

Defense Chief Assures Solons US Keeping Up With Red Plane Types

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Lovett testified Monday that the United States now has better fighter aircraft than the Russian MIGs.

He indicated, however, it may take some time to equal and pass Soviet aircraft production.

Lovett engaged in a crisp exchange with senators over relative Russian and U.S. air strength during a Congressional hearing on the proposed \$52,100,000,000 military budget for 1952-53.

The defense secretary said any cut in this spending program would "increase, beyond the realms of prudence, the calculated risks already taken" in planning the program.

Sen. O'Mahoney, presiding at a joint hearing of a Senate appropriations subcommittee and the Senate House Economic Committee, raised the air power question.

"A year ago we had complete command of the skies in Korea,"

O'Mahoney said, adding this is no longer true.

He asked Lovett when the Defense Department expected to match Russian airpower.

Lovett, replying, said that after World War Two the United States "went to sleep" on its defenses while Russia pushed ahead.

"We did not demobilize—in my opinion we disintegrated," the Pentagon chief said. As a result, he added, "we have to run faster now for several years to make up a deficit in aircraft."

O'Mahoney asked if the Russians' MIG 15 is "better than any aircraft we can send" to Korea.

Lovett replied that the United States has better aircraft "in test."

He said the F-86 is "a superior plane" although it weighs about one-third more than a MIG and has a slower climb.

Sen. McKellar, D-Tenn., wanted to know how long this airplane testing must go on.

"I think we ought to put our best foot forward in Korea," he said. "I think we ought to do something out there."

Lovett, to explain the time needed to develop a new type of plane, said he would show a chart on just one contract "that is classified."

This brought a quick warning from O'Mahoney that "a representative of the Russian News Agency, Tass, is in the room."

Jean Montgomery, reporter of Congressional affairs for Tass, sat at the press table.

"No security is involved," Lovett said, spreading out a long chart of an airplane contract. It showed that on just one contract, 106 subcontracts may be let, Lovett said this was "just the first tier."

The subcommittee quit at noon until tomorrow.

Earlier, Lovett told the senators that even the \$52,100,000,000 defense figure is a cutback from original estimates.

He said the Defense Department has taken a "realistic" attitude, has made new economies, and instead of attempting to reach certain goals in 1953 or 1954 it has delayed them and funds asked now will permit a program merely "expanding toward these goals."

He listed these goals as 21 full-strength divisions for the Army; 408 combat vessels and 16 carrier air groups for the Navy; three full divisions and three air wings for the Marines; and 143 wings for the Air Force. All three services would have "the appropriate support type units."

Higher Wages Pose Tax Cut

NEW YORK (AP)—Benjamin F. Fairless said Monday his United States Steel Corporation could meet wage demands and hold its present prices—but this would result in a 60 per cent reduction in its federal income tax payments.

Fairless added that such a wage increase, if allowed to spread throughout American industry, could result in a net loss to the government "conservatively estimated at 11 billion dollars."

He said the ultimate "cost of a wage increase would come out of taxable income."

U. S. Steel's estimated federal taxes for 1951 are \$398 million and its state and other taxes \$75,730,666. In 1950 the federal tax bill was \$234 million and state and local \$22,655,217, a company spokesman said.

The president of U. S. Steel said the government then "will be obliged to lift the lid on prices if for any other reason than to protect its tax revenues and to maintain its own income."

Fairless presented his arguments against another pay boost for steel workers in a statement before a Wage Stabilization Board panel seeking to prevent a strike in the steel industry threatened for Feb. 23.

Winnie Ruth Still Sought

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—The search for Winnie Ruth Judd, red-haired trunk murderer of 21 years ago, spread throughout Arizona Monday with police admitting they were baffled by her disappearance.

Officers from border to border have been alerted to watch all points of entry into the state and Mexico where some think she may be headed.

"We have no clues," Sheriff L. C. Boies of Maricopa County stated, "and none of the usual tips received have panned out."

Winnie Ruth, 48, dubbed the "Tiger Woman" after she killed two women and dismembered their bodies in 1931, has eluded capture since escaping from the State Hospital for Insane Saturday night.

She opened a third story tower window in her ward, slid down a 48 foot rope improvised from restraining straps and disappeared in the night. Police are still checking reports she fled in a dark colored sedan waiting outside the nine-foot barbed wire hospital fence.

It was her fifth escape from the institution.

Theories of her whereabouts varied widely. Lt. John Slaughter, officer in charge of Phoenix police convinced she was still in Phoenix, and would probably turn up at the home of one of her many friends.

But Dr. M. W. Conway, director of the hospital, said he thought she would try to get to Mexico. She once expressed a desire to be freed to work in a leper's colony in South America.

"There is no doubt she had outside help," he declared.

Cars Collide, Driver Cited

Charge of failure to yield the right of way to another vehicle was levied against Melvin Fitzhugh, 38, Dunsuir, following a minor accident at the Lakeview junction at 12:05 a.m., Sunday.

State Police reported Fitzhugh ran through the stop sign on Oregon Highway 39 at the junction and hit a car driven by Jack Alsup, Klamath Falls. There were no injuries.

Cited for being drunk on the highway and driving while intoxicated Saturday afternoon at S. 6th St. and Altamont Dr. was John Patrick Hammond, 24, Merrill.

State Police reported Hammond's car knocked down a light standard at the intersection.

City Police arrested James Branaman, OTI dean of men, Saturday night for violation of the basic rule.

Police reported Branaman's car smashed into a parked car at 1900 Main owned by Robert L. Royse, 615 California Ave.

Branaman forfeited \$25 bail in lieu of appearing in Municipal Court Monday morning. He reportedly suffered a cut lip and was given first aid treatment at the scene.

