

Sale Of War-Useful Plants As Surplus Receives Rebuke In Senate Probers' Report

By OLIVER W. DEWOLF

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A senate committee says that government officials using less horse sense than if they were running a charity bazaar blundered badly when they sold war-useful plants as surplus.

The armed services preparedness subcommittee, headed by Senator Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.), declared also that the nation's rubber position is "far from satisfactory."

In a caustically-worded report, the committee said government agencies concerned are doing fine on their paper work but not on performance. It particularly criticized disposal of production plants which are needed in the defense program.

The 37-page report was a sequel to one issued last Sept. 5 in which the group, set up as a sort of watchdog of the whole rearmament program, found a "siege psychology" in handling of surplus property and rubber programs.

"It becomes government officials to conduct the public business with less prudence than they would display in operating a charity bazaar," the new report said. "But that has happened."

The committee singled out the Munitions board, Commerce department, General Services administration and air force for specific criticism. In a general indictment of these four and others, it said: "Progress in paper work — of which there has been considerable — is no substitute for progress in performance — of which there has not been enough. Paper-work preparedness is only flimsy protection against the threat we face."

Rubber Supply Short
The subcommittee took a pessimistic view of the nation's rubber situation on all fronts — natural, synthetic and synthetic components.

It urged both government and industry "while there is still time" to adopt an aggressive program for acquiring natural rubber supplies from Asia. And further research for rubber production in this hemisphere was urged.

"Rubber is in short supply," the report summed up. "adequate relief is not yet in sight. But present hardships may well be luxuries compared with hardships that will develop if our rubber limitation and allocation measures are not strengthened immediately."

The committee said, too, that this country is being gouged unmercifully in buying natural rubber from friendly nations.

Mormon Medal Of Honor Given Hoover, Baruch

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — The Mormon Medal of Honor for 1950 goes to former President Herbert Hoover and financier-counselor Bernard Baruch.

The gold and diamond medallions were awarded in a presentation by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Film actress Laraine Day aided in the ceremonies. Herbert Hoover Jr. of Pasadena Calif., accepted for his father; Baruch's award was accepted by Dr. Harvey Mudd, Los Angeles city leader.

The Mormon medal is given annually to two persons for "distinguished services for their fellow men." Actor Gary Cooper and Producer Cecil D. DeMille won last year's awards.

Wife Signs Complaint To Teach Spouse Lesson

MONROVIA, Calif. — (AP) — "Your honor," pleaded Mrs. Rosemary Surni, 23, he still loves me, I only signed the complaint to teach him a lesson."

Nevertheless, Joe Surni, 26, who stands five feet tall, began a 10-day stretch in the county jail for beating up his wife, six inches taller.

But on the plea of Mrs. Surni, Justice of the Peace John A. Strugeon reduced the felony wife beating charge to simple assault and fined Surni \$50 yesterday in addition to sending him to jail.

Walter S. Riddle, Son Of Town Founders, Dies

Walter S. Riddle, 78, died in Salem Friday, Nov. 24. He was born in Riddle, Aug. 22, 1872, the son of Tobias and Sarah Riddle, the founders of the town.

Surviving are brothers Fred Burns and Dewey of Cody, Wyo.; sisters, Mrs. Eva Arzner, Myrtle Creek and Mrs. Helen Johnson, Billings, Mont., and a niece Venita Starnes, Ashland.

Funeral services were held today at the Riddle Community church, Litwiler Funeral home in Ashland was in charge.

CAR BUSINESS SLOW

IRVINGTON, N. J. — (AP) — Take the word of one local dealer, things are tough in the used car business. He confined his advertising today to a brief newspaper notice: "Reward—\$10 to anyone who brings in a prospect who buys a used car."

The first wireless signal across the Atlantic was picked up by Marconi at St. Johns, Nfld., in 1901.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



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Tinkling Bell On Cat Saves Family From Fire

LANCASTER, Pa. — (AP) — Ralph J. Lasky, his wife and her sister had something definite to be grateful for on Thanksgiving day—the bell around the neck of the Lasky pet cat.

Mrs. Lasky's sister, Bertha Dorsett of Harrisburg, Pa., was aroused Thursday morning by the tinkling bell attached to the collar of the cat, "Billy."

The sister investigated and found "Billy" wandering about, groggy from smoke filling the apartment. Miss Dorsett aroused her sister and brother-in-law. The three fled to the street but "Billy" perished in a blaze firemen said caused \$15,000 damage to a cafe beneath the Lasky apartment.

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SCIENTIST INDICTED
Clarence Hickey, former wartime atomic scientist, shown as he arrived at District Court in Washington where he pleaded innocent to contempt of Congress indictment when he was arraigned. He was released on \$1500 bond after his trial had been set for Dec. 19.

Couple Remarry After Divorce 45 Years Ago

WATFORD, Eng. — (AP) — In 1905 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wells were divorced after four years of marriage. Both remarried. Wells' second wife died. So did his former wife's second husband. Recently they met again. Tomorrow Wells, now 74, and his bride of half a century ago, now 75, will be married for the second time.

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON EXECUTION
CLIFFORD COOPER, R. T. COOPER, GEORGE COOPER and THOMAS MELTON.

