

Armed Services Deny Outside Influence for B-36 Purchases

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(P)—House probes began searching the B-36 for political gimmicks today and were told some air generals thought so little of the mammoth bomber that they wanted to scrap the 100-plane project in 1947 after nearly half a billion dollars had been invested in it.

At the outset of the inquiry, Robert A. Lovett, wartime under-secretary of war for air, testified that no outside influence was exerted to put the potential a-bomb carrier on the drafting board in August, 1941.

He also told members of the house armed services committee that military considerations were the sole basis for the later decision to give Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Co., the go-ahead order in 1943 to start making the giant craft.

But a high air force officer later testified that in August, 1947, the air force high command was split over whether to continue the program or to drop it outright. He said the decision to continue the project was made over the dissent of Gen. George C. Kenney, former head of the strategic air command, who declared he had "no faith in the airplane."

This testimony highlighted the committee's first public hearings on the B-36 in particular and the nation's air policies in general. The investigation was ordered after Rep. Van Zandt (R-Pa.) told the house he had heard "disturbing reports" about the relations of some top defense figures and airplane manufacturers.

Among those Van Zandt linked to the "reports" were Secretary of Defense Johnson, Air Secretary Symington and Floyd Odium, head of Atlas Corp., which controls Consolidated Vultee. He said that Johnson was an official of the plane firm before assuming the defense post last March and that Odium helped Johnson raise funds for the democratic party last fall.

The military officials denied Van Zandt's implied charges at the time and are due to testify before the committee later.

Aside from the personalities involved in the long-standing feud between the navy and air force over long range bombing, this dispute reached a new peak when Johnson ordered the navy to scrap its plans to build a super-carrier which air force backers claimed would put the sea fliers into their strategic bombing preserve.

Navy air power supporters on the other hand contend that the B-36 is not the impregnable fighting machine its advocates claim it to be.

East Suffers Through 99 Degree Heat

By The Associated Press

The eastern half of the nation sweated in collar-wilting heat again Tuesday, but cooler air moved in slowly on two fronts bringing hope of relief.

Temperatures were in the nineties from Minnesota to the Atlantic seaboard. New York's suffering Millions broiled in 99 degree heat — highest for the date on record.

A cool air mass from western Canada overpread the Dakotas and parts of Nebraska but was advancing south and eastward with difficulty.

Thermometer readings ranged 15 to 20 degrees lower in the Dakotas Tuesday after passing the 100-degree mark Monday. The mid-day temperature at Jamestown, N. D., Tuesday was 85, compared with 102 Monday.

The mercury reached 98 at Boston, 92 at Washington and 95 at Hartford.

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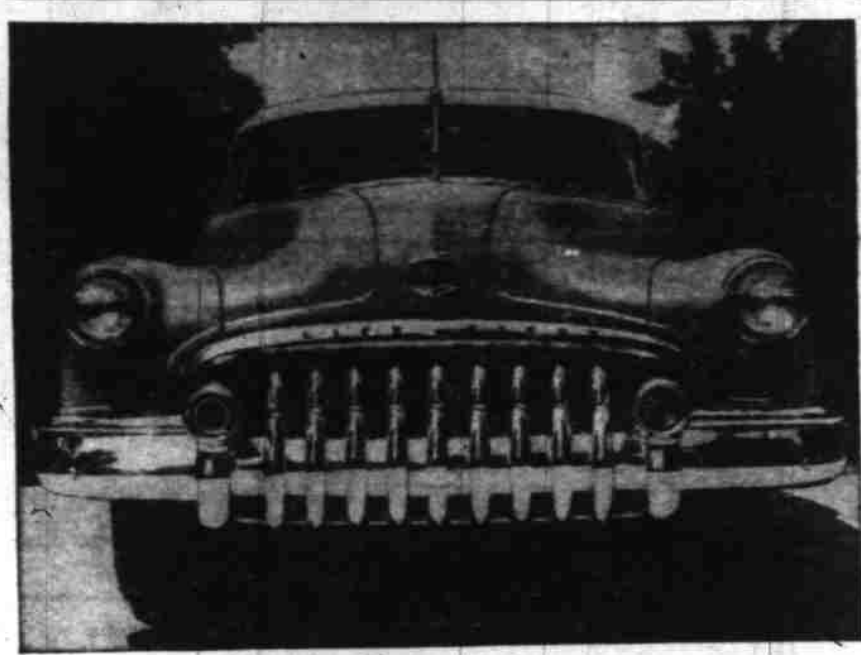
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Pastor Forgets While Preaching on Memory

TOKAWA, Okla., Aug. 9.—(P)—The Rev. Charles T. Henderson delivered a sermon to his congregation on memory and forgetfulness.

