

APPEAL TO EISENHOWER

War Probers Switch To May In Questions

WASHINGTON, July 25—(AP)—The Senate War Investigating committee pieced together Thursday a story of how Representative May (D-Ky.) appealed to General Eisenhower on behalf of a munitions maker's son facing court martial for disobedience—preparing to ask May pointblank Friday: "Why?"

Switching suddenly from its inquiry into May's part in the wartime business affairs of a munitions combine, the committee called two generals to a private session to find out more about the case of Capt. Joseph H. Garsson, who was granted clemency after being found guilty.

One was Maj. Gen. Alden H. Waitt, chief of Chemical Warfare service, identified by the committee as the bearer of the first of two letters addressed by May, chairman of the House Military committee, to Eisenhower, then Supreme Allied commander in Europe.

Secured Transfer The other was Maj. Gen. William N. Porter, former chief of that service. The committee said it secured young Garsson's transfer to the chemical warfare service, Porter's name has figured prominently in the testimony thus far as the committee delved into the combine's business affairs and into gay parties.

So, too, have those of the Garsson brothers—Henry and Murray—promoters of the combine. It was Murray Garsson who was identified by the committee as the bearer of the first of two letters addressed by May, chairman of the House Military committee, to Eisenhower, then Supreme Allied commander in Europe.

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BIKINI'S FLOOR NAVAL JUNKYARD

Terrific Power Of Atom Bomb Sends 11 Ships To Bottom

BY JOSEPH L. MYLER, United Press Staff Correspondent OFF BIKINI ATOLL, Friday, July 26—(AP)—The floor of Bikini lagoon was a junkyard of naval might today, testifying to the terrific power of the underwater atomic bomb whose explosions sent 11 vessels to the bottom and heavily damaged at least four others.

The oil-covered, radioactive waters of the lagoon still prevented a closeup survey of damage to what was an 87-ship target array, but the tonnage scoreboard for the first two controlled tests of the bomb's power against naval strength heavily favored this submarine blast. The score thus far was two to one.

Go To Bottom Thursday's blast at 8:35 a. m. (5:35 p. m. Wednesday EDT) sank a battleship and an aircraft carrier totaling 59,000 tons, three landing vessels and a concrete yard pier. Five submarines officially "went to the bottom" during the upheaval. But whether they were split and sunk by the force of the blast or merely jerked loose from their airtank moorings was not immediately known.

The impression was forced on observers that this was a real test of the bomb's ability to deal a knockout blow to a fleet.

What had happened to the animals "crews" showered with radioactive gas and spray and 1,000,000 (m) tons of water geysered over the ships they "manned" was not yet known.

Official Score This was the official score thus far: Sunk: Battleship Arkansas, aircraft carrier Saratoga, cement yard pier 160, two landing craft tanks, landing ship (mechanized) 60.

Possibly sunk: Five submarines, the Piliifish, Apogon, Skipjack, Sea Raven and Dentuda. Damaged: Battleship Nagato, battleship New York, destroyer Hughes, attack transport Fallon.

Task force commander Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy announced he was not yet certain that the submarines sank due to "any structural damage from the bomb blast." He speculated the air hoses leading from surface buoys were cut when a huge wave moving at 500 feet a second raced out from the burst. That may have flooded the undersea craft's ballast tanks.

Poison Waters Twenty of the observer ships which during the explosion waited eight to 15 miles from the lagoon

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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS By Alley I KINDA FIGGURED TO KOTCH UP ON MAH WORRYIN' T' DAY, BUT LAWD! JES' LOOK AT DIS SCURMIOUS MANNIN'!!!

