

# \$130,000,000 Merger Of Sears, RCA Given Government Approval

Washington — (U.P.) — The Department of Justice has given its blessing to a proposed \$130,000,000 merger involving some operations of Radio Corporation of America, Sears-Roebuck and company and two large appliance manufacturers, it was announced Saturday.

Assistant Attorney General Stanley N. Barnes, said an extensive study proved that the transaction will have no major impact on competitors in the markets involved.

**Suit Pending**

The department has an antitrust suit pending against RCA charging the huge concern with monopolizing the radio-television patent licensing business. But the current deal involves differ-

ent fields and will work this way:

The Whirlpool Corporation of America, manufacturers of a home laundry equipment line, and the Seegar company, manufacturers of refrigerators and freezers will pool their assets. RCA and Sears then will acquire part of this new company, with RCA contributing its entire stove and air-conditioner lines.

Sears already owns stock in both Whirlpool and Seegar, but plans for the merger state that Sears and RCA together will have "less than 50 per cent" control in the firm.

**Approval Requested**

Plans for the merger were made public recently by Whirlpool in a letter to stockholders. Whirlpool officials later told the United Press that all parties to the agreement had sought Justice department approval. Barnes was then asked about the antitrust implications.

He said Saturday that all aspects of the deal were considered. First, the department gave weight to the prospect that participation by Sears and RCA jointly "might develop into something like the Dupont and General Motors combine in the white goods line."

This was no serious cause for concern, he said.

"Further, we received assurances from RCA that it will not use its position to supply Sears with its radio, television or phonograph products."

He said that since Sears and RCA both have stove lines now, the department also took up the possibility that competition between the two would be eliminated.

## Expert Says Space Flight Obstacles Will Be Overcome

Washington — (U.P.) — The director of the Army's guided missile program is confident that obstacles to space flight will be overcome "in our time."

Dr. Werner von Braun, Prussian-born scientist and guided missile expert, said "Let there be no doubt that we still have a lot to learn before manned flight to an orbit of the earth, let alone voyages to the moon or Mars, will become possible."

**Voices Confident**

But he voiced confidence that the problems which now hold man to the lower levels of the earth's atmosphere eventually will be solved.

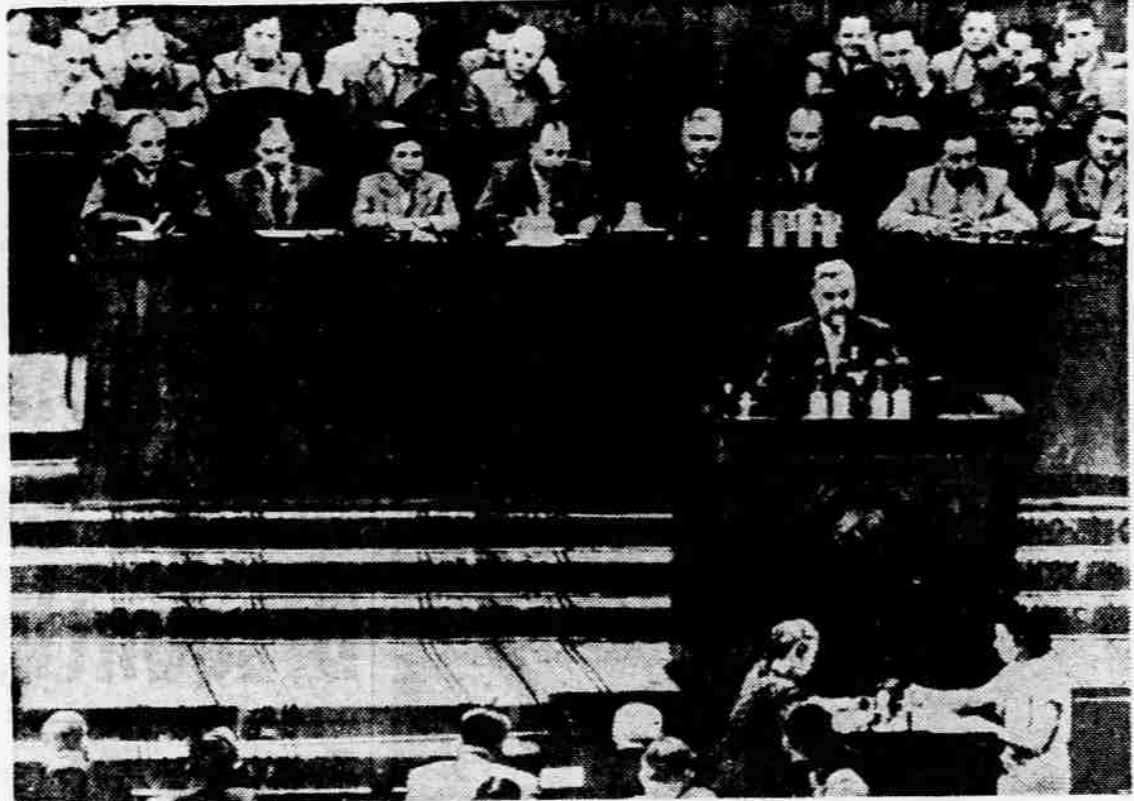
Von Braun is a pioneer missile expert who developed Germany's V-2 rocket in World War II. His statements were made in connection with plans by the United States to launch a small, unmanned satellite during the 1957-58 International Geophysical Year.

