

House Committee Sets Mid-January Hearing On Merger Of Armed Forces; Randolph Raps Competitive Bidding

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP) — The congressional controversy over merger of the armed forces will be resumed in mid-January before the house expenditures committee.

Rep. Jennings Randolph (D-W. Va.) reported today the group has agreed to open hearings after the holiday recess on his bill for a unified command.

The measure would set up a single department of national defense, with under-secretaries for war, navy and air, as urged recently by President Truman. The committee also will consider bills by Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the military committee and Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) of the naval committee for a separate air arm, under a secretary for air. Under the May-Vinson plan the separate secretaries for war and navy would be maintained.

Extensive Hearings — The senate military committee already has held extensive hearings on the merger proposal, and Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) recently predicted the group would have ready for action by February first a measure embracing Mr. Truman's request.

Randolph coupled his announcement of house committee hearings with release of correspondence in which he asserted the government has lost millions of dollars because of competitive bidding between the army and navy for hard-to-get products.

Randolph's statement was made in a letter to H. Struve Hensel, assistant secretary of the navy. Hensel had written Randolph that statements of the services bidding against one another "cannot be supported."

Replying to Hensel, Randolph listed these four cases he said proved his contention:

Four Cases — 1. "The army and navy both placed orders for 3000-gallon water tanks with the W. W. McFarland Co., Miami, Fla. The navy was paying 10 per cent more than the army for essentially the same item, and therefore the manufacturer concentrated on meeting the navy schedules."

2. "During 1944 the army and navy were engaged in scheduling engines and engine spare parts with manufacturers in the Detroit area. There was direct conflict between the services. Manufacturers could not meet both schedules and the war production board had to step in to effect coordination."

3. "The Haslett Chute and Conveyor Co., Oakes, Pa., was making M-4 pontoon bridge parts for the army and fighter aircraft wing tips for the navy in January-May, 1945. Strong competition existed for facilities and for labor and as a result the production for both services fell behind schedule."

4. "Medical and drug supplies were purchased by the army and the navy with little or no coordination. Out of 266 contracts checked, 72 had been placed with the same contractor by the two services."

Randolph Replies — Randolph told Hensel that after the joint army-navy procurement agreement was formed in 1945 it saved \$25,000,000 in the first three months of operations. He added:

"A survey of only a small portion of the field reveals probable savings under unification of some \$8,085,317,000 over a three-year period."

Hensel has commented in his letter that statements by others regarding possible savings of "tens of billions of dollars" under a unified command were "extravagant and unsupported."

Hospital Space Borrowed For 40,000 War Vets —

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP) — To meet the rapidly rising demand for medical care of veterans, the veterans' administration is borrowing space for approximately 40,000 patients.

Maj. Gen. F. R. Howley, acting surgeon general of the administration, said yesterday beds for 20,000 disabled veterans had been obtained in civilian hospitals, 9375 in navy, and 10,000 in army hospitals.

A navy hospital at Astoria, Ore., is listed for 100 beds and two in the Seattle area for 300 each.

Appreciation Dinner Planned By C of C —

An appreciation dinner honoring key workers in the eight war bond campaigns is being planned by the Klamath County chamber of commerce.

Manager C. R. Stark said the dinner will be held about the middle of January. The menu will include contributions from Walla Walla, Wenatchee and Astoria chambers of commerce, which lost a war bond contest with the Klamath chamber recently.

Further details on the dinner will be announced later.

City Briefs

Visiting Sister — Maurice Cline, CAMM, is visiting at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kusler, in Klamath Falls. Kusler is the Southern Pacific traveling freight and passenger agent here.

Christmas in Sacramento — Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stitt spent Christmas in Sacramento. He is the Southern Pacific district passenger agent in Klamath Falls.

Operation — Donald Gene Coleman, son of Mrs. Irene Coleman of Tulelake, underwent an operation for the removal of his appendix Thursday morning at Hillside hospital.

Medical Care — Billy Vaden, 11, son of Ralph Vaden of Fort Klamath, is receiving medical care at Hillside hospital.

Installation — DeMolay installation will take place tonight, Thursday, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic temple.

Kiwanis Club Honors Hicks

Kiwanis club members paid tribute today to their outgoing president, Joe Hicks. Phil Hitchcock acted as chairman of the day at the Willard hotel luncheon, and reviewed Hicks' year at the head of the service club. Hicks made a short talk in humorous vein, mentioning numerous members of the club who were promptly fined on the president's suggestion.

