

Official Tells Of Overpay On Contract

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—Undersecretary of War Kenneth C. Royall expressed belief today the government paid \$1,000,000 too much to a munitions firm and stands a dim chance of getting it back.

His view was in a letter in which he asked a justice department investigation of what he called an overpayment to the Batavia Metal Products company. Royall said the government originally made advance payments of \$4,500,000 to Batavia for war contracts.

After mentioning the sum now due as \$1,000,000, Royall commented: "There is doubt as to whether the company is in such financial condition as to enable the government to recover this amount."

Royall told the senate war investigating committee that he also had asked Attorney General Tom Clark to inquire into the earnings and costs of the Erie Basin Metal Products Co. This is an affiliate of Batavia; the two are part of an Illinois munitions combine the committee is investigating.

Tentative Offer Made
Royall later testified that Batavia had offered to make good on the overpayment, at a rate of \$140,000 down once agreement was reached and \$30,000 a month thereafter. He said it was a tentative offer, and one that has not been accepted, for a total payment of \$959,855.69.

A reference to the offer was contained in a letter to Royall from Theron L. Caudle, assistant attorney general, which said that its acceptance might make prosecution of any "criminal" case against Batavia more difficult.

Caudle's letter, dated June 18, said the justice department's investigation was "not sufficiently complete" for it to express any opinion "as to whether a criminal case will develop."

Royall's disclosure came after he had testified earlier that Rep. May (D-Ky), chairman of the house military committee, has attributed to him responsibility for an investigation of the Kentucky congressman's relation with Erie.

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By Dick Turner



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Deferred Date Muddles U.N.

NEW YORK, July 10 (AP)—The United Nations secretariat was confronted today with the probable necessity of reshuffling its manifold arrangements for the general assembly meeting here in September to avoid a conflict in dates with the Paris peace conference.

The Big Four foreign ministers in Paris decided yesterday to ask the U. N. to postpone the assembly session from Sept. 3 to Sept. 23 because of the probability that the peace conference will be in session on the earlier date.

The shift would involve a rearrangement of living quarters for some 5000 persons—a problem complicated by the acute housing shortage and the fact that October is one of the two busiest convention months in New York.

It also would disrupt the timing of security council actions, such as the deadline for receipt and consideration of new membership applications, which had been pegged on the assumption that the assembly would meet Sept. 3.

Extraordinary procedures will have to be adopted to permit a postponement, a United Nations spokesman said. These probably would involve circularizing the 51 member nations for their approval.

Spare Tire Pilfered From Parked Truck
Otto Riebe, 112 N. 5th, reported to city police today that a spare tire and wheel were stolen from his International pickup truck while it was parked in a lot at the rear of Star drug last night.

Doyle L. Moore, route 2, posted \$5 bail with police for having no muffler. One drunk and one man charged with drunk and vagrancy appeared in municipal court this morning.

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Legion Of Moose Will Hold Picnic

Members of the Legion of the Moose will hold a picnic at the gravel pit near Ft. Klamath on Sunday, July 14. Members will provide their own picnic lunches and refreshments will be furnished by the organization. All members who have room to take extra passengers are asked to leave their names at the Moose hall.

Reds Believed To Hold Yanks

BERLIN, July 10 (AP)—An American intelligence officer said today the four Americans who disappeared in the Russian occupation zone last week were believed held at Oranienburg, a Soviet provincial headquarters north of Berlin.

Indications were that Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, U. S. commander in Europe, might intervene since security authorities have been unable to secure definite information from the Russians. McNarney was here for an allied control council meeting.

The four, believed accused of making unauthorized entries into the Russian zone, were Warrent Officer and Mrs. Samuel P. Harrison of San Antonio, Texas; Capt. Harold Cobin of New York and Newark, N. J.; and Lt. George Wyatt of Oklahoma City.

Truman Mourns Hillman's Death

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—President Truman said today the cause of democracy had lost "one of its most effective and devoted exponents" in the death of Sidney Hillman, head of CIO's Political Action Committee.

CIO President Philip Murray, long-time partner of Hillman in labor union and political fields, mourned Hillman's death as "the passing of a great man."

Senator Wagner (D-N.Y.) termed Hillman's death "an irreparable loss," but said his "record of service is imperishable."

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Judge Throws OPA Suits Out

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 10 (AP)—Declaring that "the law is not concerned with trifles," Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly today ordered dismissal of triple damage suits brought by the OPA against Palmer's grocery and In-scho's Drive-In market, both of Roseburg. The complaint against Palmer's grocery alleged an overcharge of five cents and demanded damages in the sum of 15 cents. The complaint against the Drive-In market charged 13 cents overcharge and sought 39 cents in damages.

