

### Defense Secretary Wilson Replies To Solon's Charge

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Wilson says most of the General Motors procurement contracts criticized by Sen. Jackson (D-Wash) were negotiated during the Truman administration.

Wilson name Jackson or General Motors, which Wilson headed as president before he resigned to become top man in the Defense Department at the start of the Eisenhower administration.

However, the defense secretary ended his statement with this jab:

"I personally deplore public statements that are based on misunderstanding or misrepresentation of the facts when they affect the essential defense of our country, which should be above and beyond partisan politics."

Jackson had said that before the Eisenhower administration took over, other automobile producers received more contracts than did General Motors. He also contended the pattern of defense contract awards in the auto industry had been reversed so drastically it must reflect what he called "a settled procurement policy of the Defense Department under Secretary Wilson."

In reply, Wilson said his office merely followed through on contract commitments made when the Truman administration was in power. Wilson said further that policies dealing with the spreading of contracts among small and big business firms have not been changed.

The defense chief said the military program has been "brought into balance, especially during the last 12 months."

What has been done, Wilson claimed, has been the tightening of procedures and requirements "in the interest of stopping loose spending and getting more defense for the dollars spent."

Jackson had said General Motors defense contracts boomed by \$1,500,000,000 during the first year and a half of the Eisenhower administration. At the same time, he said, new defense contracts received by all other auto makers combined dropped by 395 million dollars.

Figures made public by the Defense Department Monday showed that G.M. led all auto companies by a wide margin in the dollar value of military contracts let since July 1950.

### Weed Teacher Honored

WEED Mrs. Amy Welch, vice principal and third grade teacher of the Weed Union Elementary School was honored at a reception Tuesday evening, September 21, for her 32 consecutive years of service to the community.

The party for Mrs. Welch was part of the joint reception for high school and elementary teachers held in St. Michael's Hall, and was in recognition of her 32 years as a teacher in the Weed schools. The party was a complete surprise to Mrs. Welch.

The Rev. George F. Telle, vice president of the Weed PTA, was master of ceremonies for the evening and general chairman for the affair was Mrs. R. G. Gaynor, assisted by Mrs. Ever Baldo, Mrs. Mario Marchi, Mrs. Nina Borcilli and Mr. and Mrs. Dysart Scribner.

At a meeting before the reception, presided over by Mrs. A. K. Martin, the elementary and high school faculty was introduced and Mrs. Welch was presented a gift from present students and pupils of the 1921 class. Corsages worn by the teachers were a gift of the High School Mothers Club and the Weed PTA.

A program of instrumental and vocal numbers was presented during the evening. Presiding at the refreshment table were Mrs. Lois Mardahl, Mrs. H. L. Vidricksen, Mrs. Francis Sullival, Mrs. E. G. Adams, Mrs. Mort Kaer, Mrs. Erle Dick, Mrs. Jack Kersey, Mrs. Zack Perry, Mrs. Mario Marchi, Mrs. Louis Welch, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Boyd Meline, Mrs. R. G. Gaynor and Mrs. A. K. Martin.

Members of the 1921 class, still living in this area who honored Mrs. Welch, included Mrs. Ellen Belcastro Pellegrino, Mrs. Mary Duch Acquistapace, Mrs. Mary Mussolini Acquistapace, Fred Niswonger, Tony Borcilli and Mrs. Lena Zanotto.

### Democrats Plan Portland Dinner

Klamath Basin Democrats planning to attend the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner at the Athletic Club in Portland, October 9, at 9:30 p.m. are asked to contact Mrs. Alfred F. Conkley. Her phone number is 7494.

Oscar Chapman, former secretary of the interior, will be the principal speaker. Admission will be by ticket only. The dinner will be \$15 per plate or \$25 for two persons.

### Engineer Strike Hits Breweries

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A strike of 16 engineers has halted production at two Los Angeles breweries.

Officials at the Schlitz and Pabst plants said about 1,100 workers were idled by the walkout yesterday. Only two or three pickets appeared at the Schlitz plant in suburban Van Nuys and the Pabst plant in Los Angeles, but most of the other workers refused to cross the picket lines.

The AFL International Union of Operating Engineers is asking an increase of 27 1/2 cents an hour for 16 members of Local 561. The companies have offered 13 cents. The present base pay for the engineers is \$2.72 1/2.

The union allowed one man at each plant to keep refrigeration equipment going to prevent spoilage of beer already made.



**TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE** as the saying goes, and that's just what this dwarf boa sports. One of the heads, where the tail should be, is just camouflage, however. The tiny boa, a diminutive copy of the giant boa constrictor of South America and the only one of its kind native to North America, was found on the highway near Wocus by Arthur Rickbeil. Several days later he found another of the strange snakes. The first one is shown here with Cyrille Rickbeil, a "native Klamath" who has collected snakes for a long time. The rubber boa, as this one is sometimes called, is native to the Pacific Coast from Washington to California. It lives off small mammals and insects and is not poisonous. This one is 21 inches long.

**ASYLUM**  
VIENNA (AP)—A two-seater sports plane landed at Graz, in British-occupied Austria, Tuesday and the two Yugoslavs in it asked for asylum.

**RESTS**  
OTTAWA (AP)—Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida planned a quiet last day in Canada Tuesday before leaving Tuesday afternoon by train for New York.

### Beatty Hears Dorothy Lowell

Mrs. Dorothy Lowell, Democratic candidate for the Oregon state legislature spoke at a meeting in the Beatty Community Recreation Hall to a capacity audience Monday night, September 27.

During the business meeting it was decided to hold a Democrat candidate ball at Beatty Saturday, October 2. All candidates on the Democratic ticket are invited to be present. Hostesses for the dance will be Mrs. Jesse Kirk, Mrs. Carl Crain and Mrs. Vesten Casey.

The club will sponsor a potluck supper, October 9, to which the public is invited. Jesse Kirk is president of the recreation club. Hal Davis is secretary.

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### Hormel Dope Hearing Held

LOS ANGELES (AP)—One of the members of George (Geordie) Hormel's trio has testified that the young millionaire musician paid \$20 for marijuana cigarettes the night he was arrested.

Robert Shevak, string bass player, said that Hormel gave him \$20 to buy the cigarettes from a night club parking attendant. Shevak gave the testimony yesterday at a preliminary hearing for the attendant, Mark Lamb, 41, who was held for Superior Court action on a charge of selling narcotics.

Hormel is free on \$1,500 bond pending a hearing Oct. 8 on a charge of possessing marijuana.

Shevak awaits trial the same day on a previous charge of possessing heroin.

### CRASH

MANILA (AP)—A U. S. Navy amphibious patrol plane crashed on taking off from Sangley Point Naval Air Station Tuesday. The Navy said there were no survivors. The plane normally carries four officers and eight crewmen.

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