

FIELDS CALLED IN PROBE OF SURPLUS SALES

By United Press
 WASHINGTON, July 27.—Benjamin F. Fields, a prominent figure in the Senate war-profits investigation, was asked by another congressional committee today to explain how he obtained surplus war property supposedly reserved for veterans' housing.

At the same time, the portly public-relations man was cited again by the senate war investigating committee—this time in connection with evidence that a Detroit firm reportedly sought a war contract through Fields' Washington "brokerage" office.

Fields has figured prominently in the Senate committee's inquiry as a Washington representative of the 15-firm munitions empire operated by the Garsson brothers, Dr. Henry M. and Walter. The firm is accused of reaping "unconscionable" profits from its \$75,000,000 in war contracts.

Fields is called.
 The new probe of Fields' activities was ordered by the special House committee investigating disposal of surplus war property. The committee issued a subpoena for Fields after learning he had obtained scarce bronze wire earmarked for the construction of houses for veterans.

Representative Ross Rizley, Republican, Oklahoma, a member of the committee, said Fields could not be found in time for today's meeting of the committee.

Rizley said the committee had evidence that Fields obtained the bronze wire and sold some of it to an Oklahoma contractor, C. B. Warr of Oklahoma City, for \$12,000 and a \$4,000 commission.

Republicans Jubilant
 Congressional Republicans, their eyes cocked on the November elections, seized the opportunity of the persistent mention of Democrats that has marked the first three weeks of the Senate inquiry.

Many Republicans saw campaign fuel aplenty piling up in the committee's inquiry into the Garsson munitions combine and other wartime deals which have put on front pages the names of such Democrats as Representatives Andrew J. May, Kentucky, and John M. Coffee, Washington.

The Senate committee prepared for its fourth week of hearings amidst these other major developments.

1. Senator Owen Brewster, Republican, Maine, pressed a demand for investigation of the payment of \$2,500 to Representative Coffee for his part in helping a constituent get a war contract. Coffee depicted the check as a "campaign contribution." The contractor, Eivand Anderson of Tacoma, said it was "for services rendered."

Garrison Probe Pushed
 Brewster commented that congressmen are "neglecting a most lucrative source of income if a representative of the \$2,500 check is legal. Coffee has expressed willingness to tell the committee about the deal. At his request several persons, including former Senator Rufus Holman, Republican, Oregon, have been subpoenaed to answer questions about it.

2. Senator Ferguson disclosed that the committee would continue the study of the case of former Capt. Joseph Garsson, son of Murray Garsson, a young Garsson was court-martialed in early 1945 and May intervened twice in the case. Garsson's sentence was suspended and he was returned to active duty.

Young Garsson told a news conference yesterday that throughout his Army service, which began in private, his superiors were ordered to "take care of Garsson."

May Did Not Profit, Says Dr. Garsson
 CHICAGO, July 27.—(AP)—Dr. Henry B. Garsson, who resigned as head of Batavia Metal Products, Inc., and its subsidiaries because of "recent publicity," said today that Representative Andrew J. May, chairman of the House military affairs committee, did not profit from the Cumberland Lumber Company.

Garsson told a newsman that May, registered in Kentucky as agent for Cumberland, "to my knowledge got not a nickel out of it for himself for any service performed."

Cody Gives Nimitz Wild West Welcome
 CODY, Wyo., July 27.—(AP)—Cody staged a Wild West welcome today for Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Senator E. V. Robertson, Republican, Wyoming, and their vacationing party.

Returning from Yellowstone Park, the party was "held up" at nearby Sulphur Creek Bridge by a party of "bandits" headed by Undersheriff Noah Riley. The senator, the admiral and his naval aides piled out of their bus and automobiles, mounted horses and rode into town, where Nimitz was presented silver-mounted spurs engraved with his name.

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Jackson Street Council Is Lesson in Race Cooperation



Upward of 70 organizations and five races of people are represented on the newly formed Jackson Street Community Council, which has begun a program of community betterment in the Jackson Street area. Shown discussing new projects which will be carried out by the council are: (Standing, left to right) Lew G. Kay and Toru Sakahara; (seated left to right) Mrs. Lela Hall, Victorio A. Valesco and Robert Groves.

