



Senate To Consider Limit On Pentagon Plane Use

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Russell (D-Ga.) said today the Senate will be asked to consider limiting the use of military planes by Pentagon officials as an outgrowth of the furry over transporting three senators home from Europe.

Russell, who heads the Senate Armed Services Committee and is a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, criticized in an interview what he said "looks like a deliberate effort to shoot at the Senate."

He said he found "no excuse" for the Defense Department's original statement that it was sending two passenger planes to Europe, at an estimated \$20,000 round-trip cost, to bring home Senators McClellan (D-Ark.), Stennis (D-Miss.) and Chavez (D-N.M.).

The Defense Department said last Thursday, in response to questions, that it was specially dispatching the planes because it had no regularly scheduled flights

which could fetch the senators on the dates they wanted to return. It said the department must by law provide transport in this case where the three Appropriations subcommittee members were traveling on committee business.

All three senators denied requesting a special flight, however, and an indignant McClellan and Stennis returned Monday on a regular Military Air Transport Service (MATS) flight Monday instead of the plane sent for them.

Then the Pentagon issued a public apology to McClellan and Stennis, extended yesterday to Chavez. It said the senators neither knew about nor asked for the special flight, and that its plans for the

special trip for Chavez had been canceled.

Russell said, "I think it is about time Congress was putting a limitation on the use of planes by those directing affairs in the Defense Department. They have got 38 fellows down there, most of whom couldn't be elected to anything, who can order up a plane and fly anywhere in the world they want to go."

"There aren't any news stories about how much these trips cost the taxpayer. I think we should consider limiting their use of these planes and publicizing every trip they make overseas and how much it cost."

Stennis, whose wife returned with him on the MATS flight yesterday, said he offered in Europe to pay the Air Force for his wife's transportation and was told there was no provision for such payment.

The Georgia senator himself has just completed an inspection of Air Force bases in Spain and England and a tour of Russia.

Russell said his transportation expenses would be paid by the government as the official representative of the Armed Services Committee.

He said he renewed his offer here and was told "they'd look into it." He said it has been his practice to pay for his wife's transportation when she accompanies him on trips where the government pays his own expenses.

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Menzies Ends Term Of House

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies announced today the immediate dissolution of the House of Representatives and the calling of a new general election for Dec. 10.

Half the Senate also will be elected.

The government's decision to shorten the normal life of the present House by 18 months had been expected ever since Dr. Herbert Evatt, leader of the opposition Labor party, had disclosed private communication with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov on the Petrov spy case.

Vladimir Petrov, Soviet diplomat in Australia, defected to the West and gave secret documents to the Australian government last year. Evatt defended some members of his staff who were named in the papers. In parliamentary debate he said Molotov in a letter to him had called the documents fakes.

Eleven Airmen Safe After Bailing Out

KENDALL, England (AP)—Eleven U. S. airmen were reported safe today after parachuting from their B29 near here. Two port engines conked out over the Irish Sea, but the big craft took the men 80 miles inland.

The four-engine bomber, assigned to the U. S. 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, was on a training flight from the American base at Burtonwood.

UAL Purchases 30 Jet Liners

CHICAGO (AP)—Thirty 560-mile-an-hour jet airliners costing 175 million dollars have been ordered by United Air Lines from the Douglas Aircraft Co.

Delivery is scheduled to start in May 1959, UAL President W. A. Patterson said yesterday. He said they will begin flying between principal American cities and Hawaii by November 1959.

United is the first domestic airline to order jet transports and the contract is the largest jet airliner order yet placed with a single aircraft manufacturer.

The UAL planes, Douglas DC8s, will carry 112 first-class passengers or 140 tourist passengers at cruising speeds of 550 to 575 miles per hour.

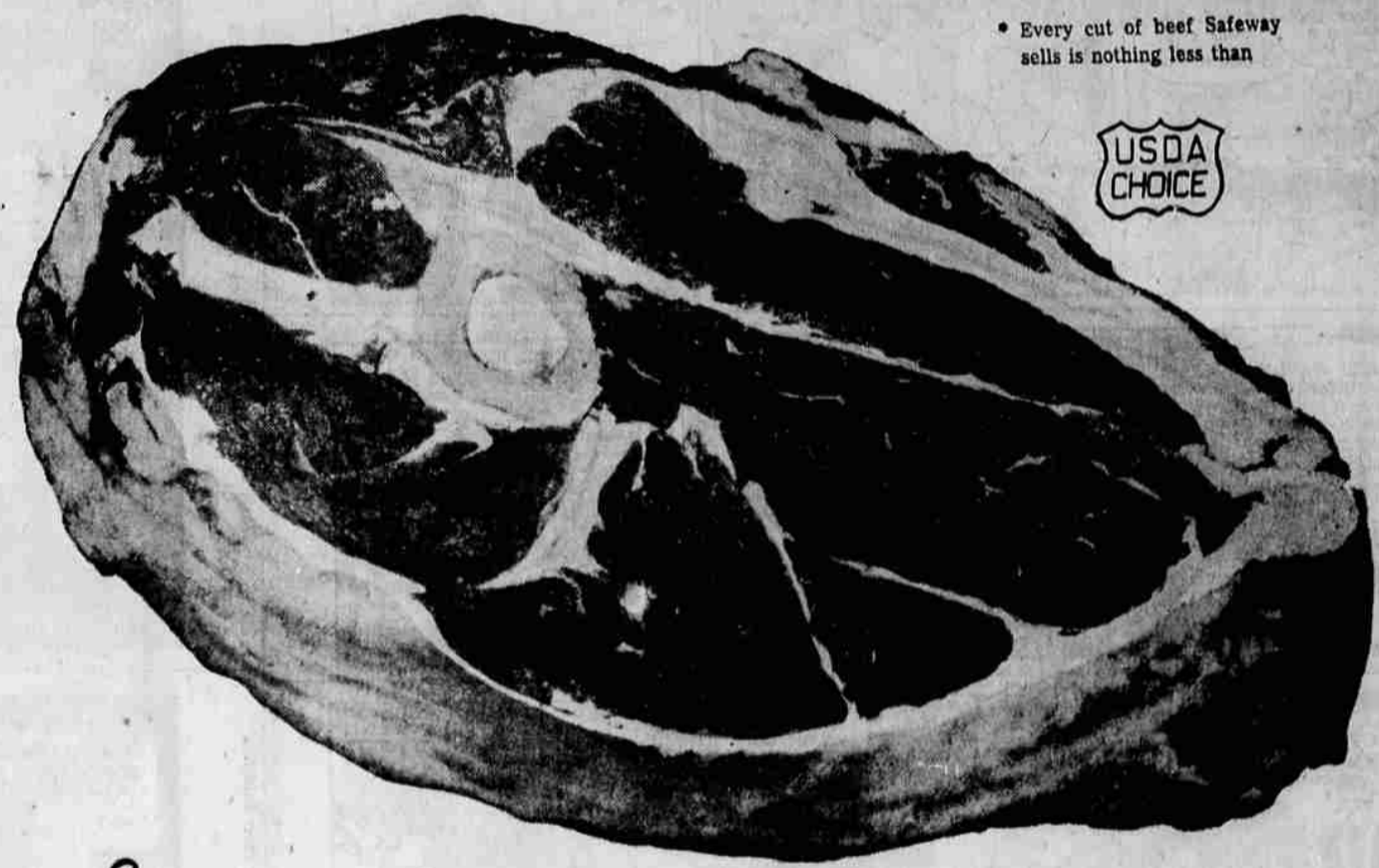
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