

Ex-US Lawyer Bares Oil Firm Bribe Attempt

WASHINGTON (AP)—A just-resigned U.S. attorney testified Monday oil company lawyer John M. Neff tried to hire him to lobby for the natural gas bill and then attempted to give him \$500 for his children.

Testifying through tears at times the former Lexington, Neb. official, Donald R. Ross, said Neff made these overtures—and he rejected them—after arranging meetings between Neff and Nebraska's Republican Sens. Curtis and Hruska.

Ike to Continue Leisure Activity

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower decided Monday to extend his Georgia vacation until Friday or Saturday and the White House just about ruled out possibility of any announcement here on whether he will seek re-election.

The President came to the plantation estate of Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey last Wednesday with tentative plans to remain for about a week of quail hunting, golf and general relaxation—and reaching a final decision on whether to run again.

But James C. Hagerty, presidential press secretary, announced Monday Eisenhower will stay on until Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Hagerty said Saturday appears more likely.

At the same time Hagerty stated "there isn't a thing to it" in commenting on a report that he President would disclose here late Friday, after the stock markets close for the weekend, whether he will seek another four-year term. A newsman had told the press secretary such a report was circulating in this area.

The general impression among Washington reporters has been that he would wait until he gets back to the Capital to announce his decision. Hagerty's comment appeared to make that just about certain.

Hagerty said he assumes the President's next news conference will be in Washington on Feb. 29, a week from Wednesday. Wednesday morning is the usual time for an Eisenhower session with newsmen when he is in the Capital.

Hagerty said the President decided to prolong his stay at Humphrey's place because the warm sun and outdoor activity are doing him a lot of good in further convalescence from his Sept. 24 heart attack.

Humphrey plans to fly to New York Wednesday for a speaking engagement. He intends to return here Thursday morning.

Ross was the first witness as a special Senate committee unexpectedly reopened and broadened an inquiry into a \$2,500 campaign contribution offered by Neff to Sen. Case (R-SD), but rejected by the South Dakota senator.

Several other inquiries—one by a federal grand jury—are under way with the prospect some may go into the whole field of lobbying and campaign contributions. The lobbying question was a factor in President Eisenhower's recent veto of the gas bill.

In the most recent development, the Senate Democratic policy committee unanimously recommended late Monday setting up a special bipartisan committee to study the whole field of campaign gifts and lobbying. The Senate may act on the proposal Tuesday.

Ross, a Republican, resigned his U.S. attorney post last Saturday, saying he had done nothing wrong but didn't want to embarrass his party through his connection with Neff, a longtime friend.

The Senate committee heard in an earlier phase of its investigation that Neff offered the \$2,500 to Case, and actually gave \$2,500 to the Nebraska State Republican committee, on behalf of Howard B. Keck, president of the Superior Oil company of California.

Ross directly contradicted testimony by Neff on one point.

Neff told the senators last week his only connection with Superior Oil was representing it in legal matters.

Ross, however, said Neff told him he was engaged by Superior in connection with the gas bill and to find out how Nebraska's senators stood on the measure. Both Hruska and Curtis voted for the bill. Case voted against it.

Ivan Evans of Broken Bow, Neb., Neff's law counsel, said Neff had been requested to appear Thursday before the staff of the select committee of the Senate.

The committee reopened public hearings after a staff study of oil man Keck's bank check books. Chairman George (D-Ga), indicated this study might be related to the call for additional testimony.

With Neff's testimony, the committee recessed public hearings—probably until Wednesday.

NATO Experts Discuss Defense

PARIS (AP)—Experts from the 15 North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations plunged into conferences Monday on shaping atomic age defenses and how to pay for them.

More than 150 political, technical and military men started two weeks of talks at NATO headquarters. The meetings are being held in secrecy. The United States sent about 20 experts, headed by the assistant secretary for defense, Gordon Gray.

The United States is expected to play a big part in the talks since this is the first such meeting since relaxation of congressional restrictions has permitted exchange of certain atomic information.

The meetings will result only in recommendations which will "facilitate the task" of various government officials concerned with defense problems. This in effect, will enable NATO representatives to go to their governments with concrete proposals and plans, the results they are expected to achieve and the cost for them.



