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Sen. Martin Urges Military Training

Universal Military
Training Favored

PHILADELPHIA (INS) — Sen. Edward Martin (R-Pa.) plugged for universal military training today and declared also that he fears complacency in the U. S. more than Russian bombs.

Martin asserted the government's financial debt is alarming and said there is a disposition on the part of some people to take the debt lightly — as something for future generations to worry about.

Martin warned: "The danger is here—now—with all the explosive potential of the atomic bomb. Debt destroys the value of the dollar more ruthlessly than any other factor in our financial set-up."

The senator's remarks were contained in a speech prepared for delivery before the fifth annual military medical-dental symposium for reserve officers of the armed forces at the U. S. naval hospital in Philadelphia.

In urging adoption of universal military training, Martin asserted: "Thousands of American boys paid with their lives in Korea and world wars one and two because they did not have the training or the equipment to do the job to which they were called in a time of national peril."

Reiger Funeral Is Held This Morning

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Reiger, 88, whose death occurred Saturday in Fort Wayne were held this morning in St. Peter's Catholic church. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

Mrs. Reiger was the grandmother of Mrs. Virginia Rosenberg of this city.

FHA Changes Rule On Home Buying

Revises Rules On
Buying Contracts

WASHINGTON (INS)—The federal housing administration changed signals today on a rule which gave home buyers practically unlimited freedom to kill real estate deals even after signing otherwise iron-clad contracts.

FHA commissioner Norman P. Mason bowed to industry and congressional complaints about the regulation although he previously had insisted that the rule would not be altered.

"It was just causing too much confusion and working a hardship on real estate agents," an FHA spokesman said. "Under the rule, an agent had a contract for a house that could be cancelled out at the flick of an eye. It didn't make sense to the industry."

The rubbarb over the contracts stemmed from the new housing law passed this summer by con-

gress which stipulated that builders must supply all home buyers dealing with FHA a written statement of the government's estimate on the value of the property being sold.

Congress provided that the FHA appraisal must be available to the buyer before the deal is closed. But due to the huge upsurge in building, FHA's appraisal has not always been available when a buyer decides to make a deal.

To handle the problem, FHA decided on its so-called seven-day escape clause. This provided that even after signing a contract, the buyer had seven days from the time he eventually received the appraisal to decide again whether he wanted to go through with the deal.

Industry leaders claimed that the wording of the regulation gave buyers unlimited leeway to drop a deal for almost any reason at all—including the possibility that the buyer had found another home more suitable to his needs.

The real estate men argued that congress required the appraisal only to inform the buyer that he was not paying an unreasonable price for his prospective new home.

So they urged FHA to modify the rule to allow the buyer to pull out of a deal only in those cases where the selling price of the house exceeds FHA's estimate of its value.

Mason decided today that this wasn't a bad suggestion after all. Accordingly, orders embodying the change are being dispatched forthwith to all FHA's offices — much to the relief of the industry.

Federal Grand Jury Studying Petersen Case

Studies Espionage
Charge As Made On
Government Worker

WASHINGTON (INS) — A federal grand jury was impaneled today to begin considering espionage charges against Joseph Sidney Petersen Jr., veteran government code breaker.

Federal District Judge Albert V. Bryan reconvened that 21-man grand jury which met in June but which quit during the summer due to a lack of business.

The judge stressed that the jury should observe secrecy on what takes place behind locked doors. He urged the jurors not to consider "hearsay evidence" and warned them that "suspicion" is not sufficient grounds for an indictment.

Bryan also gave the grand jury other routine instructions on procedure and said he would be available until 1 p. m. (EST.) in case of a speedy indictment.

As soon as the judge completed his instructions, the jury retired to begin its deliberations. Petersen, who was fired from the super-secret national security agency this month after almost 12 years' service, was not seen in the courtroom as the grand jury met.

An official source said that the case has such sweeping implications that the government is prepared to risk lifting the curtain of secrecy which surrounds the defense agency, if this is necessary to obtain an espionage indictment.

The 40-year-old physicist-mathematician was arrested by the FBI on Oct. 8, on charges that he "improperly obtained" highly classified defense documents, intending to use them "to the injury of the U. S. or the advantage of a foreign nation."

The complaints alleged that the Arlington, Va., man violated the espionage laws by having possession of the documents from 1948 through 1952. A government prosecutor declared this was "just one step short of treason."

Prosecutor John F. Reddy made the "just short of treason" accusation in a vain attempt to prevent Petersen's release from jail on a reduced bond.

Church Anniversary Is Observed Sunday

Christian Church
Holds Observance

Over 100 people, including many out of town guests, attended the 30th anniversary observance of the First Christian church Sunday.

The Rev. Clifford Lanman, a former pastor of the church, was main speaker at the morning worship service. In his sermon, "The Church That We Love," he praised the accomplishments of the church since 1924.

The sermon by Dr. Ephraim D. Lowe, general secretary of the Indiana Christian Missionary association, at the evening service was on the ministry, the church and God.

A dinner for those attending followed the morning service. The afternoon featured a general meeting and social get-together.

