

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

Say AF Has Plans for Own Supply System

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., 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 duplicate stockpiling.

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

Reps. John F. Shelley and Chet Holifield, 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.

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 "comparative" 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 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 manure at a swank Manhattan hotel 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 has 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.



'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. Catherine 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."

Wooded in Kindness, Not Love, Lawyer Says

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. Russell, 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 Russell of bilking her out of her home while he romanced her.

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

an affectionate note while vacationing in Florida "in the belief she was dying and would appreciate protestations of affection."

"Only You Missing"
His letter said, in part: "With the sun warming my body, you warming my heart and the lapping of the waves against this beautiful shore, it is nearly a perfect symphony. Only you are missing."

"Frankly, I can't wait until I return to see you and be near you—in fact, it's an obsession that must be gratified."

Russell was named in a love theft suit by a 46-year-old dentist from suburban Highland Park earlier this year. Dr. Samuel Binder charged the attorney "debauched" his wife.

Mr. Binder called Russell a "large muscular man who studiously makes himself attractive to women."

The dentist complained his wife told him after she met Russell, "You can't thrill me any more."

Miss Wright charged in her suit the lawyer got her home in suburban Glenview for only \$11,000.

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 Guilford, 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.

Li Harry Chapin 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 took over the nation's second-ranking legal post.

Mr. Stern, 43, former assistant solicitor general, succeeds Philip R. 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 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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Oil Firms Here Ask Zone OK

Two major oil firms asked the Marion County Plan Commission yesterday for the third time within nine months, to OK a \$50,000 bulk storage terminal on W. 86th St.

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.

Czech Who Fled Reds To Study Law at Yale
NEW YORK, Aug. 16—A young Czech who tunneled his way to freedom from a Communist uranium mine arrived here today to enter Yale University Law School through the good offices of a man he cannot thank in person, the late Sen. Brian McMahon.

Ivan Pluhar, 25, of Brno, Czechoslovakia, and 45 of his countrymen who have fled the iron curtain, arrived here aboard the U. S. naval ship General Harry Taylor—the first large group of fugitives from communism to reach here for resettlement.

In halting English, Mr. Pluhar told reporters the Connecticut Senator, head of the joint Congressional committee on atomic energy until his death last month, had been interested in his case after he entered the Free Europe University at Strasbourg. He said Mr. McMahon had written the dean of Yale Law School and arranged for Mr. Pluhar's admission to the University.

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

City Official's Mother Dies
Services for Mrs. Fannie Mae Buckner, 926 N. Tuxedo Ave., will be at 10:30 a. m. Monday in Jordan Funeral Home. Burial will be in Washington Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Buckner, who was 76, died yesterday. She was the mother of C. A. (Andy) Buckner, deputy city controller.

A native of Chicago, she had lived here most of her life.

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

Iraq's King Faisal Visits Truman Today
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (UP)—Iraq's 17-year-old King Faisal II comes to the capital today for a diplomatic visit that may be something of a letdown after New York.

The formalized routine will hardly match the sheer fun Faisal found in Gotham's big league baseball, glittering Broadway plays and television studios.

Mr. Truman is billeting Faisal and his official guardian, Prince Abdul Ilah, at Blair House and giving a luncheon in their honor at the White House today.

The capital is not giving Faisal the full royal treatment because his visit is billed as informal.

Capehart 'Resting' In Army Hospital
HEIDELBERG, Germany, Aug. 16 (UP)—U. S. Sen. Homer E. Capehart, Indiana Republican, was reported resting comfortably in a U. S. Army hospital here today. He is on tour of American Army bases.

The Army said he was hospitalized with a "rather severe upper respiratory tract virus infection" Thursday after visiting his old World War I outfit at a field training exercise.

Sen. Capehart is expected to be released from the hospital next Wednesday, doctors said.

Contract Talk Collapses at Harvester

CHICAGO, Aug. 15—Negotiations on a new contract covering 28,000 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 Fields, director of the left wing union's Harvester council.

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 already 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.

The Farm Equipment Workers union had demanded a wage increase of 15 cents an hour. It also demanded 21 cents an hour in accumulated cost of living increases paid out under the current contract be frozen into the wage structure with no provision for revocation.

In addition, the union had sought special increases for skilled workers.

William Reilly, company labor relations manager, said the demands would total 50 cents an hour an employee, and ultimately would cost the company \$100 million a year.