He said this "logical first step across the space frontier" will be followed by "more elaborately equipped orbiters" until "ultimately man himself will attain orbital flight."

Von Braun's statements were released by the Defense department.

The greatest river of Australia is the Murray which is about 1,520 miles in length and which drains approximately one-seventh of the area of the entire continent.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.



**REJECTS EISENHOWER PROPOSAL**—Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin (on rostrum) speaks in the hall of the Kremlin in Moscow before an audience of the combined Houses of the Supreme Soviet. In the left rear box sits former Premier Georgi Malenkov. At his left is Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, and at his right is N. Khrushchev, first secretary of the Soviet Communist Party. Bulganin has stated that President Eisenhower's aerial inspection plan has no real significance because the terrain and topography of both countries "would permit camouflage of anything desired."

## Residents of Hiroshima Observe 10th Anniversary of First Atomic Attack

Hiroshima, Japan — (U.P.) — The 250,000 residents of Hiroshima bowed their heads in prayer Saturday at exactly 10 years to the minute after the first atomic bomb ever used in war nearly wiped their city from the face of the earth. A minute later 500 peace doves were sent winging over the exact spot where the bomb fell.

At 8:15 a.m., the exact moment when the bomb fell on Aug. 6, 1945, a siren sounded and bells began to peal throughout the city.

The 250,000 present residents stopped for a minute of silent prayer in memory of the nearly 100,000 persons who died when an American B-29 dropped the bomb.

**Doves Released**

When the prayer was ended the 500 "Peace Doves" were released to fly over the white cenotaph erected in the center of the ruins which mark the point where the bomb landed.

The day's events were climaxed at night with the traditional floating of 10,000 lighted lanterns down Hiroshima's seven rivers in a gesture of solace to the spirits of the dead.

Some of the anniversary's somberness was lost in the postling of curiosity seekers who roamed through the skeletons of bomb-blasted buildings left standing as a mute reminder of the

atomic holocaust. Other visitors bustled through the flag-decked shopping center.

**Messages Read**

During the half hour daytime ceremony, held annually by the City of Hiroshima in its peace memorial park, messages of encouragement were read out from Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama and the speakers of the two houses of Japan's parliament.

Hatoyama said the symbol of Japan's rebirth from the destruction of war was epitomized in the "sight of the people of Hiroshima sweeping away the dark clouds of suffering of the past and participating boldly in the task of peaceful construction."

## Closure of Paper Threatens Revival Of Columbia Unrst

Bogota, Colombia — (U.P.) — A revival of active political opposition to President Gustavo Rojas Pinilla threatened Saturday as a result of the closing down of the Liberal (opposition) newspaper El Tiempo.

A spokesman for the Liberal National committee said the forced suspension of El Tiempo, Colombia's leading newspaper may result in an open breach between the party and the government with the Liberals reassuming their role as the leading opposition group.

