

Training Inquiry Looms

Backs Bradley's 'Chiseling' Charge With Case Histories

GEORGE E. REEDY, JR., WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Administration Wednesday opened its files to back dramatic case histories of Omar N. Bradley's charges of graft and chiseling in government's \$27,000,000-a-year on-the-job training program for ex-G.I's.

At Home Now Truman's In Primary

ASSOCIATED PRESS President Truman and backers move to unseat Rep. Roger Byers came out on top today in what the Missouri member had called "a referendum to determine the future of the Democratic party."

Byers, 37-year-old Enos A. Stettin, Jr., ex-Navy lieutenant, the Democratic nominee by 2301 votes, was one of the few party nominees in primary Tuesday.

CIO-PAC and the Pendergast organizations of the City lined up with Axtell the President. Mr. Truman denounced the incumbent as a "man of administration" and a "man of the powerful rules committee."

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Quake Toll Reaches 28

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—(AP)—The known Sunday's earthquake and its aftershocks killed 28 people and wounded more than 100. The earthquake occurred at 10:28 a. m. on Sunday, August 3, 1946.

Wing All Cars' Gets Answer Now

Police Install Two-Way Radio

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before a convention of Spanish War veterans in Milwaukee on Monday, were considered so sweeping that Chairman John E. Rankin (D-Miss.) of the House Veterans Committee, said it might be necessary to revamp the GI Bill of Rights at the next Congress.

"I agree with Gen. Bradley thoroughly that the on-the-job training program should be re-arranged," Rankin said.

Officials of the Veterans' Administration frankly confessed that they did not know the extent of the chiseling. But they claimed that it existed on a wide scale and that unless action was taken immediately it would develop into a nationwide scandal.

From practically every regional office, they said, reports were streaming in about commingling between veterans and employers to circumvent the clear intent of the on-the-job

training provisions of the GI Bill of Rights. It grants subsistence of \$65 a month for single men and \$90 a month for married men while they take apprenticeship training in an "approved" establishment.

A majority of the cases centered around veterans who accepted or were forced to accept substandard wages while their regular jobs suddenly were classified as "on-the-job" training.

There were other instances in which ex-G.I's, already well established in a trade or profession, managed to certify themselves as taking apprenticeship training to pick up the subsistence.

The Justice Department revealed Tuesday that it planned a preliminary check of the veteran's administration files to determine whether a full dress investigation was necessary.

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Kaiser Is 'Edger' for Probe

Lumber Output Is Threatened By Car Shortage

Shortage of railroad cars again has become so acute in this area that local lumber production is threatened with serious curtailment, lumbermen here said Wednesday.

Officials in the Southern Pacific district freight office here said the current shortage has been building since the middle of July and has grown continually worse until now it is a definite threat to local shippers. Last week the railroad was able to fill only one-third of Lane County's box car requirements.

Railway officials held little hope for improvement within two months at least. They pointed out that this is the peak shipping season, that many cars have been allotted the grain belt and that few empty cars are coming in.

Lumber production here is constantly increasing during the summer months and lack of shipping facilities is taxing the storage capacity of local mills. Many of the smaller outfits, especially the green-cutting mills, have little storage space and must shut down when their docks and loading platforms are filled.

The Long-Bell Lumber Co.'s Vaughn division was forced to shut down one day last week according to a general manager George S. Hayes. He said the planing mill is turning over mainly for accumulation of stock, which has been accumulating since June, and that the car shortage will curtail output there to a large extent if it continues.

Lumbermen in general have reported a constantly increasing threat from the lack of cars. Frank Graham of the Hills Creek Lumber Co. said that although his mill is not faced with immediate threat of closure, "prolonging the situation can mean only that."

Graham suggested that the nation's shipping situation in general requires very close study and expressed belief that industry has been doing everything possible to aid the railroads in proper division and use of equipment. He thought the railroads have been doing their best to operate, hampered by severe equipment shortage, and advised that the roads and industry continue their close wartime cooperation in helping to reduce bottlenecks and keep cars moving.