TRUMAN SIGNS NEW OPA LAW INTO EFFECT WHILE WARNING OF POSSIBLE TAX RAISE; BEACHES PLAN COOPERATIVE EFFORTS HERE

Two Counties To Seek New Trade Plans

All Beaches In Area To Form Mutual Benefit Agency WHITE IS SPEAKER Local Organization Brings Groups Together For Meeting

The beaches of New Hanover and Brunswick will cooperate to show the resort-loving people of Eastern United States that this is the point to come for a vacation whether in winter or summer. This was decided last night at a meeting of representatives of the five beaches which call Wilmington a focal point—and the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce was asked to take the lead in unifying the efforts of these beaches to bring this cooperation about.

Stand By For Call Hinkle pointed out that persons who have made applications for the jobs, may stand by for their call, sometime between the two dates.

BOOST IN SALARY PASSED BY HOUSE Measure Also Would Make Congress Eligible For Pensions

WASHINGTON, July 25. —(AP)—The House Thursday night passed, 229 to 61, a bill to boost salaries of congressmen, make them eligible for pensions, and overhaul the machinery by which they work.

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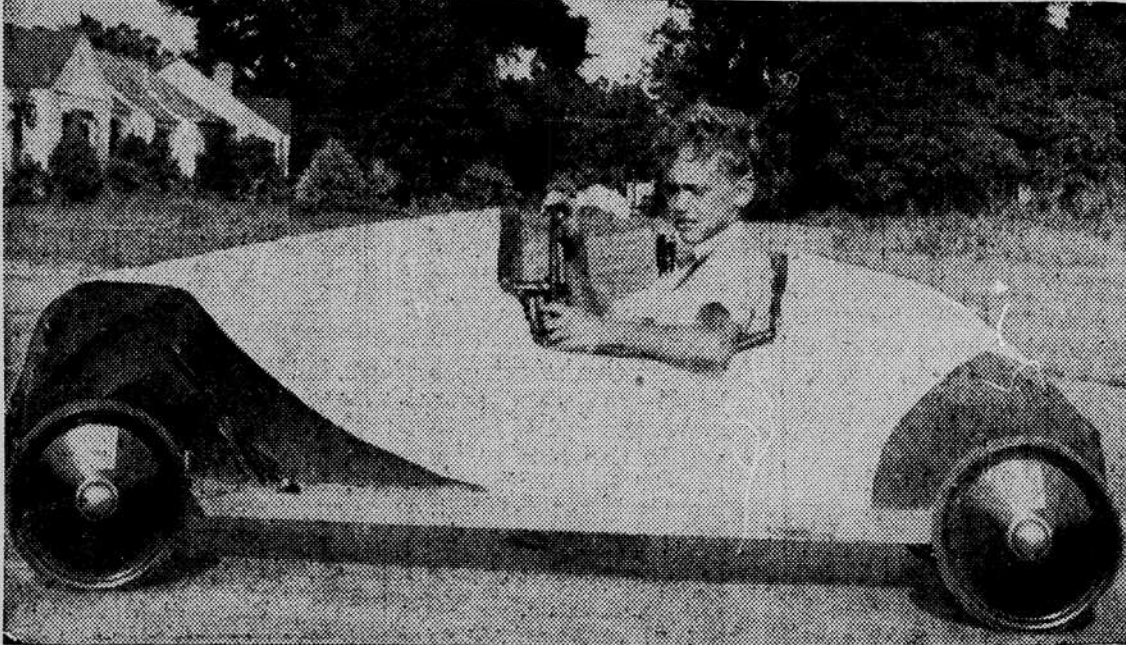
Wilmington Morning Star Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, July 25. — Oral arguments in the southeastern states air routes case, to determine which of about a dozen airlines will be granted new air routes to Wilmington and other southern cities, will begin before the Civil Aeronautics board on August 26, the CAB announced Thursday.

Today and Tomorrow

Editor's Note: While Mr. Lippmann is on his vacation his space will be filled by the Alsop column.

By STEWART ALSOP WASHINGTON, D. C., July 25.—If present plans work out (always a big if) the Nation will shortly be confronted with the unfamiliar prospect of a federal government hell bent on economy. The Truman Administration intends to make the best of a bad job with the compromise price control measure. It has certainly aroused no wild enthusiasm in administration breasts, but Truman's advisers believe (perhaps the wish is somewhat father to the thought) that it can be made to work, on two conditions.

