Crawford Wins Expenses Okay On Trip To Capital To Protest Indian Affairs

Reproduced here is a copy of the official letter from Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay to Wade Crawford authorizing his salary and expenses during Crawford's recent trip to the capital to protest certain Indian affairs on the Klamath reservation:

My dear Mr. Crawford:

I have had under consideration the petition which you filed with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs requesting that you be paid from Klamath tribal funds a salary, per diem, transportation and other expenses in connection with your trip to Washington to appear before joint committees of Congress to offer testimony relating to S. 2745 and H. R. 7320 concerning the termination of Federal relationship with the Klamath Tribe. I have come to the conclusion that you have rendered a valuable service in presenting the views of a substantial number of the members of the Klamath Tribe. Therefore, I am authorizing the expenditure of Klamath tribal funds to pay to you a salary of $20 per day and a per diem of not to exceed $9, in lieu of subsistence and all other expenses, from the time you left the Klamath Reservation for Washington to appear before the committees of Congress up to and including April 1, 1954, as well as the time required to return to the reservation. In addition, you will be allowed the usual railway and sleeping car transportation to and from Washington, or if travel is by automobile you will receive an amount equal to the cost of railway and sleeping car transportation to and from Washington but salary and per diem allowances shall not be paid for any period in excess of the time required to perform the travel by rail.

This action has the approval of Messrs. Boyd Jackson and Jesse L. Kirk, members of the Klamath Executive Committee who are now in Washington.

Sincerely yours,
Douglas McKay
Secretary of the Interior

While in Washington at the hearing Crawford blasted the handling of affairs on the local reservation, charged that there had been irregularities in the handling of the balloting and stated that no one, including himself, knew at this time what the Klamath tribe wanted.

He charged that some factions on the reservation and the Indian Bureau as a whole had used the tribal council for "more than 30 years to block all legislation that would in any way terminate federal supervision over the Indians and give them their freedom individually or tribally."

Crawford said he favored immediate liquidation of tribal assets and releasing the Indians as individuals.

Only comment to date on the hearing has come from A. L. Tandy Jemison, editor and publisher of The First American, a weekly paper devoted to Indian affairs and published in Herndon, Virginia. He said:

"We agree with Mr. Crawford. His testimony also makes clear the reason for a lot of the opposition that has been so loud against this program and which has been so widely publicised in the public press. Who ever heard of anyone with his hands in the public till that would "liquidate" his job? Not without a fight, that's for sure. Members of tribal councils are no different. They are in control and they intend to stay in control until the last penny is gone, too. What becomes of the arguments about having to pay taxes? The estimated total land and personal property taxes on Klamath property is $272,550 per year. What is it costing them now to operate as a tribe? Approximately $400,000 per year and if that isn't taxes, what is it? Listen Klamaths, that's a straw bogy man they're trying to scare you with. It's cheaper for you to be citizens!"

An investigating committee from the Indian Bureau is slated to appear here on April 19th for a survey of matters on the reservations.

Senator Not To Run In '54

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo) said today he is "not taking seriously yet" a move to draft him into the race for the Democratic nomination for governor in Colorado.

Johnson recently announced he would not be a candidate for re-election. His decision was generally regarded as a blow to Democratic hopes of winning Senate control in the November elections.

The veteran Colorado senator said in an interview that some of his friends are "getting excited" about drafting him for the state race but he added that "they'll cool off later."

Johnson apparently means to stick to his decision not to seek the Senate seat but there was in his statement at least an indication he will think about remaining in politics at the state level.

If they can get a proved vote-getter like Johnson on their ticket, national Democratic leaders will feel better about the Colorado senate race, and about their over-all chances of picking up the net of one seat they would need to gain undisputed control of the Senate.

That possibility brightened in the view of many Democrats when former Vice President Alben W. Barkley announced he would go after the Democratic senatorial nomination in Kentucky.

In other Senate races, Democrats apparently believe their chances have improved to re-elect Sen. Douglas (D-Ill). And in Ohio the minority party thinks it has about the best available candidate in Democratic Sen. Burke to buck what is normally an off-year trend to the Republicans.

Senators Gillette (D-Iowa), Murray (D-Mont) and Hunt (D-Wyo) are viewed as strong candidates for re-election and Democratic leaders say they aren't worrying much about returning Sen. Humphrey of Minnesota.

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AINSWORTH, Neb. (AP) — The Rogers Grain and Feed Co. store here figured some more customers might show up if an offer of 10 free chicks were made to all comers.

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MERRILL REPUBLICANS met with Governor and Mrs. Paul Patterson on a brief visit at the office of M. A. Bowman as they visited the agricultural area of the county on their recent visit. Here, (l to r) Attorney Wilbur Brickner, M. A. Bowman, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. M. A. Bowman and the Governor.

Reds Seize Two Americans

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP) — Two American soldiers patroling the East - West German border were seized by armed Russian soldiers Monday and have not been returned, U.S. Army headquarters reported Tuesday.

