

Vinson Introduces Measure To Force Competitive Bids

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) introduced legislation yesterday to curb what he termed the administration's "shocking" practice of letting defense contracts without competitive bids.

Vinson, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said the Pentagon has wasted billions of dollars by using secret, negotiated contracts.

Under present law, competitive bidding on government contracts may be waived in 17 instances, including a national emergency declared by the President. Vinson's bill would permit the Pentagon to avoid competitive bids during a national emergency declared only by Congress. His bill would, however, continue the other exceptions.

Basis for Skip
Vinson said the administration mostly has been using former President Truman's 1950 national emergency proclamation as its basis for skipping competitive bids. He said his bill was aimed at halting this.

He said the Armed Services Committee will start hearings on his bill next Tuesday.

An Armed Services Investigating Subcommittee, under Vinson's orders, will begin hearings this month in an effort to learn whether aircraft manufacturers are reaping excessive profits under the administration's procurement policies.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Young Husband Should Welcome In-Law Help

When a man loves his wife, he is willing to do anything he can to make her happy.

(Q) "I am 20, my wife is 18, and we have a three-month-old baby. For about two months, my mother-in-law has been interfering in our business and now my wife has taken the baby and has gone to live with her mother. Her mother lives in another state and my wife insists that I come there so she can be near her mother."

"I asked my wife if she loved me and she said she did but she won't come back to live here. I love my wife and baby very much and I don't want to be away from them but if I go there her mother will be interfering in our affairs. So what shall I do?"

R.B.
(A) As you are still very young, you are doubtless not well enough established in any job that you could not get an equally good job in the community where your wife lives, if your in-laws are willing to help you locate a job. Give this a try and see how it works out.

Your wife is still a child herself and doubtless feels incapable of managing a home and taking care of a baby without the help and advice of her mother. Your mother-in-law can be a great help to your wife and you if you are willing to let her help without resenting what you consider to be her "interference" in your affairs.

Take Firm Stand
You can see that she does not try to run your lives by taking a firm stand in matters that affect you and your wife. However, you are expecting too much of an 18-year-old girl when you expect her to play the role of a grown woman, assuming the duties and responsibilities of a wife and mother.

Living close enough to your mother-in-law that she can help your wife to learn to play this adult role may solve many of the problems that are sure to arise as your baby becomes older and makes more demands on you and your wife. Then you should be glad to have the help and advice of an older and more experienced woman who can help you solve these problems before they become so serious that they lead you to the divorce courts.

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Michigan estimates that vacationing tourists to this state spend an average of about \$400 per family unit.



OUT ON A LIMB—Fireman John Von Bergen, trapped in tree (top) in front of his Chicago home, is helped down a ladder by a rescue team of fellow firemen. Von Bergen was saving a limb from the tree which fell and broke his ladder leaving him stranded. The first fireman, Frank O'Shea, trying to rescue him fell and broke his arm and wrist when his ladder gave way under his weight.

Two Girls Perish In Lane County Fire

Eugene — (U.P.) — Two small girls burned to death Monday night in the flames of a cabin on Deadwood mountain near the Lane-Lincoln county line.

Rosa Elaine Martin, 2, and Stella Mae Martin, 4, daughters of Robert Milo Martin, 30, were in bed when the flames consumed the small remote cabin.

Martin told the Lane county sheriff's office that he had just put the two girls to bed and gone to the neighbors to give them money to buy groceries for him and his family. He said he had been gone about one-half hour and when he returned he found the cabin in flames. He said he and neighbors smashed open a window but the heat was so intense they were unable to rescue the children.

The children's mother is separated from their father and now lives in Texas.

Man Sorts Milk Bottles; Prefers Cardboard Type

Springfield, Mass. — (U.P.) — Milk bottle sorter — that's Leo LaMountain's unusual job.

He operates an exchange where dairies bring in bottles from various other dairies that they have collected on their routes. LaMountain sorts them and returns them to their proper dairies.

He now handles about 2,000 milk bottles a week. And he's thankful for the popularity of the cardboard container, because he once had to handle about 15,000 glass bottles per month.

4-H Club News

Antelope Livestock Club

The Antelope 4-H Livestock club met Dec. 15 at the Antelope school house. After the business meeting Doreen Bohnert gave an interesting report on her trip to the 4-H Congress in Chicago. New members were added to the club and individual livestock clubs elected officers.

The Beef club officers are President Don Bradshaw, Vice-President Ann Higday, Secretary Diana Gardner and Song Leader Ricky Anderson. Officers of the Dairy club are President Linda Malloroy, Vice-President Ronnie Anderson, Secretary Alice Woolfolk, and Song Leader Raymond Bitterling. The Pig club officers are President Billy Hubbard, Vice-President Fred Jossy, and Secretary Sharon Coffman.

Mrs. Edith Bohnert led the group in singing Christmas carols. Exchange gifts were passed out and refreshments served. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 19 at the Antelope school house.

Jo Anna Malloroy, Reporter.
India has an estimated 1,000,000 cases of leprosy.

On The Side

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My heart is a lute, whereon you have learned to play!
For many years it was mute,
Until one summer's day
You took it, and touched it,
And made it thrill,
And it thrills and throbs,
And quivers still.
—Anne Barnard.

