

# U.S. Navy Takes Issue With Critics In Britain

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Navy sources agreed today that the U.S. fleet needs modernizing, but they took issue with the pessimistic status report issued by Britain's authoritative Jane's Fighting Ships.

In the latest edition of the famous reference work, out today, editor Raymond V. B. Blackman said the United States has too much World War II naval deadwood and must modernize its fleet to counter the challenge from the Soviet Union. Blackman said the Russians already possess the most powerful submarine force in the world.

But U.S. authorities believe their comparisons with Russia are more favorable to the United States than those presented by Jane's.

As far as surface vessels are concerned, Jane's credits the Soviet Navy with a "new look" aimed at global influence, although the Russians have no aircraft carriers and as far as is known are not planning to build any, U.S. sources say.

Partisans of the carrier believe the American flat-tops led by the huge, nuclear-powered Enterprise, are the basis of all modern surface power. Any Navy lacking them, they say, is limited to operations close to its own shores.

Jane's claims that the Soviets have 25 nuclear-powered submarines and are threatening U.S. superiority in that category.

U.S. intelligence credits the Russians only with "12 or more" nuclear subs, compared to 33 already on duty with the American fleet and 42 others built, building or authorized in the Navy's construction program.

Navy sources also took issue with Jane's figure for the U.S. fleet of "3,250 vessels, largely composed of older tonnage." They said that to arrive at such a large figure Jane's must have included landing craft and other relatively small boats.

The Navy figures it has 850 vessels in service, more than half of them of World War II vintage, with another 650 ships in mothballs. All of those in the reserve fleet are older types.

## Crash Claims Life Of Woman

VERNONIA (UPI) — Mrs. Diana Marshall, 65, Vernonia, died when the car she was driving struck a tree near here Thursday, police said.

A passenger, Mrs. Sallie Brown, 67, also of Vernonia, was in satisfactory condition at a Portland hospital.

Officers said Mrs. Marshall may have suffered a heart attack before the accident.

A firefly's light is produced without any heat or loss of energy, an accomplishment man has not been able to achieve.



**THREATENED KENNEDY** — Russell W. McLarry, 21, a student in a night college at Fort Worth, Tex., was arrested Thursday by FBI agents for allegedly making threats on the life of the late President Kennedy. Young McLarry said he would have liked to see Kennedy impeached, but called the threat a joke. — UPI Telephoto

## Threat On Kennedy's Life Only Joke, Texan Claims

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UPI) — The Secret Service charged Russell M. McLarry, 21, a night college student, Thursday with threatening to kill President Kennedy.

Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas Nov. 22, allegedly by Lee Harvey Oswald. There was no suggestion of a connection between McLarry and Oswald.

The Secret Service said McLarry made the threat "on or about Nov. 21," the day before the President's visit.

The charge, filed in the U.S.

District Court clerk's office, said McLarry "made certain threats to take the life of and inflict bodily harm to John Kennedy, then the President of the United States."

"He said he would be working near the Trade Mart in Dallas when the President spoke and he would be waiting with a gun to get him," the charge said.

Federal agents also have been investigating scurrilous pamphlets found on the Arlington State campus Nov. 21.

## Walker Sees Conspiracy Behind Killing Of Oswald

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — Former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker said Thursday Lee Harvey Oswald, accused of assassinating President Kennedy, was slain "to erase a Marxist-Communist conspiracy."

Walker told newsmen "many things" led him to his opinion about why Oswald died.

But Walker, to support his claim would point out only that Oswald was about three blocks from the home of nightclub operator Jack Ruby minutes after the assassination. Ruby shot Oswald to death two days after Kennedy was killed.

Walker, who was relieved of his division command in Germany because of alleged political indoctrination of troops, said he thought it was Oswald who fired a shot at him through the window of his Dallas home earlier this year.

An FBI report given to Dallas police concluded it was ballistically impossible to tell if the same rifle was used to fire at Walker and the President.

"What it says is that the bullet could or could not have been fired from the same rifle," Dallas Detective Chief M. W. Stevenson said Thursday night. "In other words, it's inconclusive."

The bullet fired into Walker's home was badly distorted, having smashed through a window frame and into a wall.

It was reported that Oswald's widow, Marina, told federal officers that her husband boasted to her that he was the sniper who fired on Walker.

