

Policeman, Navy Sailor Jailed For Two-Year-Old Burglary of \$60,000 from Quonset Air Base

Boston — (U.P.) — A policeman and a Navy sailor were under arrest Saturday, charged with the \$60,000 safe burglary at the Quonset, R.I., Naval Air Station two years ago.

Two others were in custody charged with receiving, conceal-

ing and disposing of stolen money.

The FBI said a suitcase containing about \$40,000 and shipped from New London, Conn., to Miami, Fla., shortly after the Feb. 17, 1951, burglary provided the clue that led to the multiple arrests.

Patrolman Arrested
Those in custody were Jack Nipper, 22, a Newport News, Va., motorcycle patrolman; Wilton Corry Solcum, 25, a Trifton, Ga., aviation electrician; his father Robert J. Solcum, 55, of Winter Haven, Fla., aviation electrician, and Zeb Newton Crews, 36, of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Federal agents said Nipper and the younger Solcum committed the burglary while both were in the Navy and stationed at Quonset. Solcum, the father of four children, is still in the Navy. He was arrested at Quonset Point, R.I., and arraigned before a U.S. commissioner in Providence, with bail at \$10,000 and hearing set for Sept. 4. He recently had returned home from duty in Turkey.

Nipper was summoned to the Newport News Police headquarters from motorcycle duty and was turned over to the FBI there. He was arraigned before a U.S. commissioner and bond was set at \$10,000 returnable at Providence, R.I.

The FBI said the younger Solcum, a part-time janitor at the credit union when the robbery occurred, admitted rifling files in the office until he found the safe's combination.

Agents said the money was divided after the burglary and sent to "personal contacts" in Florida.

Discharged From Navy
Nipper returned to civilian status after the burglary and was hired as a Newport News patrolman Dec. 5, 1952. According to police and FBI officers, pre-employment inquiries about Nipper showed that "everyone" queried "spoke very highly of him."

Newport News Police Chief William Peach said Nipper "didn't make any statement except to deny any knowledge of it." He said he requested and received Nipper's resignation. However, Peach added, if Nipper were acquitted of the charge "I certainly feel that I should take him back as a police officer."

Emergency Board OKs Prison Guards Money

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon State Emergency Board has approved \$100,000 for hiring of extra guards at Oregon state penitentiary.

Will Hire 20 Guards

Warden Clarence T. Gladden had asked the Board for \$143,928 with which to hire 25 extra guards to fill security gaps at the prison. Harry Dorman, director of the State Department of Finance and Administration, said the \$100,000 allowed by the board would be enough to hire about 20 new guards. Board members told Gladden he could appear later to ask for additional money he considered necessary.

The Board deferred for later action the matter of a property bond for ROTC properties at University of Oregon and Oregon State college. It said it would give the question further study. The Department of Defense has ordered ROTC units at the two schools disbanded within a year unless the state

puts up bond to cover government property used in the two departments.

Approved Plans
Also approved were plans for a one-story and basement service building for the Finance Department and Veterans Affairs Department; central garage for the state motor pool; and \$37,400 for a pilot program in the education of mentally retarded children.

It authorized the State Department of Agriculture and the state health division to survey ragweed infestation in the state and to recommend control measures.

Budget for the forest protection and conservation commission was fixed at \$20,750.

Fire Causes Loss Estimated at \$1000

A grass fire Friday caused damage estimated at \$1,000 when it spread into a hen house, woodshed and chicken house owned by L. F. Rieffenberger, 1810 Orchard Home court, according to the Medford fire department.

The blaze occurred at about 3:30 p.m. and apparently was started when the grass was ignited by sparks from a trash burner, firemen said.

Two city trucks were sent to the fire. They were the city's regular alarm truck, and a standby truck kept in reserve for rural fires, according to the fire department.

BACK IN U. S.

Seattle — (U.P.) — Warrant Officer George E. Schroeder of Salem, Ore., arrived here Saturday aboard the transport Gen. Simon B. Buckner from the Far East. He was the only Oregonian among the 1659 returning servicemen.

Aviation Mechanics Said Needed by Army

A new army specialty, aviation mechanics, is now open to Army enlistees, according to Pfc. Warren M. Long, local Army and Air Force recruiter.

The Army needs mechanics for airplane, helicopter or airframe work, he said, to meet the expansion demands of the Army aviation maintenance program.

Those having one of three qualifications will be eligible for such enlistment, Sergeant Long said. These are possession of a diploma from a recognized school in mechanics, a Civil Aeronautics Administration license in one or more of the specialties, or at least one year's service in the fields.

Full information is available in Sergeant Long's office in the Medford post office building.