What are the dangerous years of marriage? That is, in what period of a marriage is serious domestic dissension most likely to occur? Research indicates it is the period between the eighth and 15th years. It is during that period that nearly 50 per cent of divorces and separations take place. A wide variety of reasons have been advanced for this situation. The major cause seems to be that after eight years of marriage, husbands grow restless, long for more liberty and are harder to hold. For the wives, after eight years, boredom begins to set in.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. Who introduced the song titled "Cuddle Up a Little Closer," Baby Mine" and when? A. Bessie McCoy, in the musical "The Three Twins" in 1909. The song was written by Karl Hoschna and Otto Harbach. Q. What is the correct pronunciation of the name of the thoroughbred sire, Alibhai? A. "Alley-baa-he."

Get It Right
Note that remarkable basketball aggregation, the Harlem Globetrotters, referred to as "a product of the Harlem section of New York." The Harlem Globetrotters did not originate in Harlem. The team was originally organized in Chicago by its present owner, Abe Saperstein.

Passing By
Maggi McNellis. Elegantly attired airwave queen. She is said to have the ideal figure for the wearing of fashionable attire and being chosen for inclusion in "best dressed women" lists. Maggi's measurements are: Height, five feet seven and three-quarters inches. Weight, 120 pounds. Bust 35; waist, 24; hips 35.

Asides
Augustus II, Elector of Saxony in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries, was the father of 365 children. Augustus attributed his health and strength to the drinking of Tokay wine. . . . A pipe smoker challenges me to name a great singer who was a cigar smoker. John McCormack was a cigar smoker.

Please Note
Am asked if many successful women have been named Hazel. Offhand I can only think of Hazel Dawn. Discussing this name brings to mind the case of the young Irish couple, who,

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returning from the christening of their first child, met an old friend who asked, "Well, what did you name the little darling?" The mother answered, "Hazel." "Hazel," The friend said, "Glory be, there's 13 saints in the calendar and you have to go and name your daughter after a nut."

Dangerous Curves
What highway in this country has the most dangerous curves? Toughest highway in that respect I ever drove was California's Redwood Highway. It is said the world's most dangerous highway is one near Caracas, Venezuela. This highway rises 3,000 feet in seven miles and has over 300 dangerous curves.

Briefly
"Registered nurses are usually lovely girls and some are good looking," writes a San Francisco bachelor, "but you can be certain practically every nurse you meet is in love with some doctor." . . . How close do you sit to your television set? If you want to protect your eyesight, according to one specialist on the subject, sit a distance that is ten times the diameter of your television screen.

Big Truck Runs Wild; Three Persons Killed

Castaic, Calif. — (U.P.) — Officers said today it was a miracle that not more than three persons were killed when a huge truck-trailer streaked out of control down a grade in heavy holiday traffic and smashed into three cars.

The truck, loaded with an estimated 72,000 pounds of lumber and with its air brakes gone, dodged most of the traffic while bolting down a five-mile grade on the Ridge Route Monday with its horn blasting. But eventually, it slammed into the cars. One of the cars caught fire and burned.

The dead were identified as Leonard Leroy Slee, 47, of Sylmar, Calif.; Charles Lawrence Hoffman, 43, of Glendale, Calif.; and William John Thomas, 40, of Los Angeles.

California Highway Patrol officers said the truck possibly hit 100 miles an hour down the U.S. Highway 99 grade. When it plowed into the cars, the cab tore away from the truck's trailer and raced another four miles downhill before rolling to a stop. Lumber was strewn along the highway.

About 108 miles of cable must be laid for every 100 miles of actual distance for under the ocean service to provide for the necessary slack.



PROTECTING MASTER, Trixie warns photographer he's being watched as Clyde Frasier of flood-ravaged Yuba City, Cal., eats in Red Cross shelter at Colusa. Frasier is typical of thousands made homeless by record floods. (International)

Franklin Appointed Head of Local Firm

Dave M. Franklin has been appointed general manager of Commercial Transfer and Storage company, 340 North Fir st., it was announced yesterday.

The transfer company moved Tuesday from old offices at 320 North Fir. It is now also the southern Oregon agent for the Aero Mayflower Transit company.

Franklin, who has applied for purchase of the company pending public utilities commission approval, is from Coos Bay where he was owner-manager of Coast Freight lines. Previously he owned Isham's Transfer, Grants Pass. He has been in the transportation business for 20 years.

Present owner and former manager of Commercial Transfer and Storage company is Owen Walker.

The homicide rate in the U.S. is twice that of Canada and Australia, three times that of Scotland and about six times the rate found in England in modern times.

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Clubwomen Claim Comic Curb Credit

Washington—(U.P.)—The General Federation of Women's Clubs claims "much of the credit" for cutting the sale of crime comic books in half.

Results of a campaign that began in September, 1954, "to get objectionable comic books off the newsstands" were published in the current issue of the Clubwoman, the federation's magazine.

The federation cited published reports that comic books sales have been cut from 80,000,000 to 40,000,000 to back their claim. The report said 26 states now either have passed laws controlling distribution of crime, sex and horror comics or have commissions to study the situation.

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