

B-36 Bombers Wind Up Training Flight; Brag Of Food On African Run

HST Keeps Quiet On Tax Deal

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KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Official silence Thursday clothed any possible steps President Truman may take in connection with the inquiry into internal revenue bureau scandals.

Close associates said he is following developments at Washington with intense interest and a willingness to "let the chips fall where they may."

These associates said Mr. Truman did not request Wednesday's resignation of Charlie Oliphant, a chief counsel to the internal revenue bureau, but that he knew that the resignation was coming.

Because Oliphant announced his resignation before it reached the White House, there will be no formal letter of acceptance from the president announced here. This is a White House rule.

Only last Thursday, Mr. Truman told a news conference he had no facts to justify any action as to Oliphant. He added he couldn't act without evidence.

In resigning, Oliphant said he did so because of "villification beyond the point of human endurance."

Aides said the president is reading carefully testimony before a house ways and means subcommittee conducting the congressional phase of the investigation into tax scandals.

Mr. Truman told a news conference here he wants to get to the bottom of the situation and that any persons found at fault will have to suffer the consequences of their wrong-doing.

Subsequently, highly placed aides said Mr. Truman had quietly sent out word that he wants a genuine "house cleaning" of any officials "whose outside activities may be of such a nature as to embarrass his administration."

Last month, he fired T. Lamar Caudle, assistant attorney general in charge of the justice department tax division, for "outside activities" he considered "incompatible with the duties of his office."

Teacher Didn't Do Good Job

COLUMBUS, O., (AP) — A woman who smashed into a tree during her driver's license test Wednesday sued her driving instructor for \$38,500 damages.

Mary Wiles of Columbus filed suit in common pleas court against the Motor Club of America, its manager, Austin Whitaker, and her instructor, Willard Chippendale.

She said she paid \$28 for 10 driving lessons in July, 1950. On Aug. 12 Chippendale accompanied her to the state highway patrol office, she said, and a driver's license examination went with her for a test.

She said she lost control of the

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Six strategic air command B-36 bombers—the kind that could carry an atomic bomb 10,000 miles and—returned today from an historic training flight to Africa.

They landed at one of the brand-new American air force bases. It is one of several super-secret air fields being built around the world for global defense.

Maj. L. A. Proulx, intelligence officer of Southbridge, Mass., said it was the first time flights other than local ones had landed at the Sidi Slimane, French Morocco, field.

Crewmen shrugged off the actual flying as routine.

But today they still couldn't stop talking about the food—for instance the 54 filet mignon steaks for one 18-man crew alone—on the return flight.

Several crewmen stepped from the planes wearing bright red fezzes, characteristic headgear of parts of North Africa.

The planes flew non-stop to Africa and non-stop on their return to their home field, Carswell air force base here. Distance one-way is 4884 miles.

The first giant 10-engine bomber touched down at Carswell at 12:47 a.m. The planes took off from Africa at approximately midnight.

The flight left here Saturday.

Other bombers landed at irregular intervals, the last at 2:45 a.m. (EST).

It was the second flight across the Atlantic for B-36s. The first was to England Jan. 12. They returned Jan. 21.

Crew members for the first time had an opportunity to try out on a trans-oceanic flight the galley, a modification of the B-36. It has an electric stove.

"The best part of the flight was the food we had," said Capt. Clement M. Maloney, Jacksonville, Ill., who commanded the first plane to land here.

"Before we left Africa, we took on 54 filet mignons, 18 quarts of milk, three dozen eggs, 40 slices of bacon and 18 loaves of bread for our plane."

"Sgt. Williams (Master Sgt. John H. Williams Jr., Turkey, Tex.) served as cook and he was pretty good."

Crewmen took turns sleeping during the approximately 24-hour flight home on a four-hours-on-four-hours-off basis.

Most of the fliers had several hours leave in French Morocco.

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Hague Settles Out Of Court

FREEHOLD, N.J., (AP) — A \$2,000,000 libel suit against Frank Hague came to an abrupt end Wednesday as the former boss of the New Jersey Democratic party settled the case out of court.

Hague settled the suit, filed in 1942 by Jersey City Lawyer John Warren, on condition that the monetary settlement would not be made public.

A major issue in the nine-year-old suit was the amount of Hague's wealth, long a subject of considerable speculation.

In pre-trial statements, Hague, who served for almost 30 years as mayor of Jersey City, listed his net worth \$2,048,937.62.

According to a reliable source, the amount of settlement of Warren's suit was "substantial."

Warren's suit against Hague, delayed by an almost continuous stream of legal maneuvers, stemmed from a political dispute. Trial of the suit got underway Monday.

In his suit, Warren claimed the former mayor "falsely and maliciously wrote and published or caused to be written and published" words which referred to the plaintiff as a "tax racketeer."

An attorney for Hague denied that the ex-political boss' statements were made with malicious intent.

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Vote More Taxes, Get More, Farm Bureau Told

Robert D. Maclean, head of the tax and appraisal division of the state tax commission, told Klamath County Farm Bureau members Monday night taxes will continue to be high as long as the people of Oregon keep on voting additional ones.

Maclean spoke before a meeting of some 25 bureau members with Klamath tax representative Robert Osburn in a meeting held in the Merrill recreation hall.

Maclean said the state commission is attempting to do two things:

1. Property should be appraised in an equitable manner with other property of the same type.

2. There should be proper relationships between assessed valuation of different types of property.

Maclean pointed out there are

three counties undergoing a trial appraisal in Oregon — Klamath, Grant and Harney counties. The Klamath county court has allotted \$38,000 of the \$10,000 the job is expected to cost.

Anyplace the reappraisals have been carried out, Maclean said, increased revenues have more than offset the cost of the reappraisals.

The taxman said the state commission is working on the theory that the entire tax base should be raised to the more true values of property.

Maclean said no manner of appraisal will reduce taxes unless the

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"Economic trends," he said, "will probably continue upwards for another five or six years."

Property taxes now, he said, ranged to the 1940-41 values. "But we'll never see the 1941 dollar again." The reappraisal is supposed to bring the tax up to date.

Farm Bureau members showed considerable feeling at the Merrill meeting, many of them saying that taxes in their categories are too high in comparison with similar areas elsewhere.

One farmer said his tax on his farm had increased tenfold since his land was reappraised.

Maclean said no manner of appraisal will reduce taxes unless the

various tax groups quit voting them.

He pointed out that individuals have recourse if they feel their taxes too high. They must find their assessed valuation in March or April from the county assessor's office, and then appear before the county board of equalization which convenes the first Monday in May.

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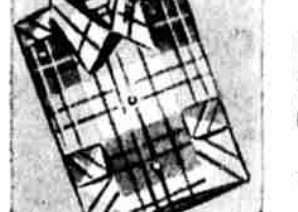
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