

# House Members To Check U. S. Bases For Possible Waste

Say AF Has  
Plans for Own  
Supply System

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16—Four House investigators leave here tomorrow on a cross-country inspection tour of six big military bases and supply depots.

They will stop off in Dayton, O. N. St. Louis, San Francisco and Ogden, Utah, in their two-week tour.

The investigators are members of a House executive expenditures sub-committee that claims the military could save taxpayers' billions of dollars by eliminating competitive buying between services and duplicating stockpiling.

Chairman Herbert C. Bonner (D. N. C.) will lead up the inspection tour. Others in the group are Reps. Cecil M. Harden (R. Ind.), Charles E. Brownson (R. Ind.) and Thomas B. Curtis (R. Mo.).

Rep. John F. Shelley and Chet Hollifield, California Democrats, will join the group when it reaches the West Coast.

First stop will be the Air Force's Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Base at Dayton, O. The group plans to spend Monday and Tuesday checking up on the command's procurement policies.

**Separate Supply**

Despite repeated Defense Department denials, the sub-committee insists the Air Force has been trying to set up a worldwide supply system of its own. Under the unification act, the Army is supposed to buy for and supply the Air Force.

Mr. Bonner has said a separate Air Force buying system, imposed on top of those run by the Army and Navy, would be an "unconscionable burden" on the taxpayers.

The group will visit the Army's big medical supply depot in St. Louis Wednesday before moving on to the West Coast.

A check on the Army's medical depot in San Francisco is scheduled for Friday and will be followed on Monday by a "comparson" visit to the civilian depot operated there by the General Services Administration.

**Coffee Plant**

The next day has been set aside for an inspection of the Navy's giant coffee-roasting plant at San Francisco.

The group will then travel to Ogden, Utah, Wednesday to check up on two installations located there—the Army quartermaster's depot and a Navy medical depot.

The subcommittee then plans to return directly to Washington.

Another group of 12 Congressmen, mostly members of the House Armed Services Committee, already are en route to the Far East for an inspection of military construction in the Pacific and the Orient.

**Typhoon Rips U. S. Base on Okinawa**

TOKYO, Aug. 16 (UP)—A 110-mile-an-hour Pacific typhoon roared toward the North China coast today after pounding the American military base on Okinawa.

The storm, dubbed "Typhoon Karen," smashed communications facilities, flooded military installations, and dislodged roofs and doors on the U. S. held island. Four persons were reported injured.

However, the U. S. Air Force said there was "little damage" to American aircraft.

Seven inches of rain fell at Okinawa during the storm.

Air Force weather officials here said the storm would miss Japan and Korea.

**Costello Shuns Favors And Doesn't Get Any**

NEW YORK, Aug. 16 (UP)—Kingpin gambler Frank Costello skipped his usual manteau at a swank Manhattan hotel today and started two days of medical tests to fit him for a federal penitentiary.

He surrendered to the U. S. marshal yesterday to begin an 18-month jail term for contempt of the U. S. Senate. He had been convicted of refusing to answer questions about his wealth before the Senate Crime Investigating Committee.

Costello traded his pin-striped suit for prison stripes and went through the usual fingerprinting, delousing, medical inspection and haircut, pending removal to a federal penitentiary.

"I don't want no favors from nobody," the wealthy gambler said. "I want to be treated like everybody else."

**Approve Wage Boost For Steel Group**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (UP)—The Wage Stabilization Board has approved a 16-cent hourly wage boost for steel fabricating plant workers who can prove their wages generally parallel those of basic steel workers.

The WSB order allows fabricating plant workers to bargain for the same 16-cent straight wage increase won recently by the CIO United Steelworkers in the basic steel industry. Fringe benefits, which made up the remainder of the 21-cent package in the steel agreement, will be handled separately.

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**'JUNGLE' DRAWS FIRE**—Residents in the neighborhood of this "jungle" in the 1800 block of E. Maryland St. finally got action after year-long complaints to City Hall. Street Commissioner James B. Chappell said he could not send his weed-cutting crews to do the job, asked lot owners Mrs. Cathleen Link, 6702 E. Washington St., and Attorney Thomas McNulty, 4480 Marcy Lane, to get it done. Both have promised the weeds will be gone in "a week or 10 days."

## Wooed in Kindness, Not Love, Lawyer Says

By United Press

CHICAGO, Aug. 16—A suave lawyer who wrote sweet nothings to a San Francisco divorcee said today kindness and not love compelled him to take pen in hand.

But the woman says he wooed her to get her \$75,000 mansion.

Attorney Nathaniel S. Ruvel, principal in another love theft suit, yesterday filed an answer in federal court to a suit by Miss Miriam Wright, 35.

Miss Wright, divorced five times, recently filed suit, accusing Ruvel of bilking her out of her home while he romanced her.

Ruvel's answer said Miss Wright told him she had only 3 months to live. He said he wrote

### Marine Prisoner Hurt In Jump From Train

JOLIET, Ill., Aug. 16 (UP)—A Marine enlisted man who tried to avoid an AWOL hearing by squeezing through a window of a fast-moving train was in serious condition today.