Record Snow Depth Noted

A three-man snow survey crew, back in Klamath Agency, has reported a record 101.2-inch snow depth on Sun Mountain, and a water content of 33 inches.

The crew, Vic Sisson, Conrad Sheldahl and John Hall, all members of the Klamath Reservation's Forestry Department, reported this the greatest fall during the past 12 years when measurements have been taken.

The January survey indicated an ample supply of irrigation water, they announced.

In 1950 snow depth on the mountain was 62 inches, and the water content was 18 inches. Last year snow depth reached 73 inches and water content 24.

Car Blows Up As Cigarette Lighted

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, N. J. (AP)—Harry Vallo lighted a cigarette Thursday while driving his auto and:

There was an explosion heard four blocks away.

The car burst into flames and crashed into a tree.

Vallo suffered second and third degree burns before he could leap from the blazing auto.

Police said the cause was leaking alcohol fumes from a warm air heater. Vallo said he had smelled alcohol fumes just before the blast.

Elizabeth, Duke Stay at Lodge

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh were "at home" in Kenya for the first time Monday. They broke their royal tour for a five-day stay—their first—at the quiet mountain lodge given them by the colony as a wedding present.

Elizabeth and her husband drove Sunday to the lodge, in the foothills of Mount Kenya near Nyeri.

They will sail Thursday for Ceylon, Australia and New Zealand. The trip home to England will take them by the Panama Canal and Bermuda.



SHE'LL TRY AGAIN—Actress Elizabeth Taylor, 19, shown above with Michael Wilding during a recent visit to New York's Stork Club, announced in Hollywood that she will wed the British actor as soon as Wilding is divorced. She said she would marry the 40-year-old Englishman because he likes "football games, horseback riding and listening to records."



MAY HEAD OLYMPIC TEAM—Brutus Hamilton (right), University of California athletic director and track coach, chats with Robert Kane of Cornell University at the Olympic Men's Track and Field committee meeting in Chicago. Hamilton is expected to be named coach of the 1952 American Olympic men's track team.

Firemen Plan Historic Ball

MERRILL — This year's Fireman's Ball, Feb. 23, will be the 45th, and according to Fire Chief Tom Chaburn Jr., the event is believed to be the oldest such affair in the state.

Extensive plans have been made for the ball which always draws a large attendance. This is the only fund-raising event which the volunteer fireman sponsor during the year, and all proceeds go toward purchasing new equipment for the department, which at present numbers 30 members, with two trucks, one rural and one city. The Rural Fire District is now in the process which will be put in use some time this summer. A radio has been ordered for the rural truck, and will be used in all emergencies, and in conjunction with the Suburban Fire Department in Klamath Falls, which has a radio-equipped truck.

Assistant fire chief is Larry Reed and other newly-elected officers are Robert Merillee, president; Dale Moore, vice-president; Alonzo Hodges, secretary.

Committee Advises More Sheep for U.S. Market

WASHINGTON (AP)—This country needs to raise more sheep if it wants to avert an extreme wool shortage in case of war.

So says the Joint Committee on the Economic Report, a group of senators and representatives who have been studying the wool situation.

The committee reports that three-fourths of the wool used in this country is being imported over sea lanes 5,000 to 8,000 miles long, which would be cut in any world war.

U. S. ranchers are raising only about half the quantity of wool required for military use in World War II, and their production isn't even enough to fill current military needs, the committee said in its recent report.

Wool consumption in the U.S., increasing annually, now totals more than one billion pounds a year.

The committee said U.S. shearers clipped 260 million pounds of wool from about 32 million sheep in 1951. The wool poundage was the third-smallest in the past 30 years. The sheep total was considerably smaller than the average in the mid-twenties and much smaller than the all-time high of 49 million in 1942.

The committee said:

An improved price support program is needed. Cattlemen benefited more than sheepmen last year, and "wool growers cannot be expected to meet our needs for domestic wool if returns from alternative enterprises are more favorable than those from sheep and wool."

More "qualified and reliable" shepherders should be recruited to eliminate a manpower shortage which is partly blamed for the wool production drop.

Government agencies and ranchers throughout the nation should follow the lead of those who have successfully fought predatory animals in some areas, by developing new poisons and other control measures.

Soil and range conservation programs on public and private lands should be intensified. Federal agencies and ranchers have made "substantial progress" in this field, "but some 82 per cent of the public domain range is still eroding and opportunities to increase livestock on much of this land are diminishing."

Also called for are improvement in production practices, farming efficiency and marketing.

Operators who have adopted improved management practices are producing more lamb and wool per ewe than are those who have not adopted such practices," the committee said.

"More intensive efforts should be made to determine the effect of various improved practices on operators' costs, production and income under actual ranch conditions and in the dissemination of such information to wool growers."

The committee feels research is important in:

Developing farm flocks in new irrigation areas; improving breeds to provide heavier lambs and fleeces of better quality; production of fall lambs by out-of-season breeding through use of hormones; knowledge of nutritive requirements of sheep and digestive physiology to enable ranchers to pro-

duce more wool and lambs from each feed unit.

Controlling poisonous and noxious weeds; developing improved forage species; improving feeding practices; determining effects of varying rates of stocking on the carrying capacity of different types of ranges; reseeded depleted ranges; detecting and controlling livestock diseases.

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Choice is based on community service.

About 100 guests are expected.

THEFT

TOKYO (AP)—Confucius said: "Thou shalt not steal."

The Confucius Tabernacle in Central Tokyo reported Monday that 700 copper plates worth \$1,100 had disappeared from its roof.

DELAYED

SEATTLE (AP)—The Navy transport Gen. Simon B. Buckner, due here late Monday from the Far East, has been delayed until Tuesday morning. The ship, with 1,159 passengers, was delayed by a stand-by for another vessel with a sick crewman.

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