For the first time in the history of the Jackson Street area, minority groups—Chinese, Japanese, Filipino and Negro—have sat down with their white neighbors to work out a program of "community betterment."

It was about a year ago that interested agencies and community leaders organized to meet their problems of housing, insanitary conditions, minority-group problems, and rising juvenile delinquency.

The groups' efforts have paid off. The newly organized Jackson Street Community Council now is a member agency of the Community Chest.

E. L. Skeel, Chest president, in announcing the recent action of the board, said funds will be allocated to the group for the balance of this year, and the agency will be placed on the regular budget for next year.

Cooperation Praised
 "It wasn't conceivable to some that the present council, within a mere 12 months, could have achieved the cooperation of some 60 community and church organizations, social agencies, clubs, lodges, schools and labor organizations in this area," said Mrs. Lela Hall, council chairman. Mrs. Hall is an employee at the Seattle Housing Authority.

In this transient area the people have many difficult problems, both sociological and otherwise," Mrs. Hall added, "and they are making a sincere effort to help themselves. They aren't looking to the outside to come in and do it for them."

Among the projects conducted so far was a clean-up drive, publicized in several languages. Workers knocked on doors in the residential districts and asked cooperation. They obtained the aid of the City Health Department in a rodent-eradication project, and the Fire Department in fire-hazard inspections.

Truckloads of trash were hauled to the city dump. Owners began renovating and remodeling old buildings and a drive got underway to start beautification of the area. University students helped.

Health Week was held. The Anti-Tuberculosis League's X-ray unit

Japanese-American Welfare
 Toru Sakahara, young Japanese-American, who was admitted to the bar in Washington State last week, said he was working with the committee because of a personal interest of his people here.

"The war experience of the Japanese-American children resulted in making them shy and reticent," Sakahara said, "so we began to organize a recreation program, rather segregated basis, but now the dances, ball games and other activities always draw a number of Chinese-Americans, Negro youngsters and whites. We feel we are setting a pattern in this neighborhood."

Robert Groves, council vice chairman, who is a delegate from the Negro Elk Club, No. 109, is one of the council's most ardent boosters.

"Just Getting Started"
 "We are just getting started," said Groves. "The fact much of the population is transient and that about 75 per cent are newcomers means that the council's job will be constant, and it is very necessary."

The by-laws of the council were drawn up and approved by representatives of 70 organizations and individuals. The Community Chest funds will be used to hire a full-time secretary and cover other expenses, officials said.

Driver Uses Head To Save His Hide
 PUEBLO, Colo., July 27.—(AP)—J. H. Cassidy avoided electrocution by sitting motionless in his car, hardly twitching a muscle—for eight minutes after a trolley wire snapped and fell on his automobile.

Cassidy had the presence of mind not to touch any metal part of the car until repair crews removed the live wire.

LaFollette Booster Dies
 WAUKAUKU, Wis., July 27.—(AP)—Frederick L. Holmes, 63 years old, a historian and in 1924 national publicity director of the presidential campaign of the late Senator Robert M. LaFollette Sr., died of a heart attack today while addressing a Waukau homecoming celebration.

Father, Son Join Army
 GRANTS PASS, Or., July 27.—(AP)—A father and son, William I. Cunningham and son, Arthur L., both of Cave Junction, have enlisted in the Regular Army for three-year periods.

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SENATORS BACK POOR-STATES OLD-AGE PLAN

By Associated Press.
 WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—The Senate Finance Committee today approved a plan by which the federal government would pay more to poor states than to prosperous states for old-age assistance and aid to dependent children and the blind.

For the poorer states the proportion of federal money would be as high as two to one.

It was written into a bill passed by the House to freeze Social Security payroll taxes at one per cent for employers and employees for another year, place 200,000 maritime workers under Social Security and make other changes in the welfare acts.

