Denfeld Removal Not To Be Probed By House Group

WASHINGTON, — (AP) — The reasons for removal of Admiral Louis E. Denfeld as chief of Naval operations will not be probed by the House Armed Services committee. Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) so told newsmen.

Denfeld's removal followed the committee's recent investigation of national defense policies which brought into sharp focus differences of opinion among Navy, Army and Air Force leaders. The admiral, a "star" witness, criticized defense policies. His removal was requested by Secretary of the Navy Matthews.

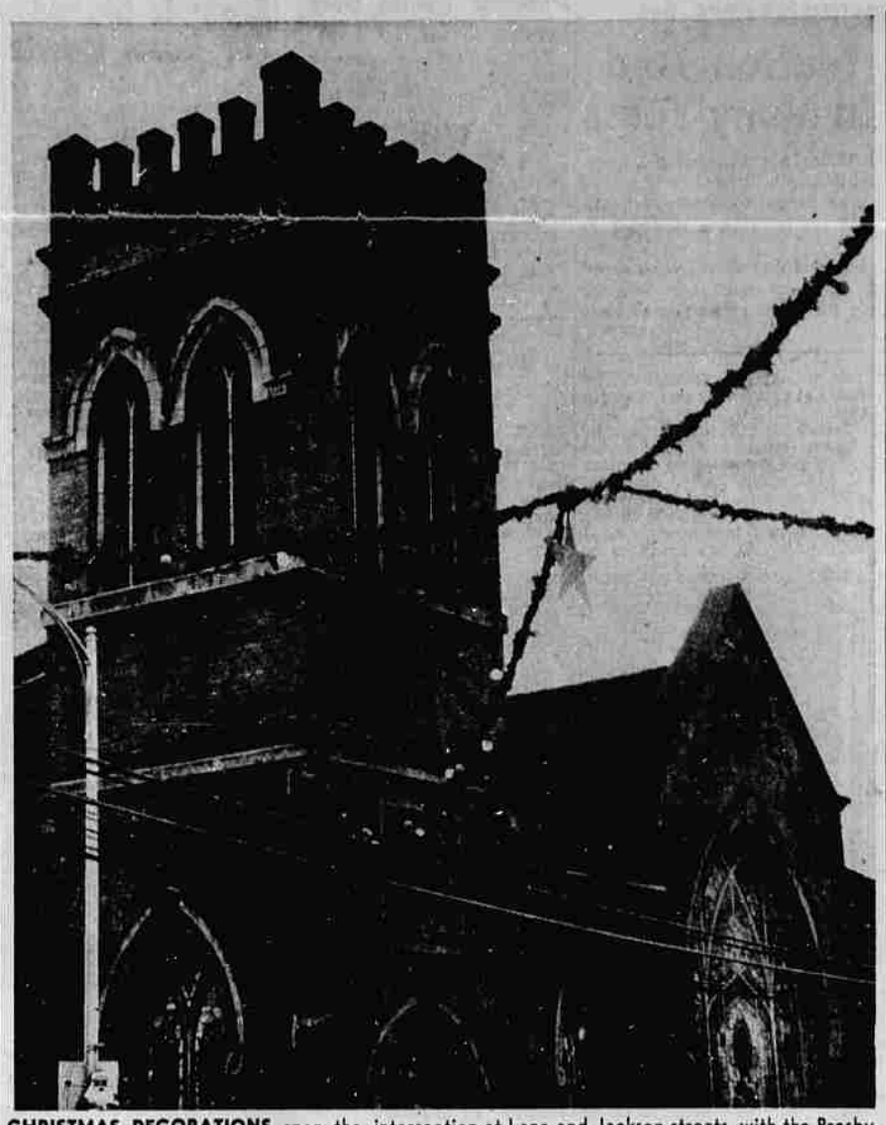
As far as he is concerned, Vinson said, there will be no more hearings in the Armed services squabble despite requests of some committee members for a congressional airing of the Denfeld ouster.

These committee members claimed the committee was assured by Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson that no witness from the armed services would be penalized for freely expressing his views. Denfeld's removal to another post, they said with considerable heat at the time, was a violation of this assurance and an indication that Denfeld was demoted "because he talked."

Chairman Vinson himself said Oct. 28 that Denfeld had been made to "walk the plank" because of his testimony. At that time Vinson said the committee would look into the ouster when Congress reconvened.

Mathews said that Denfeld was removed because he lacked qualifications in that he was not in full sympathy with policies governing unification of the armed services. He and Johsnon both said no retaliation was involved.

There are more than 4,000 uses of wood today.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS span the intersection at Lane and Jackson streets, with the Presbyterian church forming a complementary background.

These festoons of entwined bough tips, colored light bulbs and silver stars were hung Sunday by members of the Lions club and city hall departments. Fat Santa Clauses, to be further embellished, were placed on light poles and standards at the corners—all this on Jackson, Cass and Oak streets.

The job was a wet one, accomplished in pouring rain, and the erecting crew is to be congratulated as iron men afraid of no kind of weather. I don't know about this time; but in the old days something always was taken along to help guard against possible colds. (By Paul Jenkins)

Camas Valley

By MRS. JAMES COMBS

Richard Weigman has purchased a place in Upper Camas from Miles Standley and has leased some government property on which the old Geller house is situated. Weigman has offered the Geller place to the Boy Scouts to be used as a clubhouse.

