

Boeing Overstate Contract Costs, Comptroller Says

Washington - (UP) - Comptroller General Joseph Campbell said Wednesday that Boeing Airplane company overstated target costs on an Air Force contract by \$5,022,465.

Campbell said in a report to Congress that unless further adjustment of the price is made "the government will incur excessive costs which we estimate will amount to about \$1,211,530."

On Spare Parts
The latest report involving Boeing revolved around negotiation of a target price on spare parts for B52 airplanes manufactured by Boeing as prime contractor with the Air Force.

Boeing has made a general denial of the conclusions of the General Accounting Office headed by Campbell.

Seeks Restitution
Chairman F. Edward Herbert (D-La.) of the House Armed Services Committee for Special Investigations said in a statement the committee would work toward "full and complete restitution . . . to the government."

The CAO report said proposed target prices submitted by Boeing and accepted by the Air Force for the spare parts "contained estimated subcontract costs which were higher than prices established by Boeing with its subcontractors before the target prices were submitted."

Costs Excessive
"Boeing did not disclose to the Air Force and the Air Force did not obtain and consider the information on the lower subcontract prices which was known to the contractor at the time the price proposals were submitted," the report said. "As a result of using higher estimated subcontract costs, target costs for these spare parts were excessive by about \$5,022,465."
The Air Force is reviewing the case, according to Campbell.

Five Injured in One-Car Accident

Five persons were injured in a one-car accident on the Phoenix-Hillcrest rd., at the Coalmine rd. intersection on Tuesday night, state police reported.

Injured were Alison Marshall Geren, 19, of 524 South Ivy st., Medford, driver, face cut; Jesse K. Garner, 16, of 405 B st., Phoenix, broken right and left legs; Travis Edward Moore, 20, of 311 South Peach st., Medford, back and rib injuries; Edith Fern Patrick, 15, of 3653 South Pacific highway, Medford, minor lacerations; Chester Leon Allison, 19, of 1119 West Fourth st., Medford, minor injuries, police said. All those hospitalized are in fair condition.

Geren and Allison were treated and released from Rogue Valley hospital and Moore was released yesterday hospital attendants reported. All accident victims were taken to Rogue Valley hospital by Medford Ambulance service.

The car driven by Geren apparently missed a curve and rolled over on its top alongside the road, after hitting a ditch and telephone pole, state police said.

Godfrey Plans To Continue Therapy

New York - (UP) - Arthur Godfrey probably will continue daily X-ray treatments at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center for about three weeks before returning to his Virginia farm, according to a spokesman for the radio-TV entertainer.

Godfrey, now living in his Upper Manhattan apartment, is driven to the hospital daily for treatments, the spokesman said.

Godfrey, who had the upper lobe of his left lung removed along with a cancer April 30, still is in pain from the surgery and is "pretty tired" but his spirits are good, the spokesman said.

MERRIE CHRISTMAS
Washington - (UP) - It's always Merrie Christmas in Vice President Richard M. Nixon's office. A young woman of that name, from Adrian, Mich., joined the vice president's office staff this week as a clerk-typist.

GETS HIS MAN
Bournemouth, England - (UP) - Ted Palmer, who is 91, ran after and caught a pickpocket identified as Dugald MacAlister, aged 67. "I wasn't going to let that youngster get away," Palmer said indignantly in court.

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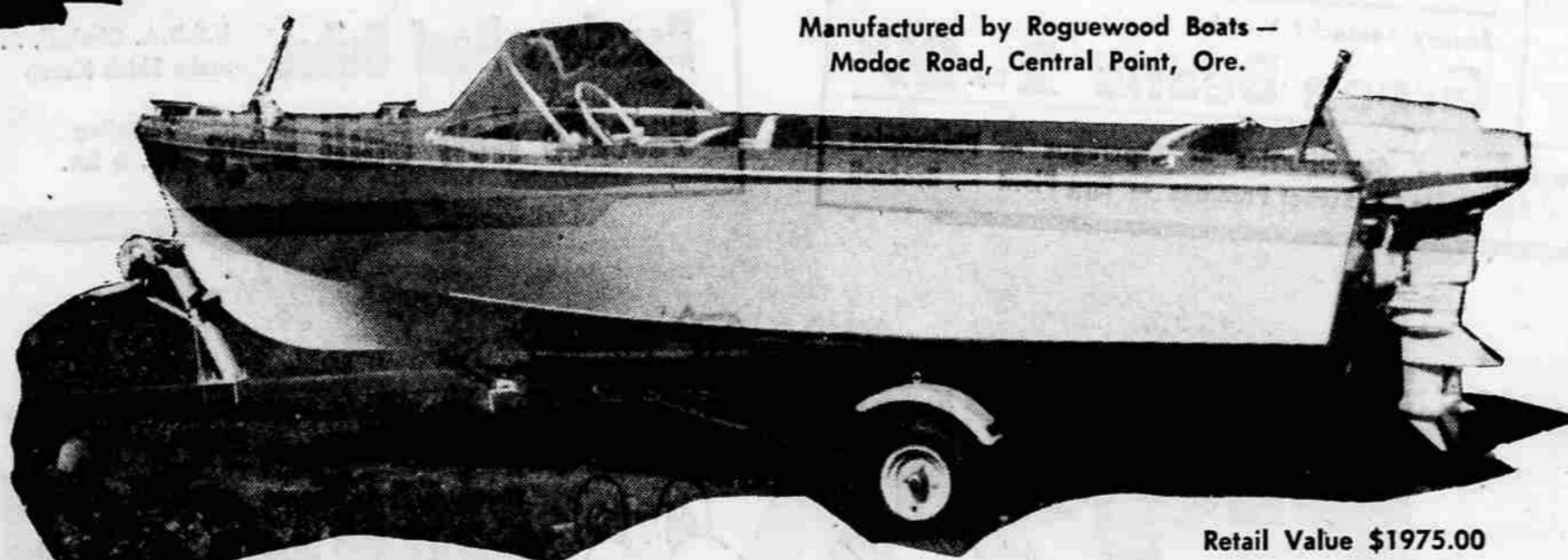
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