

President Views School Situation

GM Study Raises New Complaints

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—The Senate study of General Motors Corporation turned up complaints today that GM's finance-insurance affiliates are hurting independent car repair shops.

The testimony came from Reginald J. Holzer, general counsel of the Automotive Repair Executives' Association of Chicago, and Paul Ries and Ralph A. Pierro, owners of two Chicago repair shops.

They said, in substance, that independent car repairmen seldom get a chance to bid on repair work covered by GM's insurance affiliate. Instead, they said, the business is shunted to repair shops run by GM car dealers.

Holzer, Ries and Pierro appeared before the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly subcommittee under Sen. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) in its study of the operations of GM, which makes Chevrolet, Buick, Cadillac, Oldsmobile and Pontiac cars, among other things.

On a broader scale, today's hearings produced: 1. Testimony by Holmes Baldridge, a Roosevelt-Truman era official of the Justice Department, who said GM and its finance subsidiary, General Motors Acceptance Corp., ought to be split apart.

2. A statement by Sen. O'Mahoney that the big auto makers can now borrow money at interest rates little higher than the federal government itself has to pay.

Farm Expert Sees Drop in Income, Prices Next Year

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—An Agriculture Department economist said today the current economic squeeze on the nation's farmers is likely to get a little tighter next year.

In a report to the department's annual farm outlook conference, Frederick V. Waugh, department director of economics, made this forecast:

"Looking ahead to 1956, we again expect business conditions to be very good. We again expect agricultural prices and income to lag behind. In other words, we expect the farm 'cost-price squeeze' to continue in 1956."

This "squeeze" likely will be marked, Waugh said, by some further drop in farm income but little if any drop in farm production costs.

Waugh's forecast was given at the opening session of the outlook conference, attended by more than 400 Extension Service economists from the various states and by department officials.

The conference is designed to acquaint the state economists with economics trends affecting farmers.

President Issues 'Conduct' Order

GETTYSBURG, Pa., (AP)—Nov. 28—President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued a conflict-of-interest order today requiring "high standards of ethical conduct" for government "WOCs"—business and industry experts serving the government without compensation.

The order follows up legislation passed by Congress just before adjournment last August requiring such defense production specialists to file information on their financial connections, and to keep the file up to date.

There are about 1000 WOCs in the government, working on defense contracts and the like. Several cases alleging that some of them had conflicts of interest between the government and their private employer have come before congressional committees.

Lewis Urges Welfare Fund Crack Down

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, called on Congress today to crack down on the "human jackals and scoundrels" who he said misuse union welfare funds.

The 75-year-old chief of the United Mine Workers union suggested a congressional resolution urging the attorney general to step up prosecutions in all such cases. Union leaders themselves did not escape his wrath.

"If some of the leaders of organized labor would abandon their holier-than-thou attitude and forget what they are going to do with the rest of the world and put their own house in order, welfare funds might have a better chance to live," Lewis told a Senate Labor subcommittee.

The subcommittee is making a study of the need for new legislation to protect union welfare funds, now growing at the rate of about five billion dollars a year.

Angelo Inciso, a Chicago labor union leader, did not answer when called as a witness, although he had been subpoenaed. Chairman Douglas (D-Ill) said he would later that Inciso be cited for contempt of Congress.

The senators seek an explanation of how the health and accident insurance program works in Inciso's Chicago Local No. 286 of the AFL United Auto Workers. This is different from the CIO Auto Workers Union.

Tax Proposal Hits Opposition

HARRISBURG, Nov. 28 (AP)—A new Republican-sponsored sales tax proposal went into the bill-writing stage today as Gov. George M. Leader's manufacturer's manufacturers' excise tax ran into further opposition.

Rep. Waterhouse (R-Erie) said he would introduce a 3 per cent sales tax in the Democratic-controlled House on Wednesday but there was no hint from the administration of dropping its session-long opposition to that levy.

Waterhouse said that Republicans are convinced the excise tax would "be damaging" to business in the state because it would "pyramid costs" to the ultimate consumer.

