

BARGAIN DAY MAY END

Sales of Intimate Apparel At Low Costs Is Probed

Washington, May 3 (AP)—The house armed services committee wants to know why soldiers and sailors can buy girls' nighties, expensive jewelry and television sets tax-free and at almost wholesale prices.

It ordered the start of an investigation today. Plans are to make a top-to-bottom study of the more than half a billion dollar business of army post exchanges and navy ship stores.

Public hearings will begin in two weeks before a subcommittee headed by Rep. Philbin (D-Mass.). Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) ordered the probe after civilian retailers, and some business associations, complained that the military services are competing unfairly with them.

The services do not pay federal excise taxes on luxury items, and some of their stores' expenses are met from government funds appropriated by congress.

There are three classes of items sold, with limits on some of them. The first is the mandatory list, which all post exchanges and ship's stores are required to carry.

This includes candy, soft drinks and beer, tobacco, such toilet goods as shaving soap and hair oil, lipstick and hairnets, and stationery.

Second is the optional list. Items on this may be carried at the option of the officer in charge.

This group includes expensive cosmetics, watches costing up to \$75, toys up to \$15, athletic equipment up to \$100, ladies' handbags up to \$35, and an item listed as "intimate apparel, female" up to \$15.

The third group is the special order list. Items on this are ordered through the army and navy stores. Committee staff members said the stores regularly order television sets, refrigerators, washing machines, and expensive tableware.

All military personnel are entitled to trade at these stores. In addition, some civilians employed by the services have trading privileges.

Man Loses \$53,000 On Poor Connection

Astoria, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Francis Robinson said today he lost \$53,000 on a radio giveaway show because of a faulty telephone connection.

Robinson said he was all set to answer "Sgt. York" to the big question on "Sing It Again" Sunday night when the telephone went dead.

Guessing one singer's voice as Betty Davis put him in the final bracket of the show, but it "was just a lot of mumbo-jumbo on the telephone after that," Robinson said.

"I listened to a re-broadcast of the program later and heard the announcer say to me, 'You can't even make a guess? Sorry. Goodbye.'"

Reclamation Chief To Retire July 1

Boise, Idaho, May 3 (AP)—R. J. Newell will retire July 1 as regional director for the bureau of reclamation.

Harold T. Nelson his 41-year-old assistant, will succeed him. The announcement was made by Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug. The region, with headquarters here, encompasses Oregon, Washington, Idaho, western Montana and parts of Nevada, Wyoming and Utah.

Admiral Gingrich Named Washington, May 3 (AP)—The navy announced today that Rear Admiral John E. Gingrich will be chief of staff to Admiral Arthur W. Radford, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet.

South Salem Plan Offered

The widening of South Commercial street without one-way traffic was again offered by the South Salem Progress club Monday night as a solution to the traffic problem and in opposition to the Baldock plan.

The club also went on record by resolution for traffic lights at Owens and Mission streets on South Commercial.

The resolution on street widening said: "That South Commercial street should be widened five feet on each side, which would with a total of 70 feet from property line to property line."

On each side of the street the club proposes, starting one foot outside the property line, a five-foot sidewalk, then a seven-foot space for parking cars. Between the two parking lanes would be four 11-foot traffic lanes for two-way traffic.

"The above plan," says the resolution, "would cost little, and would be ample to carry two times the volume of traffic that could possibly come in over the present connecting streets and highways."

The widening would be from just north of Mission street to the south city limits.

"This," it says, "would take 15 feet less than the Baldock plan calls for off each side of the street, and would not ruin residential streets and would save the cost of widening and resurfacing them."

More Funds for Health Bureau

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, has advised the Marion county court that match money for the county health department from the state will be increased the coming fiscal year from 12 1/2 percent of matchable funds up to 15 percent.

This is said County Judge Grant Murphy will represent 2 1/2 percent extra on approximately \$95,500. The budget is about \$120,000 but funds contributed to it from the Kellogg foundation and also moneys advanced for rentals are not matchable, he states, so have to be deducted in considering amounts that are reimbursable.

Dr. Erickson's advice sets up a new matching schedule for all counties maintaining full time health departments which gives counties over 75,000 population, which includes Marion county, 15 percent; counties from 35,000 to 75,000, 25 percent, and those under 35,000 35 percent. The population is based on figures in the last federal census.

It is imperative in granting the matching funds that the county budget be at least as much as that budgeted for the department in 1948-49 as far as local money is concerned. Federal money cannot be substituted for local money in considering such budget and it must be used, he says, for expansion or increased operating costs.

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Baldock Plan Gets Backing of Labor

Among backers of the Baldock plan for Salem street and traffic control is Salem Central Trades and Labor council.

Herbert E. Barker, executive secretary of the council, announced Monday night that a letter had been prepared to send to Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom. The letter will be read at Monday night's meeting of the city council when final action on the plan is expected.

