

Johnson Expresses Fears Of Red China Recognition

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Louis Johnson testified Friday that as secretary of Defense he feared the United States was moving toward recognition of Red China.

Johnson told the senate's MacArthur inquiry that he "never knew of any decision by the State department, despite the British talk and the British recognition, for us to recognize," then he added:

"But because of the things that were said in those days, I feared that we would not oppose their becoming a member of the United Nations, and then we would have to recognize them."

"We of the military particularly worried about it because it meant another vote on the (United Na-

tions) security council antagonistic to the fundamental interests of the United States and for communism."

Johnson was dismissed from the defense post last September. His exit from President Truman's cabinet is widely reported to have resulted in part from his differences with Secretary of State Acheson.

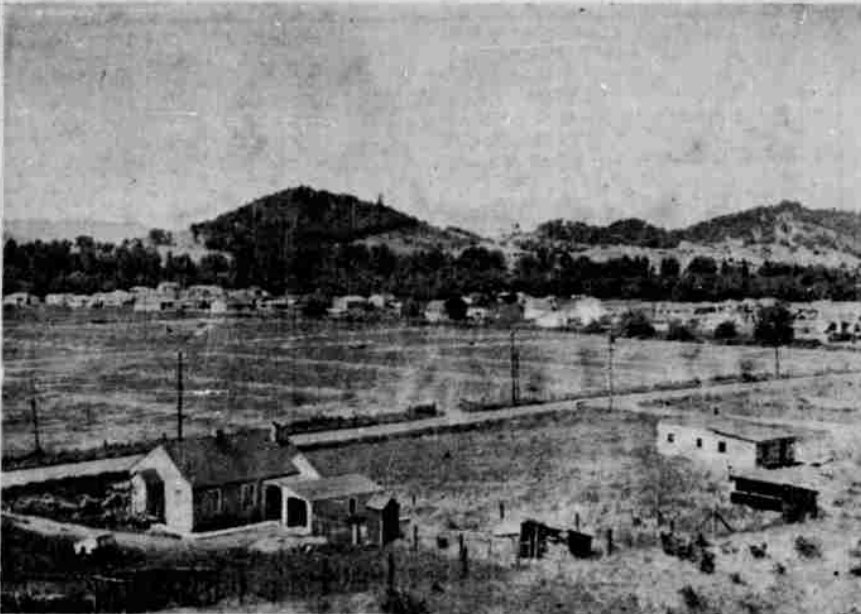
Johnson also told the senators: 1. Gen. Douglas MacArthur took responsibility and carried out the Inchon landing in Korea despite misgivings by the U. S. joint chiefs of staff. He said the JCS gave MacArthur a chance to call it off a week before it was launched.

2. He questioned the "accuracy" of an early draft of the State department's 1949 "white paper" on China. This document was a bulky account of developments in China and contained a good deal of material highly critical of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government.

3. He regards as a "false document" the State department memorandum of Dec. 23, 1949 which forecast the fall of Nationalist-held Formosa to the Communists and instructed employees to discount the strategic value of the island.

4. He asked the joint chiefs of staff to review the question of sending a military inquiry mission to Formosa in 1949 after a decision first in favor of it, and later against it. Johnson said he thought the decision against sending the mission "was following political considerations and not the military security of the United States."

It was developed that the State



THE CLOAKES FERRY tract one mile west of Roseburg is a homesite development of comparatively recent date, having been made available about three years ago by Warren Cloake, who placed 42 lots of orchard and pasture land adjoining the South River on sale. The upper left photo is a general view from the westerly slopes of Mt. Nebo. Forty homes, some of which are pictured here, have been built or are under construction to date. Types vary from small and simple four and five room size to elaborate homes with large rooms, big windows, patios and double garages. Various building contractors have purchased lots and erected houses for sale to prospective buyers; in most cases individuals have bought their lots, then contracted with whomsoever they wished for the building. The lots are not large, about the size of the average town lot. Much of the area is on the site of a fine walnut grove and the large trees quite generally have been saved, and utilized for their natural shade and decoration. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

department opposed the mission. The Inchon landing was a sea movement of troops up the west coast of Korea last September. It proved to be a brilliant stroke, bypassing the bulk of North Korean troops that had advanced far into South Korea.

MacArthur's forces plunged on toward the Manchurian border, and later the Chinese Reds poured across, entered the fighting in force, and created what MacArthur called a new war.

