# Senator Byrd Raps Justice Dept. Lawyer

### Attorney Who Fought UMW Was Once Paid $15,000, Byrd Says

WASHINGTON, March 23 —(AP)— Senator Byrd (D-Va) says he wants to know why a justice department lawyer, who apparently once was paid $15,000 out of the United Mine Workers welfare fund, was assigned to help prosecute the miners union for contempt.

The attorney, Joseph M. Friedman, declined to comment. He helped win $2,130,000 contempt of court fines against John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers union in 1946 and 1948, and was a member of the government legal case against the UMW.

"On the face of it," Byrd told a reporter, "it loks like a very improper procedure that a department attorney, who was in effect paid $15,000 in legal fees out of the Lewis-controlled welfare fund, was later assigned by the government to prosecute Lewis' union for contempt."

Byrd said he was writing the Justice department for a "ful explanation." He said the arrangement may have been perfectly proper, but he wants to know more about it.

**No Regulations**

The department said it has no regulations against its attorneys taking outside legal fees, provided they did not handle cases against the government and their outside work did not interfere with their departmental duties.

Records of the senate banking committee's hearings last summer on "the economic power of labor unions" show that Friedman presented a bill for $15,000 to N. H. Collison, a trustee of the UMW welfare fund in 1946-47, for services as "private counsel" in connection with Collision's trusteeship.

Collison had resigned as a trustee and Friedman's bill was presented to the new trustees, headed by Lewis. They at first wanted a detailed explanation of what legal services Friedman had performed for Collision, as well as an opinion from the Attorney General that such payment to Friedman would be legal.

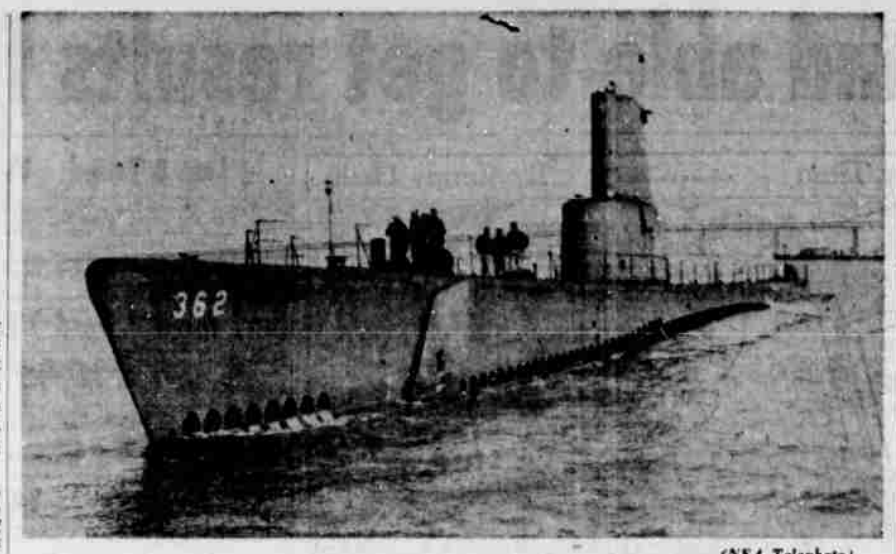
**Wrote to Lewis**

The senate committee records show that Collison wrote Lewis in March 1949, asking reimbursement of $15,000 for legal services performed by Rriedman.

The committee records then quote from welfare fund trustee meeting minutes of April 7, 1949, authorizing the reimbursement of the money to Collison.

Friedman helped H. Graham Morison, assistant attorney general, handle the government's prosecution of the UMW for contempt in the recent coal crisis. The union was acquitted of contempt of a back-to-work injunction order by Federal Judge Richmond B. Keech.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) has criticized the government's handling of the case, saying all available evidence was not presented to the court. This has ben flatly denied by justice department sources. Friedman and Morison are appealing Judge Keech's acquittal decision to the court of appeals here.