"The (Walker) case is still open," Dallas Detective Captain O. A. Jones said.

"Based on all the information that has come out about this," Walker said, "I would say it is conclusive" that Oswald fired the shot.

Walker said no federal investigators had contacted him about the shot fired at him, about Kennedy's assassination or about Oswald or Ruby.

Walker was here to participate in taking a deposition from a newsman involved in a libel suit the former general has brought against the Associated Press and several newspapers. The libel action grew out of reporting of his activities during the integration riots at the University of Mississippi.

**FIRE DEATHS**

According to a U.S. national group of fire underwriters, 11,800 persons died in fires during 1962 and property damage dollar losses rose to more than \$1 billion.

# Fleet Of Limousines 'Amputated' By Johnson

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Budget Bureau said it was a cutback to Washington's status-conscious bureaucrats it was more of an amputation—their cherished limousines had to go.

The bureau, as part of President Johnson's economy drive, issued an order Thursday that would eventually eliminate 75 per cent of the limousines and other "prestige" cars now being operated by civilian and military agencies around the world.

"The whole effect of this is to get these status symbols off the street," one official said. The number of limousines and what the government calls "heavy sedans" in the capital is scheduled to shrink from the present total of 131 to 20.

The total now in use around the world is 491. Under the new ruling this will be reduced to about 136. The order has no effect on limousines provided by

Congress, which is quite generous with them, nor those in use by the White House.

But otherwise the cutbacks appeared to cut across the board. Under the new system, the brass-studded Defense Department will be allowed ten limousines, the State Department will have two, and the other cabinet departments will be limited to one apiece.

A Budget Bureau spokesman said the Pentagon cars are for the secretary of defense and his deputy, the secretaries of the three armed services, and the chairman and four members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The directive dooms the "heavy sedan" in Washington. This refers to the cars below

the limousine level — Lincoln Continentals, Chrysler Imperials and Cadillacs without the glass partition that distinguishes a limousine.

Federal agencies will be required to replace them with medium or light sedans in 12 months or less, if the replacement price does not exceed the resale price of the car now in use. The same rule will apply to limousines beyond the new maximum of 20.

The directive also forbids renewal of leases on limousines and heavy sedans if they are not justified under the new standards. More than 15 per cent of these cars are rented.

Overseas, the Budget Bureau said, ambassadors or chiefs of

major missions will be allowed a limousine if their responsibilities require a car of that class. Otherwise, a heavy sedan will be permitted. Consular posts and Agency for International Development (AID) missions will be entitled to a heavy sedan and other diplomatic or military posts abroad will be limited to a medium sedan unless they can specifically justify the need for a prestige car.



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## Court Sets High Bail For Ivanov

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit Thursday approved \$100,000 bail for Igor A. Ivanov, 33, a Russian chauffeur indicted with an American engineer on charges of spying against the United States.

Three appeals court judges approved the high bail for Ivanov but failed to rule on a similar appeal from John Butenko, 38, Orange, N.J., who worked for the International Electric Corp., Paramus, N.J. Ivanov and Butenko were arrested in Englewood, N.J., and later indicted by a federal grand jury in Newark on three counts of conspiring to transmit secrets of the Strategic Air Command.

Three members of the Soviet delegation were also accused but were protected by diplomatic immunity and later expelled from this country.

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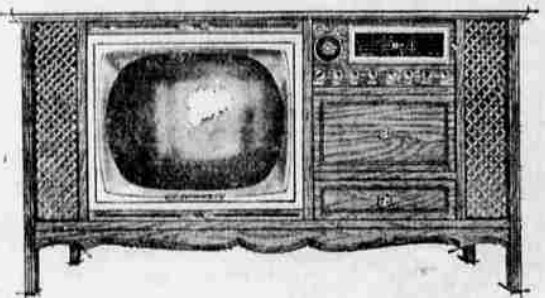
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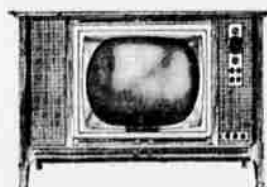
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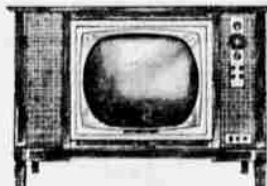
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