

Voice of America's Engineer Division Blamed for Waste

By G. MILTON KELLY
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Investigations Subcommittee said Sunday multi-million dollar waste and "stupidity or worse" was the rule in the Voice of America engineering division.

In a report on one phase of its lengthy investigations of the Voice while it was being operated under former Secretary of State Acheson, the subcommittee recommended to its parent, the Senate Government Operations Committee that a checkup be made on how the Republican administration runs the division now.

The all-Republican subcommittee headed by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) ticked off a long list of projects and criticized them roundly, took one swipe at the Eisenhower administration's reaction to its stormy public hearings last spring and summer, and made the whole report public.

Poor Planning
It summed up findings in this single sentence: "Poor planning, reckless disregard for taxpayers' money, incompetence, stupidity or worse was the rule and not the exception in the operation of the Voice of America, technical operations division."

The subcommittee prefaced its report by saying that "Communist infiltration and left-wing slanting of and bias in (Voice) programs will be separately treated in another report."

"Voice of Moscow"
The Voice of America beams broadcasts at Iron Curtain and friendly nations as this country's main radio propaganda weapon in the cold war of words. McCarthy alleged repeatedly that Communist subversion often made these programs sound like "the Voice of Moscow."

McCarthy's subcommittee, in a review of its hearings, claimed credit for having prevented the "squandering" of 18 million dollars for construction of two 10 million dollar radio stations. It said two millions had already been spent.

In Swamp Area
The subcommittee said it had "forced" the new administration to cancel "unconscionable" contracts for construction of one of the stations, known as Baker West, near Port Angeles, Wash.

Construction of the other, known as Baker East, in "a swamp area in North Carolina," the report said, also was abandoned on the basis of the hearings.

Both projects, the report said, were "mislocated" in areas of atmospheric disturbance and could be replaced at a tenth the proposed cost by building on more southerly sites.

Sen. Jackson (D-Wash) issued a separate statement saying that since the subcommittee hearings a report had been submitted to the State Department which would seem to contradict the testimony of a key witness that "the two powerful radio transmitters were mislocated."

This report, Jackson said, was prepared for the State Department by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in connection with the Radio Corporation of America with assistance from the Federal Communications Commission.

Jackson was a member of the subcommittee when the hearings were held but resigned with the other Democratic subcommittee members last July in protest against McCarthy's claims of sole power to hire and fire staff personnel.

Jackson said that Dr. J. E. Wiesner, director of the MIT Research Laboratory of Electronics, wrote in a July 31, 1953, letter to the State Department that tests had failed to substantiate predictions of interference at the selected sites.

Endorsed Location
Jackson said it also should be noted that both Dr. Wiesner and the Radio Corporation of America had, in previous written statements, "endorsed the original location of the projects."

Jackson also cited some other documents which he said "appear to be in contradiction to documents now available and not called to the attention of the members of the subcommittee at the time of the original hearings."

The report denounced the Baker West contract awarded to J. G. Watts Construction Co., of Portland, Ore., calling the terms "incredible" and exorbitant.

Brisk Words for GOP
The report criticized the former Democratic administration for making the contract, but had some brisk words for the Republican administration, too. The "new team," it said, announced orders for "a complete shut-down (of the project) to prevent further waste of the taxpayers' money." That was last February.

"Despite this official assurance," the report continued, "the subcommittee discovered over three weeks after the Baker West shutdown order that the Watts contract was still in effect. It was found that the State Department was continuing to pay \$25,000 per month at the abandoned site."

Cancellation of the contract, it said, then was "forced by the subcommittee."

Gang Attack On Basketball Team Solved

DETROIT, Mich. (AP)—Police said Sunday that five teen-age boys have admitted a part in the violent gang attack on three school boy basketball players which resulted in a clamp-down against night high school athletic contests.

Officers said none of the boys, however, admitted wielding the ice pick which stabbed Ross Deboskey, 17, Mackenzie High School basketball star, Friday night.

Sgt. Harold Thurkow said they admitted beating the three Mackenzie students who were leaving a dressing room after a basketball game at Central High School.

