

Rancher Tells Probers About Deal With Estes

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Swan August Sandstrum, a leathery-faced Swede who took to ranching in Oklahoma, sat down to tell the senators how he got mixed up with "this man Sool Estes."

Looking back on it, the 72-year-old rancher recalled in his heavy accent, it was "more or less of a yoke."

One of Estes' land agents, apparently Glenn Blake, got him to transfer his small cotton allotment to Billie Sol for \$418, he said, after telling him what a successful and God-fearing man Estes was.

But Sandstrum, who came to this country at the age of 19 and started ranching after working as a Pinkerton agent for awhile, said he "thought there was something fishy about the thing."

Had Fingers Crossed

Sitting in the witness chair of the Senate investigations subcommittee Friday, Sandstrum said "I had my fingers crossed all the time, thinking it would not go through."

He was surprised, he said, when the Agriculture Department approved the transfer.

He had an 8.1 acre cotton allotment which, he said, was too small to be operated economically. It was taken by the government under the right of eminent domain and became part of the Eufaula Reservoir in McIntosh County.

Estes used transferred cotton allotment to build up his own operations. The Agriculture Department has charged that he would ostensibly sell farmers in Sandstrum's position land in west Texas, have them transfer their allotments to it, and then lease the land — and the allotment — back from them.

Recommended Estes

Blake recommended Estes highly, Sandstrum said. "He was a successful businessman ... belonged to the church," Sandstrum recalled.

Sandstrum said he looked at the proposed sales contract and called it ridiculous. But Blake, he said, told him he stood to lose nothing if the Agriculture Department denied the transfer, and would be \$418 richer if it was approved.

He said he consulted an attorney in Stigler, Okla., who told him the deal didn't look "exactly right."

But the rancher said he finally signed up after some more "batter" with Blake.

Student Heads For New York In Wheel Chair

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Bradford DaPont, 20, was headed for New York today in a wheel chair, DaPont, crippled in an auto accident when he was 5, said he plans to propel himself the entire distance in 100 days "if I don't get a ticket or get arrested."

He said he is undertaking the more than 3,000-mile trip to prove his stamina and ability and to "serve as a source of inspiration to other handicapped persons as well as the general public."

The paralyzed San Jose State College student is traveling in a specially built four-wheel chair powered by hand cranks, with adjustable gear ratios. The \$4,000 chair was built by a Los Angeles firm (Everest and Jennings, Inc.).

He plans on making about eight miles an hour on level terrain. He said he can roll about 15 miles per hour downhill, but is slowed to two or less going up hill.

"I'm not doing this as a crusade or lark," he said. "I'm doing it as an adventure. I hope to talk to handicapped Boy Scouts along the way." DaPont has been a scout since he was a patient at Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children a decade ago.

His itinerary calls for visits in Reno, Salt Lake City, Cheyenne, Omaha, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. He started Friday from near the San Francisco Zoo. Accompanying him are Stewart Bartlett, 19, and Mel Canal, 19, both San Jose State students. Bartlett will scout ahead in a sports car and Canal will drive behind in a van with a stove and bunks for overnight stops.

Dick Gets Extension For Filing Expenses

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon failed to comply with a state law but Friday the court excused him, with a five-day extension in which to file personal financial statements for the primary campaign.

The deadline for filing the financial statement was Tuesday. Technically a candidate would disqualify a candidate.

One of Nixon's law partners represented him before Superior Judge Kenneth Chantry who immediately granted the extension.

Nixon's statement pointed out that some campaign invoices were not received before he left June 28 for speaking engagements in this country and a visit to Denmark. In an attached exhibit, it showed the California gubernatorial candidate contributed \$1,056 of his funds to the campaign against Assemblyman Joseph Shell.



INTERNATIONAL BEAUTIES from 51 nations will parade before the judges in tonight's climax of the Miss Universe pageant at Miami Beach. The 1961 Miss Universe, Marlene Schmidt of Germany, will crown one of the semi-

finalists as her successor before a nationwide television audience. Included among contestants still in the running is Miss United States, Macel Wilson of Hawaii. (UPI Telephoto).

Kennedy Inks New Sugar Control Act

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The tight controls that have bolstered the price of sugar in the United States were back in force today after nearly two weeks' lapse.

