

Patent Office Society Opposes Shifting of Unit to Gravelly Point

The Patent Office Society, composed of patent examiners, believes the removal of the divisions of the office now in Richmond, Va., to Temporary Building No. 7 at Gravelly Point will not be an adequate solution of the problems of the office. The society is continuing to urge the consolidation of all Patent Office units in the Commerce Building.

The society has pointed out that the splitting of the Patent Office between Washington and Richmond has resulted in a large backlog of pending patent applications, a condition which businessmen and patent attorneys say has been a stumbling block in reconversion. Instead of returning the units in Richmond to the Commerce Building, Secretary of Commerce Wallace announced on August 16 that space had been allotted in the temporary building at the Washington National Airport at Gravelly Point.

Kalk Issues Statement.

Clarence A. Kalk, president of the Patent Office Society, in a statement published in the society's journal and addressed to the readers of the publication, said:

"The transfer of the Richmond units to Gravelly Point is regarded as temporary in character and as such as space is available in the Commerce Building it is anticipated that all units will be consolidated in the quarters formerly occupied by the office."

"While this temporary arrangement will remove some of the obstacles to the orderly functioning of the office, many of our problems will not be solved until the organization is again housed in a single building. The efforts of the society, with your aid, will continue to be directed to this end."

Committee Is Critical.

A special committee of the Patent Office Society said the move does not consolidate the Patent Office in Washington as the society advocated. An examining force which should be integrated still would be divided, the committee said, continuing:

"The bringing of the Richmond divisions within 2 1/2 miles of the Washington divisions will alleviate to an extent the difficulties by shortening the communication distance only. It is not units of the Patent Office that are separated but parts of an integrated unit that are separated, inasmuch as immediate reference and consultation between divisions is involved in applications for patents."

"Similarly, all divisions must have convenient and frequent access to the office library facilities. . . . Also the additional move required for eventual consolidation in the Commerce Building will cause further interruption to production and add to the backlog of cases already pending before the office."

Truman Is Sent Protest.

Charles M. Palmer, New York patent attorney who also has an office in Washington, in a telegram to President Truman protested against the removal of the Richmond units to Gravelly Point as "most impractical, inadvisable and unsound."

Mr. Palmer earlier had sent a telegram to the President urging return of the Richmond divisions to Washington, and he sent the President a second message after the Gravelly Point plan was announced.

The Patent Office quarters in the Commerce Building were especially designed to meet the highly specialized needs of the office, he said, adding:

"The Richmond Patent Office unit should be restored to its old quarters in the Commerce Building at Washington where it belongs and as promised by the Secretary of Commerce time and time again. This should be done promptly and expeditiously to promote business efficiency, economy and for the general welfare."

"The Maritime Commission and other governmental departments should be shifted to the National Airport, but please restore the Richmond Patent Office unit to its old quarters in the Commerce Building."

The Maritime Commission is the chief non-Commerce Department agency occupying space in the Commerce Building.



YOUNG FASHION DESIGNERS VISIT CAPITAL.—Three winners of traveling fellowships in fashion design visited the information desk maintained in the lobby of the Star Building by the Greater National Capital Committee of the Washington Board of Trade to learn about points of interest yesterday. Pictured (left to right) are: Miss Bonnie Jo Suchy, Waco, Tex.; Miss Ursula Hirschfeld, New York City; Miss Anne McMillen Kinsey, Bloomington, Ind.; and Miss Mary Ruth Purdie, information clerk.

Fashion Probers Find D. C. Girls Are 'Short' on Long-Skirt Issue

Will Washington girls accept the dictum of "fashion authorities" calling for somewhat longer skirts? Well, maybe.

The answer was not determined definitely at a forum yesterday in which the question was asked of an ambassador's daughter, four Government girls and one representing private industry. Propounding this and other queries concerning clothes at the session in the State Department conference room were three young women holding traveling fellowship awards in fashion design from Charm Magazine.

"What do you think of the new longer dresses?"

"I don't like them," one of those questioned answered promptly. There were a few negative headshakes and no open endorsements.

"Well, how about just a little longer for the dressier things?"

Not Letting Down.