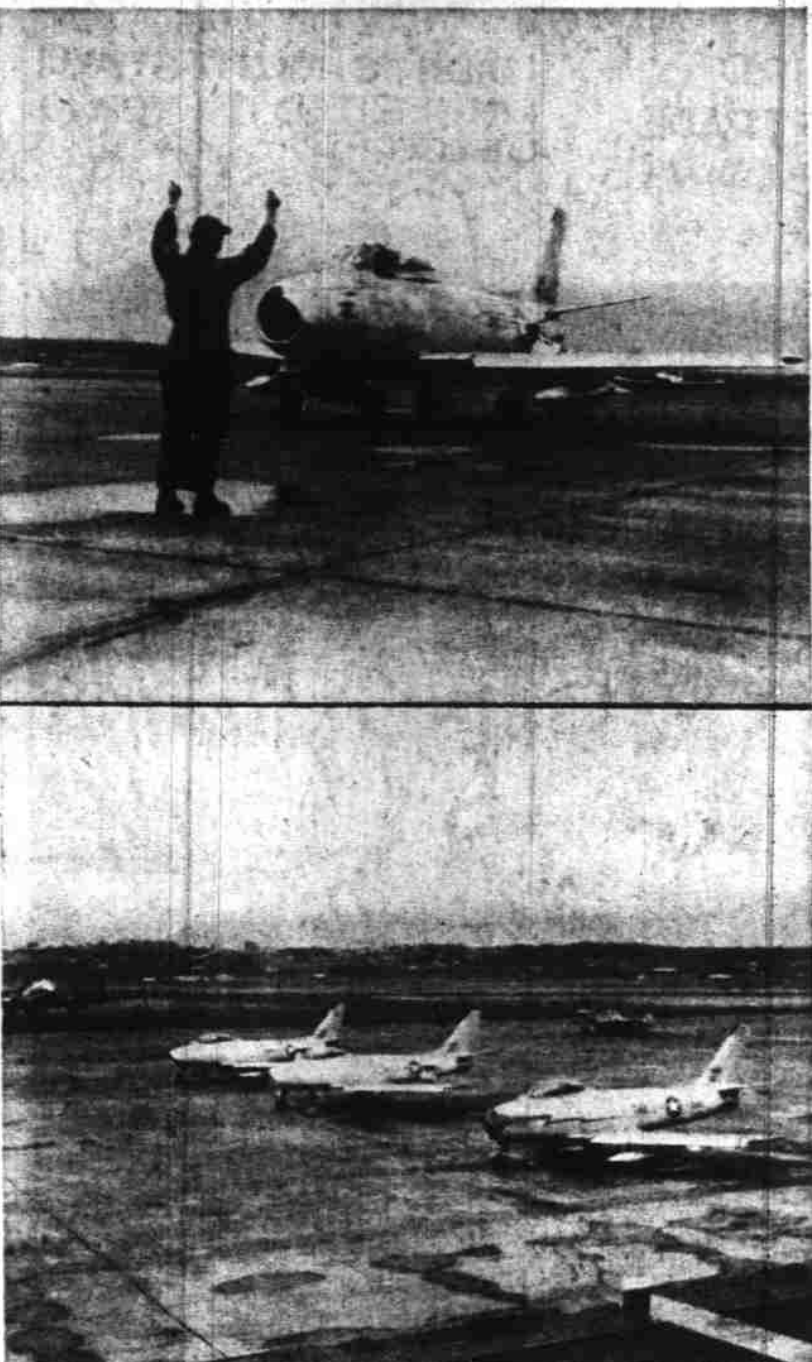
The two other victims of the brutal attack are Jacques Berlin, 17, and Jo Davidson, 17.

Deboskey was stabbed with an icepick which broke off and left its five-inch length in his back. He was taken off the critical list at the hospital Sunday. The metal was removed from his back Friday night after a long operation.

Police said warrants will not be sought until they determine the identity of the person who stabbed Deboskey.

Thurkow said the boys told him that a mob attack against Mackenzie students was planned the day before the basketball game and during halftime at the contest itself.

Sabrejets in Air Guard



Oregon's Air National Guard, which only three years ago consisted of only one transport craft, now includes ten Sabrejets. T/Sgt. Edward Pietka, Portland, guides one of the jets into position (top) and three others are lined up (bottom) at the Guard's base in Portland.

