year when Congress closes, or is near closing, as this one is, senators and representatives scamper off in all directions around the world by plane or boat.

When they go—singly or in groups, as a committee—on "official" business, it's at government expense. Which means that you, the taxpayer, pay for the ride, hotel, meals and so on.

One veteran House member, who hasn't missed a trip abroad for years, predicted that this year around half the 435 House members will be out of the country by the end of the year.

Maj. Gen. Short's Body Arrives At Washington, D. C.

DALLAS, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The body of Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, 69, army commander at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked on Dec. 7, 1941, arrived at Washington Tuesday.

Short died Saturday night of chronic heart disease. Burial will be in Arlington National cemetery.

Short was relieved of his command within 10 days after the Pearl Harbor disaster thrust America into World War II. A few weeks later he retired.

In 1946, a congressional investigating committee cleared Short's name of charges he was derelict of duty at Pearl Harbor.

A presidential board of inquiry had pinned that label on Short and Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, naval commander at Pearl Harbor. The congressional group said they made errors of judgment but were not derelict.

Short is survived by his widow and son, Maj. Walter Dean Short.

Refrigerated Vessel Weathers Jap Typhoon

ASTORIA, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The Tinian, refrigerated vessel of the Columbia River Packers' association, went unscathed through the recent Japanese typhoon.

The vessel's master cabled the CPRA here that it was not damaged, and would sail soon for Astoria with a cargo of tuna. The Tinian was in Yokohama during the typhoon.

The Tinian's sister ship Saipan is off the Galapagos Islands near Ecuador, gathering yellowfin tuna for processing here.

Tacoma-Based Fishing Boat To Sail For Hawaii

TACOMA, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The Tacoma-based fishing boat "Pacific Queen" will sail from Seattle Wednesday with a "million dollar cargo" of meat and other foods for strikebound Honolulu, her owners revealed.

The big boat, which recently returned from a successful fishing voyage in Alaskan waters, is loading 800 tons in Seattle, according to Robert Breskovich of the Puget Sound Boatbuilding Corp., owners of the converted army repair and salvage vessel.

Breskovich said the Pacific Queen had been chartered to the E. A. Shamlin and C. O. Yee Hop Co. Ltd., of Honolulu. The charter calls for 45 days, with an estimated 10 days required for a one-way voyage, but Breskovich said there is a "good possibility the boat will make another trip or two, even if the four-month-old longshore strike in Hawaii should suddenly end." It will take months, he explained, for the islanders to replenish their food stores.

Unloading in Honolulu will be accomplished through an agreement between stevedoring companies and the striking longshoremen, Breskovich said. Sufficient funds to cover the 32-cent-an-hour increase for which the dock workers are striking have been deposited in escrow by the stevedoring firms. When the tie-up ends, a full settlement for time worked will be made.

In addition to fresh meat, which will make up the major share of the refrigerated ship's cargo, fresh fruit, vegetables and dairy products are being loaded, Breskovich said.

Yoncalla

By MRS. GEORGE EDES
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Senseth spent the Labor day weekend at their cabin on the Umpqua, near Scottsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conner spent the weekend visiting at the parental Dave Rogers home.

Ernest Helliwell spent last week at Sunset Bay on the coast, with his daughter and her husband, and his grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kelso spent the weekend visiting friends and relatives at Tillamook. Their daughter, Mrs. Tom Palmer, had charge of the post-office during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merk and daughter, Louise, are vacationing in Canada for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Richards and Harry Westenheiser will leave this week for two weeks with relatives in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shirley, who left this week for Portland to make their home, were guests of honor at a farewell party given at Halo Hall recently, by members of the Yoncalla Legion and Auxiliary. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley received a beautiful wool blanket from their friends.

At the business meeting, the Legion voted to sponsor Miss Esther Benner for princess at the North Douglas County fair. The Auxiliary held a food sale Friday, the proceeds to go towards the fund for the princess.

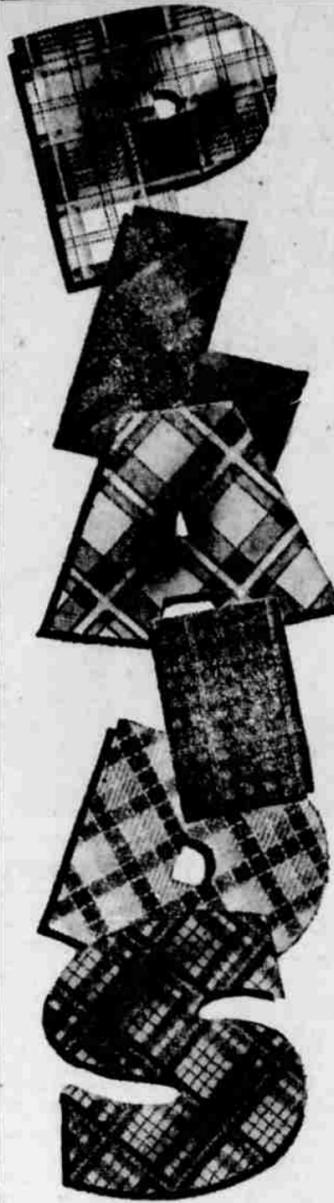
Marlow Fulbright and Walter Nimocks received several prizes on their sheep and heifers at the Douglas County fair held in Roseburg last week.

Four Weekend Fires Keep Department Busy

Four separate fires kept the city fire department occupied over the weekend, but no damage was reported following any of the blazes, Fire Chief William "Dutch" Mills said.

Grass fires Friday afternoon and evening at the sewage disposal plant and Reservoir hill were quickly extinguished, the chief said.

A call Sunday afternoon at 1018 Winchester was classed by the chief as a "false" alarm when firemen found a blaze in a car owned by Cecil Miller was out on arrival. The fourth call, to the home of Mrs. Etta M. Swanson, 560 Pitzer, came in answer to a plea for help when her oil stove became overheated.



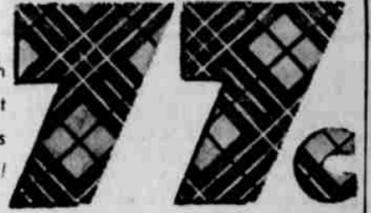
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