

White House Studies Wool Import Fees

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Hunt (D-Wyo.) said Wednesday he was informed that Tariff Commission recommendations on wool import fees have been submitted to the White House.

He told a reporter, however, he had no knowledge of what they may be, or when they may be acted upon by the President.

A study of the wool import situation was ordered by President Eisenhower in July. A Tariff Commission hearing at which Department of Agriculture officials and representatives of the wool growing and wool processing industries testified was held several weeks ago.

Commission officials declined to comment on the report that its recommendations have gone to the President. One official said it is the policy of the Commission not to disclose information of this kind.

Existing import duties on foreign wools vary with grades, but approximate 25 cents a pound, clean basis on finer wools.

At the Tariff Commission's hearing, the Agriculture Department proposed a seven cents a pound clean basis duty increase as a means of helping domestic wool growers meet foreign competition.

J. M. Jones of Salt Lake City, secretary of the National Wool Growers Assn., told the Commission he was "stunned" at the department's recommendation. He said a minimum increase of at least 12 cents a pound is necessary to protect the domestic industry.

Japan Not Ready for Security Pact

MANILA (AP)—Foreign Minister Katsuo Okazaki of Japan said Wednesday his country could not join a proposed Pacific regional defense alliance now because Japan's security forces are so small.

He told Filipino newsmen in a broadcast interview that Japan is planning to build up its air, sea and land forces "because we do not wish to depend on the United States forever." But he assured neighboring Asian countries they need not fear a resurgence of Japanese militarism.

Okazaki is on tour to explore attitudes of government leaders in the Philippines, Indonesia and Burma, former enemies of Japan, toward concrete proposals for post-war settlements.

Oregon Low On Listing of Road Projects

WASHINGTON (AP)—Oregon is 35th among the states in highway mileage under construction or planned under the federal-aid highway program.

In addition to 202.9 miles of highway actually under construction, a report of the Bureau of Public Roads shows that on Aug. 31 the state had 46.8 miles for which plans have been approved and 16.2 miles in the programming stage—a total of 265.9 miles.

Largest state program is in Kansas, where 2,036.4 miles of highway improvement is under way or planned under the federal-aid program.

The Oregon program will cost \$18,062,000, of which more than half—\$9,651,000—will be in federal funds.

The state also has \$3,288,000 in federal funds remaining for future development.

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In a statement marking National Newspaper Week, which begins Thursday, the President said America's free press helps make history by reporting, explaining and interpreting the events of our times.

Franco Not Asking for U.S. Defense

MADRID, Spain (AP)—Spain does not want the United States to defend her, but rather supply her the means of defending herself. Generalissimo Francisco Franco said Wednesday in a message to the Cortes (parliament) asking ratification of the new U. S.-Spain agreement.

It was learned from a reliable source, meanwhile, that in addition to the 226 million dollars Spain will get under the accord, there also is nearly 100 million dollars to come from U. S. Defense Department funds during this fiscal year for construction and improvement of bases the United States wants to use.

This source said total U. S. aid to Spain during the next four years is scheduled to reach nearly one billion dollars.

Judge Killed In Boat Blast

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—An explosion ripped through a cabin cruiser on the Tennessee River Wednesday night and killed a judge who had attended a party of Knoxville politicians on the boat. Another man was missing and three others were hurt.

The five were on the 42-foot cruiser when it blew up, lighting up the night sky for 10 miles. Thirteen others had left before the explosion.

The dead man was Domestic Relations Judge Hu B. Webster, 56. The missing man was Roland R. Whedbee, business agent for the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons Local 55 (AFL). Whedbee owned the boat.

East Germans Taken to Russ

MUNICH (INS)—Thousands of East Germans reportedly were deported to Soviet Russia after the June 17 anti-Communist riots in East Berlin and Eastern Germany.

The anti-Communist Radio Free Europe, working in close co-operation with the U. S.-sponsored "Crusade for Freedom," stated that smuggled letters from Poland gave eyewitness accounts of heavily guarded trains, packed with Germans, moving toward the East.