Congressmen Held Behind Iron Curtain

BERLIN, Nov. 28 (AP)—Two U.S. congressmen and the wife of one were held at gunpoint in East Berlin Sunday in an incident threatening all western rights in the Soviet sector of the still-occupied city.

The implications of the treatment of the American party, escorted by U.S. Army men, were so serious that Maj. Gen. Charles L. Dasher Jr., U.S. commandant in Berlin, and five advisers worked all afternoon on the draft of a protest to the Russians.

Protest Not Delivered
It was not delivered, however, because Dasher still was dissatisfied with its tone and content. Work will be resumed tomorrow and Dasher personally will deliver the protest.

The general's advisers said two issues are at stake: The right of Americans to visit East Berlin without being molested and whether an official U.S. Army vehicle equipped with two-way radio can be subjected to East German Communist police patrols.

Rights Jeopardized
U.S. officials fear all Allied rights in the four-power city's Soviet zone are in jeopardy.

The incident occurred Sunday shortly before noon when Reps. Harold C. Ostertag (R-N.Y.) and his wife, and Edward P. Boland (D-Mass.) visited the Soviet Memorial Cemetery in an Army car with an Army officer escort.

Communist police detained the party, declaring the laws of the East German republic against two-way radios in foreign cars had been violated. The Russian deputy commandant, Col. I. A. Kotsibua, supported the German Communist view but released the group after four hours.

Sectors Distinguished
U. S. officials reasoned that custom as well as agreements long in use distinguished the Soviet sector of Berlin from the regulations of the East German Republic as far as Allied personnel are concerned. If this has been changed, they said, the entire character of the four-power city could undergo far-reaching change too.

Zaharias Begins Tests

GALVESTON, Tex., Nov. 28 (AP)—Babe Zaharias was isolated from all except intimate friends today as a week-long series of tests was started to determine how the famous golfer is doing in her fight with cancer.

She was permitted no telephone calls and doctors at John Sealy Hospital said there was nothing yet to report on her progress.

Demos Offer Foreign Policy Political Truce

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler tonight offered a political truce on foreign policy debate if President Eisenhower will bar the word "peace" from 1956 Republican campaign slogans.

Butler said in a statement he welcomes Eisenhower's concurrence last week in the stand by Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) that American foreign policy ought not to be subjected to partisan attack at home.

But he added that "bipartisanship in foreign policies applies not just to the opposition party."

"If the Republicans are ready to forego the exploitation of foreign policy for partisan advantage," Butler said, "they will find Democrats meeting them more than half way."

Declaring that GOP National Chairman Leonard W. Hall had said that "peace" will be the Republican's chief political password in 1956," Butler said:

"Ever since the meeting at the summit, Republican leaders have been stepping up their claims on foreign policy. They have done their best to make the voters believe that they have established general conditions of peace and that they deserve exclusive credit for it."

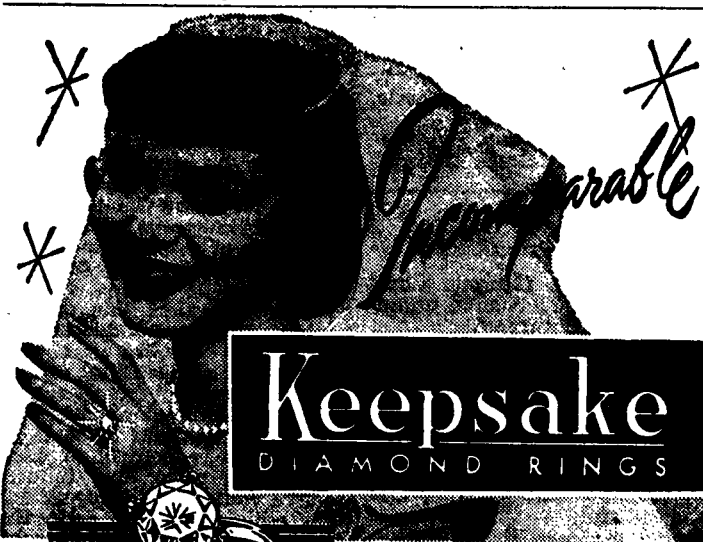
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