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Solons to Probe Housing Scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Capehart said Wednesday his Senate Banking Committee will ask for \$250,000 to investigate what he called enormous, excessive profits by some builders of rental housing insured by the government.

Capehart said the banking committee plans to conduct an immediate investigation of some 7,000 post World War II rental projects.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Banking Committee raced Wednesday to beat the field to a public investigation of a multimillion-dollar housing scandal that apparently has flourished under both the Truman and Eisenhower administrations.

Chairman Capehart (R-Ind) summoned his committee to a closed door session to prepare for a quick start of a "full and complete" probe aimed at ferreting out "the facts and the truth" of charges that Federal Housing Administration (FHA) officials allowed unscrupulous home repair salesmen to cheat unsuspecting householders.

The Banking Committee, said Capehart, also will investigate allegations that slick apartment house promoters—aided by either dishonest or inefficient FHA officials—pocketed millions out of government—guaranteed loans pegged well above the cost of their projects.

Complaints of abuses under the home improvement program, it has been disclosed, were made under both the Truman and Eisenhower administrations.

Suspect apartment project financing occurred under the post-World War II "middle income" housing program, which expired in 1950.

The alleged irregularities and administrative laxities came to light Monday night when the White House abruptly announced that FHA Commissioner Guy T. O. Hollyday had resigned the post to which President Eisenhower had named him a year ago.

Tuesday, Eisenhower named Norman P. Mason, a Massachusetts lumber dealer, to serve as acting FHA commissioner while the executive branch—the parent Housing and Home Finance Agency and the FBI—pushes its probe.

SOMEWHAT MIFFED
Capehart seemed somewhat miffed when he was told that Sen. Byrd (D-Va) had announced his Joint Congressional Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures would hold a hearing on the situation next Tuesday.

"I don't know what authority Sen. Byrd has over this," Capehart said. "There can be no question that this is our concern."

The Banking Committee has jurisdiction over housing matters. Both Byrd and Capehart said they had alerted government housing chiefs to apparent skulduggery long ago.

NOTED DOCTOR DIES
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Dr. J. J. Singer, 71, internationally known specialist on chest diseases died of a heart attack Tuesday.

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Jail Escapee Behind Bars

Toledo Hotel Clerk Gives Tip to Police

HILLSBORO (AP) — George Robert Nelson, 27, was back in jail here Wednesday and this time no girl friend was at hand to help him escape.

Since fleeing here in November, he got into trouble at Kansas City.

Eugene detectives Wednesday were checking the possibility that Nelson may have been the man who last Friday night used explosives and heavy power tools — and apparently exceptional skill — in entering the safe at a Eugene market. Some \$4,000 was taken from the Irish and Swartz store in east Eugene. Detectives believe that a man of Nelson's background must have been responsible.

but escaped again, that time with his handcuffs on. The girl friend was less elusive and she now is in the Oregon penitentiary.

He was arrested at Toledo, Ore., because a hotel clerk Monday thought his expensive clothing didn't fit with his talk of looking for a sawmill job.

A short time later the clerk called police and they found his car well loaded with weapons—a saber, two pistols, a box of blasting caps, a powder fuse and two bottles of glycerin. Nelson was arrested without incident as he walked out of a restaurant.

Nelson—who gave the name Allen S. Kahn when registering at the hotel—was arrested here originally in a safe-blowing at a supermarket. He was awaiting sentence on his guilty plea when he escaped.

His girl friend, Irma Joyce Jordan, 22, of Placerville, Calif., was staying in the jail and was to have been a witness against Nelson. Instead, she unlocked the doors one night and they fled. Returned after her arrest in Kansas City, she drew a five-year term for aiding the escape.

Sheriff R. H. Busch said this time Nelson is being well guarded. When Nelson made his escape in Kansas City he was handcuffed and getting them off gave him a rough time, the sheriff said, adding that this was the story he told.

When he fled through back lots and over fences, he squeezed the cuffs tightly on each wrist, so much that a few hours later his arms started to swell.

However, he found his way into a cabinet shop and with a power saw cut the connecting link. Then, because the swelling prevented getting at the wrist bands, he soaked them to bring down the swelling. Lacking cold water, he found a half gallon of cold milk and used that. It worked and he saved the cuffs.

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