Orth Sisemore will be installed as president of the Kiwanis club at an installation party Friday, January 11.

A feature of the club's meeting last week was the presentation of a \$12 check to Charles Cheyne of Henley, who won a Future Farmers of America ward, sponsored by Oregon Kiwanis clubs.

Holiday Travel Remains Heavy

Railroad officials here expressed the hope today that the decrease in holiday travel will make room for the tremendous numbers of servicemen returning from overseas. At present, the travel situation is "as bad as ever" and there are still more men coming by ship than there is available rail travel space.

Holiday travel is at its heaviest now and will continue into January. Christmas Day and the following day were comparatively light because most of the travelers had reached their destinations.

7 Bombs Explode In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27 (AP) — Seven bombs exploded in the center of Jerusalem tonight and two heavy explosions were reported from Tel Aviv.

The building housing the criminal investigation department in Jerusalem was damaged when the blasts rang out at 7:23 p. m. and first reports said a number of persons were trapped inside.

Part of the structure collapsed. All traffic in Jerusalem was halted.

Troops rushed to emergency stations. Armored cars patrolled the city.

Sounds of heavy gunfire were heard in the city.

Lovejoy Returns To Medford Home

Lt. Col. O. C. Lovejoy, owner of the Mode O' Day shop in Klamath Falls and similar shops in other Oregon cities, has returned to his Medford home after more than four years in the army.

At the time of the Normandy invasion, he commanded the 57th quartermaster battalion, one of two quartermaster battalions to land on D-Day on Utah beach. Col. Lovejoy wears two battle campaign stars and the Bronze Star medal. His son, S. I. C., is in navy training at Del Monte, Calif., and his daughter, Jerrilee, is a Wave stationed at Balboa park, San Francisco.

Hearing Waived In Kidnaping Case

BOISE, Dec. 27 (AP) — Three men, charged with kidnaping two Washington men last Saturday, waived preliminary hearing before Judge J. M. Lamport in justice court Wednesday and were bound over to district court.

The trio, William Kelenkin-sop, William K. Graves and Ray R. Van Valkenburg, all of Boise, are charged by County Prosecutor James Blaine with forcing Joe Hensley of Seattle and Thomas W. Hume of Tacoma into a taxicab and driving them toward the railroad district.

Expected Home — Capt. James Rogers, U. S. marine corps, advised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rogers of Pacific Terrace, that he would arrive tonight, Thursday, at 10:55 o'clock from the south to spend the remainder of the holidays. Capt. Rogers served 26 months in the South Pacific and last December received a 30-day leave. He returned to Quantico, Va., for artillery training and joined the 1st division of the marines who left Camp Pendleton in May. Capt. Rogers was on Okinawa until August when he was sent to Tientsin, China. That was his last post until leaving for the United States several weeks ago.

Added To Staff — Mrs. F. W. (Dorothy) McReynolds has taken a position with Klamath Production Credit association, replacing Viola Hicks, who left to be married. Mrs. McReynolds has been living in California with her husband who was in the Seabees until recently. She has been away from this city three years and he has been away four years. Before entering the service McReynolds was associated with the state highway department. He is now employed by Standard stations.

Family Gathering — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyers of San Francisco arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Tilton and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Tilton and family and Mrs. M. E. Knauss of this city. They plan to return to San Francisco the latter part of this week.

Royal Neighbors — The regular meeting of the Royal Neighbors of America will be held Friday at 2 p. m. in the KC hall. At 6:30 p. m. a potluck dinner will be held for Royal Neighbors and husbands. Those having birthdays in October, November and December will be honored at this meeting.

New Map — The local office of the US forest service is working on bringing the map of Rogue River national forest up to date. The new map will be off the press in 1948. The last print was made in 1937.

Christmas in South — The Rev. David Barnett Jr., left immediately after church on Sunday with his family, to spend the holidays in Los Angeles. They will return after New Year's Day.

To Portland — F/O Bus Thompson, F/O Andrew Silani, Cy Wallen, Kenneth Wallen, and Wes Clark made up a group of Klamath men who left Thursday morning on a business trip to Portland. They are expected to return Saturday night.

In Hospital — Among the influenza patients receiving treatment at Hillside are Mrs. Cornelia Frailley of Tulelake, Mrs. Elwin Swinney of route 1, box 1051, and Mrs. Eugene Hicks of box 922, city.

