

Defense Industry Warned on Seeking 'Undue Profits'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, in testimony published Monday, warned the defense industry it was endangering free enterprise from government contracts.

Rickover called for new ground rules to make sure that taxpayers get all they pay for when the military buys weapons systems and other complex equipment on which real competitive bidding is not practical.

He charged unidentified contractors with having hidden excess profits through such devices as overhead charges and subcontracts with divisions of their own companies.

New Procedures Asked

Rickover called for new procedures under which the government could study in advance cost estimates and other factors involved in a contractor's sales offer.

Asked whether his remarks implied a criticism of the free enterprise system, the published transcript showed that Rickover replied:

"I think that if the free enterprise system does not start doing some of these things to cure some of its ills, these ills themselves are going to do away with the free enterprise system. I am all for a free enterprise system, but freedom to set a price is not license to make undue profits from your own government."

The peppery admiral's blast at alleged defense profiteering came in testimony at a closed session of a House defense appropriations subcommittee on May 23. It was made public Monday following President Johnson's efforts to cut costs in the Pentagon.

In publishing the testimony subcommittee Chairman George H. Mahon, D-Tex., said in a statement:

"Careful attention of both government and industry should be given to the accompanying transcript of the remarks of Admiral Rickover on the methods used by the government to award contracts. That suggestion made in this testimony should be studied carefully by the Department of Defense. It may be that additional legislation is needed."

Rickover, father of the nuclear submarine, has tangled variously with Navy brass, educators and—more recently—industry, for the alleged "poor job" it was doing in manufacturing equipment for the nuclear Navy.

Duncan Reviews Fourth District APW Programs

The Fourth District received almost \$7 million this year under the Accelerated Public Works program, Robert B. Duncan, D-Ore, has announced.

Duncan, in a year-end report on Federal grants to Southwest Oregon, noted the quality of the projects approved is "as gratifying as the quantity we've received."

He pointed out that a fire station in North Bend, recreation facilities in Coos County, improved roads in Josephine County, and numerous sewer projects in Linn and Douglas Counties have been included in the appropriations voted by Congress during 1963. An estimated 3,600 man-months of work was provided under this program.

The Fourth District has also benefited extensively from other Federal projects such as reforestation, he said. Duncan cited as example a recent contract awarded in the Medford area to reforest some 5,000 acres at a cost of \$18,884, and another in Myrtle Creek to reforest 1,535 acres costing \$41,575.

The House Appropriations Committee approved a \$100,000 request during November to begin pre-construction planning on Lost Creek Dam and Reservoir on the Rogue River.

Duncan said another dam project, the Merlin Division of the Rogue River Basin, should be considered by the House Interior Committee early next session. This project will authorize construction of the Sexton Dam and Reservoir at a cost of \$14,750,000.



Christmas Blanket Dreadful Mistake

WASHINGTON (UPI)—When you give your wife an electric blanket for Christmas, you are making a dreadful mistake. But you do not realize this until it is too late.

For one thing, electric blankets are inclined to cause your friends and neighbors, and even your wife, to think of themselves as comedians.

"Does this mean the honeymoon is over?" my wife asked when she opened her present on Christmas morning. That was only the beginning.

Later on, when callers began dropping in, there were a lot of so-called jokes about "instant husbands" and that sort of thing.

Problem In Adjusting

The main difficulty comes, however, when you start trying to adjust to the blanket. And you have to adjust to the blanket because the blanket will not adjust to you.

We have been using the blanket for almost a week now and we still are not completely adjusted.

This blanket has "dual controls," the purpose of which is to permit one side of the bed to be warmer than the other. Or, as is frequently the case, one side to be cooler than the other.

If you are sleeping alone, it is an ideal setup. When one side of the bed becomes too warm, or too cool, you can regulate the temperature merely by rolling over to the other side.

But if you are married, the other side of the bed already is occupied. Presumably by your wife. That complicates matters immensely.

Switch Sometimes Difficult

It then becomes necessary for you and your wife to trade places. Under the parliamentary situation that governs the use of an electric blanket, this requires a unanimous consent agreement, which is sometimes difficult to obtain.

Should your wife deny your

Douglas Fir Mill Production Slightly Higher

PORTLAND (UPI)—Douglas fir sawmills in Western Oregon and Washington produced 8.15 billion board feet of lumber this year, according to the West Coast Lumberman's Association.

This was up slightly from the 1962 output and did not include two billion feet of Douglas fir production in Northern California.

G. C. Edgett, executive vice president of the WCLA, said the fir production in Oregon and Washington was worth \$603 million to the two states.

Edgett said the output should remain fairly constant during 1964, with a moderate improvement to keep pace with an expected increase in new single family dwellings.

