

Interior Bureau Said 'Coaching' Witnesses In Al Sarena Inquiry

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Charges that the Department of the Interior was "coaching" witnesses and seeking to "throw every roadblock it can" highlighted a congressional inquiry Tuesday into department handling of 15 Southern Oregon mining claims.
The charges, by Sen. Scott (D-NC), followed a hearing in which a joint House-Senate subcommittee heard a government agency report that "many" of the assays prepared under government contract by the A. W. Williams Inspection Co., of Mobile, Ala., on bauxite and chrome had been proved "incorrect."
It was the Williams Co. which did the assay work which led the Interior Department in 1954 to reverse an earlier decision and grant patents to Al Sarena Mines Inc. of Mobile on 15 claims in the Rogue River National Forest.
The patents had earlier been rejected on grounds they showed insufficient mineralization.
Democrats have challenged department handling of the matter. They say the Sarena company has engaged in no commercial mining but that it has cut \$100,000 worth of timber from the claims.
A letter written by A. J. Walsh, commissioner of General Services Administration's emergency procurement service, to Sen. Murray (D-Mont.), was read into the group's record.
Reading of the letter by Scott, who is presiding over the hearing as chairman of the Senate's legislative oversight subcommittee, touched off several stormy exchanges.
Witnesses Accused
Rep. Chudoff (D-Pa.) accused the witness—J. A. McDaniel, a Williams company metallurgist—of "fencing" with the committee in stating that he knew of no complaints by GSA of his company's work.
"I don't think you're telling the truth," Chudoff declared.
The GSA letter dealt with three government contracts held by the Mobile firm, two covering bauxite and one on chrome.
"Many of the assay reports on imported bauxite by the Williams laboratory," Walsh wrote in his letter to Sen. Murray (D-Mont.) were questioned by the contractors supplying the bauxite and, as a result, such reports had to be unimpaired for settlement purposes. In each instance the umpire proved the Williams laboratory results were incorrect.
Reports "Erratic"
Tests on the same samples by each of the three firms holding GSA service contracts at that time, Walsh said, "indicated the Williams laboratory results were quite divergent in both directions on the premium and penalty determinations and were erratic on the other impurities."
McDaniel, reading from a six-page prepared statement, described procedures used in making the bauxite assays.
"All determinations," he said, "were made in accordance with the analytical methods furnished us by Mr. Grant (Lawrence Grant, then federal supply service inspector) as the official methods to be used by us in the performance of this contract."
"I do not recollect any instance of being called on the carpet or criticized in any way on account of my analytical work on the government bauxite samples," McDaniel said.
While McDaniel was reading his statement, Chudoff interrupted to demand the identity of a man moving about the press table distributing copies of the witness' statement.
When the man identified himself as J. D. Parriott, associate solicitor of the Interior Department for public lands, Chudoff—ignoring demands of Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.) to know "What business is it of yours?"—asked if distributing the statements was "one of your duties?"
Parriott said he "volunteered" to pass out the statement after seeing a committee staff member distribute copies of the Walsh letter to newsmen.
McDaniel disclosed he and Morris Miller, manager of the Williams laboratory, met with Parriott at 7:45 a.m. to discuss methods of making gold assays. He said Parriott had not "coached" him, neither had he suggested any change in his testimony.
Sen. Scott (D-NC), said in a statement at the conclusion of the session that the Interior Department "is determined to throw every roadblock it can into the path" of the committee's investigation.
Criticism Noted
He said "it is very obvious that the Department of Interior is not only coaching witnesses as to their testimony but has also put itself in the position of acting as a front for an assay company whose performance has been strongly criticized by another agency of the federal government."
Sen. Goldwater (R-Ariz.) asked permission to reply, but was cut off by Scott who said Goldwater could make a statement Wednesday. As the hearing recessed, Goldwater told newsmen he had "never seen such a biased, prejudiced hearing in my life."

Petition Asks May Vote on Sports Center

PORTLAND (AP) — A preliminary petition to force a vote in May on location of Portland's proposed eight million dollar exposition-recreation center was filed Tuesday.
The proposed initiative measure would require that the center be built on an east side site.
To get the measure on the ballot the sponsoring Citizens for an East Side Exposition-Recreation Site Committee must collect 18,316 signatures on petitions.

