

### Byrd Aims Charges at Humphrey

By STERLING F. GREEN  
 WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—Democratic leader Sen. Wm. Byrd today pressed Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey to answer charges that the government is in a fiscal mess and seriously vulnerable to a business slump.

Humphrey, testifying at Senate Finance Committee hearings on the Eisenhower administration's money policies, retorted that the Treasury is "in much better shape" than he found it in four years ago.

But Chairman Byrd (D-Va.) demanded particulars he read into the record a four-barreled, 500-word question, to be answered at Humphrey's leisure in writing.

It was actually a series of charges and assertions painting a picture of a government in the most dangerous implications. It closed with a single line: "What do you think should be done?"

The Byrd statements were: 1. Congress will not renew the three-billion-dollar increase in the 1955 billion-dollar ceiling on the national debt, due to expire July 1. The debt is within a billion of the ceiling, but officials say they may get by without an increase.

2. High taxes and mounting spending have left the country "dangerously" vulnerable to any business slump. A decline in the 1954 level of national income, Byrd said, would cost the Treasury 12 billion dollars of revenue and would "shake the financial foundation of this country."

3. A continued "debassment" of the dollar is foreseeable and, if prolonged, will bring "most serious consequences." The dollar is worth 49.3 cents compared with the 1940 value, Byrd said.

4. Higher taxes provide no solution. An increase would cause great hardship and injury to the competitive enterprise system.

5. Agree to Answer

Humphrey, occupying the witness chair for the third straight day and running into stiffer grilling daily, agreed to submit an answer. Then Byrd yielded to Sen. Kerr (D-Mia), known as an "easy-money man."

Kerr said right in was the Wall Street Journal's editorial in its recent editorial declaring that the government is "in a fiscal mess" that the Treasury is "short of money" and that a recent bond offering was a "flop."

Humphrey protested that there is no emergency. "I've been in one crisis after another every day for four years," he told the Ohioan.

"We're not in any more crisis now than at any time since I have been here. I think it—the Treasury—is in much better shape than it was four years ago."

Highest Interest Offered

Kerr's questions centered on the Treasury's recent failure to dispose of all of four billion dollars of new Treasury notes to the holders of a maturing issue. Although the new notes carry 3 1/2 per cent interest, the highest offered since mid-depression days, holders of about \$1,300,000,000 of the old issue demanded cash instead of taking the new securities.

Byrd had quizzed Humphrey earlier on whether the indicated the government was being squeezed by its own policy of keeping credit tight and letting interest rates climb.

Government Must Compete

The Treasury secretary insisted there was no financial jam. The government, he explained, must compete in the free money market with all other borrowers and pay the going rate of interest.

The outcome of the financing he added, was about what he had expected. He said he personally was responsible for the terms of the offering. The issue was priced "deliberately on what was a very narrow margin," he said, to test the market.

The fall-out in sales was no surprise, he said, because investors nowadays are interested in short-term securities to keep their assets liquid.

Byrd wants to know if investors wanted to avoid tying up their money in long-term bonds because they feared inflation.

"Will they don't know which way the market is going?" Humphrey replied. "I think there is a fear of inflation in the minds of a great many investors—and why shouldn't there be?"

Kerr, who is said to be pressed to grill Humphrey for five or six hours—which would mean two or three more morning sessions, got to only about 10 minutes of questioning today.

He was interrupted by a flash from the Senate reporting that the civil rights issue was coming in the floor. Byrd recessed the hearing and the senators hastened to the chamber.

### Much-Decorated Paratrooper Dies In 10-Foot Fall

RENO, Nev., June 20 (AP)—A U.S. Army paratrooper who won 22 decorations during World War II died as the result of a 10-foot fall from the roof of his garage.

Arthur Jackson, a 35-year-old Paula Indian, suffered a broken neck when he slipped and fell from the roof of the car port he and his brother were building at his home in nearby Sparks.

