

# Deception Charge Hurlled in Probe of Dixon-Yates Case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of President Eisenhower's key officials were accused of "deception and concealment" and "contempt of Congress" Sunday by three senators who have been investigating the Dixon-Yates power contract.

The senators, Kefauver (D-Tenn.), O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) and Langer (R-ND), said their inquiry has raised questions of "honesty and uprightness in government" and added:

"The investigation is not complete."

In a 10,000-word interim report, the three senators criticized Eisenhower's top assistant, Sherman Adams, and the heads of several federal agencies, saying:

"One of the shameful things about the Dixon-Yates deal is the President's staff apparently has played fast and loose with the facts even where he (the President) is concerned."

"**Usurpation**"

Kefauver is chairman and O'Mahoney and Langer are members of an antitrust and monopoly subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"The Dixon-Yates deal was a usurpation of congressional responsibilities and functions," the report said.

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It was a deliberate effort to reverse power policy in the Tennessee Valley by devious, indirect and improper administrative practices.

"Misuse of independent agencies, suppression, concealment, half-truths and misrepresentation have followed as chain consequences, each misstep leading to the next."

**'Contempt Attitude'**

"Documents before the committee, as well as specific actions to circumvent Congress and to keep information from Congress and the public, indicate an attitude of contempt toward Congress, and toward democratic processes and the fundamental rights of citizens in a democracy which is politically unhealthy."

The subcommittee noted that it already had asked Atty. Gen. Brownell to take action on "conflicts in testimony of Mr. Edgar H. Dixon," of the Dixon-Yates group.

It also asked Justice Department action on "Adolphe Wenzell's dual role in the transaction, involving conflict of interest," which is prohibited by federal law.

The report stressed Wenzell's post as a government consultant on Dixon-Yates and other power matters while on leave as an official of the First Boston Corp.

"The First Boston Corp. is a 285-million-dollar New York investment banking house which handles large amounts of utility financing," the report said, including the proposed Dixon-Yates project.

**Added Testimony**

The subcommittee said it would insist on additional testimony, when hearings are resumed, from Budget Director Rowland Hughes; Ralph Demmler, former chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission; Chairman Lewis Strauss of the AEC; Gen. Herbert Vogel, chairman of TVA; and Jerome Kuykendall, chairman of the Federal Power Commission.

The report reviewed much of the public testimony taken at congressional probes of Dixon-Yates and made a blanket charge of a "plan of concealment" against federal officials and others involved in the Dixon-Yates project.

It said the project, if carried out, would admittedly cost the government, over 25 years, at least 90 million dollars in excess of TVA costs for the same power from its own generators."

## Mother Ready For Visit of Freed Flier

PORTLAND (AP) — Mrs. Ray Peters scurried about her modest motel apartment Sunday getting everything in readiness for a long delayed Thanksgiving dinner for her son.

The son, Daniel Schmidt, 22, returned to the United States recently after being held 32 months in a Chinese Communist prison camp. While he was gone, his wife, Una, remarried, believing, she said, that Schmidt was dead.

The young airman had been in California since his return trying to straighten out his complicated marital affairs. Last week he filed suit for divorce against his wife and asked custody of their 2½-year-old son.

Mrs. Peters said her son telephoned her from California last Thursday and said he planned to be here Monday.

She said she, her husband, and Dan's young brother, Larry, 17, hadn't had a Thanksgiving dinner since Schmidt was captured in the Korean War.

She is planning one for him now. And she hopes that Dan's other brother, Jimmy, 19, who is now with the Air Force in Mississippi, will be here too.

"We're going to have turkey and all the rest of it," she said. "Dan likes everything his mother cooks."

Mrs. Peters, who has been in ill health with a heart condition, said Sunday she is feeling much better now that her son is coming home. "And I'll feel even better yet, when he gets here," she added.

Schmidt is being accompanied on his trip from California by Una's mother, Mrs. Walter Ferguson. She has sided with her son-in-law in his marital dispute with her daughter.

Mrs. Peters said: "When my son gets here, I'm going to entertain him and love him all by myself. And nobody else is going to help me."

## Spanish War Veteran Dies

Gustave Plenge, 78, who lived out Liberty Road, died Sunday at a Salem hospital.

