

Grain Shortage Brings Inquiry

Senators to Query Secretary Brannan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren told senators Friday he had ordered a "full and complete investigation" of shortages in the Agriculture Department's grain storage program, after his auditors found shortages of more than \$3,800,000 in a single office at Dallas, Texas.

Warren testified before the Senate Agriculture Committee. Secretary of Agriculture Brannan and a dozen assistants waited their turn to explain the cases under probe.

Auditors Questioned

Sen. Anderson (D-NM), former secretary of agriculture closely questioned Warren and his auditors on why there had not been prosecution of the shortages, or why there had been delays in prosecutions.

Involved in the inquiry was government owned grain and other farm commodities, obtained in the farm price support program. It was stored in elevators and other storage centers and the shortages or "conversions" are blamed by Brannan on "individuals of the grain trade," not Agriculture Department employees.

Prosecutions Started

Both Anderson and Sen. Aiken (R-VI) referred to the shortages as "stealing" and "embezzlement." Spokesmen for the Agriculture Department and Brannan previously had disclosed some of these shortages and said prosecutions had been started in some of them.

They indicated that the shortages represented a relatively small amount in widespread 10 billion dollar farm loan program.

2 Servicemen Killed in Crash

SEATTLE (AP)—Two servicemen were killed and five others were injured seriously in a head-on collision on the Seattle-Tacoma highway Friday morning.

The state patrol identified the dead as Navy man Kenneth L. Watson, 19, and 23-year-old Pvt. Roscoe Allen.

Seriously injured were Navy men Theodore Johansson and Robert S. Wilbur, Daisy Piersol and Nellie Roberts of Tacoma, and Pvt. Richard O. Johns.

The Navy men were from the Cruiser U.S.S. Quincey and the soldiers were stationed at Fort Lewis. The victims' home addresses were not immediately available.

The state patrol said the accident occurred when a car driven by Johns suddenly swung left as he was passing another car. The car went all the way across the roadway and struck a car driven by Johansson in the outside lane.

Time to Spray Dormant Trees

Dormant fruit tree sprays should be applied now, before winter buds start to swell, Lane orchardmen were reminded this week by the County Extension office.

One of the most important dormant sprays — and one which should be applied right away — is the spray for peach leaf curl.

The Extension Office recommends either Bordeaux Mixture (12 pounds of copper sulfate, 12 pounds of unslaked lime, in 100 gallons of water), or Fermate (three pounds to 100 gallons of water).

For home gardeners, 3 liquid ounces of Puritized Agricultural Spray to 5 gallons of water is recommended for peach leaf curl control.

Dormant sprays for various fungus and insect diseases of pears, apples, cherries, plums, and other tree fruits should also be applied now. The Extension Office, in the Public Market Bldg., has suggested programs for dormant spraying for these fruits.

Rape Victim Sues Hospital

SEATTLE (AP)—A young mother who was raped in her hospital bed by a 29-year-old intern Friday sought \$75,000 damages from King County for having the doctor on its hospital staff.

Mrs. Theo Ford, 22, charged the county was negligent in its selection and retention of Dr. Roy Patton, who admitted he raped the housewife as she lay drugged and partially paralyzed with polio.

Patton pleaded innocent by reason of mental irresponsibility. He is being held for observation in a state mental hospital.

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GM to Increase Prices on Cars

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government Friday upped wholesale prices on General Motors Corp. automobiles ranging from about \$60 on Chevrolets to \$103 on Cadillacs.

The increase is on wholesale prices at the factory. The Office of Price Stabilization authorized the increases under the Capehart Amendment to the Economic Controls Law.

Pass On Increases

This amendment enables manufacturers to increase prices in proportion to increased expenses. General Motors in its application pointed to higher costs of labor, material and overheads before last July 26.

OPS said it has no information as to whether GM plans to put the new prices into effect. Before doing so, the auto corporation must file with OPS a list of proposed new dollar-and-cents wholesale ceilings and suggested new factory retail price lists.

Buicks Up \$67

The estimated dollar increase at the factory wholesale level is for the best-selling model of each line of cars. For Pontiacs the increase would be about \$78, for Oldsmobiles \$94 and for Buicks \$67.

