

Solon Threatens SEC Boss With Contempt of Congress

By WILMOT HERCHER
 WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Securities Exchange Commission was threatened with possible prosecution for contempt of Congress Tuesday in connection with the Dixon-Yates row.
 The possibility was raised by Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.), after SEC Chairman J. Sinclair Armstrong refused to testify whether his agency was free from White House "influence" in handling financial aspects of the Dixon-Yates private power contract.
 But Armstrong stood firm on a declaration that he couldn't discuss the question because of a standing presidential order not to disclose confidential exchanges between executive departments of the government.
 "I don't mean to imply by asserting privilege that there were any such communications," Armstrong told a Senate antimonopoly subcommittee headed by Kefauver.
 President Eisenhower ordered the controversial Dixon-Yates contract cancelled Monday after receiving assurances from the city of Memphis that it would build a generating plant to supply the electricity the federal government had ordered from the private interests.
 At the Senate hearing, Sen. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) complained "an iron curtain is being erected between Congress and the SEC."
 Armstrong's refusal to answer

Fund Okehed For Military Construction

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 43 million dollars for the Pacific Northwest was included in a \$2,471,745,000 military construction bill approved Tuesday by the House Appropriations Committee.
 Washington would get \$33,638,000 for 13 projects, Oregon \$4,030,000 for three and Idaho \$5,961,000 for one.
 Many of the projects were authorized only Monday in the military public works authorization bill.
 But the House committee denied funds for several authorized projects, including two million for planning work on a new drydock at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash. Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) said he hoped for Senate approval of the planning project, with a chance to get it finally okayed if the bill should go to conference.
 Northwest projects which the House committee approved are:
Army
 Madigan Army Hospital, Wash., \$333,000; Camp Hanford, Wash., \$167,000; Ft. Lewis, Wash., \$14,940,000.
Navy
 Bremerton, Wash. shipyard, \$200,000; Tacoma, Wash. station, \$3,024,000; Tongue Point Station, Astoria, Ore., \$92,000; Whidbey Island, Wash. Air Station, \$1,958,000; Keyport, Wash., Torpedo Station, \$378,000.
Air Force
 Geiger Field, Wash., \$1,716,000; Klamath Falls, Ore., Municipal Airport, \$2,042,000; McChord, Wash., AFB, \$2,959,000; Paine Wash., AFB, \$1,978,000 and \$85,000 in separate projects; Portland, Ore., International Airport, \$1,806,000; Fairchild, Wash., AFB, \$2,187,000; Mountain Home, Idaho, AFB, \$5,961,000; Larson Wash., AFB, \$3,682,000.

Three Judges Deny Appeal Of Sheppard

CLEVELAND (AP) — Three judges Tuesday denied an appeal by Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard for a new trial. They held the 31-year-old obstetrician's conviction for the murder of his pregnant wife ended "a fair trial" and that "there was sufficient evidence to support" the jury verdict.
 The defeat does not mean an end to Sheppard's battle to upset his conviction last Dec. 21 for second degree murder in the killing of his wife Marilyn, 31, at their lakefront home early on July 4, 1954.
 The appellate court still has to rule on another new trial motion based on what the defense claims in newly-discovered evidence. But in rejecting a new trial Tuesday on contentions of error, the appellate judges left little reason for Sheppard to hope they would grant him a new trial later this month when they make their second ruling.
 Defense attorney Fred W. Garmon said an appeal would be carried to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Ohioan Chosen As Defense Aide

WASHINGTON (UP) — President Eisenhower Tuesday nominated Reuben Buck Robertson Jr., Ohio industrialist, to be deputy defense secretary, succeeding Robert B. Anderson.
 Anderson submitted his resignation Monday, effective about Aug. 15.
 Robertson, 47, is president of the Champion Paper and Fiber Co. in Hamilton, Ohio. He is a Republican.

Bill to Safeguard U. S. Resources On Public Lands

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress Tuesday completed action on a bill aimed at preventing the exploitation of timber and other surface resources on mining claims in national forests or other public lands.
 The bill would limit the use of such resources to those actually needed for mining operations. It would prohibit the cutting of timber for sale and would bar the use of claims for any purpose other than mining.
 The measure also would rule out the location of sand, stone, pumice and pumicite claims under the mining law.

AGREEMENT SIGNED

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Austria and the Soviet Union signed a reparations agreement in Moscow Tuesday. The pact calls on Austria to deliver to Russia 150 million dollars in goods within the next six years.

Crop Surplus Laid to High Price Props

DIAMOND, Mo. (AP) — High price supports were blamed by Secretary of Agriculture Benson Tuesday for "unmanageable surpluses" of farm products and shrinking markets.
 The federal crop controls are lessening the freedom of millions of small farmers to think and act for themselves, Benson said at memorial services for George Washington Carver, noted Negro scientist-educator.
 "Because we have not faced the simple facts of economic life," Benson said, "our farmers today find some of their markets shrinking and our prices depressed through huge and unmanageable surpluses that have been brought about by a program of high, rigid price supports."
 "They find their lands are blowing or washing away because the same supports encouraged the production of crops that are wrong for their soil. They find that millions of smaller farmers are still poor, deriving little real assistance from the various government price support programs."
 Claiming the administration has won acceptance of a program of flexible price supports, Benson said the Agriculture Department is working toward farm programs under which "people of today and tomorrow will not become dependents of government subsidy and control."