A wounded Spanish-American war veteran, Plenge lived out nearly his entire 23 years in retirement. His wife, Tressie, died here about four years ago.

Plenge was born Feb. 2, 1879 in Germany and came to the United States at the age of two years. He lived in New York City and later in Rochelle, Ill. He formed for a short while after moving to Oregon.

Plenge was a member of the Church of Christ at Liberty.

He leaves eight children, a brother Fred Plenge in New York City, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The children are Mrs. Charlotte Hughes, Mrs. Faye Sanders, Mrs. Nona Meech, Mrs. Mae McMillen, Kenneth Plenge and Ernest Plenge, all of Salem; Mrs. Ethel Williams, Lebanon, and Mrs. Grace Phelps, Rochelle, Ill.

Service time will be announced later by the Virgil T. Golden Funeral Home.

## Ike Supporters 'More Hopeful Than Certain'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The people who say President Eisenhower definitely will seek re-election next year "are perhaps more hopeful than certain," Howard Pyle, a top White House aide, said Sunday.

Pyle, former Arizona governor who is the President's expert on state-federal relations, told questioners on a TV-radio show, NBC's Meet The Press. "It would be helpful" if Eisenhower does run. But Pyle said he, for one, did not know whether he would.

**INMATES TRY RIOT**  
LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The 16 Nebraska Penitentiary inmates arrested for arson following Tuesday night's uprising attempted another demonstration Saturday night. Warden Joseph Bovey disclosed Sunday.

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## U.S. Farmers Head Home From Russia

BERLIN (AP) — An American farm group returning from a tour of the Soviet Union Sunday urged similar exchange visits in other fields to break down suspicion and encourage good will in the interest of peace.

Eleven farmers, educators and newsmen flew here from Moscow Sunday afternoon after a month long look at Russia. The leader, Dean W. V. Lambert of the University of Nebraska Agricultural School, told correspondents:

"I'm sure we made some friends in Russia and the tension we first felt when we went there did not exist when we left. Similar exchanges would be desirable to break down the barriers."

"These people are tremendously isolated and anything we can do in this direction would be helpful. They have the most to gain by exchanges now but later we might gain considerably."

## Princess Margaret at 25



LONDON—Princess Margaret of England poses with her Sealham Pippin in garden of Clarence House, London, for an official portrait in advance of her 25th birthday Sunday. She is now of age and can marry Capt. Peter Townsend without consent of her sister, Queen Elizabeth. (Story on page 1.) (AP Wirephoto.)

## Innertube Floating 'No Fun After Sunset', Girls Aver

(Picture on Page 1.)

An innertube trip down the Willamette River is no fun after the sun goes down, according to a girl who did it.

Early Saturday, five Corvallis girls—ages 18 to 20—left Albany for Salem on truck tubes. Two made it as far as Independence and three were fished out of the river near Eola by a government tug while police scoured the banks. They arrived home early Sunday by automobile.

The girls were Louise Hartman and Jerri Keene, who hitchhiked in from Independence, and Dorothy Gathercoal, Lyn Hemmingway and Kathryn McFadden who soaked until 11 p.m. in the cold, slow-moving water.

**Voice Hoarse**

Miss McFadden, in a hoarse voice, said the hours of floating ended at Independence and the paddling began. From there to Eola, the three in the party were "bored half-way in the water."

Since the cargo innertube was left in the hands of the pair which bogged down at Independence, the three who drifted off into the night had nothing to eat but Miss McFadden's 40 sore throat pills.

The cargo tube bore the clothes and they had nothing to wear upon docking but bathing suits.

**Played Cards**

What did they do besides paddle after the sun went down? During daylight they played cards.

"Oh we sang 'Poor Little Lams Have Gone Astray' and 'Onward Christian Soldiers,'" disclosed Miss McFadden.

She said it stopped being a pleasure trip when they left Independence at about 7 p.m. They originally had calculated getting to Salem at 4.

Did they get enough of the water? James Gathercoal, father of Dorothy, said Sunday they left for the beach after arriving in Corvallis from Salem at 1:30 a.m.