New Radar Installed in Polar Areas

NEW YORK (AP)—First experimental units of a new type radar system, designed to give at least six hours warning of aircraft approaching over the North Pole, are nearing completion in the polar region, the Western Electric Co. reported Wednesday.

The company, which is handling the radar work under government contract, said the initial installations are near Barter Island, Alaska, about 1,200 miles from the North Pole.

If the new type radar is successful, it was added, the line of installations will be extended from Alaska to Greenland.

This in effect would provide a warning screen for all of North America against air attack from across the North Pole.

Western Electric said the radar apparatus operates automatically, without constant human attention as required by present types, and is not affected by frequent magnetic storms which knock out conventional radar.

Labor-Farmer Ownership Plan Favored

DENVER (AP)—James Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, Wednesday advocated joint labor-farmer ownership of processing and distribution systems to bring higher prices for the farmer and lower food costs to the consumer.

He spoke at the 23rd annual convention of the Oil Workers International Union (CIO).

"We are proposing a national system of marketing and processing cooperatives," Patton said. "If we did 10 per cent of the food processing and distributing cooperatively, you'd see price changes overnight."

The Farmers Union president hammered at the theme that farmers have an economic stake in high employment at good wages, and organized labor has an economic stake in a prosperous agriculture.

He intimated that if either group slips economically, neither will be "having any steak" as the farmer is the worker's customer and vice-versa.

Mother, Son Drown in Car

SEWARD, Alaska (AP)—A young Seward mother, Mrs. Carol Breitenbach, and her 18 months old baby boy were found drowned Wednesday in a lagoon near Seward.

Oliver Amend discovered their automobile in 14 feet of water near where it had gone off the road. Territorial Policeman Tom Roberts said the car had been in the water since about 10:30 a. m. Monday.

Mrs. Breitenbach had left home shortly before that hour for groceries and to pick up the mail.

She was the wife of an Alaska Railroad employe.

Three Perish In Bus Crash, 28 Injured

EHRENERG, Ariz. (AP)—A loaded passenger bus crashed, apparently into a stone embankment, on lonely U. S. Highway 60-70 Wednesday night. The driver and a passenger were killed, and a second passenger died minutes later.

The crash injured all other 28 passengers aboard, the highway patrol reported. At least five were in critical condition in Palo Verde Hospital, Blythe, Calif.

Coroner Ben White of Riverside, Calif., county identified the dead as:

Adolph Collins, 45, Culver City, Calif., the driver.
Oran L. Barrett, 60, Hayward, Calif.

An unidentified male passenger, Barrett died in the Blythe hospital. The other two were killed outright. The bodies were taken to Yuma mortuary.

The bus, a Continental Trailways vehicle en route to Los Angeles from Memphis, Tenn., apparently blew a tire seven miles east of this western Arizona border town about 9 p. m. (MST).

Twenty of the injured were taken to Blythe hospital. The others were hospitalized in Yuma and Parker, Ariz. Three of those in Blythe were children.

Alaska Area Volcano Active

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Mt. Shishaldin, a 9,978-foot volcano on Unimak Island 850 miles southwest of Anchorage, has been erupting red hot lava for the past three weeks, it was reported here Wednesday.

Howard Wakefield, member of an Alaska Fisheries Board meeting at Juneau, said he viewed the eruption from the deck of the trawler Deep Sea on both the Bering and Pacific Ocean sides.

Wakefield described the lava flow as "like a strawberry sundae, complete with topping." He said the blowoff was much more violent than those at Mts. Trident and Spurr, in Mt. Katmai National Monument, during the month of July.

Ashes from the Trident and Spurr eruptions sifted into streets and towns in a large area of Alaska and some were detected high over the United States.

Wakefield said the Shishaldin flow still was going strong last Friday.

East German Refugee Rate On Increase

BERLIN (AP)—West Berlin city officials reported Wednesday night that some 800 East Germans have asked for Western asylum daily in the past week, compared with a previous average of 300 to 400. Refugee officials attributed the new increase of non-fulfillment of promises of better life which the Communist regime had made to East Germans before the June 17 revolt.

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