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Marine Home—Pfc. Harold Brantner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brantner, route 2, Salem, who Saturday arrived home to spend a 20-day leave. The marine entered the service in July, 1948, and recently completed radio school at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He reports to El Toro, Calif.

Plane Wreck Sighted in Tree

Search for a light private plane with three passengers which has been missing since a take-off from the Salem airport last December, is centering at Hamburg, in Siskiyou county in northern California, where shattered wreckage of a red airplane had been sighted in a tree after thawing of winter snow had unveiled the fuselage.

The primitive area is about 40 miles northwest of Yreka. The craft, a Beechcraft Bonanza, was owned and piloted by Paul David Starr, 32, president of the PD lumber corporation of Southgate, Calif. With him were his brother, Robert Starr, 34, and Miss Ruth Meyer 34, Portland lumber broker, believed to be the only woman lumber broker in the nation, who was invited to fly south with the two men.

Mrs. Lee Starr Adams, Hollywood, has offered \$1000 for the location of her two sons and an additional \$250 has been offered by the lumber company. Search for the missing plane was abandoned after weeks of fruitless search by air rescue planes.

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Hangar Lease Wins Approval

All of the essential bureaus and officials of the navy department have approved the lease of the hangar at McNary field by the navy and it now awaits the approval of the house armed services committee.

That was the word received in Salem Tuesday from the office of Representative Walter Norblad.

In his letter Norblad stated that the navy and the national defense establishment had given their approval to the lease and that the law further requires the approval of the house armed services committee.

That committee, according to the congressman, has a subcommittee which considers all of these national defense establishment leases and contracts and generally reports them in a large number of possibly 40 or 50. Next meeting of the house armed services committee is in early May and it is possible that the Salem lease will then come up for approval.

Kiwanians See Oregon Scenery

In observance of "Tourist week," the Salem Kiwanis club was shown motion pictures of Oregon's scenic spots Tuesday noon by Manly F. Robinson, director of travel for the state highway commission.

"Help Tourists Enjoy Oregon" is the slogan that has been adopted for encouraging travel in the state. Robinson explained that the Portland Chamber of Commerce is currently engaged in directing two tours over the state for the purpose of calling attention to the advantages of providing tourists with every possible facility for making their stay in Oregon pleasant.

One tour is through eastern Oregon and the other covers the western part of the state. The group will visit Salem May 13 and will meet with the Salem Board of Realtors at the Marion.

The Ala Baba instrumental trio consisting of accordion, guitar and bass viol, provided music.

Snyder Has No Fears on Nation's Financial Picture

Take it from the United States secretary of the treasury: The financial condition of the nation is nothing to worry about. And, on top of that bit of bright news, Oregon, in his opinion, "stands at the brink of a new golden age."

Treasury Secretary John Snyder has five reasons for being optimistic at this time about the business outlook for the nation. He confidently expressed those reasons on his visit to Portland Monday night for the "kickoff" of the "opportunity drive" for United States savings bonds.

These are his reasons for optimism: First, liquid assets of individuals in the country stand at the highest figure on record. That figure is \$200 billions.

Secondly, net working capital of corporations also is at a record level. He puts it at about \$85 billions.

Thirdly, none of the speculative conditions that were largely responsible for the severe price decline of 1920 are present today.

Fourth, businessmen have been unusually cautious in their inventory policies. This contrasts with the heavily over-bought conditions of 1920.

Fifth, the present "huge volume" of personal and corporate savings and the "great amount of heavy construction projects" encourage a healthy financial view.

The secretary did, however, admit this: "We are going through one of those business fluctuations, which represents a further postwar readjustment to normal buyers' markets and freely competitive conditions."

"In appraising our economic position, we must be careful to distinguish between a strong foundation and minor ups and downs of business—between the underlying movement of an eco-

Gen. Clark Is Non-Committal

Gen. Mark Clark, commander of the Sixth Army area, Tuesday afternoon stopped briefly in Salem to confer with both Gov. Douglas McKay and Oregon Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Riley.

Accompanying the general on the trip north that will take him to Fort Lewis were Mrs. Clark and his aide.

In Eugene, where he Tuesday inspected the campus ROTC unit, Clark was interviewed by the Associated Press and stated that he had no comment to make on recent reports that said he is a possible successor to Gen. Lucius D. Clay in Germany.

Carpenters Strike

Spokane, May 3 (AP)—Spokane area construction projects were starting to close down today because an estimated 3000 eastern Washington carpenters stopped work yesterday.

A wage dispute caused the work stoppage. Carpenters in the Spokane area asked \$2.20 an hour. They have been getting \$2.06. Their contract with contractors expired yesterday.

New Milk Prices Loom

Portland, Ore., May 3 (AP)—E. L. Peterson, director of agriculture and milk control administrator, Monday predicted a new schedule of minimum milk prices for Portland by July 1.

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