Perhaps, in some cases, depending on the dress and the girl, was the general tenor of the replies. It was evident none present were engaged currently in a hem-letting-down project.

The travelers learned with interest that Government employees could use annual leave in small amounts, such as a few hours for a shopping excursion.

In general, the local girls told their interviewers business girls here did not follow any fixed patterns in dress; that they liked suits at some times, dresses at others; that some girls wore high heels, others flat shoes; that they wore fur coats in the winter; that they found the cost of living rising ahead of their salary increases but that they were able to save a little.

Take Extensive Notes.

The delegates, Miss Bonnie Jo Suchy of Waco, Tex.; Miss Ursula Hirschfeld of New York City and Miss Anne McMillen Kinsey of Bloomington, Ill., took extensive notes on these revelations.

The Washington girls admitted that the likes and dislikes of men were taken into consideration when shopping for clothes but said they boldly flew in the face of male decision in the matter of hats. When it was suggested by one of the visitors, they agreed men probably didn't dislike the headgear as much as they pretended.

Those presenting their views were Miss Gabriela Mora, daughter of

the Chilean Ambassador; Miss Anne Jo Taven, secretary to the manager of the Greater National Capital Committee of the Washington Board of Trade; Miss K. Lorraine Campbell, Labor Department; Miss Ruth Wilcoxan, State Department; Miss Lila Mae Hanna, Agriculture Department; and Miss Lucille Claggett, Potomac River Naval Command.

Following the forum, the Charm representatives visited the information desk of the Greater National Capital Committee in the lobby of the Star Building.

The State Department did not endorse any of the view expressed in the forum. It merely provided the hall.

Dr. Paul Douglass to Speak At Gallinger Graduation

Dr. Paul Douglass, president of American University, will deliver the baccalaureate address to members of the graduating class of the Capital City School of Nursing of Gallinger Hospital at 4 p.m. today in the Medical Building at the hospital.

The address will precede the 40th annual commencement exercises for 37 graduates of the nursing school, to be held at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Elliot Junior High School, at which Dr. Walter Hager, president of Wilson Teachers' College, will deliver the address.

Dr. Alvin R. Sweeney, Gallinger superintendent, will preside at Tuesday's exercises. Music will be provided by the Navy Band. Miss Beatrice E. Ritter, director of nursing, will introduce candidates for diplomas and the school pin award, which will be presented by Commissioner Guy Mason.

Jacquelin Brandt and Ann E. Burroughs, both of Washington, and Estelle Marie Harris of Capital Heights, Md., are District area girls among candidates for diplomas.

USES Gets Jobs for 762,000 In July for Postwar High

By the Associated Press

The Government's Employment Service found jobs for 762,000 persons in July, a postwar high and 135,000 more than June.

Not all the job placement rush was due to the normal summer season labor demand. Robert C. Goodwin, director of the United States Employment Service, said in reporting these figures that nonagricultural placements increased 10 per cent.

Mr. Goodwin reported new job applications in July were only 808,000, the lowest for any month since May. The job placements included 12,300 of them disabled.

715 WACs Leave U. S. For Duty in Germany

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—A contingent of 715 WACs, administrative and supply personnel for the Army in Germany, boarded the transport George Washington today to sail for Bremerhaven.

Lt. Col. Mary A. Hallaren, WAC deputy director, said it was the largest group of WACs ever sent overseas from New York.

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Testimony of Admiral Closes Prosecution's Case Against Lt. Sima

By the Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Aug. 24.—With the testimony of 36 witnesses completed the prosecution rested today in the trial of Lt. William R. Sima, sr., suspended Naval Academy band leader, capping his case with evidence given by the Academy's superintendent, Vice Admiral Aubrey W. Fitch.

Lt. Sima, accused before a court-martial of perjury, inefficiency, gambling, neglect of duty and violation of various naval regulations, will open his defense Monday.

The last prosecution testimony dealt, as has much of the evidence throughout the week, with the much-discussed all-night party which Lt. Sima and members of his family attended February 10 in the quarters of Walter W. Rollins, colored steward who is under a two-year prison sentence.

Rollins Was Not Called.

