

## Lobbying Groups Spend Huge Sums At National Capital; House Inquiry May Result

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Six big groups may be the initial targets of a special House committee getting ready to investigate lobbying. While the committee, headed by Rep. Buchanan (D-Pa.), has charted no fixed course and probably won't for several more weeks, Buchanan told newsmen it may be guided largely by a Library of Congress report on lobbying.

This report, prepared by W. Brooke Graves of the legislative reference service, says: "Some of the fields in which lobbies have been or are now especially active" include: the tariff lobby; the natural resources lobby in its various forms; the real estate group, battling against any kind of public housing

program; the air lines lobby; the agriculture lobby; and the dramatic struggle between the representatives of the dairy interests and the oleomargarine manufacturers.

Other active lobbies, the report continued, include those interested in business, education, health, labor, military and veterans legislation.

During the first six months of 1948, the report said, more than \$3,500,000 was spent on lobbying activities. The heavier outlays were said to have been made by groups interested in displaced persons legislation and in bills to repeal the tax on oleomargarine, and to provide a government medical service program.

"According to their own professed beliefs, as set forth in the statements made on the registration forms," the report con-

## Third Fire Chief In Year Named At Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Roy Rowe today was appointed Klamath Falls fire chief, succeeding Henry Akin who resigned October 1. The appointment was made by the city council upon civil service recommendation.

Rowe has been fire marshal. He is the third man to head the Klamath Falls fire department in little more than a year and, incidentally, the third in a quarter of a century. Keith Ambrose, who resigned a year ago, had been chief of the department since its formation after World War I. Akin succeeded Ambrose.

## Warfare Work Draws Sharing In Profits

CLEVELAND, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Checks totaling \$1,092,240 were in the mail today for the people who worked for Jack & Heinz during the lush war years.

That wound up payments from the Jasco employees' profit sharing trust, administering trustee G. H. Hoffman announced.

Jack & Heinz made parts of airplanes and gained world fame for its generosity to employees during the war. Its former president, Bill Jack, now heads the Scientific Instrument Co. at Solana Beach, Calif.

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## Youthful Slayer Watched To Ban Suicide Attempt

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Franklin Thomas Slay, 22, confessed killer of his 16-year-old high school sweetheart, was placed under close observation today for fear he would try to carry out his part by "what" he termed a double suicide pact.

His shirt, tie, belt and glasses were taken from him at Christian county jail, where he is held on a murder charge. Officers who brought him to Kentucky from Evansville, Ind., suggested that he be watched closely.

Slay, a Florida State college student accused of the hammer slaying of Mary Ellen Harmon, Evansville, was scheduled to have an examining trial today but he said he would waive. He plans to plead guilty.

In an interview in his cell, Slay said he is ready to take "whatever the law demands" in punishment.

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## Non-Union Labor Causes Strike At Atom Plant

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A walkout of about 250 AFL stevedockers, truck drivers and operational engineers continued today at the new \$66,000,000 gaseous diffusion plant project.

The big plant is being built to increase production of uranium-235 for atomic bombs.

It was understood the workers, employees of Maxon Construction Co., protested the use of non-union labor on a short natural gas pipeline being run into the K-29 area by the Oman Construction Co., of Nashville.

A superintendent for Oman said he knew of no previous difficulties from use of non-union workers.

as late as 2 o'clock in the morning.

The girl became pregnant, he said, and "our trouble multiplied."

The body of the girl was found Sunday night in a deep sinkhole near here. Her head had been crushed with a mechanic's hammer.

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## FIRE HITS DRUG STORE

MEDFORD, Dec. (AP)—(AP)—Fire damaged a drug store here Sunday night and caused traffic through the downtown section to be rerouted for a two-hour period.

Owners of the West Side pharmacy said damage was considerable, but gave no estimate. Flames ate through shelves and ceiling of the store, and generated heat enough to evaporate perfume from the store's stock.

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