CAREFUL ATTENTION is given by Andrei Vlahinsky (left), chief Soviet delegate to United Nations, as Semyon K. Tsarapkin, his deputy, imparts information before debate is resumed on program for setting up Korean peace parley. (International)

Cordon Slates Junket To Equatorial Jungles Of Hot Belgian Congo

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Washington — The way is now clear, technically, for a shake-up in the top echelon of the Bonnevill Power administration.

No changes have yet been made by Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay in the region's power marketing agency, although he has acknowledged that a successor to Administrator Paul J. Raver has been under consideration.

The Civil Service commission this past week placed Raver's job and two others at BPA into what is called "schedule C"—a new civil service category set up by the Eisenhower administration to comprise all positions in government of a policy-determining character. Anyone whose position is placed in "schedule C" can be removed at any time.

Raver previously had been in a similar category under the past administration. But not all

his BPA associates could have been replaced, for some were protected by competitive civil service regulations.

Now the positions of administrator, his private secretary, and the BPA executive secretary are classed as policy-making jobs. The assistant administrator, chief engineer and chief counsel are barred by law from civil service protection.

All told, McKay has asked the Civil Service commission to put 400 jobs in his vast department in "schedule C" but the commission has rejected his request on well over half. Only 62 positions have thus far been approved.

When Congress adjourns hastily in mid-summer, one of the reasons for the speedy action is to get away from the terrible summer heat in the nation's capital. And not a few congressional junkets abroad offer an attractive climatic contrast to Washington, D.C. Sen. Guy Cordon for example, might have gone to Alaska for hearings on statehood. But where is he going this week? Africa's Belgian Congo which straddles the equator.

Later he may get to the Pacific islands under U.S. trusteeship, whose reputation for balminess is more fiction than fact. By the time Cordon gets back to Washington, he should be thankful for the moderate climate on the banks of the Potomac, probably enough to keep considering spending another six years here.

Portland General Electric Co. has received another blow in its long fight to build the controversial Pelton dam in the Deschutes river, which fishing interests backed by the Oregon State Hydroelectric commission have opposed.

Because the project has been licensed by the Federal Power commission the state has taken an appeal to the federal courts to block construction. The FPC license was granted Dec. 21, 1951 — and the case is still tied up in court.

Like many private utilities, PGE meanwhile got a rapid tax amortization certificate from the Office of Defense mobilization permitting them to write-off against federal income taxes \$14,469,000 over a five-year period, or 65 per cent of the estimated cost of the dam.

But this past week ODM informed PGE that it was cancelling this tax favor on grounds the project had not been started. ODM requires that certified projects get underway within six months from the time they grant a tax certificate. The government had twice given PGE six-month extensions. It denied a third request for an extension last week.

Ike Completes List Of Appointees to Special Commission

Denver — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower Saturday completed his appointments to a special commission assigned to improving American international trade and finance and dispatched one of his chief economic advisers to Paris for a brief study of the European economy.

To Attend Conclave
The summer White House announced that Mr. Eisenhower was sending Dr. Gabriel Hauge to Paris next month for conferences with the economic committee of the Organization for European Economic policy, telling the appointees that their mission was "one of the most vital before our country."

The President recently appointed Clarence E. Randall, chairman of the board of Inland Steel Corp., as chairman of the commission. Saturday's appointees were:

Appointees
Jesse W. Tapp, a Democrat, executive vice-president of the Bank of America at San Francisco; John Jay Whitney, a Republican, senior partner of J. H. Whitney and Co., New York; David J. McDonald, a Democrat, president of the United Steel Workers of America (CIO), Mt. Lebanon, Pa.; Cola J. Parker, a Republican, chairman of the board of the Kimberly-Clark Corp.; Neenah, Wis.; prof. John H. Williams, Republican, professor of political economics at Harvard University; and Lamar Fleming, Jr., Democrat, president of Anderson, Clayton and Co., Houston, Tex.

FIRE GIVES ALARM

Bow, N. H. — (U.P.) — A short circuit that started a car fire also gave the alarm. The blaze started because of the short circuit and started the automobile horn to blow.

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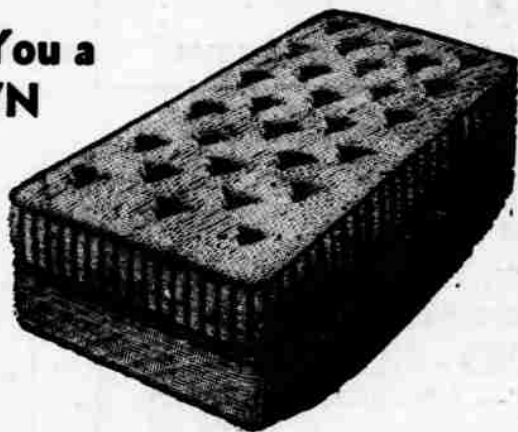
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