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Oregon Delegation Seeking Way Out of Woodburn Base Dilemma

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Washington — (AP) — The Oregon congressional delegation is belatedly searching for some way out of the dilemma involving where to locate the squadron of jet aircraft which the air force says is needed to defend the people and property of the Beaver state from possible enemy attack.

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The air force itself has been on-again-off-again in the matter, as changing defense weapons have brought changes in strategy. So the jets which were originally located at Portland airport, later scheduled for transfer to a new air base in the Williamette Valley near Woodburn, as of now will stay in Portland because the Pentagon doesn't want to spend the $20,000,000 to $30,000,000 which the Woodburn base would cost.

When the air force announced last March that it was cancelling its plans for building the Woodburn base, farmers in the Williamette Valley heaved a sigh of relief. They made it plain to their congressman, Walter Norblad, that cows can become most discontented with jet propelled flying machines.

Woodburn Favored

The merchants, mobilizing the strength of the chambers of commerce of various communities in the area of the proposed air base, were all for the big Woodburn project as they calculated the economic stimulus of an air base payroll. Some in Portland, for the same reason, took a dim view of shifting the squadron away from Portland.

Because of this sharp division of opinion locally on what was right and desireable, Norblad, in his dealings with the air force, never took any stand on where the squadron should be located. Neither did other members of the Oregon delegation who up to then had remained somewhat aloof from the problem.

The air force, consequently, had a free hand to change its plans. It experienced none of the political pressure that is common when a project site must be picked, as in Michigan where a similar base was kicked back and forth between two members of Congress who desperately wanted it located in their districts.

But now, because of the collateral problem of storing ammunition which the defense fighters must have, the congressional delegation is getting excited. With the jets slated to stay at Portland, the air force says it must have ammunition storage facilities reasonably close at hand — and the federal-owned land at Vanport is what they have in mind. Meanwhile, they'll store their rockets at the airport itself.

Campaign Launched

Congresswoman Edith Green, armed with protests from the governor, the mayor and the city council of Portland, and backed by the other Democrats in the delegation, has launched a campaign to get the jets and their ammunition out of Portland. Representative Al Ullman is making a pitch for shifting the squadron to Redmond, in his congressional district.

Redmond was one of the places the air force examined in its search for a new site. But more pressure is being invoked for Portland as commercial air travel increases. The Civil Aeronautics Administration has thrown its weight in behalf of moving the military out of Portland airport, contending that the present situation "is not conducive to the normal growth or safe operation of a civil airport."

With congress in a frugal mood, and with the air force saying it will replace its jets with guided missile (which need no airport for launching) probably in about five years, it appears likely the jets will stay at Portland.

Third Suspect Held In Melchior Robbery

San Francisco — (UP) — FBI agents have arrested a third suspect in the Lauritz Melchior robbery.

He is Louis G. Spivak, 44, one of four men indicted in Los Angeles for the June 18 robbery at Melchior's luxurious Hollywood Hills home. He was arrested Saturday in San Francisco's Tenderloin District.

Los Angeles police said Melchoir had once employed Spivak. At the time of the indictment, they said he apparently masterminded the robbery, which netted the bandits about $100,000 in furs and jewels.

Two of the four suspects were arrested three days after the robbery. The fourth is still at large.

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No Survivors Found In Sinking of Boat

Miami— (UP) —An unidentified boat burned and sank off the Florida coast late Sunday, leaving no trace of survivors, the Coast Guard reported.

Authorities said the only possible clue to identify the vessel was a report that a converted cabin cruiser of approximately the same size was overdue at Port Everglades, Fla. It had two persons aboard, the Coast Guard said.

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Stock Prices Slump Without Apparent Reason During Week

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New York—(UP)—Professionals dumped stocks for a time during the past week with the result that stock prices slumped without apparent reason.

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They did their heaviest selling on Monday when the industrial average lost 6.34 points and rails fell 3.01, the widest decline in these averages since Feb. 11.

This type of selling was more of a market test than anything else. The market held up well, the experts said, but later when the pressure relaxed there apparently was no desire to repurchase stocks.