Severe Cold — Among the patients at Hillside hospital is 8-month-old Marilyn Barkley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Barkley of Klamath Agency, who is being treated for a severe cold.

On Leave — Walter Schwoebel, brother of Fred Horn of 2223 Orchard, and a shipmate, William Eckhardt, are spending a 10-day leave with Mr. and Mrs. Horn and family. They are stationed on the USS Casa Blanca at San Francisco.

Back In States — Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Stivers of 2301 Orchard have received word that their son Gene, gunners mate 2/c, arrived in Seattle December 24, and expects to be home on leave within 10 days.

On Furlough — Harvey McLing, who has been serving in the Pacific with the army, is in Klamath Falls on furlough. He was graduated in 1941 from KUHS.

To San Francisco — Darlene McDaniels left Wednesday for San Francisco after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McDaniels of Shasta Way.

From Harbor — Mrs. L. R. Harvey and son Leonard of Harbor were visitors in Klamath Falls over the holidays. They are former residents of this city.

Visit Parents — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patchett of Roseburg spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Brink of 2241 Orchard.

In San Francisco — The E. P. Ivory family of 1919 Manzanita is spending a few days in San Francisco. They expect to return the first of the year.

Card Party — Women of the Moose will hold a card party in the Moose hall Friday at 2 p. m. This will be the fifth of the series and is open to the public.

In Hospital — Dale McNair, 15-year-old son of Mrs. Pearl McNair of Beatty spent Christmas in Hillside hospital recovering from an appendectomy.

Welcome to WHAT Home?



A shrewd fellow is Jack Maurer, 25, an Army Air Forces veteran of Guadalcanal. Homeless, unemployed, denied a GI Bill of Rights loan, he chose this spot on Roosevelt Plaza facing Camden, N. J., City Hall to stage a campaign to find a home for his wife and one-year-old child and himself. He has been living with friends, but says he will stay in the tent until he gets a home and job.

Loans Granted Oregon Vets

The State Department of Veterans' Affairs has approved loans to Oregon veterans of World War II amounting to \$93,150 for the acquisition of farms and homes, Hugh E. Rosson, director, announced today. The average loan was for \$2388.

Up to December 19, a total of 127 veterans have applied for loans, with Multnomah county leading and Marion, Clackamas and Lane counties following in that order. The first loan was approved on October 15.

A maximum of \$3000 but not to exceed 75 per cent of the appraised value of the property may be loaned veterans of Oregon under the act, approved by the 1945 session of the state legislature. The act is administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. Rosson pointed out that application may be made by any eligible veteran, in writing, at the department's offices in the State Library building, Salem, or at the Portland branch office in the Oregon building at Fifth and Oak streets. The veteran will be sent an application form along with instructions, or these may be obtained from any county or veterans' organization service office.

The application form, along with a certified or photostatic copy of the veteran's discharge, is then mailed to the Salem or Portland office.

If the loan is approved, an appointed attorney in the veteran's home county can help him complete the legal details, thus eliminating the need of a trip to Salem or Portland.

The applicant should clearly state whether he is acquiring a farm, or a city or suburban home, it was advised.

NO MORE ROOM — CORVALLIS, Dec. 27 (AP) — Oregon State college announced today no more men or married students could be enrolled for winter term unless they could find their own living quarters.

College officials said they had already filled every room and apartment suitable for men or couples. A few more women students can still be accommodated for the term, beginning January 2.

Police Chief Goes to Jail



Ernest Giles, 210-pound Vernon, Calif., chief of police, made a serious mistake when he beat up a prisoner suspected of a mere traffic violation—and so here he is, right, about to start a 60-day sentence in county jail for assault. Deputy Sheriff Jim Watkins holds cell door open for Giles, who, after conviction, chose the jail sentence in lieu of resigning.

Waldo Draws 20-Year Jolt

Albert M. Waldo, who has been in the county jail since October on a charge of statutory rape, was sentenced to serve 20 years in the state penitentiary by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg today.

Waldo, a probation violator, was given the maximum sentence. He was on probation from the court here for forgery of an endorsement last summer. The probation was revoked and he was given the prison term.

The 32-year-old man, married and father of four children, was indicted by the grand jury two weeks ago for statutory rape. He was arrested October 28 and placed in jail in lieu of \$5000 cash bond.