He said the company had offered to continue the guaranteed annual improvement factor pay raise, the cost of living allowance, and an emergency pay and a special increase for non-production workers.

Mr. Reilly said the annual improvement increase due this month would result in average earnings of \$2.06 an hour for Harvester employees.

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. The program, with British commentator Alistair 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.

Italian Plant Gets Jet Job for Allison Engines
The Allison Division of General Motors Corp. announced today the Fiat Co., Modena, Italy, has been licensed to manufacture spare engine parts for Allison jet A-39 engines used in Republic P-48 Thunderbolt fighters to USAF and NATO countries.

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

Revoke Tin Priority For Food Containers
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (UP)—Makers of tin cans for food no longer will get the first call on the nation's tin plate supply.

The National Production Authority gave priority to food-can makers immediately after settlement of the steel strike to assure a supply of cans for the nation's perishable food crop.

NPA revoked the order yesterday and reopened the way for export of tin plate.

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Gamblers, Too, 'Void' Federal Tax Stamp

By CHESTER POTTER
Special-Bureau Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16—The nation's gamblers are slow getting up the money for their federal "licenses," and some federal officials blame "cream puff" sentences for the gamblers' reluctance.

Up to date, 75 gamblers have been convicted of doing business without one of Uncle Sam's \$50 stamps, but none went to jail. Judges have eased them out of the courtroom with fines ranging from \$50 to \$250—peanut money to even the run-of-the-dice gambler.

Ruled Unconstitutional
In the East, it is generally credited to the fact that U. S. District Judge George A. Welsh of Philadelphia held the stamp act unconstitutional. Gamblers don't mind breaking the law but they must not like to break the Constitution, said one official. At any rate, they quit buying stamps.

Since Judge Welsh's decision, however, courts in California, Michigan and Georgia have held the act constitutional. That means nothing to the gamblers—they go along with the Welsh decision.

The Justice Department has appealed the decision to the Supreme Court.

One other factor which may account for the falling off of renewals also is attributed to grating judgments. They've been granting continuances to defendants who point out that the constitutionality of the law has been questioned by another judge, so why not wait until the Supreme Court rules?

Fairchild Eyes Trash Station
Marion County Prosecutor Frank Fairchild said today he would personally conduct the investigation of a controversial North Side garbage transfer station near 52d St. and Keystone Ave.

The station, owned by Modern Scavenger Service Co., was ordered closed Aug. 2 by Dr. Oscar D. Ludwig, head of the County Health Board.

Despite the Health Board order, it continued to operate. Dr. Ludwig termed it "a menace to the health of the community... a breeder of rats and flies."

Mr. Fairchild said he had just received the transcript of a recent hearing held in the Marion County Commissioners office and wanted more time to study it before taking action.

However, he said he inspected the transfer station yesterday and "saw maggots and flies, got garbage on my shoes and wished for a gas mask."

Boy Stages Own Circus; Sends U. S. 22 Cents in Taxes
TERRE HAUTE, Aug. 16 (UP)—Larry Aiken, 12, who sent 22 cents to the Internal Revenue Bureau as amusement tax on a backyard circus, today awaited word from Washington that he is "right" with the government.

Larry's father, Lt. Fred Aiken, a guard at the U. S. penitentiary here, said the boy went to a real circus and was so excited he produced one of his own on the penitentiary reservation.

"I didn't know it til later," Lt. Aiken said, "but Larry sent a letter along with the 20 cent amusement tax."

Aiken cautioned the boy, he said, that the tax was due, Larry got a postal money order for 20 per cent of the \$1.10 admission paid at the rate of a nickel for each of 22 customers. He wrote the government asking if there "is anymore I have to do."

Gambling Raid Nets 16 At Ball Game
ATLANTA, Aug. 16 (UP)—Police raided the bleachers of Ponce de Leon Park during the Atlanta-Philadelphia game last night and arrested 16 persons on gambling charges.

Detectives worked so quietly, few of the fans watching the game were aware the raid was in progress.

Plainclothesmen moved through the grandstand, stopping here and there to tap a wanted person on the shoulder and whisper the information he was under arrest.



United Press Telephoto.
PRINCESS CHARMING—Princess Anne Elizabeth Alice Louise, daughter of England's Queen Elizabeth II, poses for a picture marking her second birthday in Balmoral, Scotland.

Madame Chiang to U. S.
HONOLULU, Aug. 16 (UP)—Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of Nationalist China's president, will leave here today for San Francisco for treatment of a skin ailment.

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