On the whole the railroad issues outperformed the other groups The rails had a good market on Wednesday along with utilities while industrials declined. On Friday they rose nearly 2 points on average as traders anticipated an early freight rate rise.

All groups finished the week lower, industrials at 505.10 off 9.49; rails 150.55 off 1.78; utilities 69.69 off 0.34, and 65 stocks 175.23 off 2.61.

Sales Down

Daily sales averaged 1,744,536 shares, a new low since March 29, against 1,806,390 shares early in the previous week.

Of the 1,377 issues traded, only 374 managed to rise while 807 declined and 196 held unchanged. A total of 14 set new 1957 lows while 27 set new highs.

On the basis of a loss of 0.77 point in the Standard and Poor's 500 stock index it was calculated that all stocks lost a total on paper of around $3.4 billion.

At the close on Friday, the industrial average was down 15.67 points or three per cent from the year's high set on July 12 and rails were down 7.12 points or five per cent from their top set on Jan. 10.

Metals, oils, and special issues furnished the weak spots of the week.

Losses Shown

Magna Copper showed a loss of 9⅜ points on a poor earnings report. International Nickel lost 6¾ on a statement by its president the company would have to dig up more business after losing out on increased stockpiling.

Bank clearings: Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., week ended July 31, clearings in 26 leading cities $20,873,645,000 vs. $21,568,997,000 a week earlier and $20,618,916,000 in the comparable week a year ago.

Car loadings: Association of American Railroads—week ended July 27, revenue freight loadings 736,407 cars vs. 743,359 the week before and 823,008 cars last year; loadings for the year-to-date estimated at 20,622,625 cars against 21,498,828 for the same span in 1956.

Steel: American Iron and Steel Institute—operations this week scheduled at 82.22 per cent of the rated capacity of production or 2,103,000 tons, compared with an actual rate of 79.4 per cent or 2,033,000 tons the previous week and 16.9 per cent or 415,000 tons in the comparable 1956 strike week; index of production estimated at 130.9 per cent compared with 126.6 the week before and 25.8 in the same week of 1956 (1947-49 average equals 100).

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The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. J. R.—My son receives his father's mistress in his home.

Gerald R.—She's a lovely person.

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Mrs. J. R.—My husband and I have been separated for the past year since I learned about his affair with another woman. Everybody knows about this affair because he is living right in the neighborhood. It hurts and embarasses me so much I can hardly hold my head up.

The worst of it is that my husband brings this woman to our son's home and my son not only receives them, but makes them welcome with dinners, etc. . . . My married daughter is on my side and says she would never let such a woman in her home.

I'm ashamed of my son for doing such a thing. Shouldn't he have some respect for his own mother? Everybody looks at me and sneers because I have such a son and such a husband.

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Gerald R.—Ever since I can remember my parents have fought like cats and dogs. They are the worst matched couple I've ever seen and should have been divorced long ago. Our religion doesn't outlaw divorce, so why should two people stick together just to make one another miserable?

I feel that Mother is very foolish not to grant Dad the divorce. She is making it harder for all of us. My sister and I don't enjoy this situation with everyone knowing about Mom and Dad.

Dad begged me to let him bring his girl friend to our home. I didn't want to do it, but once we agreed to meet her, my wife and I found this woman to be a lovely person. I'd like to see them happily married.

The Council—Gerald is taking a little too much on himself by trying to pressure his mother into granting a divorce. This is her own business. She probably has good reason for holding out. Gerald should not set himself up as a judge of his parents' relationship. There are undoubtedly many things that bind them together, if they stayed together so many years.

As long as his parents are not divorced, Gerald's cordiality to the "other woman" can only be interpreted as a slap at his mother. It is very disloyal. He can wish his father all the happiness in the world without hurting his mother by setting up friendly relations with his father's mistress.

Mrs. J. R. should try to concern herself less with what everyone thinks. She can hold her head up easily because she has done nothing wrong. It is very doubtful whether anyone would "sneer" at her — even if her son should continue to receive this woman. Her only problem will be to avoid the sympathy of others. She can do this by refusing to discuss her affairs in public and by leading as active and normal a life as possible.

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