

Senate Rackets Committee Calls Chicago Contractors

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Rackets Committee called more Chicago area contractors today for questioning about alleged payoffs for labor union favors.

Arthur H. Cronin, Midwest boss of the International Sheet Metal Workers Union, denied Tuesday that he had accepted any such payments. He is an international vice president of the union.

Cronin swore he was the victim of false testimony from employers who told the committee they had given him amounts ranging from \$250 to \$27,000 over a period of years up to 1956.

Cronin has denied that he was involved in any conniving with

Parts Lack Grounds Navy

WASHINGTON (AP)—An average of 8 per cent of the Navy's airplanes were grounded for lack of spare parts last September.

The General Accounting Office, reporting this today, noted at the same time that hundreds of millions of dollars worth of parts were being declared surplus for disposal purposes.

The GAO reported to House Speaker Sam Rayburn on an examination it recently completed of the aviation segment of the Navy supply system.

It made a series of recommendations to improve the situation, and said the Navy has accepted most of them.

For some first-line aircraft, the GAO reported, the number of planes unable to fly because of a shortage of parts exceeded 8 per cent during the September examination period.

The Navy's supply system, the GAO said, has "serious deficiencies in several critical areas." It fails to meet aircraft spare parts requirements of the fleet, and results in "the accumulation of substantial quantities of excess material."

Bricks Hold Key To A-Disposal

CHALK RIVER, Ont. (AP)—Glass bricks coated with a protective glaze may provide the key to disposal of radioactive wastes.

The wastes from atomic power plants sometimes are stored in stainless steel tanks and placed in underground concrete pits lined with stainless steel.

So far this method has proved satisfactory at Canada's big atomic plant here. A better way must be found, however, for these tanks will not last indefinitely.

Experiments being carried out with glass bricks have been encouraging.

Chief Mulls Safety Slate

PORTLAND (AP)—This city's school fire safety and prevention program will receive a complete reappraisal, Portland Fire Marshal Dale F. Gilman said Tuesday.

Gilman called for the re-examination in the light of tragic Chicago school fire and the recent attorney general's ruling that public school buildings are not subject to the city building and fire codes.

The Chicago fire Monday at Our Lady of Angels Roman Catholic school claimed the lives of 90 children and teachers.

"We... take the position," Gilman said, "that it could happen any place, even in some of our better schools."

But Gilman emphasized that Portland schools are better than those in most places.

"Our school authorities are generally cooperative," he said.

"School principals and custodians are very watchful."

Gilman said if funds are made available he will add another fire inspector to inspect schools.

As far as new school construction is concerned, Gilman said, Portland is operating under a new building code. This generally insures adequate construction requirements.

Of Portland's older school buildings, Gilman said, "We couldn't within reason require their abandonment as long as other precautions are observed carefully."

CAR SALES INCREASE
BUDAPEST (UPI)—Hungarian newspapers have reported a steady increase in used car sales here. The state-owned "Autoker," only used in town, has been selling 8 to 10 used cars daily at prices ranging from \$700 to \$2,400, it was reported.



PAUL LEWIS, left, was presented a plaque for "outstanding work as councilman the past 21 years" by Mayor Louis Stewart, right, of Merrill at a special council meeting on November 25. Lewis was lauded for his loyal service throughout the years on the Merrill City Council and in all civic projects. In 1937, he planned, started and saw the fulfillment of the present Merrill water system and for the past 15 years he has headed the water department. Lewis retired from the city council last September. He was honored several years ago by the Merrill Lions Club by being named "Citizen of the Year."

— Photo by Harris

New Soft Coal Labor Pact To Boost Miner's Stipend

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new soft coal industry labor contract will give 180,000 miners a two-stage \$2 per day pay boost next year.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, reached agreement on the pact Tuesday with the Bituminous Coal Operators Assn., the industry's largest group.

The new agreement runs for at least a year, and thereafter until either side terminates it on 60-day notice.

Lewis is expected to turn next to anthracite, the hard coal industry located in eastern Pennsylvania. He has terminated the anthracite contract effective Jan. 1 and is reported mainly seeking to bolster the sagging, employer-financed anthracite welfare fund.

FIRE HITS TOKYO
TOKYO (UPI)—Fire destroyed nine buildings in downtown Tokyo today. Six firemen were injured fighting the blaze.

Business Leaders Disagree With Committee Chairmen

NEW YORK (AP)—The chairmen of the Republican and Democratic national committees today gave the nation's business leaders their explanations of the Democratic sweep in the Nov. 4 elections. Needless to say they disagreed.

GOP National Chairman Meade Alcorn blamed his party's loss on a combination of factors, mainly on the downturn in employment and general business activity. He contended the Republicans still have the "better product to sell," but "we lack the sales force."

His Democratic counterpart, Paul M. Butler, said the Nov. 4 results were a "ringing repudiation of the Eisenhower administration and its failure to provide aggressive, full-time and forward-looking leadership in the areas of economic growth, employment, cost of living, labor legislation, education, defense, human rights and foreign policy."

Alcorn and Butler were invited to give their views before the annual convention of the National Assn. of Manufacturers—the 63rd congress of American industry.

In the elections last month, the Republicans lost 13 Senate seats, a net of 47 House seats, and a net of 5 governorships.

Among the reasons, Alcorn said, were what he called stepped-up contributions from labor to Democratic candidates, a falling off of Republican contributions, branding of the GOP by the Democrats as the right-to-work party, and failure of the Republicans to present to the people the true aims of their party.

Alcorn said his party has come back from worse defeats and will do so again if it is dedicated and determined enough. But he said it can never hope to recapture control of Congress "until we match in money, in manpower and in organization work the efforts now being put forth by the opposition."

Butler said the fact that the Democratic victory was overwhelming and national in scope indicates that national issues were decisive in producing the strong Democratic tide.

He attributed Democratic gains to voter confidence in what he called the responsible record of his party in Congress and in state governments during past years. He said it was significant that no Democratic senator and only one Democratic representative were defeated for reelection by a Republican.

Alcorn said unemployment and the decline in business activity unquestionably provided the great-

est handicap confronting GOP late to aid his party politically, campaigners. Recovery came too late, he added.

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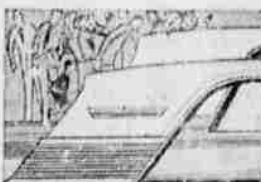
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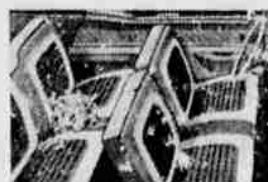
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