Henry G. Melton, 21, slipped through the washroom window of a Santa Fe train as Navy Chief Petty Officer Glen Jefferies returned him to Great Lakes Naval Station to face charges of six months' AWOL.

Chief Jefferies found the window open a few minutes later and notified sheriff's officers when the train reached Joliet. They found Melton semiconscious alongside the tracks about five miles south of town.

He suffered a compound fracture of the left leg, a head cut and other injuries, doctors said.

### Check Tanker Blast In Maryland Yard

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 16 (UP)—The Coast Guard today investigated an explosion aboard the tanker Gulfland, which killed one man and seriously injured another.

The tanker was docked for repairs in the Key Highway yard of Bethlehem Steel Co., yesterday when the blast occurred. The cause is not known.

Lt. Harry Chapman said Leslie Thomas, Baltimore, who was killed, was tossed overboard by the explosion.

**\$12 Million Judgment Reversed by Court**

NEW YORK, Aug. 16 (UP)—A \$12 million judgment against utilities executive Harrison Williams, one of the largest awards ever made against an individual, was reversed by the United States Court of Appeals yesterday.

In a two-to-one decision, the court dismissed the complaint brought against the 78-year-old executive by trustees of Central States Electric Corporation of Richmond, Va.

**Robert Stern to Fill 2d Highest Legal Post**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (UP)—Robert L. Stern, today look over as acting U. S. Solicitor General, the nation's second-ranking legal post.

Mr. Stern, 43, former assistant solicitor general, succeeds Philip P. Perlman, 62, who stepped down yesterday after five years' service.

**Claim 3.5 Million Fled Communist China**

HONG KONG, Aug. 16 (UP)—An estimated 3.5 million Chinese have fled Communist China since the Reds seized control of the mainland nearly three years ago, the independent weekly *Newsdom* reported today.

The Chinese language paper said most of the refugees went to Formosa, but some traveled as far as South America, India and Pakistan.

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## Contract Talk Collapses at Harvester

By United Press

CHICAGO, Aug. 15—Negotiations on a new contract covering 26,000 employees of International Harvester Co. collapsed today and the independent Farm Equipment Workers union announced it was taking a strike vote.

"It seems inevitable that a strike is the only way Harvester can be brought to its senses," said Gerald Field, director of the left wing union's Harvester branch.

The current contract expires Wednesday and covers workers in 10 of the firm's implement plants across the country.

Negotiations on a new contract have been in progress since May.

The union said the strike vote is expected to be completed by Monday. It said workers at the Rock Falls, Ill., and Louisville plants have voted for a no contract, no work policy.

### CIO Gets Increase

The negotiations broke off one day after the company announced about 50,000 of its workers, most of them members of the rival CIO United Automobile Workers, would get a four-cent hourly pay hike Aug. 25 under contract clauses calling for an annual improvement factor pay raise.

Phillips Petroleum Co. and Sinclair Refining Co. petitioned for rezoning of 106 acres on the south side of W. 86th St., west of New York Central Railroad.

They propose to build 14 storage tanks, plus truck and tank car-loading facilities.

### Turned Down

An identical petition was turned down by the Plan Commission Nov. 15. A similar proposal involving less ground also was denied June 19.

At the June hearing, 246 residents of the area protested rezoning. They charged the terminal would lower property values, increase traffic hazards and make the area a prime target in event of enemy air attack.

The firms claim the terminal is necessary to insure the petroleum supply in this part of the state.

The commission will consider the newest rezoning petition at its meeting next month.

### Ford to Finance \$2 Million TV Show

NEW YORK, Aug. 16 (UP)—The Ford Foundation's TV-radio workshop has put up \$2 million to finance the 90-minute television show "Omnibus" to open in November, and will also offer the show for commercial sponsorship, it was announced today.

The program, with British commentator Alastair Cooke as master of ceremonies, will present a variety of entertainment features including some dramatic shorts commissioned from noted playwrights, in an effort to explore the best creative possibilities of television.

**Expresses Thanks**

"I should like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Mrs. McMahon," he said.

Other survivors are her husband, Edwin R. Buckner, a daughter, Mrs. Florence Carey, Miami; two brothers, Abel Warren, Clermont, and Harry Warren, Indianapolis; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Buckner said he believed his letter of thanks to Sen. McMahon had arrived only during the last days of the Senator's illness.

### Italian Plant Gets Jet Job for Allison Engines

The Allison Division of General Motors Corp. announced today the Flat Co., Modena, Italy, has been licensed to manufacture spare engine parts for Allison jet A-29 engines used in Republic F-84G Thunderjets sold to USAFE and NATO countries.

Sales Manager R. C. Golt said the license agreement was negotiated by representatives of the Air Force, Flat and Allison.

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### Capehart 'Resting' In Army Hospital

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Aug. 16 (UP)—U. S. Sen. Homer E. Capehart, Indiana Republican, was reported resting comfortably in a 35-bed hospital here to undergo treatment for a heart ailment.

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The Army said he was hospitalized with a "rather severe upper respiratory tract infection."

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### Irak's King Faisal Visits Truman Today

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