

# Navy Official Admits 'Bad' Job in Negotiating Contracts

Washington—UPI—A Navy official admitted to congressional investigators Friday that the Navy did a "bad" job negotiating 14 defense contracts on which the government was overcharged more than \$12 million.

"It was bad—we admit it," Assistant Navy Secretary Cecil P. Milne told a House armed services subcommittee. Steps Taken

Milne said the Navy had taken steps to prevent such a thing from happening again, but he could not "guarantee" that it wouldn't.

Milne took issue, however, with a charge voiced in hearings earlier this week that Navy negotiators were "incompetent or deliberately careless."

"Navy negotiators are an able group, dedicated to the best interests of the government," he said. "With few exceptions, I feel reasonably certain that they measure up well with industry."



MAJ. D. S. EDEN Assumes New Command

## Major Eden Takes Command of AF Recruiting Post

Newark, N. J.—Maj. Douglas Scott Eden, Medford, Ore., recently assumed command of United States Air Force Recruiting service in New Jersey.

The recruiting organization, Detachment 105, 3501st USAF Recruiting Group (ATC) has its headquarters in Newark, and has representatives in major cities throughout New Jersey; Rockland, Orange, and Sullivan counties, New York.

Major Eden recently returned from a four-year tour in Japan. He served as a personnel staff officer with the 41st Air Division at Johnson Air Force base on Honshu, where he received citation from the Japanese Air Defense Force for his advisory work.

Enlists in 1943  
Major Eden enlisted in the Air Corps as a private in 1943 and became a captain at 21. He flew 28 combat missions in B-17's over Germany during World War II, serving as a lead and squadron bombardier with the Eighth Air Force's 100th Bomb Group.

The recruiting commander was awarded several decorations for outstanding performance of duty and meritorious achievement. They include distinguished flying cross, air medal with four Oak Leaf clusters, distinguished unit citation, good conduct medal, American theater medal, Europe-African-Middle Eastern theater of operations medal with four battle stars, World War II victory medal, national defense service medal, Air Force longevity service award with two clusters, and Armed Forces Reserve medal.

Civilian Life  
He returned to civilian life and college in 1945 and graduated from the University of Oregon in 1947 with a bachelor of science degree in journalism and advertising. He worked in the advertising field on the West coast until recalled to active duty April, 1951. He accepted a regular commission in the U. S. Air Force in 1952.

Major Eden is also a graduate of the Air Command and Staff college and Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

The Air Force Major's wife Anne, and three children Elizabeth 7, Margaret 3, and James 5, will join him shortly to make their home in New Jersey.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Eden, 211 Genessee st., Medford.

Washington—UPI—The latest joke circulating around Washington: Some of those fire trucks that went to the Pentagon fire two weeks ago, are still lost in the clover-leaf traffic maze that surrounds the building.

Even so, Milne said, "It is inevitable that occasional mistakes and oversights will occur."

The subcommittee ran into

a stone wall in its efforts to get the Navy to do an about-face in its refusal to turn over certain records and reports to the General Accounting Of-

fice. The GAO acts as Congress' "watchdog" on government spending.

Other congressional news: Farm: Rep. L. H. Fountain

(D-N.C.) charged that there has been waste and poor management in the government's big export program for farm products. And he said the Ag-

riculture Department has tried to hide the facts. Foreign aid: Senate-House conferees continued efforts to reach a compromise figure on

authorization of foreign aid funds. Adjusting Differences  
The conferees have been adjusting differences between the \$3,543,320,000 Senate bill and the \$3,542,600,000 House measure. President Eisenhow-

er asked \$3,909,400,000 for foreign military and economic assistance during the fiscal year that started July 1.

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), chairman of the Senate conferees, said the group was confident it could finish

its work today. The lawmakers Thursday tentatively approved \$1,400,000,000 for military aid, a compromise between the Senate and House figures and \$200 million less than the President wanted.

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