Here is the way the plan would work: Each state's income would be compared with the national average on the basis of Department of Commerce figures. One-half that percentage, but not less than 33 1/2 per cent or more than 50 per cent—would be the state's share of the contributions to the aged, the blind and dependent children.

The Senate committee also adopted an amendment which would raise the federal contribution for maternal and child health services, crippled children and child welfare service from \$12,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

Also approved was an amendment which would enable the few states which levy unemployment-insurance payroll taxes on employees to utilize the funds for sickness benefits. The change was asked by California.

House Rejects Cancer Program
 WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—The House today rejected by a roll-call vote a bill to provide \$100,000,000 for a cancer-control program.

The measure would have authorized the President to name an independent group to coordinate a broad project to discover methods to cure and prevent cancer, with outstanding scientists of the world invited to assist.

Bulwinkle Bill's Chances Vanishing
 WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—The prospect of Senate action on the Bulwinkle bill legalizing railroad rate-making conferences all but vanished tonight in the face of stiff opposition and the plan to adjourn Congress next Friday.

Senator Reed, Republican, Kansas, an advocate of the measure, tried all day to persuade the Senate to consider the bill. The Senate adjourned until Monday, however, without voting on his motion.

Million Calls Daily On Portland Phones
 PORTLAND, July 27.—(AP)—Telephone calls in Portland are now averaging more than 1,000,000 a day. I. D. Winslow, district manager for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., reported today.

During this month, the daily average has been 1,004,987, compared with last July's \$10,210.

Train Kills War Vet
 THE DALLES, Or., July 27.—(AP)—A passenger train struck and killed Allen W. Harrison, 35 years old, Yakima Indian and war veteran, near Celilo last night.

Slumber Service
 MIAMI BEACH, Fla., July 27.—Insomnia need not plague guests at plush hotels here any longer. Sleep-hungry guests, instead of sheep-counting, have only to ring for "slumber service." A bellboy answers the distress call with a portable record player and special "time-to-sleep" recordings.

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7 WAR ORPHANS OF POLE FAMILY ARRIVE IN U.S.

NEW YORK, July 27.—(AP)—Seven Polish war orphans, brothers and sisters from 5 to 21 years old, were among 555 displaced persons and 275 American citizens, mostly repatriates, who arrived tonight aboard the Marine Perch from Bremerhaven.

The orphans were the surviving members of the Zkibicki family—Sophia, 21 years old; Thaddeus, 13; Edward, 12; Irene, 10; Michael, 8; Francis, 6, and Janina, 5—formerly of Rovno, Poland. They said their mother died in Poland as a result of starvation and their father of tuberculosis in a Frankfurt labor camp.

Boy on Crutches
 Little Francis held crutches as he stood smiling for pictures with only one leg extending from his short trousers. The other was lost when the building the children were occupying in Frankfurt was struck in an Allied bombing raid.

They were part of a group of 65 European war orphans whose passages were arranged by the United States Committee for the Care of European Children, which will keep them at a reception center in the Bronx until foster parents can be found for them.

Czech Orphan
 Another orphan was 17-year-old Susy Zimmerman from Czechoslovakia, who is en route to join her uncle, Alexander Ilkovic, in San Ysidro, Calif. She said she was imprisoned for a long time at Auschwitz, where her mother and father were gassed and cremated.

"One time," Susy said, "Irma Gresse (executed by the British for war crimes at Belsen) ordered me and another girl to sing. Afterwards she gave us a slice of bread as a reward. My mother forbade me to eat mine, but the other girl did. She lost her power to speak and died three days later."

Planes in Oregon Increase 428 Pct.
 PORTLAND, Or., July 27.—(AP)—The number of privately owned airplanes in Oregon has increased 428 per cent since the war. Floyd Johnson, director of the Oregon Aviation Council, said today.

The number of pilots and student pilots has boomed 1,028 per cent, he reported, in making plans for the council's August 9 meeting in Eugene.

Ball Player, 57, Has Leg Broken
 Leonard Eskelson, 57 years old, 9345 54th Ave. S., suffered a broken leg at 7 o'clock last night while playing baseball at Brighton Playfield, 39th Ave. S. and Juneau Street.