Rollins, convicted of adultery with a white woman, theft, gambling and conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, was not called as a prosecution witness. Whether he will appear for the defense was undetermined.

Admiral Fitch told the court over determined defense objection that Lt. Sima made a statement admitting he attended the party.

The statement was given to the admiral on February 12 after the band leader had been called to the superintendent's office and advised he was being placed under arrest pending investigation.

Read Report to Sima.

Admiral Fitch said he had received a written report concerning "certain irregularities" and read the report to Lt. Sima, at the same time saying he desired a statement from the band leader.

Such a statement was prepared, Admiral Fitch said, but a defense objection delayed reading of it. Defense Counsel Hilary Gans argued that a "desire" on the part of the admiral was the same as an order and, therefore, the statement was not voluntary. The court overruled the objection.

The admiral then read the Sima statement in which the lieutenant said that on the night of February 10 he and his party at the North Severn Officers Club were invited by Rollins, "who always had been courteous to me (Sima) and my family, to his quarters for sandwiches and coffee."

The group had had "a few highballs," the statement added, "and



HEADS CHEST DRIVE.—Mrs. Albert W. Walker, Westmoreland Hills, Md., has been appointed chairman of the Montgomery County Community Chest drive which will be conducted during October and November. An active worker with the organization since 1934, Mrs. Walker also is a member of the Montgomery County Welfare Board.

did not realize the time was getting so late." None knew that it was daylight outside until they left, the statement said, because no light came into Rollins' room.

Ida Williams, colored barmaid at the North Severn Club, testified on the morning of February 11 she served six breakfasts in Rollins' quarters. She said that no one paid for them or signed a check. One of the specifications accuses Lt. Sima of defrauding the Government of \$2, the price of the breakfasts.

Returning to charges that Lt. Sima permitted incompetent men to remain in his band, the prosecution called Captain Walter G. Ebert, assistant commandant of midshipmen since January. Capt. Ebert said that Lt. Sima had never made any complaint to him concerning incompetent bandmen.

Small Asks Big Industries To Speed Freight Unloading

By the Associated Press

Civilian Production Administration Small yesterday asked big industrial firms to help break the freight car bottleneck by unloading

cars quickly and not letting them stand untouched over Friday and Saturday.

The letters, sent to firms whose receipts total 80 per cent of all carloadings, said new cars are slow in production and the only hope for improvement at present is said, through more efficient use of existing rolling stock.

"During the first seven months of this year, 21,568 new freight cars were put into service against a minimum estimated need of more than three times that number," he said.

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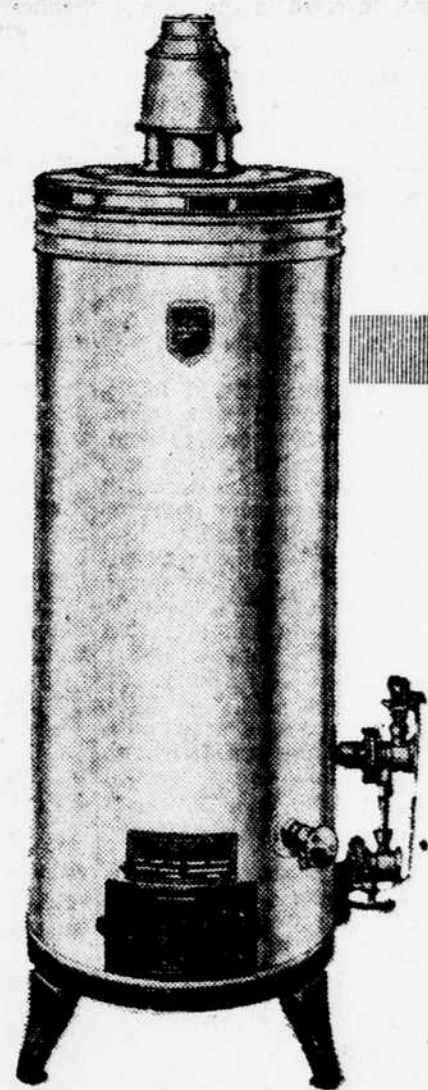
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