According to the information against him, Waldo was occupying a cabin on S. 6th with the 14-year-old daughter of Mrs. Nettie Belle Lusk and with the consent of Mrs. Lusk, who is under indictment for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Mrs. Lusk allegedly rented two cabins, lived in one herself and allowed Waldo and her daughter to occupy the other. The girl is in custody of the juvenile office.

Michael Foley, charged with negligent homicide in the traffic death of Johnny Spicher, pleaded innocence this morning and his trial was set for February 13.

February 19 was set as the date for the trial of A. W. Downs, former city building inspector, indicted for arson. He pleaded innocence this morning. Warner Jay Dickenson, indicted for obtaining money and property under false pretenses, also pleaded innocence but his trial has not been set.

Lee Arlet Hixon, charged with receiving and concealing stolen property, was arraigned yesterday and given until December 31 to enter a plea.

PH Probers Seek Counsel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP) — The return of Chairman Barkley (D-Ky.) to the capital brought renewed efforts by the Pearl Harbor committee today to find a successor to William D. Mitchell as its counsel.

Barkley is head of a subcommittee appointed to canvass the field of possibilities. He was called to Kentucky by the death of his mother.

Rep. Gearhart (R-Calif.), also a committee member, has two nominees. They are Warren Atherton of Stockton, Calif., and Harry Colmyer of Topeka, Kan., both former national commanders of the American Legion.

Lucas told reporters he also has a proposal which he believes would expedite the hearings. This is that the members divide up prospective witnesses with each to be questioned by only one or two members.

Lucas expressed the view that by advance preparation the members could make their examinations more direct. A division of the witnesses would afford opportunity, he contended, for the members to get more information in advance of the questioning as to just what the witness can relate of importance.

Elderly Woman Hurt In Crash

Mrs. Margaret English, 70, suffered severe body bruises and head lacerations in an automobile accident which occurred early Wednesday evening on The Dalles-California highway near Klamath Agency. Mrs. English and her son, Henry A. English, 212 S. Victoria, Los Angeles, were en route home from Portland where they had spent the Christmas holidays.

Details of the accident were not available. Mrs. English is reported improving at Klamath Valley hospital.

Also at the hospital recovering from injuries received in automobile accidents Christmas Eve were Mrs. Florence Oppel, 211 Wendling, and Wesley Harris, Tulelake.

1 Dead, 8 Hurt In 3-Alarm Fire

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 27 (CP) — One person died and eight were seriously burned or injured today when a three-alarm fire raged through an apartment-type building in Vancouver's east end at the intersection of Salisbury and Cordova streets.

Archibald Mitchell, 63, a resident of the wooden building, died from burns and injuries suffered while trying to escape. Cause of the fire was not determined immediately.

Turks Threaten To Fight Russia

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (AP) — A Red Star commentator said today that some Turkish editors and deputies in the Turkish parliament were making outspoken threats against Russia.

The article called Husein Yalchin, editor of the Turkish newspaper Tulin "the aged bandit of journalism" and quoted him as saying Russia had been Turkey's traditional enemy for centuries.

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Esquire - Pelican - Pine Tree
Klamath Theatres—the Place to Go!

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ESQUIRE HELD OVER TODAY!

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WHAT NEXT?
CORPORAL WARGROVE?

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Starts Tomorrow!

Join a MURDER HUNT!

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Midnight MANNHUNT

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Plus! Those Bumsteeds!

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Life with Blondie

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★ Pop. Science
★ News

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TOWER Hurry! Ends Today!

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2 Hits

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"Pan Americans" AND "The Defiant Gray"

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY

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GLAMOROUS GALS!
DANGEROUS DIVES!

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DICK POWELL
CLAIRE TREVOR
ANNE SWIRLEY

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MURDER... MY SWEET

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PLUS!

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Outdoor Action!

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"WILDCAT TROOPER"

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SATURDAY, 8:30 P. M.

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"SHOOT THE WORKS"!

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PELICAN STARTS TODAY!

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MEN ARE PUTTY IN HER HANDS!

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Dangerous PARTNERS

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"Mouse In Manhattan" Cartoon

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PINE TREE LAST DAY!

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"Tarsus Amason" AND "John L."

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CLARK GABLE

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CALL OF THE WILD

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And! "Scarlet Clue" CHAS. CHAN

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