Liquor Violation Hearing Costs Cut

PORTLAND (AP) — The cost of liquor law violation hearings was cut in half in Oregon this year, H. J. Deloff, hearings examiner, told the state Liquor Control Commission Tuesday.
It was accomplished by reducing the staff from three officers and three clerk-stenographers to one officer and two clerk-stenographers, he said. Along with this went a re-organization of responsibilities, he said. He estimated the re-organized department can operate for \$1,000 a month.

Bullets Whiz at Portland Driver

PORTLAND (AP) — Lance V. Bouska told sheriff's officers that two shots were fired into his car from a passing automobile early Tuesday.
He said that he had been threatened earlier at a restaurant by a youth he did not know. He was unable to determine, he said, whether it was this youth who had fired two bullets into his car.

Parrish Plans 'Frolic Night'

A "Frolic Night" for students of Parrish Junior High School and their parents will be held in March, it was announced following a Parent-Teachers Association executive board meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Carl Priem.
It also was decided to present a proposal that the PTA sponsor a rifle club to the general membership.

\$3 Million Fire Spreads In Texas City

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — A rapidly spreading fire at a Todd Shipyard pier threatened Houston ship channel traffic Tuesday and caused damages estimated at three million dollars.
The fire jumped from the 1,000-foot pier to a two million dollar, 12,500-ton drydock, which broke from its mooring and floated three-quarters of a mile down the channel and set fire to 50 acres of sail grass on the Tilford Jones ranch. No injuries were reported.
Firemen from nine cities and the Coast Guard fought the pier blaze more than three hours before bringing it under control. The drydock continued to burn itself out some four hours after the fire began from an undetermined origin.

Plant Plans Re-Model Job

A \$25,000 re-modeling of Terminal Ice & Cold Storage plant at 905 N. Commercial St., started Tuesday.
A portion of the old plant, converted about 1925 from a furniture warehouse, is to be stripped of old equipment and hallways to keep pace with modern cold storage developments and increase space, Harold D. Robertson, manager, said.
There will be no interruption of operations during the project, which is to be completed by summer, he added.
Barham Brothers Contractors are doing the work, which was estimated at \$25,000 in a building permit issued Tuesday.

Salem Speaker Scores Near Win

Kay Ruberg of Salem, Williamette University freshman, won second place Tuesday in a State After-Dinner Speaking Contest at the university.
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ruberg, 1785 Saginaw St., spoke on "Growing Like Weeds." All talks were on the general subject, "Escape to Suburbia."
Eight colleges were represented; forensic coaches served as judges.

Airline Cuts Personnel in Wake of Strike

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Western Air Lines, closed down by a strike of 800 reservation clerks and baggage handlers throughout the West and Canada, placed most of its flight personnel on furlough without pay Tuesday night.
There were no attempts to resume negotiations and Western indicated it was preparing for an extended shutdown.
A spokesman said the 240 pilots and 42 flight engineers were put on furloughs, effective at midnight. The 150 stewardesses will be furloughed at midnight Thursday.

Crash Victim Planned to Leave Valley

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SILVERTON — Frances Fay Gustafson, 13-year-old Silverton eighth-grader who was killed Tuesday evening in a highway accident at Woodburn, died the night before she was to move to California with her parents and sister.
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gustafson, 302 Lane St., she had lived in Silverton six years. She was born May 13, 1942, at Park River, N. D. She was a member of the First Christian Church.
Besides her parents, she leaves five sisters, Mrs. Harry Munkie, Park River, N. D.; Mrs. James Rushton, Honeymead, Calif.; Mrs. Bud Walker, Lyons; Mrs. James Towery, Albany, and Miss Marlene Gustafson, Silverton; and two brothers, LeRoy Gustafson, Klamath, Calif.; and James Gustafson, Silverton.
Arrangements are pending at Ekman Funeral Home.

