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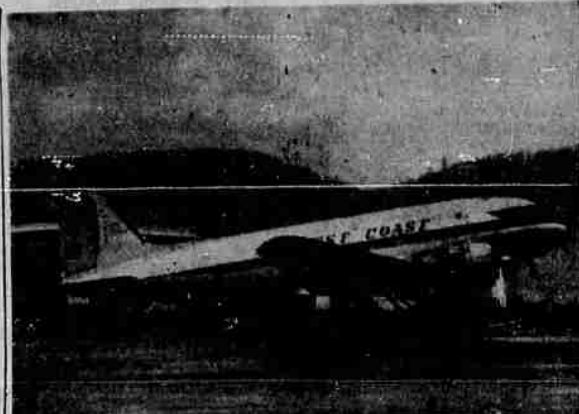
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MSRB Assures Protection Of Forestry Stands

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Security Resources Board (MSRB) recommended Monday that the government do all it can to promote expansion and proper utilization of the nation's timber stands.

It said the president should direct the Agriculture Department to include in its budget the full 20 million dollars annually authorized by Congress for maintaining a federal-state forest fire protection system.

It also said the department should be directed to plan a progressively accelerated program of financial aid to the state for the production of forest planting stock.

In this regard, the board added that the full 2 1/2 million dollars authorized by Congress for aid to the states should be provided as soon as national defense expenditures ease up.

The Agriculture Department's present program of lending technical assistance to small woodland owners and small timber processors should be continued, the board declared, and steps should be taken to further wise long-range planning through relaxed bank credit programs and tax relief measures.

Long-Term Escapee Gets By For Time By Assuming Name Of Man On Probation

McNEIL ISLAND (AP) — Warden Fred Wilkinson of the federal penitentiary here Friday called the story of Rody Erb, who posed as another man so that he might serve one year, rather than 20 years in prison, "a strange and almost unbelievable combination of coincidences."

Erb, 29, was sentenced to 20 years in the Washington State Penitentiary for armed robbery, but escaped in September while being transferred from Monroe to Walla Walla.

On Nov. 7, he was arrested in Grants Pass, Ore., but identified himself as Donald Bearss Traxler, 29, who was on probation after a federal car theft conviction.

The ruse worked, for a time at least, and Erb, posing as Traxler, was sentenced to a year and a day at McNeil for violation of federal parole.

Erb, according to Wilkinson, had been on the island before, serving the tail end of a 30-month car theft sentence he began at the El Reno, Okla., reformatory. He was released Sept. 29, 1961.

When he arrived, posing as Traxler, to begin serving his probation violation sentence, Wilkinson said, guards recognized him and told him they were sorry to see him back, but Erb wouldn't

admit he'd ever been in the penitentiary before.

"The switch in names wasn't too unusual," Wilkinson said, "because we often get men back, committed under aliases. But we became suspicious when he denied being here before and refused to

Wilkinson said they then checked fingerprints, scars and other personal data in the files of the two men and now believe to their own satisfaction that "Traxler" is Erb.

He said they were busy rounding up "inconsequential and uncontrollable facts" to submit to federal court in Portland.

The warden said they believed that Erb had somehow gotten possession of Traxler's wallet and managed to put together enough background material to pose as the man.

The situation was further complicated, Wilkinson said, by the fact that Traxler and Erb, posing

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as Traxler, were represented by the same attorney in Portland. However, he said, this was understandable because attorneys have a number of cases and these two were quite a time apart.

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