

## Two Ex-Cons, Short Money Get Huge Defense Contract

Washington, June 21 (AP)—Congressional investigators charged today that two ex-convicts without money, plants or experience got four defense contracts, one for \$2,900,000, through the "haphazard, naive and negligent" actions of armed forces procurement officers.

## 'Materialistic' Trend Decried

Spokane, June 21 (AP)—A prominent midwest churchman said yesterday "the world has gone materialistic" and warned conditions won't get better until it develops a foundation of moral and spiritual power.

Dr. C. O. Hawley of Indianapolis, director of unified promotion for the Disciples of Christ, said it is up to the church to translate the Christian message to the world.

"We can form the United Nations, build peace temples and sign peace treaties, but none of them will do any good until we have a solid undergirding of moral and spiritual integrity," he said.

"The source of this integrity comes from the seeds of Christianity sown in the soil of civilization."

Dr. Hawley spoke at the 19th annual convention of the Washington Christian Missionary Society.

## Injured Wife Lies on Floor 5 Weeks, Dies

New Haven, Conn., June 21 (AP)—Frank Bethke, 69, called a neighbor Tuesday and asked that police be sent to his house "because I think my wife is dead."

Officer Edward Herman said he found Mrs. Anna Bethke, 63, dead on the kitchen floor and that Bethke told him she had lain there for five weeks with a broken hip and wrist.

Mrs. Bethke fell on a flight of cellar stairs, her husband said. He said he managed to drag her to the kitchen, and that he did not call a doctor "because my wife told me not to."

He said he fed her, and tried to take care of her, and that Mrs. Bethke told him "it never bothered me" not to be moved.

Last Saturday, he said, was the last time he could be sure she was alive.

**New Moderator Elected**  
Portland, June 21 (AP)—Dr. Paul S. Wright of Portland's First Presbyterian is the new moderator of the Oregon Presbyterian church. He was elected here Tuesday at the Presbyterians' annual synod. He succeeds the Rev. Fred L. Swanson.

The charges were made in a scathing report released by the procurement subcommittee of the house armed services committee.

The subcommittee recommended that all four contracts, which totaled nearly \$3,300,000, be cancelled.

The large contract was awarded March 14, but no work had been done on it by May 25.

The company had \$1,209 on hand Feb. 28 when it was bidding on the contract. The report said it planned to make \$139,000 profit, but the subcommittee believed the profit would have been much more than that.

It told the "fantastic" story of how "promoters and their banker allies, who are more interested in a lead-pipe cinch profit than anything else," caused the nation's established manufacturers to be passed over in awarding the four contracts.

Subcommittee Chairman F. Edward Hebert (D-La.) said the report is "only the starter's gun" in the job of acting as watchdog on military spending.

Hebert's report said the Elvair corporation of Jackson, Miss., was organized last Sept. 25, proposing to make electrical assemblies for aircraft.

However, its main government contracts were for canvas tank covers and tow targets.

First directors of the company were B. A. Totten, Grover Cleveland, F. M. Justice and A. B. Down, Jr., all of Jackson.

The subcommittee said the firm's brochure included a picture of a plant at Natchez, Miss., which Elvair did not even lease until last Feb. 25.

The brochure described Totten as having 16 years' experience in business and accounting.

The report said Elvair neglected to mention that he served a term in the Platt county jail and another in the federal penitentiary at El Reno, Okla. The federal term was for mail fraud.

Distribution manager or sales manager was B. T. Jayne of Ponca City, Okla., who met Totten when both were in the penitentiary.

Neither had any experience in manufacturing, Hebert reported.

## Rita Hayworth, Aly Closer to Settlement

Paris, June 21 (AP)—Attorneys for Rita Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan moved closer to a divorce settlement today, but its terms may never be made public.

"Under Nevada law, the settlement would be private and not available for public scrutiny," said Bartley C. Crum, the red-haired actress' lawyer.



**These Trucks Hamper Traffic**—No immediate action is in prospect toward the widening of South 12th street, says the county court, since the improvement would involve the U. S. bureau of public roads, the state, and the county. The picture shows how big trucks hold up traffic coming off the grade south of Hoyt street.