Plaintiffs, vs. EVERETT BRITAIN and LILLIAN BRITAIN, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to decree and order of sale duly made and entered in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Douglas dated September 20, 1950, in the above entitled suit, and by virtue of a writ of execution duly issued out of and under the seal of said court commanding me to sell the hereinafter described real property to satisfy the claim of the plaintiff on the note herein described in the sum of \$2030.00 and the further sum of \$322.13 attorney's fees, costs and disbursements, all of which bear interest at 6 percent per annum from September 20, 1950, I have, accompanied by the same, levied upon and will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance of the county house at Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, on Monday, the 13th day of December, 1950, at the hour of ten o'clock, 10:00, in the forenoon of said day, Pacific Standard Time, all the right title and interest which the said defendant either one of them, had on June 22, 1950, now have in and to the following described real property situated Douglas County, Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the northerly boundary line of First Brookside Addition to the City of Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, as platted and filed in the office of the county clerk of Douglas County, Oregon, from which point the northwesterly corner of Lot 13 of said First Brookside Addition bears west 100' thence East 100' along the North boundary line of said Lots 13 and 14 of said First Brookside Addition, thence South 100' parallel to the North boundary of said Lots 13 and 14; thence West 100' parallel to the West boundary of said Lot 13 to the place of beginning.

NOTICE IS GIVEN as directed by said order of sale that I will place the purchaser of said property in possession thereof and said sale will be made subject to confirmation by said court and subject to redemption as provided by the statutes of Oregon.

Said property will be so sold subject to a prior lien of Douglas County, Oregon, based upon real property taxes for the year July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950 in the sum of \$5.00 plus interest and also subject to lien of Douglas County, Oregon, based upon \$105.53 taxes.

Dated November 6, 1950 and November 20, 1950.

O. T. CARTER, Sheriff of Douglas County, Oregon.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

NOTICE HEREBY IS GIVEN that December 6, 1950, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock A. M., in the County Court Room at the Court House in Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, have been fixed as the time and place for hearing objections, if any there be, to the Final Account filed by the undersigned Administrator in the above entitled Court.

DATED and first published this 30th day of October, 1950.

LESTER A. DARRNESS, Administrator of the Estate of Donald G. Darrness, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Anna Ryan, deceased, has filed its final account in the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, and said Court has fixed Tuesday, November 25, 1950, at ten o'clock (10:00) a. m., in the forenoon, Pacific Standard Time, in the County Court Room in the Court House in Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections, if any there be, to said final account and for the settlement thereof.

THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND (OREGON) Administrator of the Estate of Anna Ryan, Deceased.

BIG OFFENSIVE

GIs And Generals Weigh What Lies Ahead In Korea

By HAL BOYLE
WITH U.S. 8TH ARMY, Korea—(AP)—There are 110,000 puzzled United Nations soldiers in the grand offensive now underway to seize the northwest corner of the Korean icebox.

They are members of the Eighth army making a drive to the Manchurian border which they hope will wind up the dreary, five-month-old Korean campaign.

But their puzzlement is as deep as their hopes are high. No soldier really knows what lies ahead. This is as true of commanding generals in the field as it is of the privates who carry out their plans.

Therefore there are 110,000 men marching forward strongly but cautiously on a journey into doubt.

They are like a man moving at twilight through a strange and frozen forest who sees nothing in sight to harm him but uneasily feels the eyes of unseen foes upon him.

Intelligence officers believe that at present there are no more than 100,000 North Korean and Chinese "volunteers" in the 50 and 60 miles of rugged mountains that lie between the Eighth army and the Yalu river frontier.

Uncertainty Reigns
The doubt lies in whether that force will be steadily reinforced by scores of thousands of fresh troops brought secretly across the border at night as "volunteers." And on that critical point there is a new Chinese wall—a wall of Chinese silence.

This uncertainty is peculiarly exasperating to the military mind. Commanders don't like to commit their own troops to battle until they are pretty sure what the enemy is trying to do and what he is capable of doing. And there are those who believe that if Red China does cross the Manchurian border in power, the current attack by 110,000 soldiers will turn out to be merely one of the largest patrol actions in history.

"Frankly I don't know what will happen," a general said. "We don't have enough here to deal with the troops the Chinese can send across the border if they want to."

Reactions Pessimistic
Here are some other reactions by American officers and men: A chief of staff in a forward command post—"I have been looking at maps all my life, but the map on this operation doesn't tell me a damn thing of what I want to know."

A colonel—"This is a problem now for diplomats, not soldiers. The striped pants boys are going to have to find a rabbit to pull out of this hat."

A major—"The Chinese will try to tie us up here and bleed us to death. That's what the Russians want them to do."

A young lieutenant—"I have

been wounded twice in this campaign and I feel my luck won't last a third time. But I'm a professional soldier and that's the chance we take. If they want a real war it might as well start now."

Private Analyzes Situation
A philosophic private—"He'll, better to freeze going forward than to freeze sitting on your rump waiting for the Chinese to make up their minds."

One military analyst put the military situation this way: "There are three possibilities—First, the enemy can pull its general staff back across the border and let its troops fight awhile and then take to the hills as guerrillas. That's what they did when we made the breakthrough last September and they may do it again."

"Second, the Chinese can send across enough men to knock our heads off."

"Third, they may have 100,000 men in good defensive terrain against our 110,000 men. If they are well led and supplied they can keep us pushing and juggling all winter. And that's what I think they will at least try to do."

But most of the troops are more optimistic. They feel that diplomatic decisions are in the making at high levels. Despite the cold weather their morale is high. They are glad the lull is over and that they are on the march again toward a real goal.

And they have a great faith in General Douglas MacArthur. They feel that he is the Santa Claus in uniform who will lead them to final victory by Christmas.

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