All Set For Derby Tryouts Today



Among the shiny new cars ready for the races in the Wilmington Soap Box Derby to be held next Wednesday on the Rankin street course, is that of 11-year-old Billy Land, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Land, 2307 Princess street road. Billy is a Chestnut Heights student and will enter the seventh grade this fall. Following his tryout this morning at 10:30 o'clock the racer will stand by in readiness for the local official elimination races

SERVICE CENTER SEEKING MONEY

Budget Session To Be Held Here Again Today On Requests Financial requests from the proposed Veterans Service center and the James Walker Memorial and Community hospitals, highlighted the first joint budget session of the city council of Wilmington and the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners yesterday.

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Derby Drivers May Make Try-Out Runs

Official Soap Box Course Will Be Closed To Traffic For Two Hours This Morning; Inspections Due Monday

By JACK C. LUNAN If you should happen to see an odd Chevrolet, Buick or two—or maybe a billy goat pulling motorless racing automobiles along the streets this morning—don't be alarmed, or too much surprised Mr. and Mrs. Wilmington.

The Weather

FORECAST South Carolina—Partly cloudy and continued hot Friday; widely scattered thundershowers in afternoon. North Carolina—Friday, considerable cloudiness and not so warm, with scattered thundershowers. (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

Along The Cape Fear

PRIZE PACKAGE — The mailman brought us a letter yesterday which is really a prize package. Almost all the letters we get are prize packages, but this particular one strikes us as being just about the priciest one we've ever been fortunate enough to have addressed to us.

Stores Deserted

Buyers' Strike Slows Down Detroit Business Detroit, July 25—(AP)—One of Detroit's outlying shopping centers looked somewhat like a deserted village Thursday as a roving picket line enforced a buyers' strike.

And So To Bed

As Airport Manager Jesse C. Parker, Jr., and one of his staff were driving through the airport the other night, the lights of their car suddenly flashed a prowler.

President Agrees To Bill That "Falls Far Short"

Truman Hints That New Taxes May Be In Order; Prices, Except Those Exempted, Revert To June 30

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—President Truman signed the new price control act "with reluctance" Thursday—and with a notice to Congress that if it proved inadequate, he will call a special session to strengthen it and perhaps raise taxes.

LOCAL BAPTISTS TO SCAN OFFERS

Group To Attend Special Session Of Convention In Greensboro

New Hanover County Baptist church officials and laymen will go to Greensboro next Tuesday to attend the special session of the Baptist State convention, and decide whether the association will accept the \$12,000,000 Smith Reynolds proposed endowment and move Wake Forest college to Winston-Salem.

Convention Leaders Among those attending the convention from Wilmington will be the Rev. Mr. King, Dr. Sankey Lee Blanton, who has accepted the post of dean of Wake Forest's School of Religion and pastor of the campus chapel, and about 15 other local Baptist ministers.

SOLONS REJECT RFC EXTENSION

Famous Lending Agency Would Be Curtailed, By House

WASHINGTON, July 25. —(AP)—The House Banking committee Thursday rejected a request to extend the Reconstruction Finance corporation for five and a half years and recommended instead that its life be continued until July 1, 1947 — a little better than five months.

Agency Under Fire The agency is under fire from both comptroller general Lindsay Warren and congressional committees for its wartime accounting practices. Also, some of its recent loans have been challenged by some House members.

Shoppers Stopped

One elderly woman stopped housewives as they approached stores asking, "Haven't you seen it in the newspapers that we aren't supposed to buy anything today?"

Meat Markets, Groceries and Other Stores Along Dexter Boulevard Found Little Patronage and Many of the Clerks Stood out on the Streets Watching the Reactions of Potential Shoppers.

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