

# Ask General Accounting Office To Enter Garsson Quiz

## PROBERS SEEK MORE DETAILS ABOUT EMPIRE

May Unable to Testify Due To Heart Attack; Doctor Reports on Condition.

WASHINGTON, July 26 (U.P.)—The senate war investigating committee today asked the general accounting office to make a full scale investigation into alleged "war profiteering by the Garsson munitions combine."

The committee made the request shortly after it officially was informed a heart attack would prevent Rep. Andrew J. May (D. Ky.) from testifying for a week or longer.

The general accounting office is barred by law from conducting such inquiries unless a congressional committee demands one or "evidence of fraud" comes before the agency.

The committee also was advised the general accounting office was seeking to get back money paid to high-ranking army officers for travel expenses on their trip to attend a wedding party at the Hotel Pierre in New York in January, 1944.

### Capone Visit Bared

The party, also attended by Mr. May, was in honor of the wedding of Natalie Garsson, daughter of Murray Garsson, key figure in the munitions combine accused of war profiteering.

Senator Homer Ferguson (R. Mich.), placed in the record government files which said Murray Garsson had been "very friendly" with gangster Al Capone and had once visited Capone in a jail cell "alone."

Committee Chairman James M. Mead (D. N. Y.) told William L. Ellis, an assistant to the comptroller general:

"The committee will turn over its entire record in the case to enable the government accounting office to go into the activities of this (Garsson) combine from the time of the first contract."

### Navy Report Asked

The official report on the illness of Mr. May, who suffered a heart attack late yesterday, was given the committee by his attorney, Warren Magee.

Senator Mead said the committee would ask Mr. May's physician to present certification of illness in a signed statement "as soon as that can be arranged."

Senator Mead doubted the committee would go to Mr. May's bedside or accept any written statement prepared while the congressmen was ill.

The committee also asked Capt. Chester C. Wood, navy liaison officer with the committee, to present all material relating to a recent navy department press statement all its connections with the Garsson combine were in good order.

### Chronic Condition Blamed

At Mr. May's downtown hotel apartment, doctors, nurses and his daughter, Olga, maintained a vigil at the congressman's bedside. Through a partly opened door, Olga told a reporter her father was "very sick."

A spokesman for the congressman blamed the heart attack on a "chronic condition aggravated by nervous tension."

Mr. May had been scheduled to



Brothers Are Reunited Here After 54 Years

explain his activities as unofficial Washington "expediter" for Erie Basin and Batavia Metal Products, Inc., key firms in the \$78,000,000 Garsson empire.

### More Details Demanded About Defective Shells

WASHINGTON, July 26 (U.P.)—The senate war investigating committee today directed the army's chemical warfare service to dig up more details on the manufacture of defective 4.2-inch mortar shells that exploded prematurely, killing 29 American soldiers and injuring 83.

The request followed committee rejection of a preliminary CWS report on the shells as "incomplete and unsatisfactory."

Gen. Aiden H. Waitt, CWS chief, in his preliminary report said of the 3,000,000 mortar shells fired in combat or training 47 went off prematurely.

**Defective Fuses Blamed**

Committee Chairman James M. Mead (D. N. Y.) said he was dissatisfied that Gen. Waitt had failed to determine which of eight companies made the defective projectiles.

Erie Basin Metal Products Co., a part of the munitions "paper empire" headed by Dr. Henry H. Garsson and his brother, Murray, was one of the eight companies producing the 4.2-inch shells.

The premature explosions, Gen. Waitt said, were caused by defective fuses, rather than defects in the shell bodies. He did not state whether fuses were manufactured by the Garssons.

### Interest Transferred

Dr. Garsson announced in Chicago, meanwhile, he had transferred his interest in the Batavia Metal Products, Inc., another company subsidiary, to Rausch Industries, Inc., Detroit. Garsson, president of the Batavia firm, explained that, "my usefulness to the company has been impaired by recent publicity."

**'Wouldn't Have Known Him, Is Pair's Mutual Comment**

By ED SOYOLA

Fifty-four years is a long time not to see one's brother. But then that long lost brother nonchalantly walks in on you and asks, "Can you sell me a new car?" is one for the books.

And the memory books of Oscar Smith Srader, sales manager of Pennsylvania Motor Inn and Wallace T. Smith (the long lost brother) opened wide yesterday.

The reunited brothers are trying to catch up on all the things left unsaid since Wallace Smith left New Market, Ind., 54 years ago.

Mr. Srader has used that name since his adoption in the Srader family in Linden, Ind., in 1944.

### Went West in 1892

"Why I didn't know Oscar from Adam," Mr. Smith said. "I didn't realize he had changed so much since I last saw him in 1892."

Mr. Srader quickly replied that he, too, would have difficulty distinguishing "Wal" from Adam after more than a half century.

Since Mr. Smith went west in 1892 from New Market, he has been a lumberman in South Bend, Wash., in the grocery business in Spokane, Wash., hotel business in Minnesota, and at the present time he is truck farming in Yakima, Wash. But he says he's still a Hoosier at heart.

"After all those years, Indiana still beats any place I've been by three to one, as far as beauty goes," he said.

"I don't dare go back home," Mr. Smith said, "until I buy a pair of nylons. I promised my daughter a pair and I can't disappoint her. How long I stay in Indianapolis will depend on how long it takes me to get those nylons."

If Mr. Smith doesn't buy a pair of nylons before Sunday he plans to go to New Market and hear one of his West Coast neighbors give a sermon.

John Smith, another brother

### COUNCIL REQUESTS MORE DATA ON GAS

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times from Panhandle on when projects for expanding their lines to this area could be completed.

It was made clear in their discussion, however, that year-round supplies are not available now, because most of the capacity of the pipe line already is under contract to Detroit and other northern cities.

Lighter use of gas in these cities during the summer months leaves a surplus available for sale here in summer, but none for winter use. Indianapolis already has adequate summer supplies of fuel, but needs additional gas for winter, when loads approach a peak.

Mr. Bower said he understood the original negotiation was for natural gas to fire coke ovens for the production of coke and manufactured gas, and that Panhandle was unwilling to build a tie-in line to their main conduit at Zionsville unless they could sell more gas than that.

Mr. Bower, however, revealed yesterday that the utility is ready to buy large supplies of natural gas for mixture with the manufactured product as soon as Panhandle, or any other company, is ready to furnish it at fair rates.

Panhandle has a large scale expansion project in the planning stage awaiting federal approval, which presumably would enable it to meet that requirement when completed.

Some estimates on the time required to complete it are as low as 18 months, although most observers believe two to two and one-half years is the shortest time in which it could be done.

**PREHISTORIC ANIMAL BONE IS UNCOVERED**

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