President Kennedy signed the Sugar Control Act renewal Friday. The act had lapsed July 1, but it caused no significant change in prices.

Sugar sells for nearly three cents a pound more in the United States than in the world market. The new law, retroactive to July 1, increases American growers' share of the domestic market and pares down the price premiums which foreign growers have long received for shipping sugar to the United States.

It imposes variable tariffs on imported sugar, so the Treasury can get some of the benefit of the difference in price between the U.S. and world market. The Treasury is expected to collect about \$100 million a year this way.

On less than half of the foreign sugar consumed in this country, price premiums were eliminated entirely. The sugar will be bought on a first-come, first-served basis. Marketing quotas for the remainder were parceled out to 23 foreign countries.

The new bill reserved 1,635,000 tons for Cuba for the time when friendly relations are restored. But it specifies that, until then, the reserved quota will be supplied by other countries on a first-come, first-served basis with no price premiums.

Wampler Attacks Supreme Court

OREGON CITY (UPI)—Former state policeman Robert Wampler, now an independent candidate for governor, said Friday the Oregon Supreme Court did not consider the merits of his case in upholding his dismissal from the State Police.

Wampler was dismissed in October of 1958 for unauthorized disclosure of departmental policies. He appealed to the Multnomah Circuit Court, which ruled it did not have jurisdiction in the case. The Supreme Court then upheld the circuit court, Wampler said.

Wampler, now a Clackamas County sheriff's deputy, said he will try for the nomination through a convention of 250 electors at Milwaukie Tuesday.

Actress Thrills Fans, Covers Eye Off-Stage

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The lilting voice of Anna Marie Alberghetti entranced an audience at Philharmonic Auditorium Friday night but off-stage she looked more like an imitation of Zsa Zsa Gabor.

Miss Alberghetti wore a white patch over her left eye when off stage, just as Miss Gabor did several years ago following an injury. She ignored her doctor's advice to take the night off in the traditional spirit of "the show must go on."

The actress-soprano was climbing a ladder in one scene of the show "Carnival" Thursday night. As she looked toward the ceiling a stage light exploded. Shivers of glass showered down and landed in her eye.

She completed the performance and this morning went to a doctor who advised against going on stage in the hot lights.

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After Many Years Of Bloodshed Algeria Is Still Seeking Peace

ALGIERS (UPI) — Algeria has won independence after almost eight years of revolution and bloodshed, but it still seeks a final peace.

That peace will not come until the rival factions within the Algerian Provisional Government (GPRA) reach a final agreement on their differences over how to run the country in the future.

The factions were able to stay together so long as they directed the struggle against France from neighboring Tunisia. But when independence and the time to go home again arrived, they divided.

A few months before the Evian peace agreements were reached March 19 the government had seven of its ministers installed in Tunis, with moderate conservative Ben Youssef Ben Khedda firmly in the premiership and more or less in the driving seat.

Split in June

In prison in France were five others, always designated as ministers by the then rebels although they were unable to operate, and the leading force among them was Mohammed Ben Bella, avowed revolutionary, left-leaning and certainly no lover of France.

The moderate followers of Ben Khedda saw in the Evian negotiations the chance of a peaceful and fairly prosperous future for Algeria if, as the French demanded, they cooperated with France. Ben Bella did not agree to being tied in this way and preferred the greater freedom of action that would have come from owing no allegiance. He was more like a Fidel Castro. Ben Khedda resembled Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus.

Both factions in theory were governed by the decisions of the parent body of the revolution, the National Council of the Algerian Revolution (CNRA), which staged its meetings in nearby Tripoli.

The break came in June when Ben Khedda walked out of one of the CNRA meetings and returned to Tunis, calling his supporters in the government out after him.

Officers Fired

The CNRA wanted to set up a

politburo. Ben Khedda wanted no part of it and saw the best chance for moderation in Algeria by getting into the country immediately after independence and taking it over. He and nine other ministers, including some of those freed by France, arrived less than a week after independence and assumed at least political control.

To pull the teeth of potential Nationalist Liberation Army (ALN) opposition, Ben Khedda fired the chief officers of the army known to favor Ben Bella. Most of the troops in Morocco, an estimated 10,000, were believed ready to support Ben Bella. They are tough, well-trained and have communist-supplied arms.

