

Munitions Board Chief Lays Waste to Pressure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The vice chairman of the Munitions Board testified Tuesday that conflicting government pressures have made it "most difficult" for service purchasing officers to get the best values on war goods.

Hear Adm. Morton L. Ring told a House Armed Services subcommittee that purchasing officers are influenced by "at least 14 major policies" of Congress and the government.

"If you ask me which one I would follow," he said, "I would say that I would follow the one on which the pressure is the greatest and then duck."

Ring is in charge of supply management of the Munitions Board—the policy making agency for armed services purchasing.

He defended the present supply policies, which have been labeled as "needless and useless waste" by some Congressmen.

"There are those," he said, "who would use military appropriations to solve social problems."

He listed as examples, policies aimed at placing war contracts in "distress areas" of unemployment; supporting small business; and purchasing military items from European manufacturers.

"I am not trying to philosophize about these programs," he said, "but their influence makes it most difficult for buyers to get the greatest value at the lowest cost to the taxpayer."

Ring said, under questioning, the munitions board will consider Thursday a proposal to turn over the buying of all military clothing and similar articles to a branch of the armed services.

Chairman Hebert, D-La., said his program might save "hundreds of millions of dollars or more."

The Admiral said Munitions board officials had been studying the possibility of consolidated buying for a year and one half but

"we have not yet reached a satisfactory solution."
"How long does it take to make a decision?" Hebert asked. "No wonder the peace talks in Korea are taking so long, if it takes that long to make up your minds."

Air Disasters Baffle Expert

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Civil Aeronautics Administration expert said Tuesday the series of air disasters at Elizabeth, N. J., is "one of the most baffling coincidences that will ever happen in aviation history."

E. S. Hensley, director of CAA's Office of Aviation Safety, said there probably is no way of explaining how three major crashes could have occurred in the same place within less than 90 days.

"It could just as easily have been San Francisco, Timbuktu, or Saskatchewan," Hensley told a reporter.

"Why the Lord let it happen at Elizabeth, I cannot guess. There is no earthly reason."

Hensley said Newark Airport is one of the oldest and safest in the country. He said that in a quarter of a century there had been only one fatal crash on the ground there until the latter part of 1951.

U.S. Worker's Holiday Nixed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of wartime Army and Navy civilian workers won't get a holiday pay they've anticipated for the past month.

Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren said Tuesday claims had poured into government offices since January when the supreme court ruled some government printing office employees are entitled to premium pay in addition to regular pay for holiday service from the fall of 1943 to the fall of 1945.

Many came from such areas as Norfolk, Va., and Charleston, S. C., where Navy activity was heavy during the war.

Warren's ruling in effect says: No contract, no case.

Both the high court and the court of claims concluded that journeymen printers were entitled to more money because of a holiday clause in a 1924 wage agreement. It provided time and one-half pay for actual work on a holiday, in addition to regular pay for that day.

But the Army and Navy reported no such agreement affecting their employees existed prior to 1946.

Warren said that, since 1938, the per diem Army or Navy worker has received only regular pay for a holiday whether he worked then or not, and added:

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MERVIN DELBERT JOHNS, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Teague of Merrill, is completing his basic training at the Coast Guard station, Government Island, Alameda, Calif.

Taft Thinks M'Arthur Plan Unworkable Now

SEATTLE (AP) — Sen. Taft of Ohio declared here Tuesday that "at the moment, I would try to conclude a truce in Korea, with honor."

"General MacArthur's planned methods of six to eight months ago would probably not work now."

"We do not control the air over Korea. We have no assurance that we could now end the war successfully."

The Republican presidential aspirant made the comment at a news conference shortly after his arrival from Spokane, on a Pacific Northwest tour.

ADDRESS
He will deliver a major Lincoln Day address to Republicans Tuesday night on the nation's Far Eastern policy.

The senator planned a full day of appearances and conferences with party leaders.

The senator told his news conference that the administration's planned military expenditures as outlined by President Truman were excessive.

Two years ago the joint chiefs of staff appeared before Congressional committees and estimated that between 13 and 15 billion dollars would be all that was needed, he said.

"Now the sum of 52 billion dollars is not enough."

Asked what he would do about the big spending program, Sen. Taft said that he did not know until a complete survey "bureau by bureau" could be made.

OPPOSITION
He expressed opposition to the universal military training program and Alaska statehood bills now pending in Congress.

He said that his "inclination" would be to postpone action on both measures.

"I don't like the present UMT bill and it would not take effect for four years anyhow," he said. "A far better program could be worked out."

Two-thousand persons occupied three-fourths of the free admission seats in the balcony.

New Commie Threat Seen

SEATTLE (AP) — A Communist assault on Southeast Asia is on the horizon, Senator Taft told a Lincoln Day audience here Tuesday night, and "the only chance to stop it is by a Chinese Nationalist invasion of Communist-held territory."

American arms and training, the Ohioan told 5,000 persons in Seattle's Civic Auditorium, should be speeded to Chiang Kai-Shek on Formosa and the "600,000 men in his Army, Navy and Air Force" to effect this invasion.

"Will they," he asked in reference to President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson, "prefer to go on sending American soldiers to the continent of Asia, when Chinese soldiers are begging to be sent to do the job?"

The forces Chiang has now, Taft declared, offer the means "to protect the island chain which is our Pacific shield and to prevent Communist conquest of Southeast Asia."

He asked, however, if there could be hope for such "common sense in our national administration until Acheson is thrown out of the department of state and Truman is thrown out of the White House?"

He was interrupted 21 times for scattered applause by the audience but lengthy and vigorous applause broke out when he mentioned "our greatest soldier, General MacArthur."

Three thousand of his audience paid \$5 each for tickets to the dinner.

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Crime Keeps Inflation Pace

NORWALK, Calif. (AP) — This inflationary era has produced another first: The chauffeured holdup man.

A masked bandit, driven by a liveried chauffeur in an expensive auto, held up two service stations Tuesday. After both jobs he stepped to his car and commanded:

"Home, James!"

John Sala, attendant in a Downey station, told sheriff's officers the highwayman wore a grotesque red devil mask. Sala surrendered \$6478. The elite bandit got only \$16 in his Norwalk holdup.

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Wonder Drug Price Lower

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — United Research Laboratories of Philadelphia announced Monday a 50 per cent reduction in the price of CTH, the wonder hormone drug that has been a boon to many arthritis patients.

Robert Roberts, vice president in charge of sales, said United Research chemists have developed a new process which "makes it easier to extract this life-saving drug from the pituitary gland of horses."

"When ACTH was first brought to the attention of the public nearly three years ago," Roberts said, it cost \$200 a gram. Last year the price dropped to \$100 a gram.

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