While most of the larger mills have kiln and other storage capacity to absorb several weeks' cut in the restricted space of the smaller mills makes the situation very serious, points out Arthur Prialux, of the Willamette Valley and West Coast Lumbermen's Assn.

The mills are in their period of maximum production, which normally extends into October or until the heavy rains start, he said, and any shutdown now is particularly unfortunate.

Curtailement of lumber production is considered especially disastrous in view of the needs of the veterans' housing program and the great need for lumber and its products throughout the country.

Polio Epidemic Hits Nation

By ASSOCIATED PRESS Infantile paralysis reached epidemic proportions in scattered sections of the nation Wednesday as health authorities took further steps to combat spread of the disease.

Epidemics were reported at Minneapolis; in Pulaski County, Arkansas, and in Jones, Forrest and Lowndes Counties, Mississippi.

In Ohio the state health director predicted an epidemic year "unless there is a sharp drop within the next 10 days."

Many states throughout the South, West and Midwest reported the number of polio cases for the year already higher than last year's totals. New England and Middle Atlantic states appeared only slightly affected.

Precautions taken included cancellation of some boys and girls conventions in Louisiana and Mississippi. Ohio's health director told parents to keep children away from crowds, allow them plenty of rest and prevent over-exercise.

Idaho with five cases reported so far this year was 50 per cent lower than last year. Washington had 89, compared with 76 in 1945. Colorado had 279 cases, with 120 in Denver. Oklahoma had 777 hospitalized cases and 12 deaths. Montana had 41 cases, against six for the same period last year.

Forest Warnings Given As Humidity Drops Again

With 11:30 a. m. humidity readings at 42 per cent and dropping steadily in Eugene, forestry officials renewed warnings of continued fire hazard.

Like Dagwood, He Must Have Slept Too Late

NEW HOPE, Pa.—(AP)—It was less than two minutes to train time when an automobile raced up to the platform of the Reading Company's New Hope station.

A middle-aged man, clad only in underwear, garbed in socks and shoes, jumped out. With a quick glance at the Philadelphia-bound commuter's train, he reached into the auto, pulled out a pair of pants—and put them on.

Next he struggled into a shirt, fumbling momentarily with the buttons. Then he grabbed his tie and suit coat, slammed the car door shut and ran for the train.

He made it amid cheers of other passengers.

No Delay Seen For Dorena Dam

Construction of the Dorena Dam will not be affected by the moratorium on federal construction which went into effect Aug. 6, Col. O. E. Walsh, district Army engineer in Portland, told the Associated Press Wednesday.

Bids were called on the dam Monday and will be opened Sept. 4. Walsh pointed out that the moratorium does not apply to work underway.

The entire Willamette Valley Flood Control Project would have been delayed if the moratorium had applied, local leaders in flood control work indicated.

"This is a long undertaking at best and we are working against time," said H. E. Maxey, Springfield, member of the three-man state Willamette Valley Flood Control Project Commission. "Any delay in the work adds that much to the danger from floods."

Maxey expressed hope that bids would be called for on the Meridian Dam. Recreational installations at Fern Ridge and Cottage Grove reservoirs also are part of this year's work and effort to obtain appropriations for more work on the complete project will be made this winter, he said.

W. A. Schwarz, resident engineer on the Dorena Dam project, declared that "the people around here should be more than glad to hear the work will not be delayed." He pointed out that Dorena Dam will reduce flood peaks by a foot, hence will make a large contribution to controlling flood damage.

Schwarz reported that a present about 200 men are working on the dam site, concentrating now on relocation of utilities, including the county road, Cottage Grove water line, and several miles of railroad track.

Grand Jury Indicts Heirens

CHICAGO—(AP)—William Heirens, 17-year-old confessed killer, was indicted for a third time Wednesday on a murder charge, and it was revealed that he admitted beginning his career of theft and burglary at the age of nine.

Heirens was indicted scarcely an hour after the Cook County Grand Jury met—for the murder of Mrs. Josephine Ross, widow housewife. He has confessed her slaying, and those of six-year-old Suzanne Degman and stenographer Frances Brown.

