

# Democrats Promise Probe of Blocked Air Force Agreement

## Wall Street Banker Accused of Misrepresentation in Committee Probe of Administration's Power Policies

Washington —(U.P.)— Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) today accused a Wall Street investment banker of representing himself "incorrectly" to stockholders in a fight over the proposed merger of two Washington state power companies.

O'Mahoney leveled the charge at Chandler Hovey Jr., a partner in the New York investment banking house of White, Weld & Co., as a Senate Anti-Monopoly Subcommittee opened a broad scale investigation into the administration's power policies.

The subcommittee's first objective was to try to determine if New York private utility interests are trying to establish a national monopoly on electric power. As the lead off case, the subcommittee dug into the attempted merger of the Washington Water Power Co. of Spokane, with the Puget Sound Power & Light Co. of Seattle.

**Letter Urged Merger**  
Hovey was a member of a "Stockholders' Committee for Puget Sound Power & Light Co.," which on July 20, 1955,

sent out a letter to stockholders in the company urging support of the controversial merger plan. The Securities and Exchange Commission subsequently ordered the committee to withdraw the letter on the grounds that it

was, in effect, a proxy solicitation and did not come within SEC proxy requirements.

Under questioning, Hovey stated that on July 20, neither he nor the firm held stock in the Puget Sound Co., although his

name and that of his firm appeared on the committee's letterhead.

This statement led O'Mahoney to charge that Hovey and his firm were "representing itself incorrectly" to the stockholders of Puget Sound.

But Hovey said his firm joined the committee as a "service" to its customers and because it felt that in promoting the merger it was doing "a service to all stockholders" whether they were customers or not.

### Close Relationships

In an opening statement, the subcommittee questioned whether the stockholders' committee was actually acting "in the interest of Puget or had some other interest which interfered with the interest of Puget."

Subcommittee counsel Joseph W. Burns noted that several firms on the committee "appear to have close banking relationships with Electric Bond and Share Co. and Washington Water Power Co." The subcommittee has singled out EBASCO as a prime mover in the alleged monopoly effort.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co. is a private utility operating in the western part of Washington. Washington Water Power is a former member of the holding company system of Electric Bond & Share Co. After Puget tried to sell out to local public utility districts, Washington Water Power proposed a merger of the two companies.

## State Police Arson Squad Head Succumbs

Albany, Ore.—(U.P.)—Capt. Harold W. Howard, head of the Oregon state police arson squad, died yesterday in a hospital here following a heart attack.

He started police work as a young man in La Grande and had been with the state police since 1931.

Captain Howard lived in Medford in the 1930s, when he was a sergeant with the state police here. He is known to many people in this area, and one of his children, who died while quite small, is buried here.

## New Hope Held In Heart Surgery

Portland—(U.P.)—New hope for persons facing heart surgery was held out today by University of Oregon medical school doctors—thanks to a newly developed ultra-short exposure x-ray tube which can photograph the heart and blood vessels at 1-1000 of a second.

Combined efforts of University of Oregon medical school radiology professor, Dr. Charles T. Dotter, and engineers of the Machlett Laboratories in Connecticut produced the switch tube which greatly reduces x-ray exposure time.

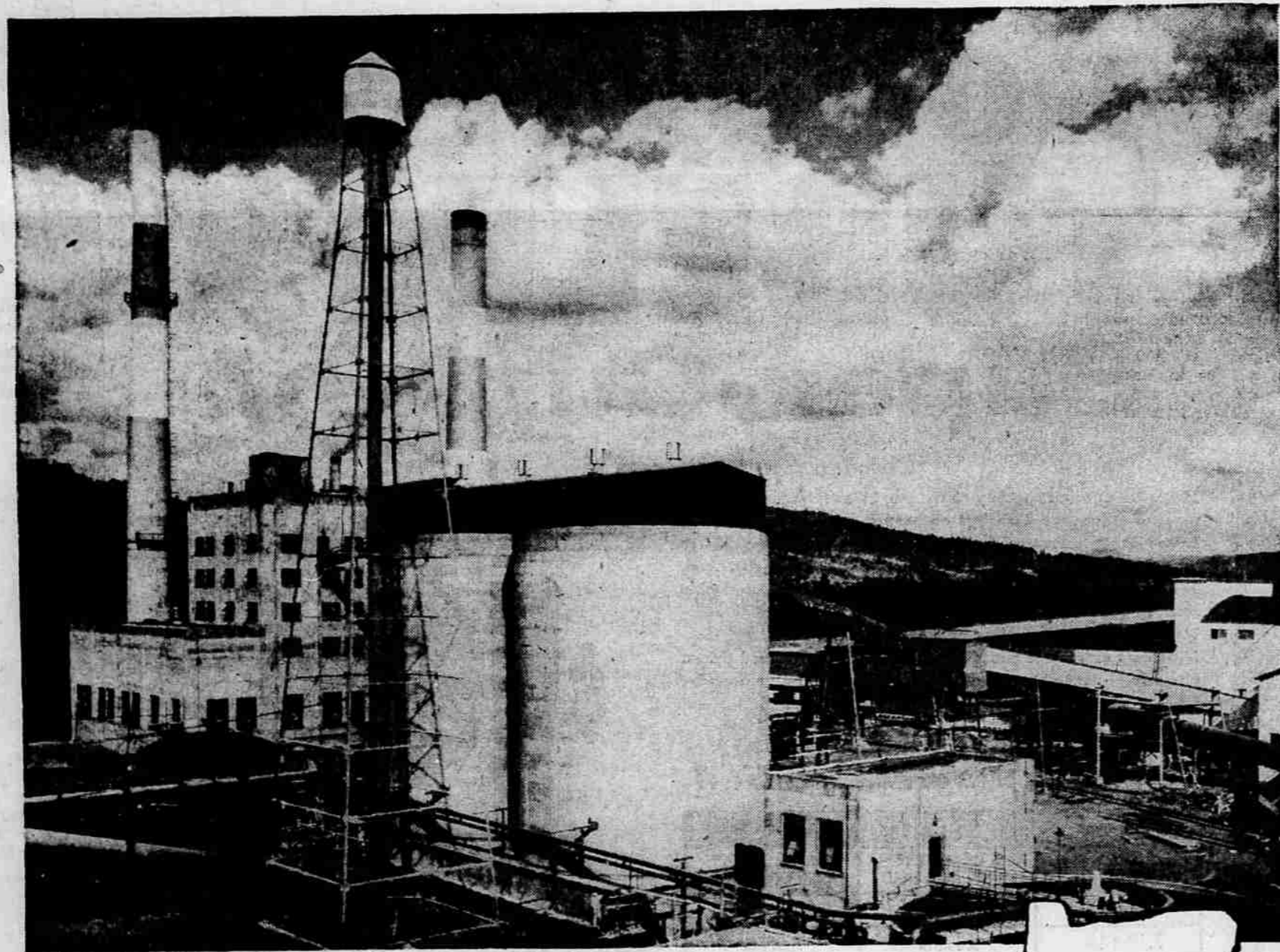
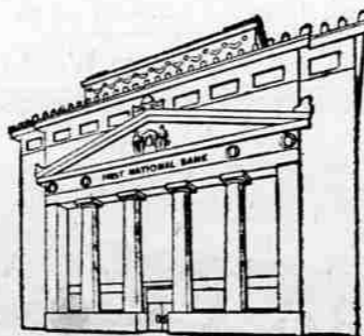
The new tube is expected to reduce considerably the uncertainty and danger associated with

