



SNUGGLING CLOSE UNDER "mother" bomber, "parasite" jet fighter is retrieved in flight and brought into bomb bay. Combination enables Air Force to conduct long range high-speed reconnaissance missions with bombers carrying protective fighters. (International)

## Plan To Sell Olympic Timberland Blocked by Congress Committees

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 Washington (Special)—An Interior Department proposal to sell some Olympic National Park timberland to a group of Pacific Northwest logging operators has been blocked by two congressional committees.

Congress learned of the proposed pact several weeks before it was set to be signed by the administration and the logging concerns last month, and by registering an objection prevented the deal from going through.

The timberland involved in the proposed transaction amounted to 3861 acres which the National Park Service said has an appraised value of about \$232,000. It lies just outside the western boundaries of Olympic National Park near the Pacific Ocean and was acquired during the 1940s for eventual inclusion in the park but was never taken in.

All told, the government has 6609 acres of such acquired lands that today lie outside the park's boundaries. Because the park is almost as large as Congress authorized it to be, the Interior Department sees little or no prospect of including these lands by presidential order—particularly in view of agitation by Northwest loggers to have the size of the park reduced so they can cut some of its timber.

Against this background, the Interior Department came up with a complicated transaction under which the park service would dispose of the Olympic timberland and acquire in the deal 400 acres of private holdings within Lassen Volcanic National Park, Calif. The loggers would buy the California land for \$269,350 from its owners and turn it over to the park service in exchange for the Olympic property, which they have agreed to regard as having a value of \$272,020. They would pay the \$2670 difference to the U.S. Treasury.

The bulk of the Olympic property would go to Rayonier, Inc. The firm would pay \$105,659 for 2503.63 acres, or about \$42 per acre. National Plywood Corp. of Beaver, Wash., would acquire 638.27 acres for \$61,400 and Peninsula Plywood Corp. of

Port Angeles would get 559.11 acres for \$69,494. The remaining 160 acres would go to three small operators in the area.

## Revised Plans for Air Force Academy Receive Approval

Washington—(U.P.)—Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee have generally approved the revised design for the Air Force Academy. It places less emphasis on glass and deletes the controversial accordion-like chapel of the original plans.

The senators seemed ready to go along with Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbot's urgent plea for \$79,000,000 so construction can begin on the new academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Pictures Withheld**  
 But the Air Force refused to make public pictures of the new design. The reason: The House Appropriations Committee, which has complained the loudest about the original plans, has not yet seen the new ones.

Talbot was taking no chances of offending the House committee by distributing the pictures without first showing them to his critics. The cozy handling of the new pictures was in sharp contrast with the much headline unveiling of the original plans last spring.

**Only Studies**  
 Talbot said yesterday that those first plans were "only studies" and added, "I guess we should never have put them out."

It was the House committee which refused \$79,000,000 for the academy as a result of the controversy over the original design.

The new design shown to the Senate committee yesterday is still severely modern, but there is more emphasis on stone to replace the previous glass expanses. And the senators were obviously relieved to find the Air Force had dropped the modernistic chapel that has been compared with both an upside down accordion and a tepee.

Congress first heard of the deal when the Interior Department on May 25 wrote to the House and Senate committees on government operations, saying that unless some objections were raised it planned to sign the contract on June 29 under the authority of a federal statute which was due to expire June 30 at midnight.

The Senate committee on May 31 wrote Washington Sens. Henry M. Jackson and Warren G. Magnuson a routine letter about the matter, asking what they thought of the idea. Looking into it, the senators discovered that the value of the timberland was based on a timber cruise conducted in 1940.

"Evidently no attempt has been made to reestimate the amount of timber now on this property as compared with the estimate made 15 years ago," they declared. "There is no indication the new appraisals place a value on timber which may have matured since the 1940 cruise. In addition, most of the land in question is covered with young growth, as yet unmerchantable, but 15 to 25 years old, which will be of great value within the next 20 years. This growth is apparently given no value in the latest appraisal."

The senators proposed that the Forest Service make a new cruise to see if Interior had set a fair market value on its timberland. They also questioned whether the department had authority for such a transaction. Both House and Senate committees promptly objected to the deal, and it has not gone through.

Meanwhile, the House committee has sent an investigator into the same area to look into timber sales made by the department through the Bureau of Indian Affairs to Rayonier. This followed the disclosure by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) that sales to Rayonier of hemlock had been going for about \$6 to \$13 under long-term Interior contracts, when the company was buying in the same area hemlock under bid for \$25 to \$3.

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### SMUGGLERS ARRESTED

Willemstad, Curacao, N.W.I. (U.P.)—Police arrested a 36-year-old Paraguayan Monday described as a "one-man smuggling ring." They identified him as M. Calevach and said he arrived from Europe loaded with cameras and watches. His car was especially equipped with secret compartments for smuggling, police said.

## Springfield Logger's Body Found in River

Eugene—(U.P.)—The body of Ira Simmons, 52-year-old Springfield, Ore., logger, was recovered from the Willamette river yesterday, 100 yards downstream from the point where he fell into the stream at Judkins Point. Simmons apparently slipped into the river from the diversion dam of the Eugene millrace. Another Springfield man, James R. Mattson, jumped into the river in a vain rescue attempt. He found only the fisherman's hat. The body was found by Lane County Sheriff Ed Elder, Deputy Sheriff Clare Williams, and State Police Officers Harold Stromquist and Robert Steele using grappling hooks.

## Judge East Presides In First Federal Cases

Portland—(U.P.)—Federal Judge William East of Eugene presided over his first cases from the federal bench here yesterday. Judge East, newly appointed to fill a vacancy left when Judge James Alger Fee was assigned to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, took a plea in a criminal action and issued a decree in an admiralty libel suit. The judge ordered a pre-sentence investigation for Donald L. Faudskar, 26, Silverton, who pleaded guilty to forging a signature on a \$117 government check. He allowed petitioner Harold I. Jones \$21,874 in a foreclosure action brought against an Astoria fishing vessel, the Dreamer.

**Portland Tavern Owners Fined for Game Payoffs**  
 Judge Crawford said the city's complaints showed that the operators had violated the municipal anti-gambling ordinance. The case was then referred back to Municipal Court for collection of the fines.

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