The congregation listened attentively, then gasped as the service closed.

The Rev. Henderson had forgotten to call for the passing of the collection plate.

Merger Vote For Hayesville Gets Approval

Salem's school board Tuesday authorized an election to the proposed Hayesville consolidation with the local school district, number 24, at a date to be designated by the district boundary board.

Hayesville's consolidation move was delayed last month when petitions were found faulty and had to be re-circulated. Leaders in the suburban (north) area have been hoping that consolidation would be completed in time for the school year beginning this September.

The Salem board accepted two low bids for summer-school improvement projects, the A. L. Cummins bid of \$2,470 for installing an oil-fired hot air heat system for the high school, and the Minneapolis Honeywell Co. bid of \$4,115 for installing a thermostat control system at Leslie school.

Teacher resignations were accepted from Alma Kiersen of the West Salem elementary school, Alta Baronovich, Leslie junior high, and Harriet Robbins, a special education teacher. Mrs. Neva Mundin of the Garfield staff was granted a half-year leave of absence.

Lyda Halvorsen was authorized as the assigned substitute teacher at Leslie and Mrs. Agnes Palmer, 3560 Portland rd., was hired as a teacher for Liberty school, on the understanding Mrs. Bess Thompson will be transferred to the vacancy in West Salem school.

Albany Youths Jailed After Fight Story

Two 21-year-old Albany men were jailed in Salem early Wednesday morning following an alleged altercation in the vicinity of the Paulus Brothers cannery at 11 p.m. Tuesday.

Charged with assault and battery on a district court warrant were Clyde L. Harris and Lyle O. Worden. Donald Ringwald, who police said was a cannery employee, signed the complaint.

Worden also was charged with reckless driving following his arrest in the 1500 block of Cross street by city police who had been summoned to the cannery. He was held at the city jail in lieu of \$300 bail.

Harris was confined at Marion county jail when he failed to post \$250 bail. Both men are scheduled to appear in Marion county district court this morning on the assault and battery charge.

TO BUY CANADIAN POWER

PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—(P)—Five Oregon and Washington power companies today completed arrangements to buy 30,000 kilowatts of power from the British Columbia Electric company to relieve the shortage in the northwest.

MAJESKI FACES LAY-OFF

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 9.—(P)—Hank Majeski, Philadelphia Athletics' third baseman flattened Sunday by a fast ball thrown by Cleveland pitcher Earl Wynn, will be out of action two weeks — maybe more.

Majeski is in graduate hospital where A's physician Dr. Ilarion Gopadze said he'll remain a week. Hank has a concussion, Dr. Gopadze said.

FCC Okehs Inter-City Police Radio Network

PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—(P)—An inter-city police radio network between Portland and Willamette valley towns has the approval of the federal communications commission.

Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee told a radio audience in a weekly broadcast tonight that the FCC had okayed the network.

The first link will be with Salem, but she did not indicate when the operation would start.

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Personal Incomes Top Boom Of 1948 Despite Unemployment

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(P)—Personal incomes, the mainspring of consumer buying power, increased in June, the commerce department reported today.

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Late Sports Easter Drills With Indians

CLEVELAND, Aug. 9.—(P)—Big Luk Easter, San Diego first baseman, worked out with the Cleveland Indians tonight before the Tribe's game with St. Louis.

Easter, who was leading the Pacific Coast league with a .363 average when he came to Cleveland June 25 for treatment of a knee injury, exercised briefly and clouted several balls into the stands in batting practice. It was his first complete workout since his release from the hospital here nearly a month ago, although for about two weeks he has been testing the knee by jogging around the field.

Tribe farm boss Hank Greenberg said tonight that no decision had been made to keep Easter here with the Tribe.

Sullivan Wins Portland Bout

PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—(P)—John L. Sullivan had the stuff tonight to win a decision from Jerris Jemel in their ten round featured boxing bout at Jantzen outdoor arena.

Sullivan, 171 pounder of Portland, had the 171 pound Canadian on the mat twice, both for only short counts, and carried the early rounds of their fight handily.

Reliance Club In Semi-finals

PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—(P)—A bases loaded double gave Reliance System three runs in the seventh inning and a 5 to 3 victory over Albina Fuel in the Oregon semi-pro baseball semi-finals tonight.

