



NEW NAVY AIDE—
Herbert R. Askins (above), 32, Phoenix, Ariz., business man, has been sworn in as Assistant Secretary of the Navy in a ceremony at Washington.

Probes Anger Dupont Chief

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—A top official of the Dupont company, builders of the H-bomb plant, said privately today: "We're damn well fed up with congressional investigations."

His statement came as the house subcommittee on labor opened its third day of hearings into charges of labor racketeering.

This same official, who would not permit use of his name, said, "It is the questioning of our integrity that hurts."

Last night Granville M. Read, chief engineer of the E. I. Dupont de Nemours Co., angrily asserted to reporters that "we can't pour concrete and attend investigations at the same time."

Then Read added: "I think it should be clearly understood that our labor recruitment policy at the Savannah river plant is as good as the same as that applied in all

Dupont commercial construction. . . .
"We have found, through long experience, that the cheapest and most practical way of building up a skilled labor force in a critically short period of time is by enlisting the cooperation and recruitment resources of the American Federation of Labor."

"From a commercial point of view, I believe you will find that my company's balance sheet will vouch for the fact . . . that Dupont had not been throwing money around."

Read said there had been eight overlapping investigations recently, and commented, that "to the extent that the time of our key people is spent in answering a multiplicity of charges, to that extent must the efficiency and progress of this vital defense job be slowed down."

DOLLAR FEE
"The Dupont company," Read continued, "did not seek this assignment of the highest government authority and we stipulated a fixed fee of exactly one dollar."

The investigating committee throughout yesterday's hearing estimated clearly that most of the

DEMO FINANCE HEAD
PORTLAND, (AP)—Abe C. Gilbert, Portland Furniture Co. president, has been named chairman of the Democratic state central committee's finance committee.

workers on the huge project near there were hired through unions.

The committee investigating charges of labor racketeering at the huge plant straddling over 300,000 acres 25 miles southeast of here in South Carolina.

ACCOUNTANT CHARGED
ROSEBURG, (AP)—A Reedport public accountant is free under \$5000 bail, posted along with his plea of innocent to an embezzlement charge. The accountant, Robert H. W. Leathers, was charged by Dist. Atty. R. G. Davis with embezzling \$1000 from Duane H. Peck of Reedport in connection with accounting work on Peck's income tax returns.

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Man Returns From Death

LONG BEACH, (AP)—Doctors are amazed by the continuing improvement in the man who came back from the dead. But not his mother. To her it is a simple matter of faith and prayer.

Melvin Eugene Hewitt, the navy veteran whose heart was massaged back to action after doctors said it had stopped for approximately 15 minutes is now sitting up and taking nourishment. He can even talk a little.

At first the doctors thought he might never come out of a coma. They still won't predict full recovery. But Monday, for the first time since his injury October 4, he took food by mouth rather than intravenously.

In an interview yesterday, his mother, Mrs. Sam Werrett, told of her faith, her hopes, and her prayers.

"I never lost hope, she said. 'I felt awfully bad at times, but faith and prayer brought him out of it. He recognized me a couple of weeks ago. We're Mormons and I had the elder of our church visit Melvin several times and we also sent his name to the temple in Utah.'

"I feel he will recover completely, although he is bound to be this and run down for a while. The hospital care has been wonderful."

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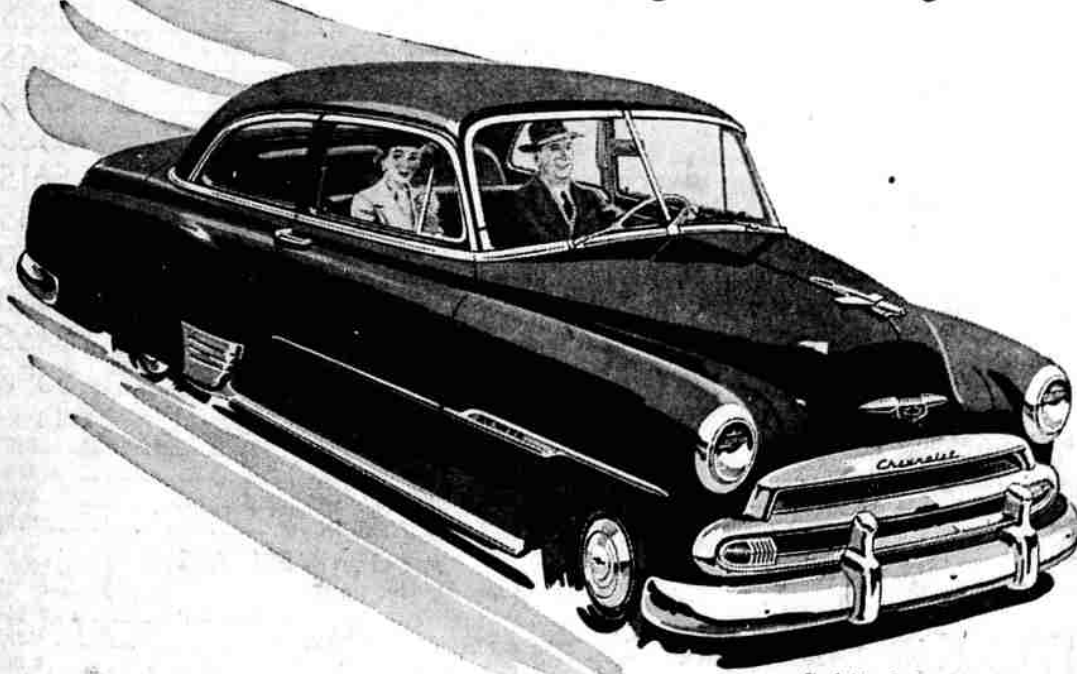
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