Also dismissed were complaints seeking injunctive relief against Palmer's grocery, Wally's grocery, Frank's grocery and the In-scho market. Dismissal was ordered on the grounds that the emergency control act of 1942 had expired.

"A jury trial costs Douglas county a minimum of \$125," Judge Wimberly commented, "and I do not feel justified in imposing such costs to collect the trifling sums of 15 and 39 cents."

Russian Veto Strikes Again

NEW YORK, July 10 (AP)—Soviet Russia invoked the veto today for the sixth time in security council history in an effort to block a move for Canada to participate in council discussions on atomic energy.

The council became involved in a dispute when Dr. Herbert V. Evatt of Australia offered a resolution to permit Canada, a member of the atomic energy commission, to sit in on council discussions of atomic energy.

Andre A. Gromyko, Soviet delegate, immediately objected, saying this proposal raised new questions and suggested postponement.

However, the council voted 9 to 1—with Russia casting the dissenting vote—to admit Canada to the discussions on atomic questions. Poland abstained.

Gromyko then said his negative vote was a veto. Gromyko contended the matter was a question of substance, on which the veto power applies, and as such it was lost.

Dr. Francisco Castillo Najera of Mexico, council chairman, however, ruled it was a question of procedure, on which the veto right does not apply, and invited Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, Canadian representative on the atomic energy commission, to sit at the table.

Garment Price Controls Off

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—Sniping the last price control threat on clothing, the government today pinned its expensive garment hopes on industry competition.

In cutting the threat, Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small expressed the belief that rivalry among clothing manufacturers will serve to hold their prices in line.

The only clothing price curb left after OPA died July 1 was knocked out last night when Small announced that CPA will continue to allocate a big supply of cloth for garments that should sell at low or moderate prices—but the agency no longer will see that they do.

CPA announced no reason for this, but officials who asked to remain anonymous attributed the action to the Moore amendment to the second war powers act, a law which 10 days ago was continued until next March 31.

Under the old set-up, CPA helped garment makers obtain fabric only if they agreed to sell clothes at or under certain wholesale prices. Retail ceilings were fixed by OPA.

Under the new CPA regulation, manufacturers may use priority fabric only in types of inexpensive clothing which previously sold at specified OPA ceilings. Thus they have to make the same kind of clothing they did before, but there are no strings on prices.

Kedron Circle—The Presbyterian Kedron circle will meet at the home of Augusta Parker in the Marion apartments, Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. The life of Rahab will be reviewed by Mrs. W. F. Bethune. Friends are invited to attend.

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Stamp Collectors Ready For Air Mail Inaugural

Stamp collectors are getting ready for the opening of air mail service from Klamath Falls when United Air Lines inaugurates flights from the local field August 1. Collectors are sending self-addressed envelopes to Postmaster Burt Hawkins to be flown on the first flight. In this way they will obtain the special seal or cachet which will be affixed to each envelope to commemorate the opening of air mail service.

Wisconsin Man To Head Elks

NEW YORK, July 10 (AP)—Charles E. Broughton, editor and publisher of the Sheboygan, Wis., Press, today was elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Broughton, a member of the order for 43 years, and chairman of the board of grand trustees before election to the new post, succeeded Wade H. Kepner of Wheeling, W. Va., as leader of 800,000 Elks affiliated with 1500 lodges.

The election was held at the order's first national convention since before World War II. Addressing the convention—the Elks' 82nd—Broughton called for an intensified program of educational and child welfare projects, and urged lodges to establish summer vacation camps for undernourished children to supplement the order's present program of aid to crippled children.

Vocational School Plan Wins Favor

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work, laundry and dry cleaning, plumbing, steam and pipefitting, meat cutting, sewage disposal, and also for cooks and bakers.

To make the plan feasible, he said, the federal government would have to turn the barracks over to the state for a long period of time. He believes that the normal student load could not be reached until the school had been in operation four years.

Paulson estimated that operation costs of the proposed vocational school would be \$200,000 a year, without the teaching staff, and about 400 students could be trained the first year of operation, 800 the next, and 1500 the next.

The big problem will be to secure initial financing for the school, but the interim committee of the state legislature may be asked to put up the immediate funds for remodeling, the same as when the barracks was being considered as an academic school.

