



DANCING DODGERS—A new song and dance team makes its debut on a coast-to-coast television show. Wearing top hat and tails, the trio is easily recognized as the Los Angeles Dodgers' pitching aces Don Drysdale, left, and Sandy Koufax, right, with batting champion Tommy Davis, center.

Plans to close military bases brings barrage of protests

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Defense Department order closing 33 military bases from New York to California brought a barrage of protests today from Congress, including charges of false economy.

But Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara indicated Thursday that the closing orders were part of a new economy campaign that would gear savings to spending.

Until now, that has not always been the case. In the past because of a steady buildup in Polaris submarines and other defense programs, the Defense Department had to explain with each cost reduction why spending was increasing.

Nothing placated Congress, however. Sen. Kennedy B. Keating, R-N. Y., introduced a bill to block the base closings in economically depressed areas. Rep. Samuel S. Stratton, D-N.Y., promised to turn the Pentagon upside down before accepting the cutbacks. New York stands to lose seven installations.

Rep. Bob Wilson, R-Calif., said the decision to close the San Diego naval repair facility lacked logic in view of other "pump-priming" programs. Wilson said he has asked Assistant Navy Secretary Kenneth BeLieu to reconsider the closure on the basis of "economic horse sense."

Under McNamara's order, a total of 33 bases would be shut down over a three and one-half year period. Twenty six of the bases were in the United States. The seven others were in three foreign countries, but were not identified until the governments concerned can be informed.

In his news conference, McNamara said the closings will result in a "net loss" of 8,500 civilian jobs. It was evident, however, that many other civilian workers at the bases will have to make long distance moves in order to keep their

government jobs. In these cases the government will pay for the moving expenses.

McNamara talked of actual reductions which will bring defense department civilian employment to the lowest level in 15 years.

The increase in military spending since McNamara took office has been from \$43 billion proposed by President Eisenhower in the last budget he submitted to Congress, to an estimated \$51 billion for the year ending next July 1.

Charges faced by Eugene pair

TWIN FALLS, Idaho (UPI) — Two Eugene, Ore., men faced armed robbery charges today in the holdup of a downtown Safeway store Thursday night.

The suspects were taken into custody 2½ hours after two young men, neatly dressed but unshaven and needing haircuts, held up the store. They told the dozen clerks and shoppers to "freeze," then robbed the cash register and escaped through a back door to a waiting car.

Store Manager J. Robert Loveland did not have an immediate estimate of the full amount taken. About an hour later a cab driver who had heard of the robbery telephoned police and said he had delivered two "suspicious looking" men to a local supper club.

"LAD" RETIRES

MILTON, England (UPI) — Mrs. Mary Dobbie, 99, said today she will close the blacksmith shop she owns because the "lad" she employs — 80 year old Bill Foreman — is retiring.

ARS reports successful campaign against grain pest

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) has announced that its long campaign against the khapra beetle has resulted in eradication of the world's most destructive grain pest in the United States and Mexico.

ARS said no established infestations of khapra beetles have been found in the United States since July 11, 1962, nor in Mexico since mid-1961.

But even though no beetles now are known to exist in the two countries, limited local infestations may be found from time to time. ARS said that because of this possibility, control officials will continue surveillance and surveys. During fiscal 1963, ARS surveyed 28,000 properties in 11 Western states and intercepted khapra beetles

225 times at U.S. borders.

The beetles first were found in the United States in California in 1953. Later, infestations were discovered in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, and also in Mexico. In 1955, ARS, the infested states, and Mexico began a cooperative campaign to eradicate the beetles by fumigating all discovered infestations with methyl bromide gas.

Elevators and other stored-product warehouses had to be wrapped in gas-tight tarpaulins before the gas could be released. ARS said a single large structure in California required 9½ acres of tarpaulins and 16 tons of gas.

In carrying out the eradication program, ARS discovered 677 infested properties in the four states. It fumigated more

than 200 million cubic feet of infested storage areas. In Mexico, 92 properties involving about 26 million cubic feet were fumigated.

ARS said the beetle is extremely hardy. Control workers have found infestations in warehouses 21 feet under solid masses of grain. The beetles have been known to work their way through a two-foot warehouse wall.

Khapra beetle larvae have been known to live three years without food, ARS said. Also, the beetles can produce 12 generations a year. They attack all grains and grain products.

The Agriculture Department said improved telephone service will be provided for many isolated farm families and oth-

er rural subscribers as a result of advancements in the use of electronic equipment with buried telephone cable.

The department said electronic equipment now is available for use with underground cable, free from threat of storm damage. The agency said the equipment was developed to meet standards set by the Rural Electrification Administration.

IGNORES OWN WARNING

SHERMAN, Tex. (UPI)—Jack McManus, a weather announcer, warned viewers Wednesday night to take precautions against a hard freeze, then went home to bed.

When he got up the next morning he discovered several water pipes in his home had frozen and burst.

Mercury skids in Plains

By United Press International
Temperatures skidded toward zero across the Northern Plains today and 45 mile an hour winds whipped snow into drifts in the Dakotas.