Sneak Thief Swipes Dead Dog in Package

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A sneak thief escaped with a package from under a young woman's arm but instead of protesting, she said the thug did her a favor.

Her small dog had died in her town apartment. There was no yard there to bury him. She was en route to bury the dog at her mother's home in suburban Upper Darby. The body was in the package.

Weather Blunts City's Reception

BUTLER, Pa. (AP)—The fickle elements played a dirty trick on operators of the Allegheny Airlines.

Some 20 city officials of Butler and officers of the airlines attended a breakfast at the Butler-Graham Airport here and then lined up to watch the airline make its first scheduled stop at the airport.

French Singer Still Expected To Wed Doris

NEW YORK (AP)—French singer Charles Trenet said Sunday he still expects to marry Doris Duke despite a report from France that the tobacco heiress denies knowing him.

Trenet announced Thursday that he would soon marry the twice-wed Miss Duke, one of the world's wealthiest women.

The Paris newspaper France-Soir subsequently quoted her as commenting in France: "What a story! I don't even know him. Do you marry a man you have never seen?"

Trenet, a familiar figure in nightclubs of two continents, called a press conference Sunday to try and clarify the matter.

"If Miss Duke made such a statement," he told newsmen, "she must have personal reasons which should be discussed between her and me."

Trenet said he was dispatching his press agent, William Taub, by air to Paris Monday to talk with Miss Duke. He had been unsuccessful, he said, in attempts to reach her by transatlantic telephone.

British Atomic Power Due In 20 Years

LONDON (AP)—A top-ranking British scientist predicted Sunday that British industry will get atomic power on a big scale within 20 years.

The prediction was made in a 100-page government publication entitled "Britain's Atom Factories," written by Kenneth Jay, 44, principal scientific officer at the big Harwell atom research plant.

In a foreword, Supply Minister Duncan Sandys, Prime Minister Churchill's son-in-law, said Britain has moved in the past year from the purely research stage into regular atomic production.

Jay said nuclear energy may, within 20 years, produce as much electricity as 20 million tons of coal. This will be equivalent to about a fourth of Britain's estimated power needs 20 years from now. It also represents the amount by which Britain's coal production is expected to fall short of the country's needs in 15 to 20 years.

Irish Strip Uniform From British Soldier

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)—A British soldier was attacked in a Belfast city street, stripped of his uniform by angry Irish Nationalists and forced to watch it burn.

Late Saturday night the outlawed Irish Republican Army announced it took full responsibility for the incident. In a letter to two Belfast newspapers it said "we wish to make it clear that we bear no ill will toward the soldier—only against the uniform he was wearing."

Belfast police—fearful of clashes between extreme Loyalist and Nationalist elements—refused to comment on when or where the incident occurred. Press reports said the homes of several I.R.A. members were raided after the attack.

Tension between Loyalist and Home Rule factions in Ulster has been mounting since the coronation of Queen Elizabeth last June. Flags have been torn down and slogans chalked on the houses of prominent members of both sides.

The Northern Ireland government announced this week it is bringing in a bill to make it an offense to interfere with the Union Jack flag or to fly "any flag or emblem" liable to cause a breach of the peace. By this the government obviously refers to the Irish tricolor, which has been flown from time to time in Nationalist areas.

60 Plucked From Blazing British Ship

BRISTOL, England (AP)—Rescue ships plucked 59 men and a woman from a blazing tanker in Bristol Channel Sunday night after a five-hour battle.

The abandoned tanker is the 8,000-ton British Admiralty auxiliary Wave Victor. Five tugs stood by to get it under tow when the fire spent itself.

The rescued woman is believed the wife of a ship's officer.

Radio messages from the tanker said the fire broke out in the engine room and got out of control.

Watchers on the shore saw flames and smoke billowing from the stricken ship as she lay eight miles away.

U.S. Engineers Issue Report On Projects

WASHINGTON (AP)—Army Engineers completed 145 million dollars worth of building in the last fiscal year — and construction contractors received 93.4 cents of each dollar.

The Army said Sunday that in the fiscal year 1953, which ended last June 30, the \$145,098,106 was for work within the United States, on 190 projects, and did not include overseas construction where big air bases and other projects were under way.

At the middle of the current fiscal year, the Army Engineers have 4,045 projects under way at an estimated total construction cost of \$2,130,291,000.