He was asleep while the grand jury acted.

The confessions were given Tuesday to State's Attorney William J. Tuohy and his associates, who for 14 hours took his story of his crimes and conducted him through a reenactment of the murder. He unfolded a horrifying tale of theft and murder, admitting some burglaries, replying "I don't remember" when questioned on others.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity—Clearer today and Thursday, rising temperatures. Oregon—Clear and warmer; gentle, variable winds off coast.

Local Statistics: High Tuesday, 76 degrees; low, Wednesday morning, 44 degrees; 24-hour precipitation ending 10:30 a. m. Wednesday, none; total for month, trace; normal for month, .47 inch; stage since Sept. 1, 42.10 inches; stage of Willamette at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday, minus .15; wind direction and velocity at 11:30 a. m. Wednesday, north 17; prevailing direction and average velocity Tuesday, north 8.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Thursday, 5:08 a. m. and 7:19 p. m. Friday, 5:09 a. m. and 7:27 p. m. SUNDAY TIDES: Thursday, High 10:22 a. m., 5.5 ft., 8:20 p. m., 7.4 ft. Low 6:41 a. m., 6.1 ft., 6:37 p. m., 6.1 ft.

Former Enemy Nations To Get Paris Hearings

PARIS—(AP)—The Conference of Paris wound up its work on procedure in the rules committee Wednesday after settling a marathon argument on voting machinery and invited five former enemy states to participate in its deliberations beginning Saturday.

Under an American amendment, as altered at Russian suggestion, the representatives of Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland can be heard both in committee and in full conference sessions on questions of the treaties concerning them.

Russia Loses Decision

The committee had adjourned at 12:30 a. m. after 20 hours of debate in which it was finally decided over the embittered opposition of Soviet Russia and five other members of her bloc to adopt a British compromise on the voting machinery.

The compromise proposal, adopted by a 15-6 vote after 20 hours of debate, would require a two-thirds majority for decisions of the 21-nation peace conference, but would permit measures adopted by a simple majority to go to the Big Four Foreign Ministers Council as "recommendations." All decisions of the conference are subject to the approval of the council.

Soviet Russia had held out from the first for a two-thirds majority rule and strongly opposed the British amendment permitting simple majority "recommendations." The Netherlands and Australia spearheaded the fight against the Russian proposition.

The compromise on voting procedure, as well as other rules approved by the committee, must be ratified by the full conference in plenary session, but acceptance is assured since all 21 nations voted in the rules committee.

Tass Promises Full Airing

MOSCOW—(AP)—Tass said Wednesday it would deliver to Soviet newspapers and radio stations in its next news cycle the full texts of speeches by U. S. Secretary of State Byrnes and Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov on peace conference voting procedure.

(Byrnes challenged Molotov in Paris Tuesday to see that his statement replying to the Russian attack of Monday was published in the press of the Soviet Union. Molotov said, "We accept the challenge.")

Izvestia, Tass and other publications Wednesday carried 1500 words of special dispatches by correspondents of Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reporting conference events. Of these 350 words were devoted to indirect quotation from Molotov's speech in reply to Byrnes. The dispatch said Byrnes opposed the two-thirds rule, but did not report his remarks.

Third Building Cut Forecast

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A third big cut in commercial and industrial building appeared in prospect Wednesday. The cut would free more materials for veterans' homes.

Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt said an "enormous amount" of non-housing construction is still underway, despite two earlier slashes that trimmed such work by \$1,000,000,000.

Wyatt said, however, that construction of GI homes is proceeding better than he had anticipated. Since January, 225,000 living units have been finished, he said. Not all these, however, are permanent homes, and many were started in 1945—before the veterans housing program began.

He said he still anticipates that 1,200,000 homes will be started this year. The two-year goal is 2,700,000 homes. Veterans get first crack at buying or renting.

The National Assoc. of Home Builders denounced Wyatt's report as over-optimistic. A spokesman said more homes would be built if the government would get out of the picture.