Orders of 8.2 billion board feet in 1963, Edgett said, were off fractionally from the 8.26 billion board feet for 1962.

Edgett cited several accomplishments the industry made in 1963. They included final Interstate Commerce Commission approval making permanent the seven cents per 100 pound rate reduction in temporary effect since Dec. 1, 1961. He said this cut meant a \$20 million annual saving on freight bills. Edgett warned the next big freight battle WCLA faces is a freight rate reduction being considered for the southern pine region.

WCLA is seeking an offsetting reduction for western shippers.

Edgett also pointed to the successful effort to get legislation enacted which exempts lumber destined for foreign markets from filing rate schedules in advance. The new law allows U.S. shippers to negotiate for shipping rates on each shipment, the same as Canadian competitors.

The favorable action of Congress on the bill requiring marking of lumber as to country of origin would help West Coast mills compete with Canadian mills in U.S. markets, Edgett said.

He said a campaign of national promotion of West Coast products by WCLA has been projected for 1964.

Russians Reported Prepared To Start Air Service To N.Y.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Russians are ready to begin direct air service between New York and Moscow next summer, provided the United States agrees.

Najeeb E. Halaby, administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) said last week he expected President Johnson and the State Department to decide within a month whether to sign an agreement establishing such a service.

Halaby, just back from a trip to Moscow where he discussed technical and operational problems involved, said, "The Russians are ready to sign now. They say they can start proving flights this spring and will be ready to start service by summer."

Six Months Work

Halaby indicated that the technical problems could be worked out in five or six months. These consist principally of making sure that the Russian state airline, Aeroflot, will be able to navigate safely in the congested airspace around New York's Kennedy (formerly Idlewild) Airport and use U.S. navigational aids.

The FAA chief said he told Aeroflot officials their planes must satisfy New York noise abatement standards and be equipped to fly safely within the American air traffic control system. He said the Soviet Union is behind this country in development of the latest electronic navigation aids.

Halaby said that if an agreement is signed, it probably would call for two flights a week in the summer by both Aeroflot and Pan American World Airways, with the schedule reduced to one flight a week by each airline in the winter months.

Use Giant Airliner

The Russians are planning to use their giant prop-jet TU114, the world's biggest commercial airliner with a capacity of 224 passengers and a gross takeoff weight of 350,000 pounds. This compares with the long-range version of the U.S. Boeing 707 which carries 187 passengers and grosses 314,000 pounds for a transoceanic flight. The TU114, which is not a pure jet like the 707, is much slower and shorter-ranged.

"They're even willing to change the props on the 114, which are pointed and create considerable noise," Halaby added. "I asked Aeroflot's top official why they were so eager and his reply was: 'To make profits.'"

Trigger-Happy Bandit Placed On Wanted List

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Arthur William Coutts, a tattooed and trigger-happy bandit, has been placed on the FBI's list of 10 most wanted criminals.

Coutts, 32, has been sought by police since July 17 when he and an accomplice held up a grocery store in Philadelphia at gunpoint, threatening to kill a cashier. The FBI describes him as violence prone and extremely dangerous.

The wanted man is both scarred and tattooed. There is an S-shaped cut scar on the left finger of his right hand and others on his face and both thighs.

On his upper right arm is a tattoo of twin hearts inscribed "mother" and "father." An American flag, an eagle and a scroll with the inscription "USA" are on his upper left arm. Tattooed on his chest are a rose, an American flag and the name "Josephine."

Coutts has been known as a lawbreaker since 1949 when he was arrested in Los Angeles as an AWOL from the Army. In the same year, he was convicted in Philadelphia on a charge of rape.

In subsequent years, the wanted man was arrested for armed robbery, assault and battery for beating a man with a tow chain in a tavern fight, corrupting the morals of a minor, possession of narcotics, attack with intent to kill, receiving stolen goods, attempt to ravish and rape and aggravated robbery.

Coutts is a native of Philadelphia. He stands five feet, ten inches tall, weighs between 160 and 175 pounds, has brown hair, hazel eyes, a medium complexion and build.

In the past, Coutts has worked as an automobile spray painter, business machine repairman, carpenter's helper, television repairman, sheet metal worker and painter.

Construction Key to State Wood Products Outlook

CORVALLIS — As 1964 construction goes, so goes the market for Oregon's lumber and plywood, points out Charles Sutherland, Oregon State University extension forest economist.

Sutherland makes his observations on 1964 prospects in the new Oregon Farm and Market Outlook circular just published by OSU and now available from county extension offices.

National construction forecasts for the coming year are generally favorable. Residential construction is expected to at least equal last year's rate, while commercial, industrial and institutional building are all expected to exceed last year's mark, he said.