**Pledge Support**

The Liberal party pledged its support to Rojas Pinilla when he assumed control through a military coup in 1953 with the avowed purpose of ending five years of virtual civil war in Colombia and establishing a government of national reconciliation.

El Tiempo was ordered closed down indefinitely Thursday night for refusing to publish a retraction dictated by the government.

As a result, Labor Minister Castor Jaramillo Arrubla submitted his resignation Friday to Rojas Pinilla. Dr. Alberto Lleras Camargo, former secretary general of the organization of the American states (OAS), resigned as member of the Foreign Ministry's Advisory commission.

**Impose Censorship**

The government imposed military censorship on all outgoing cables concerning the closure of El Tiempo. News agencies were notified that outgoing dispatches must be submitted to military censors for approval before they were handed to communications companies.

The printing shops of the 44-year-old newspaper owned by former President Eduardo Santos were virtually taken over by the army. Troops barred entrance and exit to all lacking special permission.

Censorship on newspapers throughout Colombia was reimposed by the government last week, ending two years of comparative press freedom.

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson is going to Europe this fall in a personal effort to sell some of this country's huge farm surpluses.

Control is complicated because the sawfly spends most of its life cycle — from egg to adult—within the hollow stem of the wheat plant.

## No Shortage of Coffee in Sight

Washington — (U.P.) — The Agriculture Department reports that coffee supplies are going up, not down. There is no coffee shortage in sight.

The statement was expected to nip a baby boom in retail coffee prices set off by reports of a freeze in Brazil last Monday. Price rose sharply early this week in trading on the New York coffee exchange, and retail price increases of five cents a pound were reported in some stores.

But officials here said Friday after receiving a report from the U.S. agricultural attache in Rio de Janeiro that the freeze in the state of Parana did only "minor damage" to the 1955-56 crop — the crop now being harvested for use during the year beginning last July 1.

World coffee production next year will probably be greater than in the current year, the department said. The losses in Parana will only "tend to limit a potentially larger surplus."



**QUEEN MOTHER IS 55** — Queen Mother Elizabeth celebrated her 55th birthday Aug. 4 quietly in her Clarence House residence with Queen Elizabeth II and Princess Margaret.

## Attorney To Seek Pardon for White

Ukiah, Calif. — (U.P.) — Attorney Dewey Turner said Saturday he will petition the governor of Washington for a pardon for Booth R. White, 40-year-old father of three children who was released from custody when Washington officials failed to request his extradition to face a 22-year-old escape charge.

White, a successful commercial fisherman and respected citizen of Fort Bragg for several years, was released from jail without bail Friday after Washington authorities said "legal technicalities" prevented them from taking custody of him.

White was arrested Tuesday when a routine application for a pistol permit disclosed he was wanted for escaping from a Washington state reformatory in 1933 when he was 18. He was serving a term for second degree burglary.

White said he just "walked away" from the reformatory six months after he entered. He rode a train to Coos Bay, Ore., where he worked as a longshoreman and later shipped out on a coastal steamer.

He married his wife, Lois, in San Francisco in 1940. They have two daughters, 13 and 10, and a son, 12.

The American Legion's national charter was granted by congress in 1919.

## Steel Wage Hike Agreement Gained

Chicago — (U.P.) — A Reynolds Metal Company spokesman said it had reached agreement early Saturday with the CIO United Steel Workers on wage increases covering 9000 USW members in eight plants in the Midwest or West, and mines of the Reynolds Mining Co. at Bauxite, Ark.

Federal mediators had been called in when the company and the union could not reach agreement on terms under a wage-reopening clause. The clause expired July 31, and talks on it began three weeks ago.

The spokesman said the new agreement provided 11½ cents "across the board" raise, plus an average of 3½ cents per hour distributed progressively from the lowest to the highest plant rates.

Covered by the agreement are steel workers in plants at McCook and La Grange, Ill.; Troutdale, Ore.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Jones Mills, Hurracane Creek and Arkadelphia, Ark.; The Reynolds San Patricio plant at Corpus Christi, Tex., and the mines at Bauxite.

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