

COLD WAVE GRIPS NORTHWEST

U.S. Approval Of Machine Tool Sales Told By Witness

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Defense Department technician testified Thursday that this country has agreed to British sales to Russia of machine tools "whose use for peaceful purposes would be the exception."

John H. Williams, a machine tools specialist for the department's Office of Supply and Logistics, told the Senate subcommittee that he had been told by the agreement to superiors whom he did not name.

Williams said he agreed with the subcommittee chairman, Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.) that the sales of these tools to Russia amounted to "simply enabling them to undertake us in the production and development of armaments that today we think we are ahead of them."

McClellan, conducting the public hearings in the face of reported State Department protests, announced cryptically that when the hearings resumed Wednesday night "some problems" with executive agencies remained unresolved, but "I think I can state this morning that most of these problems have been resolved."

He said he expects the hearing "can proceed to its full and proper objective" of demonstrating the story behind what he said was U. S. agreement to an easing of free world trade with Russia, and the effects of it, which he says seem "disturbing."

Before Thursday's session McClellan said the Pentagon agreed under prodding to cooperate "to the limit" in the investigation of the free world's trading with Russia.

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Senate Body Plans Probe Of Elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — A three-member Senate Elections subcommittee decided Thursday to undertake a broad investigation into any efforts by "selfish interests" to influence federal elections or legislation with campaign contributions.

The subcommittee intends to explore this matter fully to the end that the American people may be advised of the facts, Chairman Gore (D-Tenn.) said in a statement.

He added that the subcommittee had "determined to conduct a study of contributions to elections campaigns, federal elections and such evidence of corrupt practices as may be revealed."

Gore said the statement had been unanimously adopted by the subcommittee. Other members are Sens. Mansfield (D-Mont.) and Curtis (R-Neb.).

The move for the investigation developed out of the furor over an oil man's offer of a \$2,500 campaign contribution to Sen. Case (R-SD) during the Senate fight over a natural gas bill. Case rejected the money and voted against the bill when the Senate passed it.

Gore said the elections subcommittee "does not expect to hold any public hearings" until a special S. subcommittee investigating committee submits its report on the Case incident.

The subcommittee said it believes "a nonpartisan inquiry" is called for and it "expects to report itself accordingly."

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Canadian Craft Sinks Off British Columbia

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A large area of north central Washington continued Thursday in the paralyzing grip of a deep-frozen snow from winter's belated blow throughout the Northwest.

A Canadian government vessel grounded and sank off the northern British Columbia coast before dawn during one of the worst snowstorms of the winter. Six men aboard were believed to have reached shore safely. The heavy

snow later turned to rain as the temperature rose abruptly.

Many schools closed on both sides of the Cascades in Washington.

LIGHT TOUCH
Oregon received a lighter touch although the mercury dropped to 30 below zero at Chehalis in the Blue Mountains between Pendleton and La Grande. Baker reported 8 below. Snow flurries were expected to extend to the California line by Friday.

Snow fell in varying amounts in Western Washington in early morning as far south as Chehalis. It was heaviest in the northern Puget Sound sector.

In British Columbia, Vancouver had eight inches of snow by mid-morning and Victoria four inches. At Prince Rupert, 40-mile-an-hour winds piled up a six-inch snowfall into big drifts, hindering traffic. In the interior, Lake Okanagan was iced over and Kelowna reported a low of eight below for the second consecutive night.

Intense cold continued in Eastern Washington, with subzero temperatures in the northern half.

The coldest reported Washington spot was Leavenworth, in Douglas County, at 19 below.

Douglas County was hardest hit by the snow, but winds which whipped it into road-blocking drifts up to 5 and 6 feet deep had subsided Thursday.

SOME ROADS REOPENED
Some families were being reopened by four rotary snow plows, but Waterville's only open main highway was the link westward to Wenatchee. Two days of blizzard paralyzed the agricultural county. It was 14 below overnight at Waterville.

Douglas County schools were closed. So were some in Okanogan County, a less heavily hit neighbor.

Many farm families in Douglas County were in their fifth day of isolation, but officials said there were no reports of any desperate hardship. County Engineer Pat Thomson said opening of roads will take several days.

Public Utility District linemen reestablished power service in the county Wednesday. Sheriff Chester Bowers said the danger of any isolated families suffering from the road blockades was reduced by the farmers' custom of keeping supplies on hand for emergencies. He said one family came out 17 miles with a propeller-driven snowplow to get provisions.

Temperatures of 7 below were reported at Spokane and Ellensburg. Western Washington also had colder weather than Nome, Alaska. Olympia had 10 above and Seattle 13. (The lowest at Nome was 15 above.)

MEASUREMENTS
Two Bonneville Administration linemen made their way to the safety of a railroad main line late Wednesday after having been marooned in Stampede Pass by a two-day blizzard. They were Marshall Derry and William Weaver.