Two Bavarian border police who went to the scene to investigate were also seized. The Army said the two policemen were released after four hours of interrogation.

The names of the two Americans were withheld.

The Army announcement said "other U. S. soldiers who escaped apprehension reported that the seizure was made by about 20 Soviet soldiers and one officer some 200 yards inside the Western Zone."

"A U.S. jeep was captured with the personal weapons and equipment of its two occupants," it said. "The two released Bavarians reported seeing the jeep while they were in Soviet custody.

"No shots were fired and no one was injured."

The announcement said the U.S. military mission at Potsdam, in the Soviet occupied East Zone, has requested Soviet headquarters there for immediate release of the men and equipment.

NAVAL AID

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — Three small landing craft turned over to Nationalist China by the United States at Yokosuka, Japan, March 19, docked at Keelung Tuesday.

BPA To Move In New Building

PORTLAND (AP) — The Bonneville Power Administration will move into the new 4½ million dollar Lloyd Building here.

R. L. Smith, Portland representative of the General Services Administration which had the building constructed and leased it for Department of the Interior offices, said GSA headquarters in Washington, D. C., had approved the move.

Rep. Phillips (R-Calif) had criticized the proposed move saying that the government was paying too much rent and had raised the question of not allowing the change.

Brown said an effort will be made to lease the ground floor of the building to commercial firms while the government offices will occupy the remaining seven floors.

VISIT

MANILA (AP) — William Bullitt, former U.S. ambassador to Russia, left Tuesday for Taipeh, Formosa, on a Far East tour.

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Marshal Juin Reprimanded

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The action by the permanent delegates of the 14 NATO powers heightened the virtual certainty here that either France would have to ask that Juin be relieved as commander in chief of Allied forces in central Europe or the marshal would have to resign.

"Any military officer receiving this might be impelled to resign," a NATO spokesman commented.

Juin reiterated an earlier statement Monday he would quit the post only if assured it would go to another Frenchman, something most observers think is a certainty.

The council voted the reprimand Monday and it was delivered to Juin Tuesday morning. It said:

"The North Atlantic Council expresses its profound regret at the public statement made by the commander in chief of central Europe on 27 March 1954 and subsequently reiterated. These statements are contrary to the explicit and repeated declarations of policy issued by the council under whose authority all NATO commanders hold their appointments."

In speeches March 27 and 31 to groups of French reserve officers, Juin had called EDC and its projected six-nation European army unworkable and unfavorable to France. He said a substitute for it should be found.

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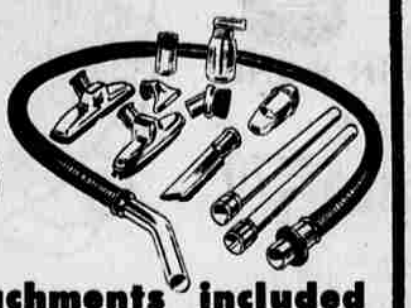

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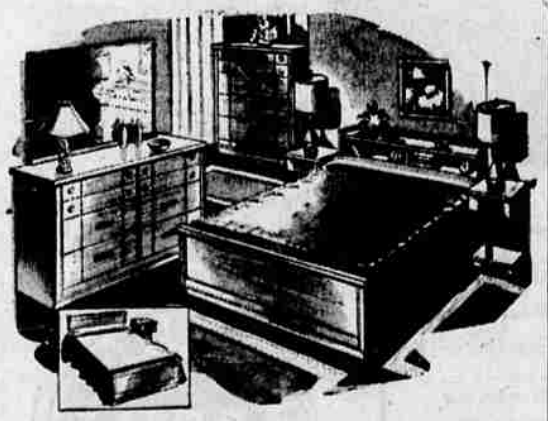

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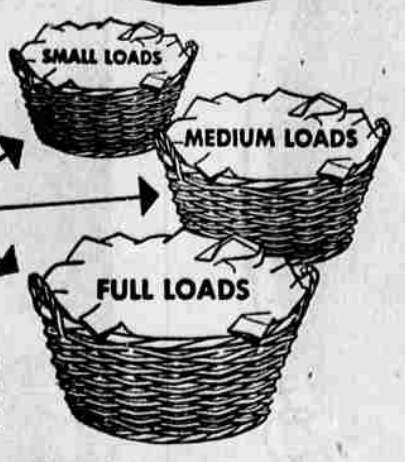

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Canadian Wreck Kills Three

MONTREAL (AP) — A speeding Canadian National Railways passenger train collided early Tuesday with freight cars on a siding near Montmagny, Que., killing three crew members. No passengers were reported injured.

ACNR spokesman here identified the dead as J. D. Levesque, engineer and Gaudiose Thibault, fireman, both of Riviere du Loup, Que., abd E. Belanger, brakeman, of St. Vallier, Que.

The spokesman said the 12-car train, the Ocean Limited, was en route from Halifax to Montreal when the collision occurred near the outskirts of the St. Lawrence River South Shore village 35 miles east of Quebec. About 68 passengers were believed aboard the all-sleeper train.