Johnson discussed the Inchon landing in an exchange of questions with Senator Knowland (R-Calif.) and gave his personal estimate of the maneuver.

"When the history of this generation and of this war is written, there is nothing that was more brilliant in its conception and execution — with even the weather and the fates playing with us — than the Inchon landing. Beautifully done."

Synthetic Rubber Being Developed

AKRON, O. — (AP) — General Tire & Rubber Co. says it has developed a "revolutionary" synthetic rubber formula that will produce a cheaper, longer-wearing tire.

The product, General said, already is being produced by the

Polymer Corp. at Sarnia, Ont., and Canadian rubber manufacturers are starting to adapt it to their tire and rubber operations.

General had offered the formula to the Reconstruction Finance Corp., but decided to develop it in Canada because the RFC took no action, said W. O'Neil, general president.

O'Neil said that one compound of the new product "gives 32 percent more tires. These tires wear 18 percent longer, and are produced at 31 percent lower rubber cost."

He declared the product is a proven means of increasing production without increasing the demand for vital raw materials such as butadiene and styrene, and without necessitating the building of new plants.

Had the formula been accepted by the RFC last year, O'Neil said, the American taxpayer now would have been saved millions of dollars.

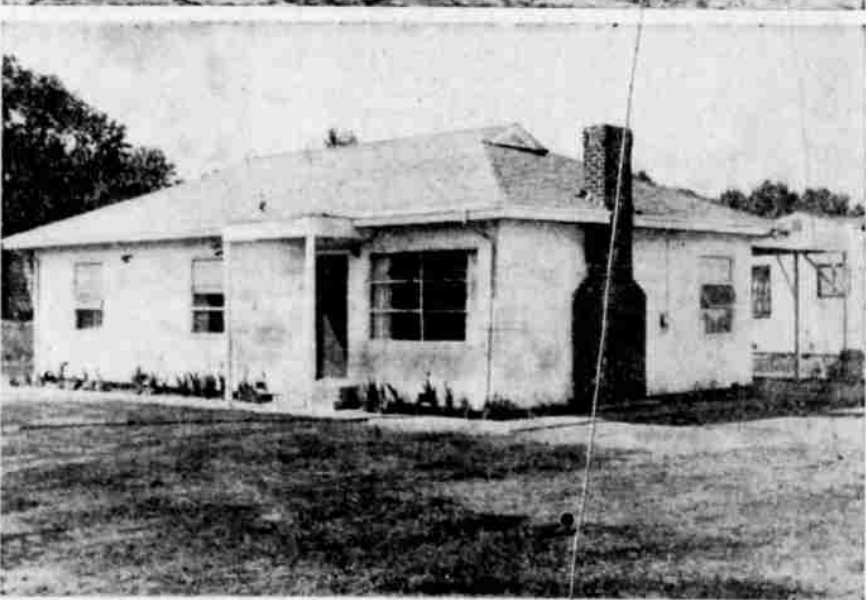
It would have alleviated the rubber shortage, and plastics molders, now dependent on the synthetic rubber component, styrene, would not be faced with drastic curtailment of business, he added.

The product now is being produced under the trade name, "Polyear Krydol."

FIRE HITS RESORT

SALT LAKE CITY — (AP) — A midnight fire swept through the bathhouses at Saltair amusement park on the shores of Great Salt Lake and for a time early today threatened the entire sprawling resort.

There were no injuries. Extent of the loss was not estimated immediately.



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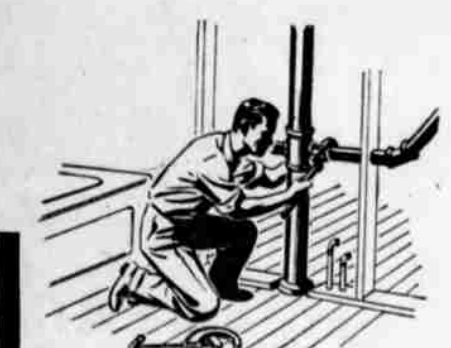
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Despondent Man Kills Wife, Daughters, Self PUYALLUP, Wash. — (AP) — A service station attendant, disappointed over his inability to buy his own establishment, shot his wife and two daughters to death Monday and then committed suicide. Dead in the shooting were Glenn Taft, 41; his wife, Mary Ellen, about 40; and their daughters, Glenda, 12, and Louise, 18.