He added, however, he doubts they will make their two-day trip by raft from Corvallis to Portland. The pair who arrived in Salem first Saturday made such an announcement, but that was before the search for their colleagues began.

## Ship Rams, Sinks Trawler

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP) — A Japanese freighter rammed and sank a 40-foot trawler in the Strait of Juan de Fuca early Sunday.

Two brothers aboard the craft told here Sunday night how they escaped alive from the crash.

Joseph Norman, 50, and his brother, John, 49, said they spent two hours adrift in calm seas in a 10-foot dinghy after their boat was sunk by the 10,000-ton freighter Kashii Maru.

The brothers said the freighter zig-zagged across the area with searchlights for two hours before spotting their dinghy. The fishermen were brought to Vancouver by the freighter.

Capt. Matsuo Noda, skipper of the Kashii Maru, said he was traveling at 14 knots when the collision occurred about six miles from Victoria.

## 2 Forest Blazes Controlled; 11,000 Acres Destroyed

BURNS, Ore. (AP) — Eastern Oregon's two big forest and range fires appeared Sunday to have spent their fury.

Bureau of Land Management officials said they were confident that the two blazes—one in the Cow Creek area 15 miles northeast of here and the other some 45 miles northwest of the town of Vale—could be mopped up without further outbreaks.

The Cow Creek fire has blackened some 10,000 acres of BLM land and private holdings. Crews fighting it were aided Sunday by favorable weather and atmospheric conditions.

The other fire charred about 1,000 acres of private timberland before being brought under control.

## Astoria Dedicates Replica of Famed Expedition Fort

ASTORIA, Ore. (AP) — A replica of Fort Clatsop, where the Lewis and Clark expedition spent the winter of 1805, was dedicated here Sunday.

Highlight of the celebration was the arrival of 27 Pacific Northwest Explorer Scouts who retraced by canoes 80 miles of the last 200 miles of the Columbia River route which the explorers travelled 150 years ago.

This was the last lap of a trip begun early in the spring at St. Louis, Mo., by relay teams of Scouts, each group covering a short distance on the explorers' trail.

Descendants of the Meriwether Lewis and William Clark families, as well as Lydia Large, a great-great-granddaughter of Sacajawea, the Shoshone Indian girl who accompanied the expedition, were here for the ceremony.

## Tests Clear Counselor of Scout's Death

MUSKOGON, Mich. (AP) — State Police said Sunday new lie detector tests have all but cleared a former Camp Wabamingo counselor in the slaying of Peter Gorham.

Capt. LeRoy Hunt, who is directing the State Police investigation in the 12-year-old Evanston, Ill., Boy Scout's death, said two tests indicated the man's answers were "free from deception."

Hunt also said the former counselor's account of his activities the day the Gorham boy vanished from the Muskogon area Boy Scout camp sounds "quite plausible."

Peter disappeared from the camp July 5. His body was found last Sunday in a woods five miles from the camp site. He had been shot through the head.

Hunt said police would check out the former counselor's story of his movements on July 5.

They also said a woman who reported seeing "a boy like Peter" talking to a motorist the day the Gorham boy disappeared would be asked to view the former counselor Monday to determine if he is the man she saw.

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"BATTLE CRY" with Van Heflin and Dorothy Malone  
"BOWERY TO BAGDAD" with Leo Gorcey and Huntz Hall

## British Troops Asked for Sudan

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egypt proposed Sunday night that Egypt and Britain send military forces to the Southern Sudan to restore order in the wake of last week's Southern Sudan troop revolt.

## 10,000 Scouts Welcomed by Canada Town

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont. (AP) — This village of 2,500 residents threw open its hearts and homes Sunday to the more than 10,000 Boy Scouts assembled in a tent city for the eighth World Jamboree.

The boys were as welcome in homes here as they would be in their own homes in the 68 nations from which they come.

Signs on porches and windows proclaimed: "Welcome scouts from everywhere." Many added: "Come in. Soft drinks and cookies for you."

The boys accepted the invitations and strolled through the open doors of their hosts.

The picturesque community has never in its history witnessed a non-military gathering even a tenth as big as the jamboree.

Sunday night's jamboree activities were dominated by religious programs. Special services were held for Protestant and Roman Catholic scouts.

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