Up to State Board
His is not final, so Paulson will have to lay his findings before the state board of vocational education, but it is expected that the war assets administration will be told tomorrow that there still is a chance that the barracks might be used, thereby forestalling sale of the post's equipment.

Paulson said that he believed the barracks could be made into the finest trade school anywhere in the area between Eugene and Oakland, Calif., and has a large area from which to draw students.

The proposed school would not be for veterans alone, but for all students interested in trade training. It would have a special appeal to veterans under the GI bill of rights, he stressed.

After the initial remodeling to get the school started, other remodeling could be done as part of the training for carpenters, painters and the like, in converting some of the barracks buildings into housing for students and families.

Jury Acquits Gartin On Charges Of Rape

Casting only two ballots, the circuit court jury yesterday afternoon found Harold Richard Gartin innocent of charges of rape involving a 13-year-old Indian girl.

The jurors received their instructions from Judge David R. Vandenberg at noon, and cast one ballot before going out to lunch. After lunch they voted once more and returned a not guilty verdict. Gartin was represented by U. S. Balentine and E. E. Driscoll, Leo N. Huls was foreman of the jury.

Japs Dedicate Marker To Prisoners Of War

MOJII, Japan, July 10—A monument in memory of allied personnel who died as prisoners of war in Japan was dedicated here today. It is a stone edifice four feet high, surmounted by a cross. Moji residents contributed \$1922 for its construction. Buddhist priests participated in the ceremonies.

Thieves Flee Stolen Auto

Following a minor traffic accident on Klamath near 6th, a car which earlier in the day had been reported stolen from Lakeview was found abandoned in the 500 block on Commercial by city police yesterday afternoon.

Police are searching for two young men who are believed to have been in the car. One of the men was described as about 22, bareheaded, light brown hair and wearing a tan shirt; the other was about 27 and wore a tan shirt and cowboy hat.

The stolen car, property of Donald E. Giles of Lakeview, was involved in a hit-and-run sideswipe accident with a parked car operated by Mrs. H. W. Christie, 3223 Laverne, shortly after noon yesterday.

Sidney Hillman Dead In East

POINT LOOKOUT, N. Y., July 10 (AP)—Sidney Hillman, 59, one-time immigrant boy and garment cutter who became one of the most controversial political figures of his time, died today of a heart condition.

It was Hillman, national chairman of the CIO political action committee, who became a political storm center in the 1944 presidential campaign when the republican charge of "clear everything with Sidney" swept the country.

Republicans charged—and democrats and Hillman denied—that the late President Roosevelt, passing through Chicago during the 1944 democratic national convention, told Robert Hannegan, democratic national chairman, to "clear everything with Sidney" regarding convention strategy and choices.

Hillman's death came at 8:40 a. m. (EDT) in a bedroom of his six-room summer bungalow on the north shore of Long Island near Long Beach.

Three weeks ago he suffered an attack of coronary thrombosis and since then had been resting and trying to regain his strength. Dr. Mack Lipkin, the family physician, arrived shortly after Hillman's death. The doctor said he had been treating Hillman for a heart condition for some time.

Although Hillman was president of the large and wealthy Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, he was best known in labor circles for his direction of CIO-PAC.

His death left no immediate heir-apparent to the chairmanship. A successor likely will be chosen at a meeting of the CIO-PAC's executive committee in Washington next week.

U. S. Population Shows Increase

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—The population of the United States was 140,386,509 on Jan. 1, 1946, an increase of 6.6 per cent since the 1940 census, the census bureau estimated today.

It reported that the nation's birth rate, which soared in the early years of the war, has declined somewhat since 1943 but has not yet dropped to its pre-war level.

Bureau figures showed the "natural increase" in population—the excess of births over deaths—reached a peak of 930,000 in the last half of 1942, but declined to about 720,000 in the last half of 1945.

The increase in population in the six years since the last census was estimated at 8,700,000, only slightly less than the 8,900,000 gain recorded in the entire ten-year census period preceding April 1, 1940.

SOCE Prepares Site For Vets' Barracks

ASHLAND, July 10 (AP)—Site clearing and laying service mains for a barracks at Southern Oregon College of Education were completed today.

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president, said the barracks would house 64 single veterans and 24 married veterans. He predicted a full-term enrollment of 500 at the college.

Multnomah Welfare Chairman Appointed

SALEM, Ore., July 10 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell today appointed Herbert A. Templeton, Portland, as chairman of the Multnomah county public welfare commission. He succeeds G. C. Keeney, Portland, resigned. The term is four years.

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