

This statement taken, and signature witnessed by JOHN H. WEINER, INVESTIGATOR for The Committee on Military Affairs United States House of Representatives.

(Signed) John H. Weiner,  
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Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 15th day of December, 1944, by Nils M. Olson and John H. Weiner.

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ARMY PEARL HARBOR BOARD EXHIBIT No. 10

[1] HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS,  
Washington, D. C., April 4, 1944.

INTERVIEW

Present: George H. Moody, H. Ralph Burton.

BURTON. May I ask your name?

MOODY. George H. Moody.

Q. During what period were you in Hawaii?

A. I just left there a few weeks ago and I am going back. That is my home.

Q. You, at one time, were with the Corps of Engineers?

A. Yes, and then under the Engineer Corps when they changed the designation. I worked there in camouflage and then Colonel Nurse asked me to come over on this investigation. He is an excellent man and straight as a die. He built Hamilton Field. They finally retired him. He is back in San Francisco now. Of course, when the Engineers started in Honolulu, they took people who wanted jobs so they got a great many crackpots and screwballs.

Q. That was back in '41?

A. After December 7.

Q. Do you know anything that happened prior to December 7?

A. No, I wasn't involved at all.

Q. Do you know anything about the Hawaiian Constructors?

A. Yes, I was on their payroll and then taken over to the Corps of Engineers payroll later.

[2] Q. Did you have occasion to observe anything about the Hawaiian Constructors?

A. Yes, more or less.

Q. Did you know Hans Wilhelm Rohl or Paul Grafe?

A. No, I never met them.

Q. Did you come into sufficient contact to determine whether the Hawaiian Constructors were proceeding rapidly and efficiently as they could?

A. I think they were doing the best they could. I did later come into contact with some purchases—for instance, there was a jackhammer which ordinarily would cost \$90, they paid \$150—they bought pieces of equipment at the most outrageous prices.

Q. Do you refer to the Hawaiian Constructors?

A. I am referring to the Engineers.

Q. Do you remember Col. Theodore Wyman?

A. I know of him. I know where you could find some contracts that I would look into—one I investigated and turned over to Colonel Nurse. It was made with Weaver. Mr. Weaver, himself, was an automobile mechanic. He was set up immediately after the blitz with engineer equipment. He didn't have any of his own. He was paid \$4,000 a month for the pleasure of taking care of repairs plus \$4 an hour for his labor. When we checked the contract, Colonel Nurse told Colonel Wymer that the contract was impossible and would have to be renegotiated. He told him three or four times. Finally he had that renegotiated, making Weaver and Company purchase the equipment and cutting him from \$4 to \$2.50 an hour and cancelled the \$4,000 a month payment. Several months ago Weaver tried to negotiate for \$3.50 an hour. His travelling expenses were \$1,000 a month. Where he could travel, I don't know. His bookkeeper and auditing came to \$650 a month. His bookkeeper was his wife. At the time I left, however, his contract had not been renegotiated in his favor.

Q. During what period was this contract made?

A. After December, while Colonel Wymer was still there. Wymer signed the contract, but he was acting under Colonel Wyman.

Q. Was Colonel Wymer over Colonel Wyman?

A. The man you are talking about was Wyman. Under him was Wymer.

[3] Q. That contract was between the Government and this man Weaver?  
A. Weaver and Company, which was organized overnight.

Colonel Nurse headed this division which Colonel Cramer set up to investigate everything that was going on and this division has kept records of everything they investigated. You could learn a great deal if you could get those records of the Bottleneck Busting Division under the Engineers headed by Colonel Nurse. The records are in Honolulu. Talk to Colonel Nurse who is in San Francisco. He knows more about it than anyone else. He is an old Quartermaster man who has been in the Army 30 or 35 years. Colonel Hunt came out from here under the Inspector General's Office last spring, but I don't know what his report was.

Q. Did he go over this Bottleneck Busting Division's records?

A. Not much. He was out to prove that nobody was willing to testify that Colonel Wyman was crooked.

Q. The facts we are looking for probably will be in these particular records?

A. They will be if they haven't been destroyed. If they have been destroyed, I have my own copy of the records.

Q. What is your address?

A. King Street, Honolulu. I have a firm there, Grossman Moody.

I am here now to get the Government to get houses for us. I am on the Housing Committee, Labor Commissioner, and work with the Red Cross Disaster Relief Committee.

There is considerable rowing there with military authorities. They are putting men in jail for absenteeism. They are not military plants. They say they are necessary workers, and the Army puts them in jail for absenteeism. They are not managing any better than we are.

The YWCA is one of the few buildings in town the civilians can use. They announced to the YWCA that they were going to take over two floors. There were a number of women living there and they called me. A Colonel came in and announced they were taking over two floors and wanted them immediately. The Colonel said, "People in Honolulu will have to change their minds about a lot of things because we are going to put civilian employees of the Army in these houses." He said they would give us a week to find a place for these women. I told them that was impossible. Later I gave them a list of just what the [4] Engineers had that was not being used. Around the island there were 2800 beds not in use. Now you will find one man in a room where formerly were housed 4 girls. Across the street is the Pleasanton Hotel which hadn't had a soul in it for five weeks. I told them they had better give us back the hotel instead of trying to take over the YWCA. So, the next week, we got back the Pleasanton Hotel. We used to build 2500 houses a year, but we have only had permission to build 500 houses.

Q. What is the official name of the division headed by Colonel Nurse?

A. It is known as the B. B. D. (Bottleneck Busting Division), District Engineers Office for the Hawaiian Territory under the direction of Colonel Nurse.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1944

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS,  
Washington, D. C.

The special committee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., in room 1810 New House Office Building, Hon. John M. Costello (chairman) presiding.