## Sympathy, But No Relief Yet For South 12th Street Traffic

While the Marion county court sympathizes with South 12th street residents in connection with traffic conditions growing out of the bottleneck restrictions presented by the grade south of Hoyt street, no immediate action is expected toward widening the street.

The South 12th street cutoff leading to highway 99E carries a large volume of truck traffic and long line of motor vehicles, especially southbound, are a familiar sight. Because of the restrictions of the two-lane highway and the cut through which the road passes, slow moving truck traffic hampers faster moving vehicles.

South of Hoyt street the highway aid system and improvement would involve the U. S. bureau of roads, the state highway department and the county. So far the county has not been approached by either agency in connection with any proposal to widen the road. Widening would probably necessitate the purchase of additional right of way.

When the by-pass route is developed east of Salem, it is anticipated a considerable amount of the heavy truck traffic will be taken off the South 12th street run.

## Dayton Dates Buckaroo Days

The fifth annual Pioneer Buckaroo will be held at Dayton, Oregon, on June 23-24.

The big parade will open the days events starting promptly at 10 a. m. with Rudie Lockenmeier as grand marshal.

There will be many individual and commercial floats in the parade. Les Leach, president of the Buckaroo association will be in the front rank, also.

Ann Linke of Carlton is the Buckaroo queen, and her princesses are: Beverly Van Dyke, Gaston and Yvonne Smith, Dallas. They will add much color to the two day affair.

## No Protest at County Budget

The Marion county budget of \$2,645,290 was given formal approval Wednesday by the committee of citizens and officials with no citizen appearing in protest. The sum compares with \$2,486,636 for the last fiscal year.

Larger salaries for county employees accounts for much of the increase although \$31,000 was included in the budget to take care of expenses involved in moving county offices and paying the rent incident to construction of a new courthouse. Most county offices will be housed in the old high school building during construction.

The budget was set up during a series of conferences held last May.

More than 28 million Americans suffer from chronic disease and physical disability.

## South Village Movies Attract

Salem Heights—Many of the children of the Salem Heights area wait for evening. The big attraction is the outdoor movies, at South Village which are free.

Ed Lewis is in charge of the movies, and features, westerns, jungle and adventure pictures. There is also a small concession to accommodate the small fry.

Grandfather can be seen coming to the movie with his cane, Mother with an apron which she has forgotten to remove, and many of the children with covers to bundle up in case it gets chilly. The movies change every two nights, and can accommodate about 200 children. Some view the movies from their cars.

## Fireworks Vendor Arrested in Portland

Portland, June 21 (AP)—A merchant has been arrested here on a charge of violating the new state law banning fireworks.

He is Henry Knosalla, who has a stand on Denver avenue north of Portland.

He said the fireworks were sold only to out-of-state buyers who signed receipts giving their home addresses and declared the fireworks would not be shot off in Oregon.

The district attorney's office here said the new law prohibits offering fireworks for sale or use within the state.

## Mercy Killer Freed by Jury

Centralia, June 21 (AP)—A coroner's jury investigating the fatal shooting of Minnie Drake, 65, held last night that "no crime was committed because the woman was dead" when her husband, George, 81, fired two shots into her body.

The jury returned the "no crime" verdict and ordered Drake set free after the elderly

husband testified he fired the shots to "help her along" because of pain she was suffering from a wound inflicted during a struggle over a rifle.

Drake had been held since Sunday when Mrs. Drake was found dead in bed at the family home, with three bullet wounds in her chest.

Drake and Dr. Charles Larson, criminal pathologist from Tacoma, were principal witnesses at the inquest last night.

Drake gave the jury this account of the shooting: He was in the kitchen of their home early Sunday when he

heard a shot. He ran to the bedroom and found his wife trying to shoot herself with a deer rifle. The first shot had struck the floor.

When he grabbed for the rifle it discharged, Drake testified, and the bullet penetrated Mrs. Drake's body.

He stretched his wife out on the bed and because "she was gasping and suffering so badly, I thought I'd help her along," he said. He fired two more shots.

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