

Sen. Kuchel Asks Policy on Purchases

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.), asked the Defense Department today for a policy decision on whether it will buy materials from foreign companies which underbid American firms on government projects.

Kuchel wrote Defense Secretary Charles Wilson to protest that a German company underbid a California firm seeking a contract for equipment for the hydroelectric plant at The Dalles, Ore.

Last spring Kuchel protested when a Japanese company was the apparent low bidder for equipment for the Columbia river generating plant. Later, all bids were thrown out because of ambiguities and failure to comply with specifications, Kuchel said.

Sixty per cent of Americans today live in cities.

Safecrackers Didn't Believe Owner's Note

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Safecrackers used nitroglycerine to blast the door off George Baton's 200-pound safe at his laundry despite the fact Baton had left a note saying "There are only papers inside."

Reuther Sees AFL-CIO Unity Near Certainty

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Walter Reuther, president of the CIO and United Auto Workers, predicted last night that unity of the CIO and the AFL is certain and "closer than ever."

Reuther expressed his optimism for unification of the two unions when he arrived here by plane for executive sessions prior to Monday's opening of the national CIO convention.

The CIO head said he felt confident the convention would approve unity steps taken to date.

Former Broadway Star Has Birthday

Pasadena, Calif. — (U.P.) — Trixie Friganza, the toast of Broadway at the turn of the century when she was known as the champagne girl, today looked forward to "many more years of life" after celebrating her 83rd birthday.

The former famed comedienne observed her birthday yesterday at the Sacred Heart academy where arthritis has confined her to a bed and a wheelchair for 15 years.

She received hundreds of birthday cards from all over the world, but was unable to read them because of cataracts on both eyes.

She admitted she was in constant pain, but added, "I have had a great many happy years and I'm looking forward to many more."

Georgia leads in the U.S. in production of watermelons.

Farmers To Share Land Bank Dividend

One hundred eighty-eight farmers and ranchers in Jackson and Josephine counties will share in a \$312,000 dividend declared by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane. F. E. Bowman, secretary-treasurer of the Southern Oregon National Farm Loan association, has announced.

The 6 per cent dividend will be paid to 65 national farm loan associations in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington, Bowman said. Like the Southern Oregon association, the other 64 NFAs also will pass on most of this dividend to the farmers and ranchers who have land bank loans and own all of the association's stock. The bank's capital stock is owned entirely by the 65 associations.

Bowman said the bank has paid out more than \$2,600,000 in dividends in the last nine years and most of this money has been passed on to land bank borrowers through their asso-

ciations. These dividends, he said, have the effect of reducing the 4 per cent interest cost on loans.

West Coast Phone Workers Get Raise

Portland — (U.P.) — The AFL electrical workers union announced yesterday it has negotiated hourly wage boosts of 4 and 10-cents for 1500 Oregon and Washington employees of the West Coast Telephone company.

The 10-cent increase would be given plant employees. Traffic and commercial employees would receive a 4-cent boost.

A new contract agreement was recently reached by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company employees represented by the CIO Communications union.

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