Near-blizzard conditions were expected in parts of Minnesota and western Wisconsin but the weather bureau said the massive storm which churned down from the Rockies last weekend was beginning to blow itself out.

Blizzard warnings were withdrawn for the North and Central Plains and upper Midwest.

The storm still sent heavy rains across the Southland. Tallahassee, Fla., reported 1.26 inches during the night. Up to one inch fell in sections of Louisiana, Mississippi and Ala-

bama. About an inch or two of fresh snow fell Thursday night in Kansas but the rest of the snowbelt showed only a trace of precipitation.

The U.S. Army Engineers said today that Lake Michigan and Lake Huron had equalled all-time low levels for December set in 1933. The weather bureau blamed the severe drought this fall for causing many rivers in Missouri and Illinois to approach record low levels.

At least 60 weather-connected deaths were counted by United Press International in the series of wintry onslaughts that reached from the northern Rockies to Texas and eastward to the Atlantic.

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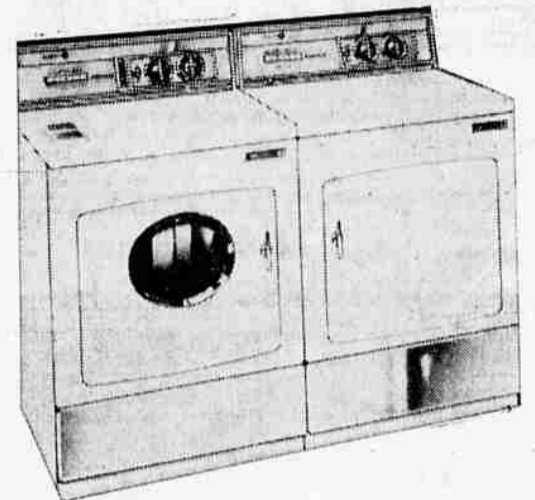
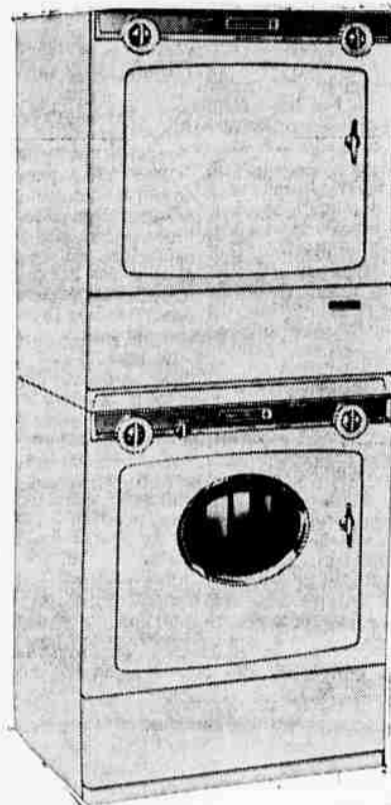
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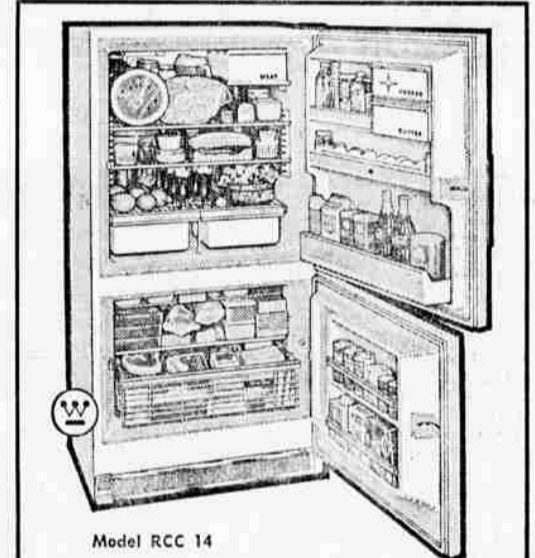
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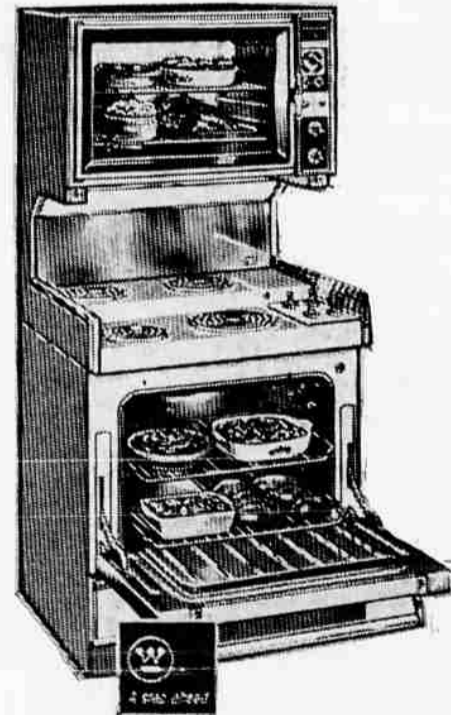
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