OPS also approved a hike of about \$23 for the General Motors Suburban line.

OPS said this model uses a truck chassis and a station wagon body.

Oakridge Woman Hurt, Car Skids Into Ditch

OAKRIDGE—Mrs. John Raymond Jackson, of Oakridge, received injuries to her head and both knees and was treated at Oakridge Clinic, when the family car skidded into a bank, about two miles west of Hellgate Bridge, Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Jackson, who was driving, received a small cut on his nose. Their daughter, 7, was the other passenger, uninjured. Icy pavement was blamed for the mishap, by state police who investigated.

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French Bomb Human Convoy

Fire-Bombs Dropped On 150,000 Coolies

HANOI, Indo-China (AP)—French planes fire-bombed a human supply train carrying ammunition and food Friday to Communist rebels besieging the French-held fortress of Hoa Binh.

A French field headquarters communique said the Communists had drafted 150,000 to 200,000 Chinese coolies to carry ammunition food and medicine from Red China to the fighting front.

The communique said the slow moving human column was an easy target for French fighter and bomber planes which pounded it with flaming napalm bombs as it moved across the open plains of China.

Headquarters said enemy pressure around Hoa Binh and Colonial Highway Six had eased off, but fighting was reported from south and central Viet Nam.

The communique said a Communist Viet Minh battalion on the Hue-Quang tri road in central Viet Nam Thursday night was beaten off after 20 rebels were killed and 30 more captured.

Lookout Dam Crane Low Bidder Named

PORTLAND (AP)—Cyclops Iron Works, San Francisco, submitted the low bid for a 200-ton overhead traveling crane for the Lookout Point Dam on the middle fork of the Willamette River.

The Portland District Corps of Engineers said the bid of \$193,842 was low of three submitted.

Can't Blame Two Fellas For Trying

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—Two sailors who hammered on the door of the Federal Reserve Bank branch in San Antonio early Thursday and shouted "I want the money and I want it now," ended up in the custody of the FBI.

No charges were placed against the sailors on leave from a LST at Long Beach, Calif.

They appeared at 3:15 a.m. and shouted to Bank guard Oscar Bennett they wanted the money. He called police. Officers said the men had been drinking.

Salem Man Hangs Self in Prison Cell

DUNSMUIR, Calif. (AP)—A 47-year-old Salem, Ore., man serving the first day of a five-day jail sentence was found hanging in his cell in Dunsmuir jail Thursday night.

He was William Cecil Wheelchel, jailed for vagrancy. According to police, Wheelchel hanged himself by his belt to a steel crossbar on his cell door.

Police said they had no indication that Wheelchel was despondent. He left no notes.

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If Korean Truce Is Violated, Will Allies Bomb Red China?

By ELTON C. FAY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill's address to Congress Thursday left open the question of just how much Britain could help in applying "prompt, resolute and effective" action against a violation of the proposed Korean truce.

He said Britain and the United States are agreed this would be "our" response should an armistice once arrived at, be broken.

Bombed, Blocked

His statement was generally accepted as referring to the original proposal of the United States that any truce should be bulwarked by an implied ultimatum that Red China would be bombed and blockaded if the Communists launched a new aggression in Korea.

The Prime Minister did not spell out the form the promised resolute action would take. That raises such questions as these:

1. How much military force could Britain—deeply committed to the defense of her own island and Western Europe and in trouble in Egypt—divert to the Far East to help divert a punitive operation?
2. Did Churchill's statement mean that Britain was prepared to end her recognition of the Chinese Red government by joining in air-sea attack on China's harbors, commerce and industry.

If for any one or all of various reasons Britain was unable to contribute more than token support—Churchill noted the U. S. is bearing nine-tenths of the burden in the Korean war—the task of punitive measures would fall almost entirely on this country.

Fortunately, the requirements would be greatest in the types of

armed forces where the United States is strongest, sea and air. The American fleet is the world's largest.

80 Wing Air Force

The total strength of the United States Air Force is about 80 wings, of which an undisclosed but fractional part are in the Korean War.

However, Air Force officials, viewing growing Red air strength in Asia and in Russia, say it isn't enough, that at least 143 wings are needed.

