



Calls on President—Angus Ward (center), former consul general in Mukden who was imprisoned by the Chinese Reds, confers with President Truman at the White House. He was accompanied by Secretary of State Dean Acheson (right). (Acme Telephoto)

Giant Wave May Lift 'Missouri'

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 25 (AP)—The navy said today it was considering starting a giant wave to help wash the stranded battleship Missouri off her mudbank, but the idea might be dangerous.

Rear Adm. Allen E. Smith, commander of cruisers for the Atlantic fleet, said the navy thought of sending a cruiser racing close to the bogged-down Big Mo at the next attempt to free her Feb. 2.

The cruisers bow wave might lift the battleship for an instant, breaking the suction which has held her firmly in the mud. But the idea may be abandoned, he said, because the wave might be dangerous to the tugs and other small craft hauling at the battleship.

In the big pull Feb. 2, Smith said, five tugs will haul at the Missouri's stern, adding their power to the Big Mo's winches pulling at nine huge anchors behind her.

Other tugs at the sides and bow will push and pull to give a "whipsaw effect" to break the Big Mo free.

Smith said the skipper whose first cruise with the Missouri ended on a mudbank is "calm and effective" despite a naval inquiry.

He said Capt. William D. Brown "is engaged in salvage operations. He has to do a lot of things. He has no illusions about what happened. I respect him."

Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, commander of the U. S. Atlantic fleet, confirmed that Brown was trying to run the battleship through a secret acoustic range device when it smacked into the muck last Tuesday.

The captain said he is optimistic about seeing the battleship's shadow in a different location after the next move is made to flat her on February 2—Groundhog day.

So is Admiral Allen E. Smith, commander of Atlantic fleet cruisers, who is in charge of the salvage operation. Smith said increasing the big ship's buoyancy and pulling will be the two chief methods used in the next attempt to haul her off the mudbank.

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Tax Collector Breathing Down Neck of Colleges, Institutions

By SAM DAWSON

New York, Jan. 25 (AP)—The tax collector is breathing down the neck of the nation's colleges and charitable trusts. Beset by rising costs and falling yields from their traditional investments, some of these institutions have gone into competition with business.

They enjoy exemption from income taxes, and some businessmen complain that this gives the schools and other tax-exempt institutions an unfair edge in competition. And the U. S. Treasury is looking for more and more cash wherever it can find untaxed income.

Most of the colleges and universities which now run just about everything from macaroni factories to cattle ranches say they have entered the business world reluctantly.

They call it the only way to make enough money to keep their educational plants running.

These institutions always have been exempt from income taxes. In the old days they put their endowment funds into high-yielding bonds and mortgages. But in recent years the yields on such investments have slipped steadily.

Money invested in the traditional ways no longer bring in enough return to support the schools.

But the tax collectors and some businessmen see the thing in a different light.

There has been a growing tendency since the war for business enterprises to deed themselves to universities and colleges, who operate the firms under a trusteeship. The business escapes the income tax that way.

and the educational institution gets a higher return as its share of the profits than it could from investing in securities. And the schools pay no income tax.

Another big trend has been for business firms, especially retail stores, to sell their buildings to tax-exempt institutions, and then lease them back. The college pays no income tax on the rent it receives, while the business charges off the rent it pays as expenses when computing the tax on its earnings.

Federal tax collectors say that some 14,000 educational and charitable institutions report their incomes—only a small part of the total such groups. They report total annual income of \$1.2 billion, of which \$556 million was from business activities.

Tax collectors add that if you take in all the tax-exempt organizations, such as farm cooperatives, you find some 99,000 (also only a small percentage) report their incomes, with receipts of \$9.8 billion, of which \$8.1 billion comes from business activities.

Some of the activities from which schools draw funds include: Rent from business properties, apartments, homes, profits from farms, shops, creameries, laboratories, printing plants, cattle ranches.

As one example, New York University is reported to have

'Unusual Events' Grounded 'Mo'

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 25 (AP)—The grounding of the battleship Missouri on a Chesapeake bay mudbank was blamed yesterday by her commander on "a chain of unusual and unfortunate circumstances."

The officer—tall, handsome, gray-haired, 47-year-old Capt. William D. Brown, said, however, he could not "go into detail."

"To do so would be to usurp the prerogative of the court of inquiry which has been appointed," he said in an interview in his cabin.

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Claims More Lives Saved Than Lost by Atomic Energy

Baltimore, Jan. 25 (AP)—More lives have been saved by atomic energy than were lost in the atom bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Dr. John Z. Bowers of the atomic energy commission said yesterday.

Dr. Bowers, deputy director of the commission's division of biology and medicine, called nuclear energy the "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of our civilization."

He didn't elaborate on his comparison. The army estimated that 78,150 persons lost their lives in the Hiroshima blast, and the U. S. strategic bombing survey put the number killed or missing in the explosion over Nagasaki at from 35,000 to 40,000.

But he did discuss various ways that atomic energy is being employed to assist mankind in an address at the first session of the Enoch Pratt Library's Atomic energy institute.

"It is a great force which turns out the most destructive weapon ever known to mankind and at the same time develops energies which are used (to save) more lives than were destroyed by the great blasts at

Hiroshima and Nagasaki," he declared.

Atomic energy's first and most important use is in research, Bowers explained. Through radioactive isotopes, medical men can unravel the mysteries of body chemistry—trace elements through the body channels in a way never before possible.

Second is its use in therapy, he said, where it is used in the treatment of malignant cell growths such as cancer. It has been especially effective against thyroid cancer, he added.

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