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**SUBMARINE OILER**—The pot-bellied but streamlined submarine oiler Guavina, only sub of her kind in the U. S. Navy, prepares to head out to sea for a series of "evaluation" tests. The Guavina, recommissioned six weeks ago after conversion at Mare Islan i Navy Yard from a standard fleet sub to a submarine oiler, is destined to carry fuel and supplies to other subs and island outposts. The pot belly for carrying the fuel is visible on the side as a bulge at the water line. In the background is part of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

## Bevin Declares Britain Wants No A-Bomb Parley

LONDON, March 23 —(AP)— Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said Wednesday Britain has no intention of dealing directly with Soviet Russia on the atom bomb. Such a discussion, he declared, should take place in the United Nations.

The water chestnut can become so thick as to destroy duck food.

## Lew Wallace Spurns Debate Bid

PORTLAND, March 23 —(AP)— Lew Wallace Wednesday rejected a proposal by Austin Flegel that they get together with Walter J. Pearson for a series of debates.

The three men are candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Wallace, in a letter to Flegel, said that since all are agreed on the party platform, "the debates would be more or less regarding our personal viewpoints on public matters and to quite an extent personal. . . . and would run a very possible risk of offending each other to such an extent that it would be difficult to carry on an amicable campaign in the fall."

Besides, said Wallace, "I am saving all my fire to use on Mr. McKay (Gov. McKay, the Republican incumbent) after the primairies."

Thick growths of water chestnut can impede navigation in streams.

## 'Outstanding Cripple' Honored By National Group

PORTLAND, March 23 — (AP) — A 43-year-old business college student was honored here as the "outstanding crippled person in the nation" by the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Berneice Smith of Enterprise, Ore., received an award from governor Douglas McKay in behalf of the Easter seal agency. She was praised for "her stamina, courage and great desire to become a self-supporting citizen."

Stricken by rheumatoid arthritis when 15, Miss Smith recently learned to walk on crutches after 23 years in a wheel chair. She had undergone a series of surgical operations financed by funds from the sale of Easter seals.

Then she entered the business college here in January, 1949. While a student, she fell hurrying to a phone, fractured a hip and went back to a hospital for most of last year.

The business college reported she will finish her studies in three weeks. Miss Smith then hopes to ear her own living.

## Religious Sect People Migrating From Alberta

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., March 23 :(CEP)— A Hutterite migration from Alberta to Mexico is taking form with several colonies, it was reported here.

The Hutterites, a religious sect who first came to Canada 33 years ago, number several thousand.

A colony at Granum, Alta., and a "daughter" colony from Granum established at Wainwright, Alta., more than a year ago are reported to be preparing to move.

Peter Schetter of the Wainwright group has stated "we are leaving because we believe that no Chirstian church can ednure without the teaching of God's word in the schools."

Lands have been made available by the Mexican government for colonization at $20 an acre. The Mexican authorities also are said to have promised the groups immunity from military service and freedom of religion.

When you deep-fat fry foods allow the hot fat to cool before straining and storing it. This way it will be easier and safer to handle. A good way to strain the fat is to put a few folds of cheesecloth in a sieve and pour the fat through it into a container that can be covered tightly.

## Diplomat Says U. S. Break With Bulgaria Inevitable

WICHITA, Kas., March 23—(AP) — Former U.S. minister Donald Heath says this nation's diplomatic break with Bulgaria was inevitable.

"Russia and her satellites have made it clear that they are not bound by the code of national ethics which all other nations are," he told the chamber of commerce here.

"We have shown the world that we are patient," he said, "but we have shown the Communists that there is a point beyond which we won't be pushed.

"We have not abandoned our interest in the welfare of the Bulgarian people, neither have we abandoned the peace treaty which we signed."

Heath was recalled from Sofia Feb. 21 after Bulgaria charged he was a spy. He said severance of diplomatic relations came after two years of mistreatment of U.S. representatives in Bulgaria.

Heath called the Bulgarian charges against him fantastic.

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