

Denies Patent on Small Part Delays Army Planes

INGLEWOOD, Cal., April 25 (INS).—Assistant Attorney General Arnold's charge in Washington earlier today that production of planes by North American Aviation, Inc., was slowed down through a patent-monopoly bottleneck were denied tonight by North American President J. H. Kindelberger.

(Arnold told the Senate Patents Committee a patent monopoly on a small screw fastener, held by William Dzus, head of the Dzus Fastener Co. of Babylon, L. I., had delayed completion of hundreds of warplanes, including 20 Flying Fortresses, and had forced a temporary shutdown of North American's production lines until the company "in desperation, began making screws by hand.")

Taking issue with the Department of Justice trust buster, Kindelberger said:

"Contrary to Mr. Arnold's statement in Washington, North American Aviation, Inc., has not been and will not be delayed in its production lines because of a shortage of Dzus fasteners. We requested and obtained permission from the Dzus Fastener Co. to manufacture our own Dzus fasteners without paying any royalty whatsoever and we have been manufacturing them in our California and Texas plants in sufficient quantities to meet our production requirements since the date when Dzus's capacity became inadequate to meet our needs. We will continue to manufacture Dzus fasteners until Dzus is again able to supply us.

"As far as we are concerned, Dzus deserves credit for permitting us to manufacture the fasteners without royalties in order to maintain our production."

(The threat to America's expanding warplane production as a result of the shortage of the Dzus gadget—described as a self-locking fastener for removable parts of planes—is grave, Arnold testified. He added that Dzus had refused to grant licenses for manufacture of the device unless the "Government forces him to do so.")

(Sen. Clark (D-Ida.) defended Dzus, saying he was doing the best he could to expand his plant and supply demands for the gadget. Arnold admitted this, but said Dzus's "best" was far from enough. If Dzus had been interested in royalties, Arnold argued, he would have licensed the device. What he was trying to do, he declared, was to "dominate" the aircraft industry.

Connally Weds Mrs. Sheppard

NEW ORLEANS, April 25, (AP).—Sen. Tom Connally of Texas and Mrs. Lucille Sanderson Sheppard, widow of Sen. Morris Sheppard, were married here today at the First Baptist Church, the Rev. J. D. Grey officiating.

The ceremony was witnessed by a small group of old friends of Sen. Connally and his bride. These included



Senator Tom Connally and his bride, the former Mrs. Lucille Sheppard, widow of the late Senator Morris Sheppard, photographed at a luncheon in Washington, early in 1941. (AP Photo)

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Espy, formerly of Temple, Tex., but now of New Orleans, and Mrs. N. P. Sanderson of Texarkana, Tex., mother of Mrs. Sheppard.

The bride wore an orchid corsage and Mayor Robert S. Maestri presented the couple a bouquet of calla lilies.

After the ceremony, Sen. Connally gave a luncheon to the wedding party.

The couple went to Henderson Point, Miss., near Pass Christian, this afternoon. Connally will re-

turn to Washington tomorrow night.

His bride, the former Lucille Sanderson of Texarkana, Tex., will return here to be with her father, N. P. Sanderson, who is ill.

Mrs. Sheppard has been a widow since April 9, 1941. Connally has been a widower several years.