

Probers Draw Curtain On Weird War Expose

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—The curtain fell today on the senate investigating committee's weird wartime drama involving a "paper" empire, mysterious munitions makers, dancing generals and a law-maker too ill to speak his piece. It was an anti-climactic ending to a six-week story of high profits and influence which piled sensation atop sensation as the committee pried into the wartime operations of a munitions combine and the help it received from Rep. May (D-Ky.).

For May, chairman of the house military committee, was hundreds of miles away—under physicians' care in his Prestonville (Ky.) home—on this day when he was to have explained, under oath, why he helped the combine obtain big war contracts.

A formal report from Drs. John G. and George F. Archer, the Kentucky legislators' physicians, said that May is suffering from heart trouble and general physical exhaustion and that he "must have an indefinite period of rest, quiet and careful attention."

Last Hope Gone
Addressed "to whom it may concern," the report erased the committee's last lingering hope of hearing May before the end of September, if then.

Officials close to the committee expressed doubt that a new subpoena would be issued for May's appearance, or that his testimony would be taken unless he agrees to appear voluntarily.

May, 71, has said he did aid the combine but only to further the war effort. He denied profiting in any way himself. Committee members had counted on May to clear up some of these points:

1. How close was May's acquaintance with Henry Garsson, described by army officers as "the brains" behind the combine, and brother Murray Garsson, listed by the FBI as a one-time associate of gangsters Dutch Schultz and Owney Madden.

2. Why May helped the Garssons obtain big war orders—the combine's total came to more than \$78,000,000—efficiency awards, material, manpower, advance payments, and early contract settlements.

Paper Empire
3. The financial structure of the Cumberland Lumber company for which May was listed officially as Kentucky agent. Testimony was introduced that Batavia and Erie Metal Products companies, two of the concerns in the combine, carried on their books \$48,000 for lumber from Cumberland which was never delivered.

4. Why May endorsed an application for reinstatement to the bar by Albert Jacobson, suspended former chief of the chemical warfare service legal division. He prepared the original report chemical warfare service report on the combine. Mead termed it a "whitewash" of the "paper empire's operations."

5. Whether May knew Benjamin Franklin Fields, ex-convict and wartime contract broker. Senator Mitchell (D-Wash.) said Fields had offered him a \$5000 "campaign contribution" if he would persuade his colleagues to "lay off" the Garsson inquiry. Fields denied this.

6. Why May appealed to General Eisenhower for clemency in the court-martial of Capt. Joseph Garsson, son of Murray Garsson.

Even as the expose of the combine's activities ended on Capitol Hill, the inquiry remained active in the executive agencies charged with law enforcement. The committee agreed earlier this week to refer all its records to Attorney General Tom Clark. The bureau of internal revenue has assigned two investigators to look into the income tax aspects of the case.

SHIPS TO MOVE
PORTLAND, Aug. 9 (AP)—During the coming week 21 ships temporarily here in Willamette will be moved to Tongue Point east of Astoria, Capt. E. E. Thorne, northwest reserve fleet superintendent, said today.

Arabic Flume
A bridged irrigation flume carries waters of the Spring of Elisha to Arab banana plantations near Jericho. Mount of Temptation is in the background.

Eperimenters Find Cure For Curdled Clam Chowder
WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—Does your canned clam chowder curdle?
The Oregon agricultural experiment station has found out how to can clams and milk together for later use in chowder, with nary a curdle.

The new culinary development came to light today in "USDA," official house organ of the U. S. department of agriculture.

And that's not all the Oregon station has been doing this summer while you've been worrying about your curdled chowder. It also has:

1. Discovered how to quick-freeze crabs without injuring the texture of the leg meat.

2. Devised a quick, accurate method of determining the vitamin A content of shark's liver.

3. Developed a "twilight sleep" anesthetizing process to keep apples relaxed and happy during shipment.

Meanwhile, the publication announced that Charles Thom, a department alumnus, had collaborated on a "manual of the aspergilli" which is developing into a best seller in aspergilli circles.

An aspergilli, of course, is an order of fungus having a closed ascocarp, with the ascus scattered rather than connected with a hymenium.

A. M. Hartman and C. A. Cary of the department's bureau of dairy industry, have discovered a new "nutrient X" which apparently plays an important role in food palatability.

"Experimental animals find diets unpalatable if 'X' is lacking," the pamphlet reports, "though if it is injected into them via liver extract they eat much unpalatable diets with relish."

O.K.—One order of ham and "X." If the department can say where to get the ham.

Flashers Of Life
MAIL JAIL SERVICE
BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Aug. 9 (AP)—There was an accumulation of mail at the McLean county jail for Dale Jordan, 56, and Jailer Ed Kalahar sent out word to police to tell him to come and pick up his letters.

A few minutes later Jordan appeared at the jail—but not to pick up his mail. He was to start serving a 14-day sentence for disorderly conduct.

Kalahar explained Jordan had no permanent address and his mail was sent to the jail—where he had been an inmate on different occasions.

ROBBING THE BLIND
CHICAGO, Aug. 9 (AP)—When Sam Faulstich, 63, walked into the lobby of the county building, tapping his white cane, he was directed to the lineup in front of the cashier's window to pay his property tax of \$83.

A man volunteered to assist Faulstich and he took the \$83 he was holding and stood in line with him.

When Faulstich presented his tax statement he told the cashier his newly acquired friend would give him the \$83. But the cashier told Faulstich, who is blind, his "good Samaritan" had disappeared.

Prison Guard Jobs Available
Federal civil service announces an examination for permanent probational appointments to correctional officer positions in the bureau of prisons, McNeil Island, Wash. Competition in this examination is restricted to persons entitled to military preference.

Veterans who desire permanent positions will have an opportunity to file for a civil service examination leading to probational appointments with permanent classified civil service status as correctional officer.

The entrance salary for this position is \$2694.96 a year. Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 45; these age limits will not be waived.

Further information on this examination and the application forms may be obtained from the post office. Applications must be received by the board of U. S. civil service examiners, McNeil Island, Wash., not later than the close of business, August 19.

Marijuana Grower Held In Portland
PORTLAND, Aug. 9 (AP)—A 27-year-old Portlander, Theron Frank Martin, was held to the grand jury yesterday, charged with growing a 12 by 20-foot plot of marijuana.

Arrested by deputy sheriffs and agents of the federal narcotics division, bail was set at \$2000.

The drug plants were screened by brush.

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