Isotope Export Rules Relaxed By A-Board

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) Tuesday loosened regulations on the export of radioactive isotope materials to friendly foreign countries.
Shipments to the Soviet bloc will be strictly controlled.
The commission simultaneously announced two other actions:
1. Steps to "simplify" the distribution of radioactive isotopes for medical and other uses in the United States, making larger quantities available under general licenses.
2. Revision of the basic price for thorium metal, presumably cheaper, for the guidance of prospective private users of the material in nuclear power reactors and other peacetime applications.
Thorium is a metal which can be converted into fissionable atomic fuel. The revised price is \$43 per 1000 grams, but the AEC declined to disclose the previous price.

Crash Victim's Rites Planned

Funeral services for Orval W. Halvorson, 1420 Park St., who died early Monday following a highway accident Sunday night near Monmouth, will be 3 p.m. Saturday in Virgil T. Golden chapel. Burial will be in Belcrest Memorial Park.
Halvorson leaves his widow, Mrs. Marcia Halvorson, Salem; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore O. Halvorson, Salem; brother, Theodore O. Halvorson Jr., Salem; sister, Miss Wanda Lee Halvorson, Salem; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Halvorson, Fergus Falls, Minn.

Red China Claims U.S. Craft 'Intrude Over Manchuria Area'

TOKYO (AP) — Red China asserted Wednesday that two U. S. Air Force planes "openly intruded" over Manchuria Monday in "a grave act of military provocation."
A Peiping broadcast declared the two planes crossed the Yalu River — the boundary with North Korea — and penetrated as deep as the area of Mukden, industrial city 120 miles from the border.
Peiping said "after aircraft of the Chinese air force took off immediately in pursuit the two American military planes fled."
A spokesman for Red China's Foreign Affairs Ministry was quoted as saying:
"The Chinese government considers it necessary to point out that the incident of U. S. military aircraft intruding into the territorial air of China's northeast (Manchuria) is by no means accidental at a time when the U. S. government... adopts procrastinating tactics at the ambassadorial talks between China and the U. S. at Geneva."

Theatre Time Table

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"GREEN BUDDHA", 9:30
CAPITOL
"THREE STRIPES IN THE SUN" 7 and 10:15
"A LAWLESS STREET" 9
HOLLYWOOD
"UNDERWATER" 7 and 10:30
"PASSION AND REVENGE" 9:30

Dickens' Fan Wins \$32,000

NEW YORK (AP) — Mabel Morris, a 74-year-old widow who lives in a home for the aged, Tuesday night ransacked her remarkable knowledge of Charles Dickens' works to win \$32,000 on a television quiz show.
London-born Mrs. Morris, who retains a British accent and a lively sense of humor, gave the answers to a complex 5-part question with no trace of hesitation.
Next week she gets a crack at \$64,000. "I shall look forward to returning," she said. She can quit with her \$32,000 or risk it to go for the big prize on the CBS show, "The \$64,000 Question."
Mrs. Morris, a schoolteacher for many years, now lives in a home for aged and infirm Hebrews. She receives support from the New York City Welfare Department.

Road Crews Rush to Clear Umpqua Slide

The state highway department is doing everything possible to clear the 500-foot slide which has blocked both vehicular traffic and foot travel east of Reedsport on the Umpqua highway, W. C. Williams, assistant state highway engineer, said Tuesday.
Williams said a large crew of men is working around the clock. The engineer added that no definite time had been set for opening the highway to vehicular traffic.
Williams' statement followed receipt of a telegram from Reedsport officials urging that clearing operations be speeded up. The telegram added that 125 men, mostly loggers, had applied for state unemployment compensation because of the slide.
Williams said both train and boat service had been provided for persons desiring to get around the slide. The boat service primarily is for loggers and other workers while the train is transporting children to Reedsport where most of them attend school.

Lower Elevation

PORTLAND (AP) — Division Army Engineers said Tuesday they again will recommend a lower elevation for the proposed John Day Dam when the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors reviews the matter in Washington, D.C., Jan. 19.

Mrs. Young Leads County GOP Chapter

Mrs. Denver Young was elected president of Marion County Chapter, Oregon Republican Club, Tuesday night at a meeting in the Senator Hotel.
She succeeds Leonard Rowan, Others elected: William Merriott, Woodburn, first vice president; Harry Humphreys, Stayton, second vice president; Leonard Fisher, Mt. Angel, third vice president; Mrs. Stanley Watson, secretary; Stanley Watson, treasurer; William E. Kinney, sergeant-at-arms.

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