Eskelson, who was taken to Harborview County Hospital, told attendants he was playing third base and was bumped by a base runner.

Japan-Bound Mothers 'About Worn Out'; P.S.—So Is Army



MRS. JACK R. LICHTE AND JACK, JR. 'If we women had known...'

Seated in the cafeteria of the dependent-processing area at Fort Lawton yesterday, Mrs. Jack R. Lichte, en route to Japan to join her husband, kept a wary eye on her 3-year-old son Jack, Jr., and declared that she was "about worn out."

"All these women and children together create enough fuss to wear anybody out," she said. "I arrived only Thursday, but I'm already anxious to go on these tours of Seattle that the Army is planning for us, just to break the monotony."

Mrs. Lichte, who left her home in Sarasota, Fla., Wednesday and came by air to Seattle, expects to leave next Wednesday on the last lap of her journey to her husband, an Army captain.

Mrs. Lichte declared that if she had made the trip from Florida by train she'd be a nervous wreck by now. "Jack has got a lot of energy for his age and doesn't care much about sitting still," she said, grabbing a milk bottle from the youngster's inquisitive fingers.

While a high-chair occupant at a nearby table calmly sipped salt into a miniature chain of mountains across his table, Mrs. Lichte laughed and said, "I'll bet if we women had known what we were getting into before starting this trip we'd have thought twice about making it."

Mrs. Lichte was of the impression that the Army personnel aiding in processing the Japan-bound dependent contingents were slowly wearing down under the "pressure" of too many women and too many children.

"They're really very helpful, though," she stated. "They even go out of their way to mind Jack for me once in a while—

"But only for a short while," she added with a grin.

Plans for what she would do when she got to Japan were a little vague to Mrs. Lichte but she was sure there would be a lot of free time if the two Japanese maids her husband promised her materialized.

As Mrs. Lichte finished her lunch a plate crashed to the floor in a far corner of the cafeteria and childish laughter filled the air. A harassed looking Army sergeant standing at the door muttered:

"This is making a confirmed bachelor out of me."

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C. P. A. Ends Reports From Metal Firms
 WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—The most widespread reporting system ever required by the government of an industry—that imposed on metal-working firms—was ended today by the Civilian Production Administration.

At one time 25,000 companies were required to give a complete statistical picture of their production activities on "Form 733," imposed by the old War Production Board in 1941, to keep the government posted on uses of war-metal.

C. P. A. Administrator John D. Small said his agency would get reports on metal supplies, operations and employment from other agencies.

KRUG PLANNING BIG PROGRAM TO DEVELOP ALASKA

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—An "aggressive and comprehensive program" for developing the vast economic potentialities of Alaska is being drafted by the Interior Department, Secretary Krug said today.

The program is designed to encourage new business, industry and agriculture in the territory to "support many times its present population of approximately 80,000," Krug said in a statement.

Krug and key officials of Interior agencies concerned with Alaskan affairs will begin an Alaskan inspection trip August 11. During his ten days in Alaska, Krug said, he will discuss with Alaskan business, government and labor leaders the following points:

1. A program of complete and reliable information about Alaska's present position and prospects for the future; early settlement of questions concerning the availability of public lands; and a campaign to induce business interests to invest capital in the territory.
2. Making the territorial government a full partner in putting the program into effect, with a greater measure of self-government.
3. Industrial development, with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation establishing an office in Alaska to make small business loans; expansion of road construction, rehabilitation of the Alaska Railroad, construction of more power projects.
4. Development of the tourist industry by making public land available along the Alaska Highway, encouragement of private investment in the tourist industry, such as adequate hotel facilities at Mount McKinley National Park and at Glacier Bay.
5. Agricultural development through an Alaska farming program with the Department of Agriculture to work out establishment of an Alaska research administration to advise on types of agriculture, size of farms and marketing conditions.
6. A public-works program for the expansion of schools, hospitals, water systems, sewage disposal systems and small-boat harbors.
7. Improvement of a government administrative services.

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