RADIOACTIVITY NOTED

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Radioactive chemicals, presumably from the July 1 atomic bomb test at Bikini, have been detected over San Francisco, University of California Hospital scientists said Wednesday. The amounts were too small to affect human beings and "would have to be increased many hundreds or thousands of times" to become dangerous, they said.

Urges Entire Steel Setup Be Checked

OAKLAND, Calif.—(AP)—Henry J. Kaiser, West Coast wartime shipbuilder, asserted Wednesday he was eager to have his war record investigated, as suggested by New Hampshire's Senator Styles Bridges. In turn he called for an investigation of the steel industry's war record, and threw in Jesse Jones and his Reconstruction Finance Corp.

Kaiser told newsmen his story of asserted hindrances in the development of his Fontana, Calif., steel plant.

Investigators Enlarge Scope

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Senate War Investigating Committee Wednesday disclosed that the FBI is investigating the alleged theft of committee files on the Garsson munitions combine from a Senate Office Building a year ago.

George Meader, committee counsel, said it was indicated that someone took the committee's files on the Garsson case late at night and kept them for three hours.

Disclosure of the alleged tampering with the files was made as some of the nation's biggest war contractors were being stung by the last of federal investigations.

The federal investigations of war contractors reached from coast to coast. Other inquiries soon will spread to Honolulu, Rome and Paris.

G-men openly searched for evidence of "possible fraudulent activities" by the Garsson munitions combine. Attorney General Tom C. Clark said the results of the hunt will determine whether the case goes to a grand jury.

The Justice Department moved in on the affairs of the Garsson brothers and their "guardian angel," Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) amid these other fast-breaking developments:

1. In New Orleans, famed boat-builder Andrew J. Higgins was revealed to be under federal investigation in connection with alleged war frauds. Special Justice Department Attorney J. Frank Cunningham accused Higgins and two of his associates of "making and causing to be made and presented for payment and approval false claims against the U. S. government, knowing such claims to be false, fictitious and fraudulent." To this, Higgins replied, "obviously trumped up charges."

2. In Oakland, Calif., steel magnate Henry J. Kaiser denounced unidentified "scandal mongers" he said were interested in his "character assassination" and their "personal publicity." But he said he gladly would appear before the Senate War Investigating Committee.

3. Chairman James M. Mead (D-NY) of the investigating committee announced that subcommittees will go to Los Angeles to look into alleged graft in construction of a 905-mile stretch of the Inter-American highway; to Paris and Rome to investigate the sale of surplus government property to foreign nations; and to Hawaii to inquire into activities of Col. Theodore Wyman, who was Army district engineer at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked Dec. 7, 1941.

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BILLION FOR BAUBLES

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Americans shelled out \$1,200,000,000 for jewelry and baubles last year. Coming up with this estimate, the Bureau of Mines said it was a record sum and topped the 1944 total by 12 per cent.

The agency's index for the latest week stood at \$5.32 or 2 cents above the record high made on July 31, 1919. In the previous 1946 week the index was \$5.24 and a year earlier \$4.07.

Advances in prices of flour, oats, barley, hams, butter, cheese, hogs and lambs were responsible for the rise. Prices for wheat, corn, rye, potatoes, steers, and sheep registered declines.

The index represents the sum total of the wholesale price per pound of 31 foods in general use.

Big Development Ahead for State

Oregon is on the threshold of the greatest development it has ever seen, both in industry and population, and this points to the need for careful planning and zoning, both in cities and in the fringes around them.

This thumbnail sketch of the future was voiced here by Commissioner William Bowes of Portland, chairman of a committee appointed by Gov. Earl Snell to prepare suggested legislation to allow rural areas and counties to have something to say about developments that take place in these areas.

After hearing of some of the headaches and potential headaches that are beginning to throb in the Eugene-Springfield region, Bowes and his committee moved on Tuesday to learn about problems in other cities which are "bursting their buttons."

Bowes showed that he already knew some striking facts about Eugene and he started a group of local leaders at a meeting in the

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