Gas Pipeline Due in Boise Next Summer

BOISE (UP) — Construction on the first natural gas pipeline through southern Idaho is "progressing nicely" and the fuel should be in the Boise area by next summer.
 That was the report Monday of Frank Skaggs, field man for Fish Northwest Constructors, agents for the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corporation.
 Pacific Northwest is bringing the natural gas from the San Juan Basin in Colorado and New Mexico. Skaggs is in the area to obtain right-of-way for the line in Canyon, Payette, Gem, Ada, Elmore and Twin Falls counties.
 Pacific Northwest has announced that it hopes to have its line into Idaho by this fall. Idaho Natural Gas Company holds the distribution franchise for southern Idaho, but this award has been appealed by Intermountain Gas Company.

Salk Vaccine Control Draws Idaho Blast

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Acting State Health Director L.J. Peterson criticized the U.S. Public Health Service Tuesday for "ineffective controls" over manufacturing and testing of the Salk antipolio vaccine.
 He told the Boise Kiwanis Club the Public Health Service was to blame for the release of what the State Health Department believes to be defective Salk serum in Idaho.
 There have been 114 polio cases in Idaho this year, all but 11 having occurred since the mass vaccination program in April. Peterson has called off the program, saying he believes the serum was the cause of the outbreak.
 Peterson said the Cutter Laboratories of Berkeley, Calif., which manufactured the serum used in Idaho, could not be blamed because it was a victim of "ineffective controls" imposed by the Public Health Service.
 He said the USPHS had declined to issue a report on the Cutter vaccine and that the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare had not properly publicized instances of live virus which turned up in serum manufactured by other companies.

BOTTLES BUY TICKETS

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — In Communist Czechoslovakia if you have a few empty bottles you take them to the movies. "Bottle pictures" have been organized recently by the state's raw material depots. Czech newspapers report. One good sized bottle is good for standing room, five for a seat.

Refugee Center Financed by U. S.

NUERNBERG, Germany (AP) — A new U. S.-financed model transit center for Iron Curtain refugees preparing to emigrate overseas has been opened in suburban Zirndorf. The center will house 350 refugees at a time who are to attend language classes and receive vocational training.

Burglar Alarm Sounds; Wind Real Culprit

HAGERSVILLE, Ont. (AP) — There were some red faces in a bank here Tuesday.
 The bank's alarm went off at 2 a.m. and police arrived to find the front door wide open.
 Police said the door was left unlocked and was blown open by a heavy wind.

Burns Man Fined For Tax Evasion

PORTLAND (AP) — Ray O. Applegate of Burns, Ore., who pleaded guilty to a federal charge of income tax evasion in 1948 and 1949, was fined \$1,000 Tuesday.
 Burns' attorney said that amended returns would be filed to show that he earned only from

Long-Time State Lawyer Succumbs

PORTLAND (AP) — Sjur Ness, 84, who had practiced law in Oregon since 1902 until his retirement two years ago, was buried here Tuesday.
 \$4,000 to \$6,000 more than his returns indicated.

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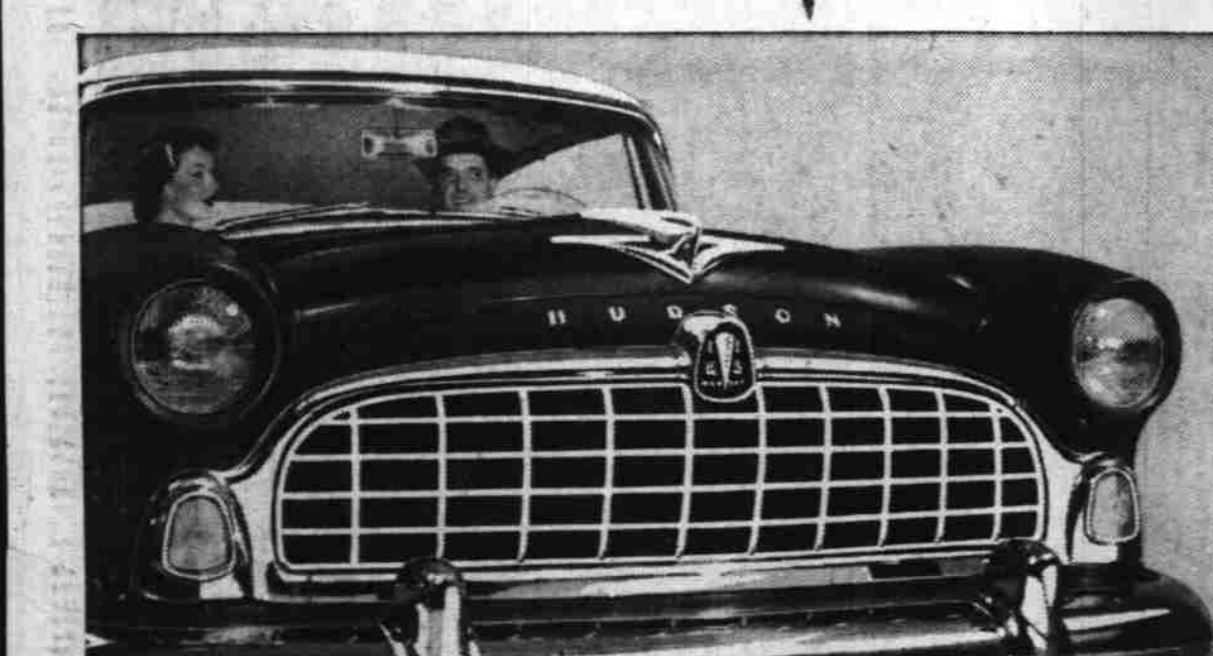
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