

### FORMER OFFICIAL SOLD TALENTS TO MUNITIONS FIRM

Charles West, Ex-Interior Under Secretary, Witness At Senate Investigation.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Charles West, former interior undersecretary, told senate investigators today that he was engaged last year for a percentage fee as "business consultant and adviser" in Washington for the Empire Ordnance company, but declared he was not employed to obtain defense contracts.

In reply to questions West testified before the senate defense investigating committee that the Empire company had agreed to pay him one percent on its gross business and that he had brought suit to collect \$687,000 which he contended the company owed to him.

West said that there was "no truth" in any statement that he had at any time attempted to obtain a defense contract with the United States government or the British government or that he had accepted any fee for obtaining such a contract.

**Hired For Advice**  
"Nor," he added, "have I worked for anyone to whom I represented that if they employed me I would use political influence."

The Empire company through Frank Cohen, West said, employed him in October or November of last year after representing that they wanted "the advice and counsel of someone who knew Washington and knew the government."

At that time, West said, the company already had commitments from the British purchasing commission, and did not need his help to get a contract. However, he testified, the company was having difficulty in obtaining clearance from the army ordnance department for the British contract, and his services were first sought to "find out what the trouble was and to advise the Empire company what to do."

### CARE IN CUTTING YULE TREES URGED

The practice of good citizenship and conservation in cutting Christmas trees was urged today by the Oregon Roadside Council. The council, in a leaflet being distributed, made these suggestions:

Get permission from the landowner before cutting a Christmas tree; select a tree out of sight of the roadside; decide what tree you want before you start cutting; don't cut a little tree from the top of a big one; help reforestation by doing your cutting where there are other young trees nearby to fill the gap made by the removal of your tree.

If care, economy and conservation are practiced in the forests, there will be a perpetual supply of Christmas trees for the children and grownups of Oregon and neighboring treeless states, the council asserted.

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### Mar's Messenger Has to Wait



Germany's Charge D'Affaires Hans Thomsen, who bore a declaration of war against the United States to the state department at Washington, had to wait in this fashion for some time before he was able to deliver his message.

### 20-30 WILL AID IN FIRE DEFENSE

Plans for participation in home defense efforts were made at the regular meeting of Medford 20-30 club Wednesday night. One of the main projects of the club is designating members to receive training with the fire department. Teams of three 20-30'ians will spend a night a week at the fire hall, gaining experience in fire department routine and also strengthening the department.

The 20-30 club will arrange to have a local dairy furnish several needy families a three-month supply of milk as a Christmas gift.

Guests at Wednesday's meeting were Fire Chief Roy Elliott, Harry McCay, "Doc" Svarin, John Davidson of the Salem club and Bill Benton of the Fresno, Calif., club.

**TEACHERS WANT PAY**  
Portland, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Portland school teachers have protested to the board of education the lack of a December pay check. They said they were paid November 27 and would not be paid again until January 5. The board had rejected earlier requests for a December payment, saying it forced the district to borrow.

**HOME LOAN DIRECTOR**  
Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Federal Home Loan bank board has reappointed Lee H. Hoffman of Portland as public interest director of the Portland Federal Home Loan bank. Hoffman will serve until Dec. 31, 1945.

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### Young Filipino Pilot Battles 54 Japanese in Bantangas Clouds

Manila, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The youthful leader of a daredevil squadron of six Filipino pilots in erstwhile training planes who took on 54 Japanese air raiders last Friday over Bantangas and shot down two said today he "got so mad" he forgot to be scared.

"When I saw the first flight of 27 planes I felt frightened at first," said Capt. Jesus Villamor, "but went 'upstairs' anyway."

"Then I saw a second flight of 27 planes and thought they were Americans and I said to myself: 'This is going to be a heck of a good fight.' But they were Japs.

"That made me so mad I went right for 'em, and the rest of the boys were with me. After

that I didn't feel anything except a determination to get a few of them and break up the formation."

Of the Filipino pilots, one was wounded and parachuted to safety and another was killed, Villamor said, when seven Japanese planes "rode him down."

### WANT A HOTEL?

Coquille, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—If anyone wants an old hotel to preserve as a memorial to the past, the state highway department will give them the Knapp hotel at Port Orford if they will move it. Famous as a stopping place in pioneer days, it stands on property needed for right-of-way.

### PRISONERS GIVE

Salem, Dec. 18.—(AP)—State prison inmates will contribute \$150 to the Red Cross war fund, Prison Warden George Alexander said today. The Red Cross announced that Salem would be state headquarters for the drive.

### DOUGLAS TO BUY DEFENSE BONDS

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Purchase of \$100,000 worth of defense bonds with surplus funds from the Douglas county treasury has been authorized by the county court, it was announced today by County Judge D. N. Busenbark. The county will buy half of the bonds in December and the remainder in January.

The county has accumulated a large surplus, chiefly from sale of timber lands through tax delinquencies. No tax levy is slated for the first six months of 1942, aside from a general levy for roads. Expenses of county departments will be paid from surplus funds, leaving the balance of \$100,000 for

buying the defense bonds, not only as a patriotic duty but for the financial benefit of the county, Judge Busenbark states. The funds draw no interest at present.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—(UP)—A 6-month-old Brahma calf was found running wild with a herd of deer. Officials speculated it was one of three calves which escaped from a rodeo last summer.

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