The win puts the Reliance team against the undefeated Banks nine tomorrow night, and should once-beaten Reliance win that game, another will be played Thursday night.

CAL TAKE DROPS

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 9.—(P)—California's "take" from the race track pari-mutuel machines dropped \$3,219,415 during the last fiscal year, State Controller Thomas H. Kuchel said today.

The tax on horse race betting nevertheless netted \$16,001,080 to the state's treasury during the 12 months ending last June 30, Kuchel said.

The White House went ahead with plans for combating unemployment by concentrating on federal spending in troubled areas.

Presidential Aide John R. Steelman released a letter to military procurement people and other spending agencies naming specific areas which could be helped by the concentration of government outlays.

Steelman told the spending agencies that the places which need help to absorb unemployed workers are New Bedford and Worcester, Mass., Providence, R. I., Waterbury and Bridgeport in Connecticut, the Utica-Rome, N. Y., area, the Scranton - Wilkes-Barre, Pa., area, Muskegon, Mich., and Knoxville Tenn.

The census bureau reported unemployment, highest since early 1942, totaled 4,095,000 in a civilian labor force of 63,815,000. That would make the national unemployment approximately 6.4 per cent of the working population.

Stanford Sets Party Plans to Honor Hoover

PALO ALTO, Calif., Aug. 9.—(P)—Stanford university today took on the air of a proud parent getting ready to put on a big birthday party for a favorite son.

A special program tomorrow will honor the 75th birthday of a member of the university's first graduating class and its most illustrious alumnus — Herbert Clark Hoover.

Interest in the celebration and Hoover's birthday has astounded Stanford officials.

Letters have come in by the thousands from all over the world. Messages and "happy birthday" expressions have come from people who remember Hoover as a brilliant young mining engineer; as a hard working relief administrator; as secretary of commerce; and finally as the 30th president of the United States.

The demand for tickets has swamped the university. Frost amphitheater, on the green and tree lined campus, has 8,000 seats. Expectations are for an attendance of 12,000 to 14,000.

A major address by Hoover will cap the program. His speech, "Think of the Next Generation," will be broadcast by the four national networks. It will start at 5 p.m.

Widow Denies Rumor She Will Wed Barkley

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 9.—(P)—Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley said tonight there is nothing to a report that she and Vice President Barkley plan to be married at Paducah, Ky.—his home town—this week-end.

The same thing goes, she said, for another rumor that the wedding had been planned for the following week end in St. Louis.

The vice president and Mrs. Hadley attended a ball game here last Sunday. It was the vice president's second Sunday visit to St. Louis by plane in two weeks. The other time they met at a private luncheon.

Mrs. Hadley's husband, a railroad attorney, died in 1945.

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Police Search Afterworld for Voodoo Slayer

BALTIMORE, Aug. 9.—(P)—Police turned from the underworld to the afterworld today in their search for the killer of a woman spiritualist—and came up with a voodoo death curse.

In the apartment of the murdered medium, Mrs. Emma A. Kefalos, 60, they found a flask with the paper doll figure of a man suspended, head down, inside.

The name "Mike Pappas" was scribbled three times on the voodoo doll.

Police said practitioners of occult arts explained a doll upside down in a bottle means, in the voodoo world, death by slow strangulation or suffocation.

Ironically, Mrs. Kefalos herself met death by strangulation yesterday.

A Baltimore restaurateur, Mike Pappas, was one of those questioned in connection with the killing.

He was described as an acquaintance both of Mrs. Kefalos and her second husband, who has been dead four years.

Fellow mediums of Mrs. Kefalos tried to put a supernatural finger on her slayer at a seance but no important clue came through from the spirit world.

Police meantime rounded up Baltimore mediums and spiritualists, crystal ball gazers and fortune tellers. They also asked Mrs. Kefalos' clients to come in.

Her body, bound head and foot, was found yesterday in the raspberry-tinted, second-floor apartment where she presided at seances and gave spiritual readings. She had been strangled with an ironing cord.

Hospital Bill Passes Senate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(AP)—The five-year federal program to help states build hospitals and health centers would be expanded and extended under a bill passed by the senate today and sent to the house.

Senator Hill (D-Ala.) introduced the bill for himself and 13 other senators.

Under present law congress provides \$75,000,000 a year for five years ending June 30, 1951. The federal government pays a third of a project's cost, the state and local governments the remainder.

The new bill would authorize an annual appropriation of \$150,000,000 yearly starting with the fiscal year ending with the year terminating June 30, 1955.

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