FORMER PRESIDENT Harry S. Truman (right) poses in his Kansas City office in his first sitting with sculptor Rene Shapshak (left). The sculptor has been commissioned to fashion the clay bust of Truman for the Hall of Fame of the Ben Juhudah National museum of Jerusalem. In center is Sidney Lawrence, director of the Kansas City Jewish Community Relations bureau. Shapshak hopes to complete the bust in six sittings, and have it unveiled in Israel on Truman's 73rd birthday May 8. (AP Wirephoto)

State Department Discloses Mid-East Arms Shipment

WASHINGTON (AP)—Saudi Arabia has 18 more U.S. tanks on order—M47 Pattons nearly twice as big as the 18 controversial M41 Walker Bulldogs shipped out Monday.

American and other diplomatic officials also reported Israel has received at least three million dollars worth of U.S. ammunition, spare parts and radio gear since last August.

This was included in the 16 million dollars worth of materiel which the State department disclosed Saturday as having been sent to the troubled Middle East during the past six months.

President Eisenhower's decision to lift the short-lived U.S. arms embargo left the State department with the problem of what to tell Israel and the U.S. congress.

Israel is pressing for approval of its request, filed last Nov. 16, to buy 50 million dollars in U.S. defensive weapons. This is sought as a counter to Egypt's purchase of 80 million dollars in Communist jet planes, tanks and artillery.

Secretary of State Dulles is to return Wednesday from a Bahamas vacation. Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban is expected to call on him or his top Middle East aide, George V. Allen.

Chairman George (D-Ga) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said over the weekend he wants Dulles and Undersecretary Herbert Hoover Jr. to explain the tanks-for-Arabia deal as soon as possible.

George said Monday Dulles is tentatively scheduled to testify Friday.

Meanwhile, Sens. Morse (D-Ore) and Lehman (D-NY) joined in attacking Dulles in Senate speeches. Both demanded that the Senate Foreign Relations committee make a thorough inquiry into the Middle East situation.

Lehman said he was told that "our prestige in the Arab countries has fallen to a new low point." He added that "our prestige in Israel has dropped dangerously."

He said the committee should review the whole situation "from one end to the other."

Morse said the American people are going "to do the dying by the millions" if Dulles stumbles "off the brink."

"I have no confidence in his equilibrium," Morse added.

He said Dulles had made "a sorry record as secretary of state" and that what he has done has had President Eisenhower's backing.

Webb Re-elected To OPC Position

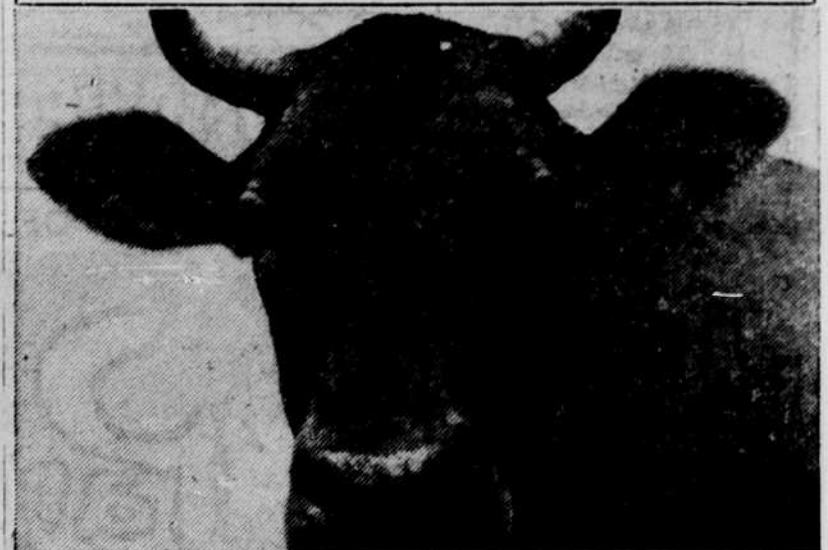
Carl C. Webb, a member of the University school of journalism staff, was re-elected secretary-manager of the Oregon Press Conference as the group concluded its 37th annual meeting this past weekend.

Others elected were Bernard Mainwaring, publisher of the Salem Capital Journal, president and W. Verne McKinney, publisher of the Hillsboro Argus, as trustee of the Eric Allen memorial fund.

Under the Weather

Included on the infirmity list Monday were Nolene Wade, Martha Faucett, Gay Kamber, Amy Sue Persons, Genevieve Ladwig, Clarence de Jean, Roy Rumery, Gregory Calvert, Ronald Peterson, Bea Ann Bowen, Donald Jacklin, Bruce Bloomfield, Jim Potter, Sandra Pearson and Cygnette Swan.

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