There were about 72 present at the grange dinner held in the school auditorium Tuesday evening. The guests were served from one table and then were seated at two long tables on which covers had been placed. Those serving were Mrs. Meeks, Lou Cunningham, Mrs. Lee Wilson, Mrs. Gayle Barker, Mrs. Ben Pasco, Mrs. Guy Moore, and Mrs. Markham.

On Dec. 3, all the newly elected officers of the grange will go to Riversdale grange for installation exercises. Those attending will meet in front of the school building promptly at 7 o'clock. Transportation will be furnished for all those who do not have a way to go. The public is invited.

Mr. Howes will be present at the next regular meeting here on Dec. 13 to give the first and second degrees to the 19 new members. Any of the older members who have not received all of their degrees are also urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Martindale and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martindale of Springfield spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Libby at Empire.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Stimmel and daughter, Jackie of Homedale, Idaho, visited over Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chelsea Rockwood. Mr. Stimmel is the superintendent of schools and Mrs. Stimmel teaches the fifth grade. Jackie is a high school junior. Mr. Stimmel furnished the music and did the calling for the square dances Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. "Blue" Spencer and children, Gerry and Betty, and Mr. and Mrs. Ote Omstein spent Thanksgiving in Medford at the home of Mrs. Spencer's sister, Mrs. Gilbert Watkins.

Lester "Tom" Frost and Kathleen Melton were married in Reno on Nov. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cunningham had Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pasco.

Mrs. Jannet McCann spent Sunday in the valley visiting friends. She has a new Chevrolet car.

Miss Margaret Brown of Portland and Miss Esther Brown of Roseburg spent Thanksgiving at the home of their mother, Mrs. Ethel Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown and children, who live near Junction City, are visiting in the Valley with old friends and relatives. Mr. Brown attended high school here as a freshman. He has been in the ministry for a number of years and specializes in work with children. Mr. Brown gave an interesting talk to the children of the Sunday school and later delivered the morning sermon.

Nellie Seigle is converting her woodshed into living quarters.

Noble Standley has purchased the Croy place. Mr. Croy's health will not permit his return to the Valley to live.

Ladies Aid will meet Wednesday, Nov. 30, at Mrs. Reiser's.

Mr. and Mrs. Don LaBranch and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cotton and son, Stevie, of Powers, visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Standley.

Mrs. J. E. Barnes visited her daughter and family in Sweethome.

The families of Wayne Reetz and J. E. Barnes had Thanksgiving dinner at the home of I. E. John in Elgarose. Mrs. Reetz, Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. John are sisters. There were 25 guests at the family dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. William Meeks and daughter, Linda, had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cleval; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Long and daughter of Porter Creek and Mrs. Hattie Long had Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wyckoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bartley of Bridge are holding open house Dec. 1 from 2 to 6 o'clock in honor of the 91st birthday of Matt Belieu. All of his old friends and relatives in the Valley are invited. Mr. Belieu is very active and still likes to dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Robley Doyle and daughter, Jane, of Myrtle Point; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Farrier of Arago and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stobie who live above Dixonville visited Thanksgiving at the homes of Wayne Martindale and James Combs.

Mr. Dillard Crain is ill and in the hospital.

Triple Murder, Suicide Seen In Family Tragedy

EDMONTON. — (CP) — Royal Canadian mounted police have reported the death of four persons in what is believed to have been a triple murder and suicide at Silverwood, 270 miles northwest of here.

Dead are: Walter Grubisch, 48, and three of his children, May 12; Walter 7 and Joyce 5.

The mother, Mrs. Mary Grubisch, is in hospital. Her condition is critical. The victims, all of whom had been shot, were found in the Grubisch farm home.

Labor Secy. Tobin Lauds Unions For Ouster Of Reds

WASHINGTON— (AP) —Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin urges bigger government payments to the jobless.

His recommendation was made to a labor conference here which received from President Truman a plea for the best efforts of all citizens to use the nation's resources in a way that will assure jobs for everyone.

In an address, Tobin said the labor department would back federal legislation to establish minimum standards for state unemployment compensation.

The states now fix the scale of unemployment compensation. It varies from state to state.

Tobin said that in general the jobless worker now gets unemployment compensation amounting to about one-third of his wage when he was employed. He said a proposed new law, when enacted, contemplated giving a worker a jobless benefit of about half of his normal earnings.

"But that principal has not been fully respected," Tobin said. "Unemployment benefits have not kept up with the rise in wages or in the cost of living."

The Douglas fir is named in honor of David Douglas, a Scottish botanist who introduced it into Europe in 1827.

Aid Extended To Stricken Family

Response of the community has been "more than generous" in aiding a Canyonville family left homeless by a recent fire, said Douglas R. Sims, executive-secretary of the Roseburg chapter of the Red Cross.

Sims said the Albert Geer family has been greatly aided through gifts of clothing, bedding small amounts of cash and food, after their house was destroyed by fire Nov. 22. The fire, leaving Mr. and Mrs. Geer and their eight children homeless, followed by a few hours a notice of dismissal by Geer's employers.

"More than enough" of some of the above items have been turned in to the local Red Cross office, Sims said. This has enabled the Roseburg office to help other families in similar dire circumstances. He said one family, with five children, suffered a fire only the day after the Geer's lost their home. Surplus donations intended for the Canyonville victims have been turned over to the other family.

The United States paid $25,000,000 for the Virgin Islands, three and a half times the amount paid for Alaska. the Islands cover an area of 133 square miles; Alaska, 586,400 square miles.