On the ground, the United States has only eight divisions in the Far East, seven of them in action in Korea.

No Reinforcements

There is nothing to indicate an intention to increase the number of ground units there.

That force apparently is considered adequate to hold the line across Korea until a truce is reached or to turn to new tactics if it isn't.

Moreover, reasons other than tactical quite possibly may underlie such policy. The broad plan now appears to be a buildup of

strategic reserve forces at home, rather than a continued expansion of ground forces in theaters chosen by Moscow.

Vessel's Hull Cracks; Returns to Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The motorship Tinian, owned by the Columbia River Packers Association, was drydocked here Friday for repairs.

The vessel's hull cracked when the ship was 400 miles off the California coast. Capt. A. A. Anderson turned back and the ship reached here last night.

The ship was en route to Japan for a load of frozen tuna.

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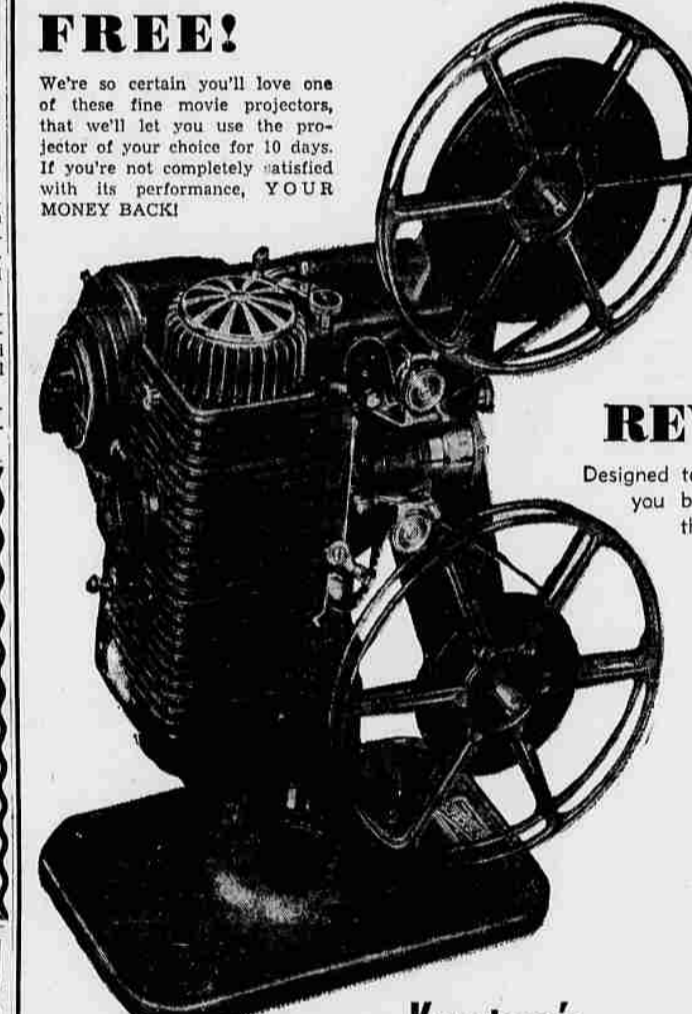
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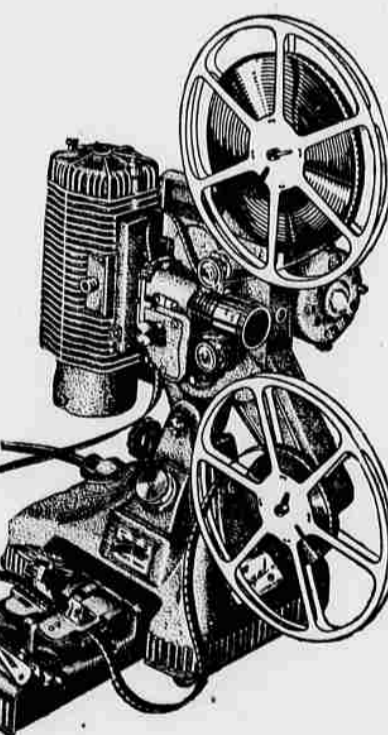
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