

Indiana's War Surplus Stuns Officials

Warehouse Holds Goods Worth \$139,000
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government's war surplus program in co-operation with individual states, Indiana and other states received the materials and equipment "without cost" providing the surplus was, in turn, made available to tax-supported or non-profit schools, colleges and hospitals.

Many Items Still Available
Still at the Pendleton surplus warehouse are many items available "without cost" to schools and colleges that the government is frantically trying to buy back in other states.

A few of the many items still at the state's Pendleton surplus warehouse include:
COTS—There are stacks of cots inside the warehouse. In Washington, the Defense Department said "teams of purchasing officers were trying to buy back at a fair price" cots disposed in other states.

SIGNAL CORPS WIRE—Much of the Signal Corps wire stockpiled at Pendleton has never been used. Some of the wire reels have never been opened. At Ft. Harrison, an Army man in the Signal Office Supply Department said the copper wire was "very valuable" and becoming "hard to get."

ROLLS ROYCE ENGINE—A brand new Rolls Royce airplane engine with part of the original crate still on it is among the surplus at Pendleton. At St. Louis Field, one officer of the recently activated Indiana National Guard, said the Rolls Royce engine was still being used in aircraft today. He said it was "valuable."

BUSINESS MACHINES—Long lines of adding machines have been repaired and are now ready for distribution "without cost" to schools and colleges. In Washington, the government has placed orders for adding machines with manufacturers.

At one time, the surplus warehouse handled 40 bales of blankets. In Washington, the Quartermaster Corps said it was "short" of blankets and was in the process of trying to buy them.

Some of the items that have come through the warehouse have been frozen by the Armed Forces. The Navy took back some camouflage clothing that was stored at the warehouse and there are some other items that might be frozen and returned to the Armed Forces within a few months.

Should the war surplus program continue?
"I think it is foolish," Here's what Mr. McComb, former war surplus director has to say:

"I think it is foolish. How can there be a surplus now that we are fighting in Korea?"

The war surplus program was officially approved by the 1949 session of the state legislature. The General Assembly appropriated \$25,000 to be used as a revolving fund, enabling the state to keep the program operating.

Each school or college which accepts any of the war surplus, pays the handling charge—a small sum designed to cover the cost of transporting the merchandise and the overhead expense of operating the warehouse. This keeps the revolving fund at about the same level.

Political Feud Comes to Fore

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from a Florida vacation recently. The chief came back to the job without even a whispering hint that he would step out.

"That had a lot to do with the Mayor's blast yesterday, too," said one Democratic leader.

'Whole Top Brass'
Members of the regular Democratic organization associated with Chairman Paul McDuff have complained bitterly about "Republicans running the Democratic city administration."

"The whole top brass in the Police Department is Republican and many key men at City Hall are Republicans," declared a spokesman for the regular Democratic organization. "It's time to run a Democratic administration with Democrats."

Mayor Bayt, of course, inherited the Republican appointees from the late Mayor Feeney's administration and he has been hesitant to change them after his original commitment that he "would run City Hall like Al would have run it."

The Democratic Party feuding over Chief Rouls has been going on since the day the late Mayor Feeney named him to head the Police Department back in December, 1947.

The feuding broke out into the open several times as the background motives behind the break between the late Mayor and Prosecutor George S. Dailey in 1949. It also was the focal point of deep-seated friction in the 1950 primary when the late Mayor tried to defeat James Cunningham for the Sheriff nomination. But Mayor Feeney never weakened in his determination to keep Mr. Rouls as police chief.

Mr. Rouls has been trying to follow a difficult role on a professional level.

"I'm trying to do the best job I can," he said. "I was a Republican all my life until I was appointed chief by the late Mayor Feeney. Since then I have been voting the Democratic ticket. I don't expect to be police chief for long."

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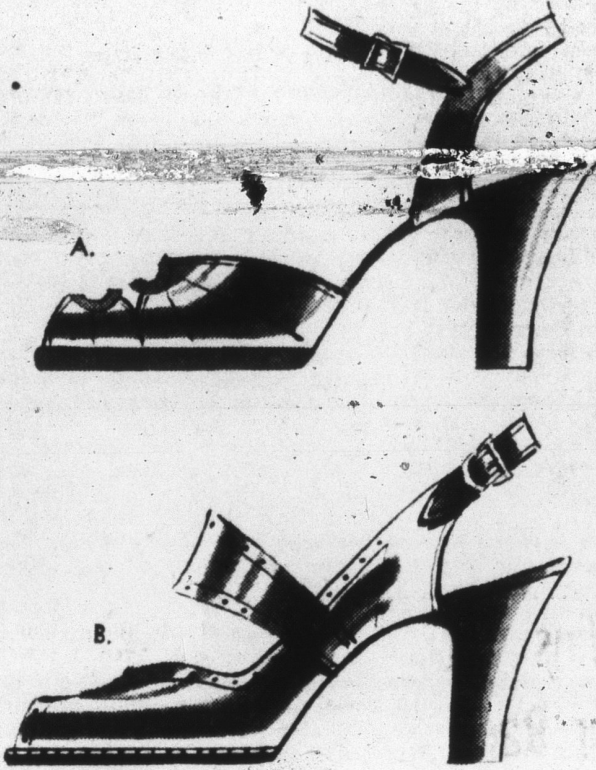
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