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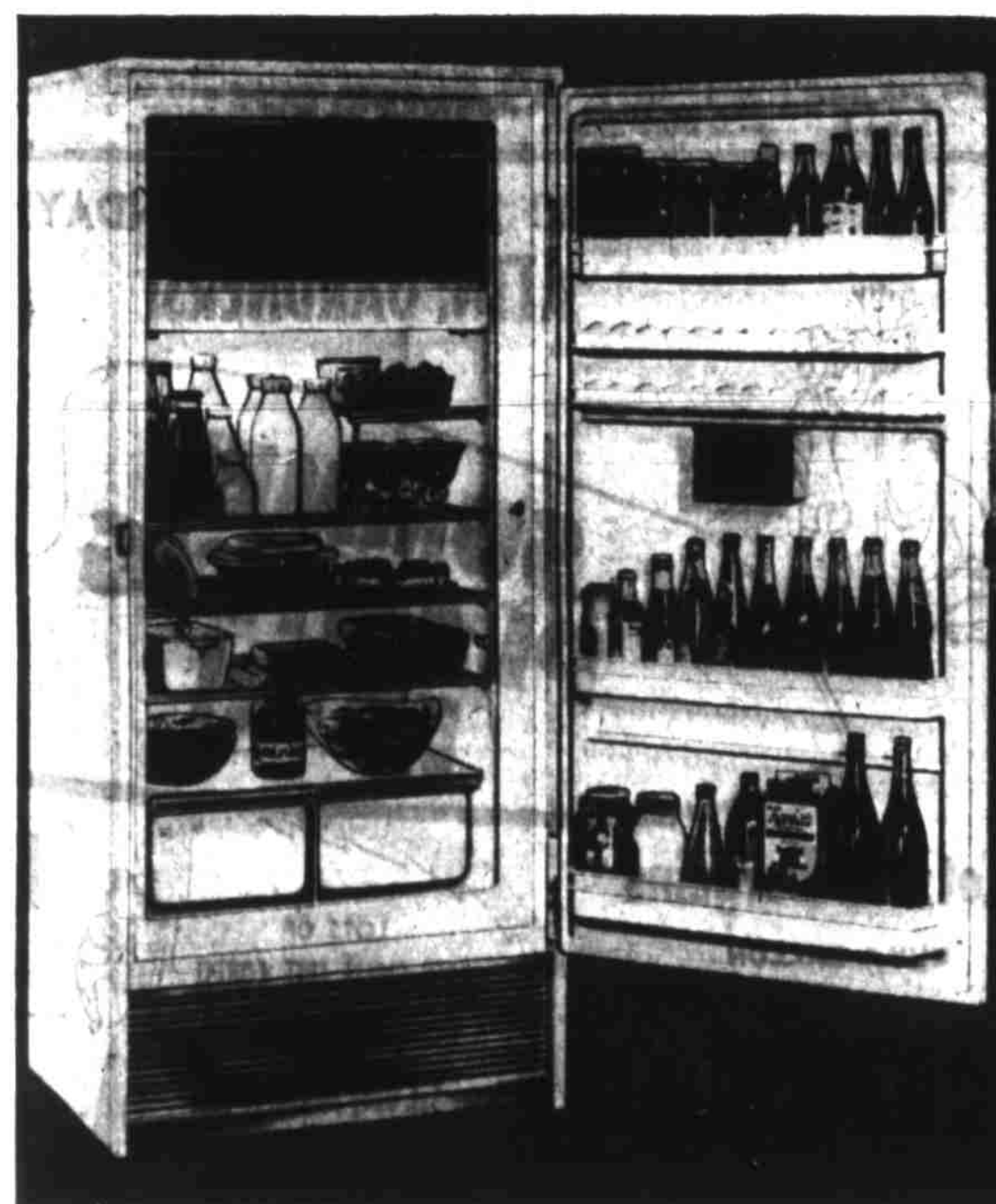
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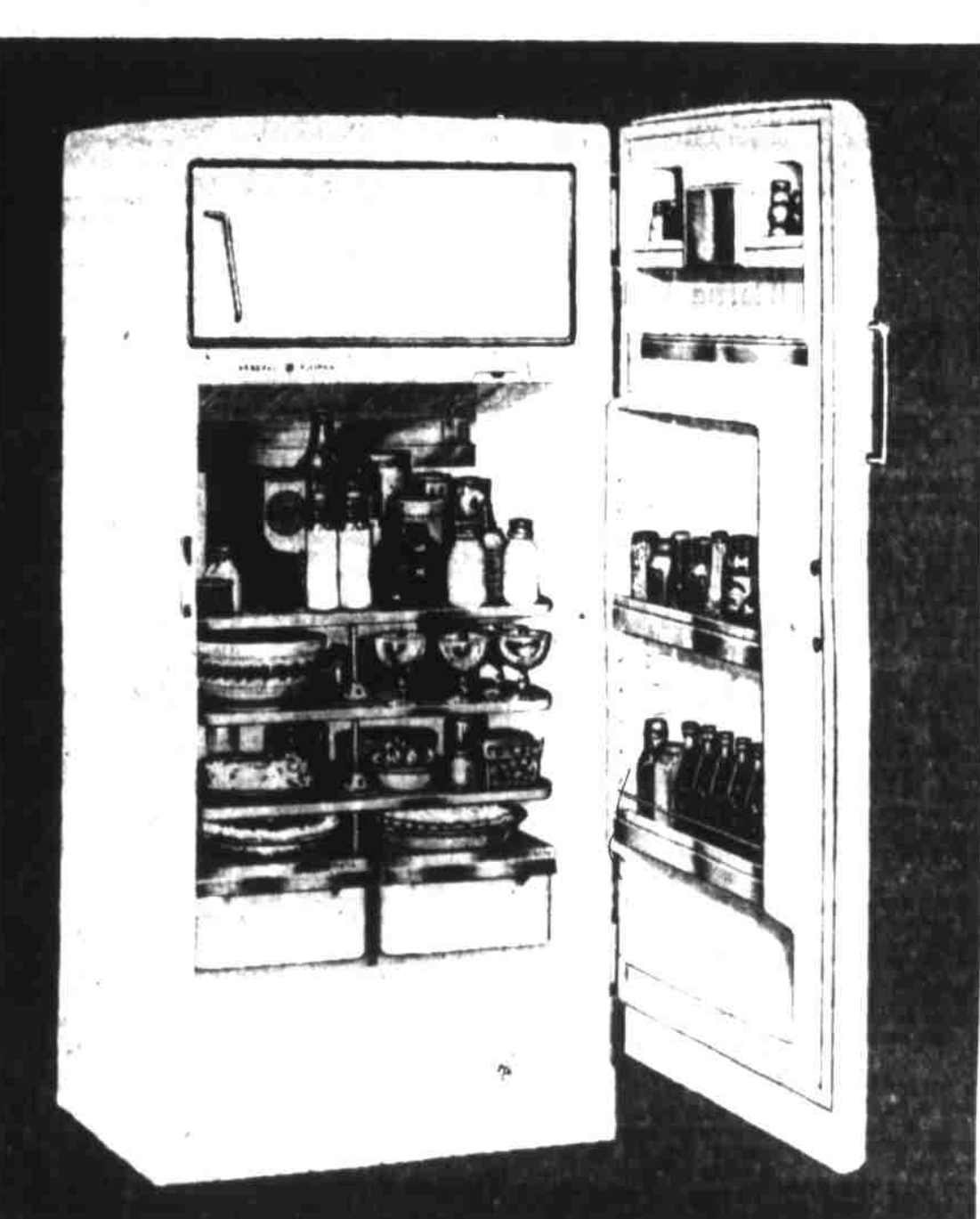
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### Supreme Court Gets Girard Case