Whatcom County reported 2 to 6 inches of snow early Thursday, but outlying schools reopened in all districts except Blaine. Some 5,000 pupils had a vacation Wednesday because of a blizzard in the northwest wind, near zero temperatures and icy roads. The winds eased overnight.

Heavy snow was reported on Whidbey Island, a light snow on the upper Olympic Peninsula.

Schools at Anacortes and three adjacent districts closed in the face of 2 to 3 inches of snow.

Numerous other rural schools in Washington also closed.

Fathers Almost Free Of Draft

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower has put fathers and men past their 26th birthdays practically out of the reach of draft board decisions, according to a new report from the War Relocation Authority.

An executive order, signed Wednesday before the President left for his Georgia vacation and made public by the White House Thursday, puts childless registrants aged 19 through 25 at the top of the list in a new order of call-up.

Palace Denies Rumors That Meg Will Become Catholic

LONDON (UP) — Published rumors that Princess Margaret may become a convert to Roman Catholicism spread today despite attempts by palace sources to knock down the reports.

The published versions of the reports have been centered almost entirely in newspapers outside of Great Britain.

The West Berlin newspaper Nachtausgabe said in this afternoon's edition that Margaret probably would become a Catholic "soon."

Nachtausgabe said her decision was not connected with her fulfillment of her duties as princess. But it said, without giving a source, that the Catholic Church of Norfolk was reported to have discussed her problem last week with Pope Pius XII.

London's Daily Herald became the first British newspaper to publish the report here. Without any comment of its own, the Daily Herald printed an account of today's New York Daily News dispatch on the matter.

The New York newspaper said it had learned of Margaret's possible conversion from "confidential sources privy to the negotiations."

The Spanish newspapers Arriba and ABC printed the reports yesterday following their publication in the Rome newspaper Il Tempo.

Buckingham Palace, as usual had "no comment."

Court sources in London, when asked for guidance, unqualifiedly called the rumors false and baseless. A Church of England clergyman, who is one of Margaret's spiritual advisers, said he would "certainly know" of any such decision. But he said the rumors had "no foundation whatsoever."

The mantle of secrecy that wrapped Margaret's love for RAF Group Capt. Townsend for years left speculators chary of jumping to any conclusion about her. Original basis of the conversion report appeared to be in Rome.

Sources here close to the royal family emphasized that Margaret, of all the family, had been one of its most faithful and devoted adherents in the Anglican Church. This is the church which Henry VIII set up as England's state church when he broke with Rome.

One of the reasons she gave for ending her historic love affair with Townsend short of marriage was that she put her religious faith first. Townsend is a divorced man, and the Church of England frowns on the remarriage of divorced persons.

Hunt Begins For Missing DC-3 Plane

HALIFAX, N.S. (UP) — Canadian and U. S. planes spanned the Far North today hunting a war surplus DC-3 transport carrying three men and believed piloted by American soldier of fortune Harold E. "Whitely" Dahl.

A spokesman for RCAF Search and Rescue Headquarters said "a man named Dahl" was flying and possibly owned the plane that was on a classified mission supplying equipment to the strategically important Defense Early Warning radar line. The others on board were not immediately identified.

Veteran pilots at Mont Joli, in Northern Quebec, and other points on the far-flung radar network said the only Dahl they knew of was "Whitely" Dahl.

SENTENCED TO DEATH
The missing twin-engine plane, one of a vast fleet flying supplies to radar bases under contract, was last reported Tuesday when it left Prosser Bay on Baffin Island for a 400-mile flight to Port of Chimo, Que. It never reached Port Chimo.

Dahl's exploits first made the headlines when he was a fighter pilot for the Loyalists during the Spanish Civil War. He was shot down, court-martialed in 1937 and ordered executed by a firing squad.

Then a woman entertainer in the United States sent a fetching picture of herself to Generalissimo Francisco Franco, saying she was Dahl's wife and offering to play the violin for Franco if he would let Dahl go free.

PUBLICITY STUNT
Dahl got his freedom. Franco never got his violin demonstration and it turned out the woman had staged the whole thing as a publicity stunt to promote her career in night club life.

During World War II at Belem, Brazil, he was a squadron leader in charge of the RAF base. He was court-martialed in Montreal, then headquarters of transport command, after spare parts disappeared from the base and turned up in the hands of a junk dealer. He was acquitted after hearings that lasted several weeks.

The Dahl adventures opened their postwar chapter in Europe, where he was a pilot for Swissair, crashed in Paris, Dec. 5, 1953, with Edna Eppinger, a former Swiss airline hostess, and charged with stealing \$34,385 worth of gold bullion from one of that company's planes.