heart surgery. Doctors explained that heart surgery requires many specialized x-rays prior to the operation and that the new tube would show the heart in action with a clarity and detail formerly impossible.

Dr. Dotter, now attending a meeting of the American Roentgen Ray Society in Chicago, said the apparatus was still technically in the experimental stage, but that it had been used at the Oregon medical school with good effect.

He said the short exposure technique could be applied to ordinary x-ray apparatus for use on children and in cases where involuntary movement of the patient was a problem.

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## Lease of Secret Radar Equipment To Be Investigated

Washington —(U.P.)— Democrats, leveling new "big business" charges against the Republican administration, today promised an investigation of a blocked \$2,400,000,000 Air Force agreement to lease secret new radar communications equipment from private firms.

Comptroller General Joseph Campbell has warned the Air Force it had no authority from Congress to make such contracts.

His ruling, made public Tuesday by House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack (Mass.), means that no federal funds can be spent on the project.

But the Air Force said later Campbell has agreed to reconsider his stop order. The Air Force called the communications network, known as "Sage," "vital to the air defense of the United States" and has the approval of the top-level National Security Council, headed by President Eisenhower himself.

**Virtually Automatic System**  
The project would make the operation of radar warning stations virtually automatic.

The Air Force emphasized that work on the project will continue while the dispute is being threshed out. One official said the government is not required to pay out any money until the private firms put the system into operation.

The Air Force denied McCormack's charge that it made a "secret effort to bypass Congress" in the matter. It said the project was carefully explained in advance to the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Military Spending, the full Senate Armed Services Committee, the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Real Estate and the full House Appropriations Committee.

**Automatic Warnings**  
Once the communications system is completed, the course, speed and altitude of an approaching enemy plane will be signaled automatically to central warning stations, from which planes, missiles and anti-aircraft fire can be directed to head off the attacker.

Private telephone companies and the Western Electric Co., which makes their equipment, are to build, install and operate the secret new system. They are to be paid about \$240,000,000 yearly for 10 years, after which their costs will have been amortized and they still will own the equipment.

McCormack said he expects an appropriate House and Senate committee to look into it thoroughly next year.

## Geronimo's Nephew Debunks Wild Stories

Lawton, Okla.—(U.P.)—Modern storytellers often portray Geronimo, the Apache chief, as a wild and notorious Indian, but a nephew of the famed Redman says it isn't so.

Arthur Guydelkon, a member of the Chiricahua Apache tribe, said few of the stories told about Geronimo are true.

He debunked the notion that the Indian leader conducted fierce raids on white men, that he rode off a cliff as a rejected lover and that he wore a path in the guard house at nearby Fort Sill.

The truth is, said Guydelkon, Geronimo never spent any time in the guard house at Fort Sill. He said the Indian was in Pensacola, Fla., at the time he was supposed to be imprisoned here.

Further, Guydelkon said, Geronimo got the blame for killing white men because Mexican and white outlaws dressed up as Indians and made raids. He said Geronimo fought the Mexicans because they killed his mother and family.

Guydelkon said he was sure the tale about Geronimo riding a horse off Medicine Bluff was untrue because he died in the Fort Sill Indian hospital of pneumonia.

## Consolidated Uses Pears in Promotion

Portland—Oregon, Washington and California pears are the theme of a "pear-ishable" promotion campaign being staged by Consolidated Freightways to point out the firm's role in marketing west coast fruit products.

Consolidated has designated this week, ending Sept. 24, as pear-ishable week, and will mark it by giving away 20,000 boxes of pears—one pear to the box. All Consolidated's sales representatives, terminal managers and personnel will hand out the pears to emphasize the part the company plays in movement of perishables.

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