The lumber outlook is good, but the trend toward using less lumber per unit will probably continue, he noted, with more multi-family units, more units with concrete floors and more prefabricated houses all contributing to the decline.

Competition Noted

British Columbia competition still plagues Oregon lumber industry. Canadian lumber exports to the United States in 1963 are estimated at 4.9 million board feet or 54 per cent of all U.S. imports, Sutherland said. Oregon's former water cargo markets on the East Coast are dominated by B. C. lumber and there is no prospect for a change in the next year, he added.

Plywood consumption will probably reach a new high in

Freshman Class Study Held by OSU

CORVALLIS — Nearly 85 per cent of the 2,629 new freshmen at Oregon State University are from Oregon and nearly 50 per cent entered with high school grade averages of B or better.

The Oregon freshmen graduated from 201 different high schools, according to the study made of the new class by Wallace E. Gibbs, registrar and director of admissions. A total of 1,024 of the new freshmen are women and 1,596 men.

Twenty-two of the new freshmen received college credit for courses taken while still in high school. The courses were in English, mathematics, biology and chemistry.

A total of 547 high school graduates were denied admission to Oregon State in the fall because of low grades and other deficiencies, according to the report. Only 82 were from Oregon, however; 416 from other states; and 49 from foreign countries. Entrance requirements for out-of-state students are higher than for Oregon residents.

Out-of-state freshmen enrolled at OSU this fall come from 40 states and 16 foreign countries. One new freshman attended a Russian high school.

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 case history. The council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

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Gwen R. — He's jealous of the attention I pay my son.

Myron R. — She waits on a grown man as if he were helpless.

Gwen R. — I'm absolutely dazed by what has happened after a year of a marriage which promised Myron and me, and our grown children, a miracle of happiness. It was a second marriage for each, giving his two children a mother and my three, a father. The girls are married, but the boys, his son of 18 and mine of 22, share a room in our home and get along beautifully. My son works nights and when I get up to greet him, Myron makes awful scenes.

Myron R. — I have nothing against her son, and I don't make awful scenes. I happen to have a naturally loud voice and whenever I say something Gwen doesn't like she calls it fighting. What I object to is the way she pampers her children. Mine were trained to make their meals, take care of their laundry, help themselves. Not hers. That fellow sits waiting in the kitchen until Gwen serves him eggs and coffee. Even worse, she's spoiling my boy, too, by cleaning his room.

The Council: By now our savvy readers know we must squeeze the salient points of a case into our allotted space, omitting much illustrative detail. But we have enough "fill-in" at hand to reassure Gwen that she has a good, solid, "normal" marriage, in the throes of growing pains. At bottom, Myron wants to be convinced that he's Number-One Man in Gwen's heart. He has his doubts when she creeps out of bed to be Mamma to her adult son. Gwen's goal, then, must be to help Myron's heart expand to include not only her, but what is dear to her, the family she reared alone. As for Myron, doesn't he realize that this merger brought together a household of people who have suffered, who were love-starved? Along with the love Gwen gives him should flow generous and ungrudging tenderness to their children. It won't spoil them.

Outer Casing for Missile Explodes

PORTLAND (UPI)—A 40-foot high outer casing for a missile blew up at Willamette Iron and Steel Co. here Saturday, but 15 workmen protected by sand bags and steel walls a few feet away escaped injury.

The casing was for use on a solid fuel missile.

A company spokesman said the firm is working on the casing on a subcontract from United Technology Center in San Jose, Calif.

Bituminous Coal Industry Year Good

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Interior Department reports that 1963 was the best year for bituminous coal production since 1956. It said soft coal output had increased from 422 million tons to 452 million tons since 1957.

Ex-School Clerk To Face Charges

ONTARIO, Ore. (UPI)—A former school district clerk who was indicted on a charge of "conversion of public funds" has been returned here from Billings, Mont.

Mrs. Doris Guthrie, former clerk for School District 8C, is accused in connection with the loss of about \$3,400 from the district.

Mrs. Guthrie was employed by the district from July 1, 1961, until June 30, 1962. An audit made between the time Mrs. Guthrie left and Dec. 31, 1962, disclosed that funds were missing.

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4-H NEWS

Kitchen Bugs

The third meeting of the Kitchen Bugs 4-H Club was held at 1801 Miracle Lane. Jill Peterson called the meeting to order. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

We then went caroling and later had refreshments and exchanged gifts. The next meeting will be held Jan. 13.

Carolea Clatti, Reporter

NEW LONDON, Conn. (UPI)—Cornelius P. Lowry Sr., father of United Press International Managing Editor Francis T. Lowry, died Monday night at Lawrence Memorial Hospital here after a long illness. He was 86.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY E. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide
According to the Stars

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