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Before the doctors spoke out Tuesday, a majority of newsmen who cover the White House regularly felt the President would not run again. If he has not already made his decision, he quite likely will do so here.

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Both the President and Humphrey were accompanied from Washington by their wives. Also along are Mrs. Eisenhower's mother Mrs. John S. Doud of Denver and the President's personal physician, Dr. Howard M. Snyder.

It was a happy Eisenhower who rode 43 miles by automobile from Spence air base at Moultrie, Ga., to the Humphrey plantation. Enthusiastic crowds gave him a warm welcome along the way, and he responded with repeated waves.

The White House limousine in which he traveled has a top which slides back so he can stand and be seen by the crowds. On the trip yesterday he stood a good third of the way without any outward sign of tiring.

Healy To Seek Norblad's Post

SALEM (AP) — William E. Healy announced Wednesday that he would be a Republican candidate for the Oregon First District congressional seat in the May primary.

Healy will seek the post now held by Rep. Walter Norblad, who has announced his candidacy for governor.

Healy several weeks ago had announced that he would be a candidate for secretary of state. He had been assistant secretary of state until his recent resignation.

His announcement for Congress said that his plans had been altered by Norblad's decision to seek the governorship.

SKATING TONIGHT
There will be ice skating tonight from 7 to 9 o'clock at the Moore Park rink, as announced this morning by Recreation Director Bob Bonney.

Hitchcock Makes Formal Statement

PORTLAND (AP) — Philip S. Hitchcock, 51, Lewis and Clark College public relations director, is formally in the race now for Republican nomination to the U. S. Senate.

Hitchcock, who had given advance warning, made his expected announcement at news conference in a hotel Wednesday.

The former state senator from Klamath Falls will oppose Lemnat Topp, Portland attorney, and Elmer Deetz, Canby dairyman, in the Republican primary.

KOREANS DETAINED
NAGASAKI, Japan (AP) — Fifteen Koreans who attempted to enter Japan illegally were detained by police here Wednesday when they arrived on a Japanese fishing boat. They had forced their way aboard the vessel, shooting one of the fishermen.

9 O'clock Special

ANDY MOORE, 131 High Street, was caught at work this morning by the 9 o'clock photographer at the Baldwin Hotel. Moore was helping his daughter, Mrs. Vera Jones, who manages the establishment.

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Deetz Named In Law Suit

PORTLAND (AP) — Elmer Deetz says the 1954 campaign he made to repeal the milk marketing control act and his candidacy for the Legislature—both of them successful—resulted in a \$9,000 mortgage and a \$7,511 promissory note.

That was his comment Wednesday to a suit filed against him on the note. Deetz said he gave the note to Norman Easley and Stewart Whipple, law partners, and they sold it to M. F. Keller, who brought the suit.

Deetz said the law firm had agreed to handle the legal work of the milk law campaign on a "contingency" basis and would not go to court on the note. Whipple disagreed and said it wasn't for work on repeal of the law, at all. Instead, he said, it represented the firm's fee for court work connected with Deetz's defiance of the state milk regulations.

Deetz currently is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the U. S. Senate.

Another candidate—Rep. Edith Green—who will seek reelection as a Democrat from Oregon's Third District—also is target of court action. A real estate firm sued her for a commission on sale of property, but lost. Then it sued again charging her with false testimony. This, she said, was "political blackmail."

Journal Tells Wage Scales

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — The Wall Street Journal will establish a starting salary rate of \$100 a week for college graduates who enter its training program for reporters, Bernard Kilgore, president of the national business newspaper, said Thursday.

Kilgore announced the program in an address before the Journalism assembly of the University of Oregon.

The new pay rate, Kilgore said, is designed to encourage young men and women entering college to consider journalism as a career and to aid in attracting talented college graduates to the newspaper profession.

Kilgore said "The Journal's new rate, effective June 1, compares with a national average starting pay of less than \$70 a week offered by newspapers for reporters without prior professional experience." The Journal's present starting salary is \$65 a week.

Feather Directors OK Site Purchase

SACRAMENTO (UP) —Directors of the Feather River Project Association late yesterday passed a resolution advocating immediate acquisition of the San Luis Reservoir site by the state.

The association also endorsed the principle of a bill by Rep. Clair Engle (D-Calif.) for \$100 million in federal flood control funds for Oroville Dam.

A third resolution passed by the group asked Army Engineers to review their estimates of the cost of flood control on the Oroville Dam Project. Raymond A. Leonard, Oroville, president of the Association, said the last estimates were made nearly 10 years ago.

FORCES WITHDRAWN
TOKYO (AP) — British Commonwealth forces in Japan will be withdrawn and those in Korea reduced to a battalion. It was announced here Thursday night. The Commonwealth now has 6,000 to 7,000 troops in the two countries