

FBI Chief Says First Vote Fraud Case Halted by Attorney General

WASHINGTON—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover said Thursday the FBI had questioned only six persons when the Justice Department decided last fall that there was no grounds for federal prosecution of alleged voting frauds in Kansas City.

This "preliminary" inquiry, the FBI chief testified to a Senate judiciary subcommittee, was thus limited on instructions from Attorney General Clark.

The committee is inquiring into the Justice Department's actions in a situation which has brought a state grand jury's indictment of 78 persons for election law violations and the theft from a

blown safe of some ballots on which the grand jury based the charges.

The alleged frauds were in the Democratic primary last August in which Enos Axtell defeated Rep. Roger Slaughter for the nomination to Congress, only to lose to a Republican in the election. The state grand jury said Axtell's victory was fraudulent.

President Truman publicly supported Axtell. With that in mind, reporters asked him at a news conference Thursday for comment on the newest developments in the situation. He replied that a vote fraud is the worst thing that can happen in a democracy and said the inquiry should be carried through to its logical conclusion.

After last fall's Justice Department decision that no federal action was called for, the Kansas

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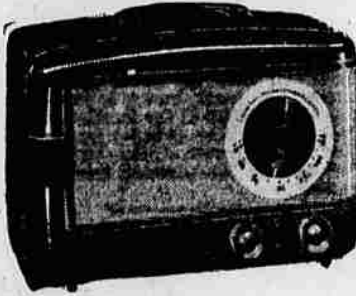
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Small Nations Hit Big Five

LAKE SUCCESS—(AP)—The small countries on the United Nations security council Thursday leveled their fire at a big five report on organization of a global police force.

Belgium led off the criticism at the opening of general debate Wednesday, charging that the major powers were making plans only to stop "certain categories of wars" and offering no provisions of the basic principles.

to block aggression by a big nation.

Australia was ready to take up the fight upon resumption of discussions Friday. At that time Col. W. R. Hodgson said he would brand the whole report vague and inadequate and charge that the 51 small countries in the U.N. had been ignored entirely in drafting the basic program.

Meanwhile, the big five itself was divided over plans for establishing the international army, with Russia standing alone against the United States, Britain, France and China on more than a third

12-Mile Front Of Bait Lines Halts Insects

PENDLETON, Ore.—(AP)—A few Mormon crickets have invaded Ordinance area wheat and other grain fields but have caused little damage, James Beamer, agriculture conservation secretary, said Thursday.

The crickets, which have been pressing toward Umatilla River Valley irrigated crops the past two

weeks or more, have been stopped all along the 12-mile front between Boardman and Ordinance by poison bait lines, he said.

The insects that have infiltrated fields bordering the sagebrush desert mostly are scattered "pebbles" of bands which as yet have failed to breach main bait lines west of Ordinance, Beamer said, and added that many of those that did reach the fields were sick from poison consumed en route and died before they could damage crops.

The U. S. Navy had a total of 319 active combatant vessels on January 1, 1947.

NURSE HAS TALENT

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—Ann Strick, a good-looking nursing student at Ohio State University, is looking for a time job in a wide-open field. She is a nurse, she is a USO entertainment tour.

BRIEF INEURE

HAVERHILL, Mass.—(AP)—A four-generation family lived briefly here when Mrs. Raymond, 82, died five years ago. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Ricard, gave birth to a son.

STATUE—This peace monument, erected on a high hill along the Danube by the Russians, was dedicated to those who defended Budapest, Hungary, during World War II.

City Star pressed an investigation of its own. It was largely on evidence developed by the newspaper that the state grand jury acted.

Wednesday in Kansas City FBI Agent Dwight Brantley announced he had received "authorization from the Attorney General to conduct a full and complete investigation."

Plane Engine Said Powerful

BURBANK—(AP)—Development of a turbo-jet airplane engine, more powerful than a diesel railroad engine 500 times its weight, was disclosed Thursday.

The engine, developed for the Army Air Forces, is being tested at Menasco Mfg. Co. A joint announcement by Menasco and Lockheed Aircraft Corp. credited Engineer Nathan C. Price with developing the engine, described as the most powerful of its kind.

The engine produces a thrust of up to 8000 pounds, as compared with the P-80 jet fighter plane engine's 3000. It is light enough to use in small airplanes. The announcement said its efficient fuel consumption insures long range flight.

Automobile Theft Pleas Differ in Local Case

Alfred J. Perez, 22, charged with grand larceny, entered his plea of guilty before Judge G. F. Skipworth in circuit court Thursday. Darrell Bigelow, 20, charged jointly with Perez in the theft of an automobile May 30, entered a plea of not guilty to the charge.

Perez had elected not to be represented by counsel. Bigelow requested the court to appoint an attorney to defend him. Perez will be sentenced by Judge Skipworth at 10 a.m. Friday.

Donald Kemp, 18, who was arraigned Wednesday on a charge of stealing automobile accessories, entered a plea of not guilty.

LOG HURTS WORKER

Earl Shurcamp, Walton, was injured Wednesday when a log rolled off the poll deck at the Globe Lumber Co. and struck his head. He was taken to the Eugene Hospital where physicians described his condition as not seri-

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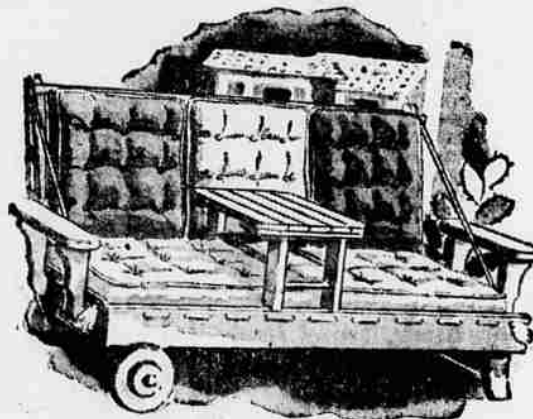
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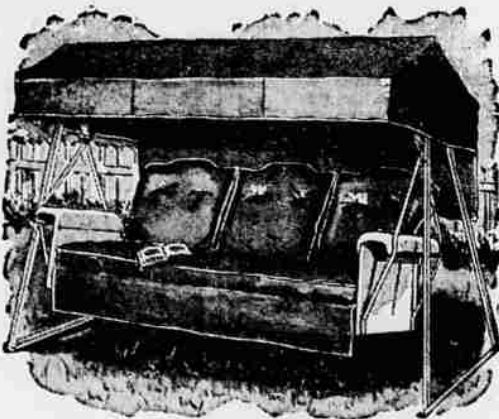
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