The work is done for the Army, the Air Force, the Veterans Administration and General Services Administration. It includes barracks, warehouses, hospitals, expansion and improvement of air bases and other construction.

The construction industry's share of money spent on military projects has shown a steady upward trend, said Maj. Gen. S. D. Sturgis, chief of engineers. In 1950, at the start of the Korean War, industry received 91.3 cents of the dollar; in 1951 it was 91.8 and 92.3 in 1952.

A. K. Brusven of Woodburn Dies, Rites on Tuesday

WOODBURN — Alexander K. Brusven died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Brusven, in Woodburn Sunday.

He was born in Priceville, Sask., Canada, July 14, 1914. He came to Oregon from South Dakota in 1937. He was a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church of Woodburn.

He is survived by his widow Mary and two daughters, Carol and Patty Jean. He has three brothers Orren, Portland, Norman of Salem and Amos of Woodburn; two sisters, Mrs. Eunice Thompson in Minnesota and Mrs. Althea Bergman of Salem.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Ringo Funeral Chapel with the Rev. J. William Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Belle Passi Cemetery.

Ghost Town Stirred By Zinc Corporation

JEROME, Ariz. (AP)—The nation's largest zinc producer has taken a million dollar lease on the life of this ghost town. New Jersey Zinc Corp. has signed a contract with Verde Exploration, Ltd., to search for copper deposits here.

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Gripping Cold Wave Aims at New England

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A gripping cold wave, which forced temperatures below zero to new lows for this winter in much of the Midwest Sunday, moved toward New England.

The frigid air brought readings ranging from -40 at International Falls to -7 in Chicago. It was the coldest day on record in Chicago since Dec. 17, 1951 when the mercury also dropped to 7 below.

A -25 degree reading at Minneapolis-St. Paul set a new low record for Jan. 17, replacing a mark of -21 reached in 1940 and 1943.

The Weather Bureau reported the Arctic mass, moving eastward, would drop temperatures to -5 in Connecticut and -20 in most of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Indiana, North Dakota, Nebraska and Montana all reported below zero readings.

The mercury dipped to -37 at Grantsburg, Wis., and -33 at Bismarck, N. D. It was -32 at St. Cloud, Minn. Duluth's low was -30. Fargo, N. D., had a -29; Milwaukee, -13; Sault St. Marie, -16; Des Moines, -11; Omaha, -4, and Kirksville, Mo., -4. Little letup was in prospect.

Russians Talk Of Space Trip

LONDON (AP)—The conductor's call of "all aboard for the Lunar Express" may soon be heard in Russia, Moscow Radio said Sunday.

The Soviet broadcast told of a recent meeting of the Central Air Club in Moscow at which Alexander Sternfeld, a leading engineer in space travel, discussed prospects of flight into space.

Sternfeld displayed calculations and diagrams "showing that the time was not far off when we would be hearing the conductor call all aboard for the Lunar Express," the broadcast said.

Interplanetary travel may soon step out of the realm of fiction into reality, Moscow Radio explained. A trip into space, to the moon, to mars and to other planets as well "is no longer as fantastic and unreal as it was a while ago," Moscow commented.

Whether the Russians claim to be ahead of the Western world in the race to the moon was not mentioned in the Moscow English language broadcast.

Ulcer Wins Fight With Cable Cars

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Mary Alice Ball, 34-year-old war widow, has switched to office work after 11 years as one of San Francisco's two woman cable car conductors.

Mrs. Ball, mother of a 16-year-old daughter, said she's through demanding "fares, tickets and transfers, please," on the creaking, swaying, hill-climbing trams because:

"It was my ulcer or the line, and the ulcer was gaining."



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role in this changing picture—through investments that help create new jobs, and the financing of new homes.

For example, by the end of last year, the life insurance companies had loaned nearly \$34 billion of policyholder funds for the development of business and industry. As new plants, factories, mills and office buildings go up—and as old ones are expanded and modernized—they create new jobs and attract workers from many parts of the country.

In addition, the life insurance companies are

helping build new homes. At the end of 1953, they had invested over \$23 billion in real estate mortgages—three and one half times as much as they had invested in 1945.

And a portion of the funds needed to build housing developments and rental dwellings has come from life insurance companies.

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