By WILMOT HERCHER  
 WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—The Supreme Court today with an appeal for permission to turn Army Specialist 3 C. William S. Girard over to the Japanese for trial on manslaughter charges.

It asked that a U. S. District Court decision barring a Japanese trial be overturned.

Public interest in an early disposition of the case, the Justice Department said, is so great that the high court should act as soon as possible.

Army Gen. Brownell and his legal aides were pressing for a decision before the Supreme Court adjourns for the summer next Monday.

Japan Awaits Trial

Without an early ruling, the government said in its petition, the overwhelming likelihood is that the United States will be unable to fulfill its commitment to Japan for several trying months, even though the Japanese government is very desirous of holding respondent's trial without delay and expects him to be turned over promptly.

Girard, 21, is accused of killing a Japanese woman on a U. S. Army base in Japan, where he was on guard duty, last Jan. 30.

A decision approved by President Eisenhower, the government decided to let the Japanese try Girard. But U. S. Judge Joseph C. McGarrath ruled against it on Tuesday.

World Violate Rights

McGarrath resumed the government against surrendering the Ottawa, Ill., soldier to Japanese justice, holding that to do so would violate Girard's constitutional rights.

McGarrath's decision was clearly wrong, the Justice Department contended in its Supreme Court petition.

An appeal had been filed in the U. S. Court of Appeals here but it was decided today to go directly to the Supreme Court in the interests of speed. Officials in both the Justice and Defense departments participated in the decision.

Repeating the arguments made before Judge McGarrath, the petition contended the decision by the executive branch of the government to waive U. S. jurisdiction in the Girard case and let Japan try the soldier is not subject to judicial review.

In Performance of Duty

McGarrath held that Girard is entitled to trial by a U. S. court-martial because the death of the woman, Naka Sakai, arose out of an act or omission done in the performance of official duty.

Naka Sakai, scavenging for scrap metal on the firing range was killed when she struck in the back by an empty cartridge casing fired from a grenade launcher.

Girard said he merely meant to warn the woman and did not intend to hit her. The Japanese contended he was engaging in a prank.

Preparations for a Japanese trial in Manchuria District Court are going ahead although Japanese legal authorities have contended that they will be unable to get custody of Girard if the Supreme Court upholds the District Court's injunction. Girard is restricted to his Army post Camp Whittington, near Tokyo.

The government's petition to the Supreme Court agreed that under international agreements with Japan, the right to exercise primary jurisdiction in particular cases is a right of the individual soldier.

"Judicial Intervention"

"I find and measureable damage to the foreign relations of the United States will inevitably result," the petition stated, "if his hands are tied by the type of judicial intervention which this respondent seeks."

The government asked the Supreme Court to order Girard's American attorneys to file an answer within two days. It said it stood ready to present arguments at the earliest convenient date.

Girard's statement expires next Oct. 27. Asked by reporters what would happen if the question of trial jurisdiction had not been settled by then, Army spokesmen said they believed there were two ways in which Girard could be held under Army control beyond that date.

If a court-martial charge is preferred before Oct. 27, they said, he could be held until disposition of the charge. Additionally, the secretary of the Army may as there is no extension of a soldier's active duty beyond the date of expiration of service the spokesman said.

### Color to Divert Pentagon Patients

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—Color is being employed in the newly reorganized Civilian Employment Health Service Dispensary at the Pentagon to psychologically divert patients from their illness or injuries.

The reception room has soft shades of buff, green-blue, pastel pink and off-white. Shades of pure white and chocolate brown also used in blends combinations and contrasts.

Red Bid Accepted

TEHRAN, June 20 (AP)—Iran has accepted a Soviet invitation to send a military group to Moscow for the Red Army's 30th anniversary celebration June 23.