Some but not all of the 35,000 Algerian troops in Tunisia also support him and Ben Bella could count, if the chips were down, on the support of about half the six district commands inside Algeria. One of the pro-Bella commands is in the Oran area.

The best that could be hoped for, according to reliable sources, was some form of compromise to put up a face of unity for the coming elections and for France. But few believed Ben Bella would come to heel and stay there.

Indictment Sought In Portland Death

PORTLAND (UPI) — An indictment will be sought Monday against Fred E. Morgan of Portland as a result of the gunshot death of Mrs. Mary A. Muskopf, 44, of Portland at his home Tuesday, detectives said here.

Morgan, a 61-year-old old salesman, is in serious condition in a hospital here as a result of a self-inflicted wound in the head. Police said he told them Mrs. Muskopf killed herself, but they said tests indicate she had not fired a gun.

Saskatchewan Premier Flays Striking Medics

REGINA, Sask. (UPI)—Premier Woodrow S. Lloyd Friday night accused striking Saskatchewan doctors of harassing physicians working under the Medicare Act and chasing at least one U.S. doctor out of the province.

The Socialist premier, who two days ago said a judicial committee would investigate feared harassment of medicare doctors by the Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons, took off the kid gloves and squarely accused the medical organization of running Dr. Gerhardt Beck, of Jacksonville, Fla., out of the province like a criminal.

"This is the worst form of harassment," Lloyd told a news conference a few hours after the 53-year-old Beck left for home. Beck had worked since July 1 as an intern at a hospital in Leader and said he left four patients "really sick."

Beck told newsmen on his arrival in Winnipeg, Man., that Dr. George Peacock, college registrar, had ordered him to leave Saskatchewan "before nightfall Thursday under threat of arrest for illegally practicing medicine in Canada."

"The college's treatment of this man, who freely came to help in the emergency will not enhance Saskatchewan's reputation," Lloyd said. "On behalf of the people of Saskatchewan I apologize to Dr. Beck for the treatment he received from the College of Physicians and Surgeons and I thank him for his help," he added.

Lloyd said that "from all reports," Beck was doing "an excellent job at considerable personal and financial sacrifice." He said the people of Leader were "angry and shocked" by Beck's departure and that nurses at the hospital "had wept when Dr. Beck said goodbye."

Beck was one of two U.S. physicians working under the Medicare Act. The other American, Dr. Harold Wise of San Francisco, still was working Friday at a hospital in Prince Albert in northern Saskatchewan. His status so far as continuing there was concerned was not known.

Plea Of Guilty Entered On Embezzlement Count

SALEM (UPI) — Cecil William Dobson, Salem attorney, Friday pleaded guilty to embezzling \$19,000 from a ward, Asa T. Miller of Klamath Falls, an elderly Klamath Indian.

Dobson, 41, pleaded guilty here before Circuit Judge E.H. Howell, John Day, who ordered a presentence investigation. Dobson could get up to 10 years in prison. The indictment also accused Dobson of permitting the illegal expenditure of \$81,000 belonging to Miller. The money has all been spent, but under a court order was supposed to have been distributed to Miller over a longer period of time, for his care.

A COOL DEAL

PALM DESERT, Calif. (UPI)—Tom Kaiser bought a 12 by 30 foot swimming pool for \$1 Friday but he's still not ready to call Friday the 13th his lucky day.

The pool was on land being cleared for a new bank building and to use it Kaiser will have to truck the concrete shell 30 miles to his home in Indio.



THE ROSEBURG-TO-COOS BAY STAGE — This old photo, about 1910, of the Coos Bay Stage pulled up in front of the station on Sheridan St., will give the viewer an idea of the casual manner in which the baggage was handled. Passengers sat up with the driver on the spring seat or took their chances riding on top of the load, if the stage had more than two passengers. The stage wagon bounced and jolted through the mud and rocks in the wintertime and clouds of dust in the summertime. And, if a passenger was not provident enough to clothe himself properly for a

rainy trip, he might be drenched to the skin. Knudtsen's Jewelers, now the oldest jewelry store in Oregon operated continuously under the same family ownership, is celebrating 75 years in business this year. One policy that has never changed is the credit policy. Knudtsen's want everybody to take advantage of their easy terms — nothing down on approved credit.

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