

Civic Government Said Surrendering

Portland — (U.P.) — The city manager of San Diego says civic government duties are being surrendered to state and federal agencies without a struggle.

O. W. Campbell, here to speak at the League of Oregon Cities meeting today, said that timid city governments are putting themselves out of business. He presented figures to show that the federal government collects almost \$10 to every \$1 collected by cities and that state governments gather \$3 to every \$1 of city taxes.

He said the American people can have what they want and that "if civic government won't give it to them, then state or federal government will."

He said San Diego has a city sales tax which collects \$5,000,000 annually.

Many Questioned In Portland Robbery

Portland — (U.P.) — Investigators of a daylight robbery which netted \$3285 from the Metropolitan branch of the U. S. National bank here last Monday, said today that two Cadillacs and a Buick seen in the bank area have no connection with the crime.

The FBI reported that at least a dozen persons had been questioned in connection with the case so far. The bureau's laboratory in Washington, D. C., was still checking a note used by the bandit to collect the money.

Information Sought On Navy Acceptance Of Unsuitable Planes

Washington — (U.P.) — House investigators today sought to strip the secrecy from information on the Navy's purchase of "Demon" jet fighters which were allegedly unsuitable for flight.

One congressman said six of the jets crashed, taking two test pilots to their deaths.

Findings Disclosed
The staff of a House Government Operations Subcommittee headed by Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif.) disclosed the findings of their own investigation.

The subcommittee then called Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas and other Navy representatives to a closed-door session for a full explanation of the ill-fated jets purchased from the McDonnell Aircraft Corp., St. Louis, Mo.

Holifield demanded that Thomas remove the secrecy label on "voluminous information" on the planes and give "as complete a picture of development in this procurement as possible" at a later public hearing.

Holifield is investigating charges that the Navy spent millions on the McDonnell F3H "Demon" planes only to find that they were unsuitable for flying.

Continued To Accept Planes
The Navy has disclosed that it learned of the plane's difficulties after flying the first few models delivered in December, 1953. The Navy continued to ac-

cept the planes until June of this year when 60 had been delivered.

Rep. Frank M. Karsten (D-Mo.), requested the investigation. He said six of the jets crashed, killing two test pilots.

Seven Marines Die In Traffic Crash

Brea, Calif. — (U.P.) — Seven Marines were killed in a spectacular traffic accident when their car skidded broadside into an oil truck on Brea canyon highway.

Six of the seven were killed outright Saturday night and the seventh succumbed two hours after the accident in a hospital in nearby Orange.

The dead, all members of the 1st Marine division stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., were identified as:

Cpl. Wesley T. Macon, 20, Navco, Ala.; Cpl. James B. White, 19, Herrin, Ill.; Paul L. Lemieux, 21, Lowell, Mass.; Cpl. Gary C. Perini, 20, Denver, Colo.; Pvt. Frederick P. Hulme, 21, Chelsea, Mass.; Cpl. John H. Malone, 21, Tulsa, Okla.; and Pfc. James H. Harker, 20, Delhi, Ind.

Jack Hubbard, 32, of Long Beach, Calif., driver of the truck, escaped without injury.

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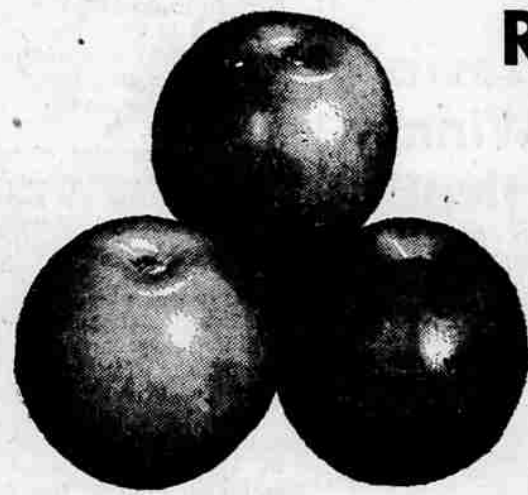


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