Brochures with the program for the day and a brief historical sketch of the church were distributed to the members and guests attending the anniversary event.

JUDGE ORDERS

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cause this country has freedom of the press which is not enjoyed elsewhere.

Before the trial got underway, 100 spectators lined up in the hope of getting in to the tiny courtroom, where newsmen are less than a foot from the jury box.

But 51 of the 64 available seats were filled with newsmen and the remainder occupied by relatives of "Dr. Sam" and his murdered, 31-year-old wife.

A hint by the state that the mild-mannered osteopath may not have been alone the morning his wife, Marilyn, was savagely beaten to death added another mysterious element to the affair.

Prosecutor John Mahon guardedly told International News Service that he "hasn't ruled out" the possibility that someone aided the 30-year-old "Dr. Sam."

He said "other women" in the extra-marital life of the young Bay Village neurosurgeon, with the "principal" emphasis on vivacious Susan Hayes as the purported motive for the July 4 crime, would feature the state's case.

The crux of Sheppard's strategy was outlined by associate defense counsel Fred Garmon simply: "The wrong man is in jail. The murderer is not in jail."

Dr. Sam was portrayed by his family as confident of acquittal as he began his battle against the electric chair. Jailers said his appetite was normal and that he appeared calm and composed.



DOREEN NASH does what most New Yorkers thought of doing when the October temperature hit 85—she lies on Rockaway beach and suns herself just like in summer. (International Soundphoto)

Gambling Empire In Pennsylvania City

Erie Mayor, Other
Officials Involved

ERIE, Pa. (INS) — The story of Erie's \$26,000,000 gambling empire unfolded today following the arrest of the Lake City's mayor, a police inspector, a vice squad officer and some 36 so-called king-pin gambling operators.

The prize catches in the series of swift raids carried out by state police Saturday were Mayor Thomas Flatley, police inspector Jack Martin and vice squad officer Edward Camilli.

Each has given long statements to Erie county detectives, admitting accepting hush money from the Erie gambling fraternity. They have been charged with conspiracy. Additional charges are expected to be filed today.

Six months of painstaking investigation directed by district attorney Damian McLaughlin resulted in the week-end crackdown which confounded the town of 130,000 persons.

Minutes before the arrest warrants were issued, Mayor Flatley suspended Martin and Camilli for 10 days — the limit he can give them at one time.

Informed shortly afterward that he was to be arrested himself, Mayor Flatley's voice shook as he said: "Me? Why, I can't believe it!"

Also arrested in the swoop by state troopers in plain clothes was an Erie Democratic party leader, Stanley Schwartz who is accused of conspiracy to bribe a police officer and "at other times participating in selecting members of the vice squad."

McLaughlin accorded credit for success of the investigation to vice squad officer Russell Verga and assistant district attorney Herbert Johnson.

Until the arrests, McLaughlin said, the gamblers thought Verga was "one of the boys" and regularly included him in the payoffs.

What they didn't know was that instead of carrying a service revolver in his armpit holster, he had a miniature wire recorder.

The investigators also employed a truck with a one-way mirror window in the back to get pictures of payoffs and meetings between the gamblers and the accused officers.

Verga and his family have been taken outside the city for safety reasons until he is needed to testify. Said district attorney McLaughlin: "That boy took his own life in his hands every day of the investigation."

McLaughlin said the raids were timed for Saturday so as not to jeopardize Verga's life any longer even though he did not have all the evidence he believed he needed before the confessions were obtained.

It was also timed for Saturday because of the large number of state police in town to participate in Erie's civil defense test Sunday.

A total of 48 persons were named in warrants issued. McLaughlin said the remainder of them will be picked up before the grand jury meets next month.

Democrat Want Ads Bring Results

Auto Is Reported Damaged By Fire

Fire caused about \$150 damage to a car owned by John C. Brown of Decatur recently on U. S. highway 224 a mile east of Toccoa. Mrs. Brown, who was driving, the car was not in it when the fire started.

Mrs. Brown was returning from Fort Wayne when the car stalled. She went to a nearby farm house to call her husband and while she was gone the fire started, probably from a short circuit. Deputy sheriff Raymond Burr of Wells county and witnesses extinguished the blaze.

Former President Of Convoy Bank Is Dead

C. G. Muntzinger
Is Taken By Death

Charles G. Muntzinger, 81, retired farmer and Convoy, O., businessman, died Sunday morning at the Huntington county hospital. He had lived at Huntington for the past three years with a daughter, Mrs. Esther Carolyn Fryback.

Mr. Muntzinger, a resident of Van Wert county most of his life, was a former president of the First National bank at Convoy, a former member of the Convoy school board and village council, a Van Wert county commissioner for eight years, and a member of the Van Wert county fair board for 16 years.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church at Convoy.

The body has been removed to the H. D. Smith funeral home in Convoy, where friends may call until noon Tuesday. It will be taken to St. Paul's Lutheran church at 1 p. m. Tuesday for services at 2 p. m. EST. The Rev. Arthur Ziegler and the Rev. F. H. Gerken will officiate, and burial will be in the IOOF cemetery at Convoy.



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