

Smoking Data To Get Study

WASHINGTON (AP) — Surgeon General Luther L. Terry announced Thursday he is naming a committee to study the evidence as to whether smoking has any impact on health. The committee is to make appropriation recommendations.

Terry's action was understood to have the approval of the White House. Informed sources said earlier in the week that a Public Health Service recommendation for such a panel had been forwarded to the White House.

President Kennedy brushed aside at his last news conference a question as to his views on whether smoking causes lung cancer. He said he did not want to say anything about that controversy until he could obtain complete information.

Estes Case Investigators Fire Aide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House subcommittee investigating the Billie Sol Estes case has fired a Republican aide for leaking confidential information to newsmen, a highly placed Republican source said Thursday.

The source said that both Republican and Democratic members of the subcommittee had agreed to fire Robert Manuel, GOP minority counsel to the House operations subcommittee.

The subcommittee is headed by Rep. L. H. Fountain, D-N.C. The group met in executive session Thursday. When the meeting broke up for a quorum call in the House, the Republican source said Manuel had been given a dismissal notice. The source said GOP committee members agreed to "go along" with the Democrats on the matter.

"There's nothing else we could do because the prestige of the committee is involved," the source said. "He admitted leaking the report to the New York Herald Tribune."

Manuel told UPI he gave the Herald Tribune an Agriculture Department report on Estes that was stamped confidential. He said his position on the committee still was undecided but that he "guessed" he would be fired.

As for the Estes report, Manuel said he could see no reason for the administration to refuse to turn it over to Texas Atty. Gen. Will Wilson.



Mrs. Thomas A. Dooley II receives from President Kennedy a medal voted by Congress for her medical missionary son, Thomas A. Dooley III. The ceremony was held Thursday at the White House. The posthumous award recognized Dr. Dooley's "gallant and unselfish public service" in administering the medical needs of the people in the jungles of Laos. Between Mrs. Dooley and the President are Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm W. Dooley and their three sons. (AP Wirephoto)

Dooley Medal

Reds Close Summit Meeting

MOSCOW (AP) — The Communist economic summit conference ended Thursday after two days of talks between Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and the leaders of six Soviet bloc nations.

Tass, the Soviet news agency, announced the end of the conference but made no reference to a closing communiqué or details of the discussions.

Albania was banned from the conference and its ally in the ideological dispute with Moscow, Communist China, did not send its usual observer delegation. The absence of China and Albania indicated that the Mos-

cow-Peiping feud occupied a high place on the agenda, alongside the economic problems for which the conference was called.

The conference opened Wednesday with government heads and Communist party chiefs in attendance from the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and East Germany. Details of the closed session in the Kremlin were not disclosed.

The Communist leaders were assembled as a plenary session

of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance which co-ordinates industrial development and trade within the Soviet bloc.

The presence of the Communist world's top figures indicated the conference would extend its discussions beyond economic problems to such key issues as Berlin and Germany disarmament, rapprochement with Yugoslavia, and the Kremlin's ideological differences with Peiping and Albania.

Deadwood Man Charged With Arson

A Deadwood man accused of setting fire to his estranged wife's home was arraigned on a first-degree arson charge Thursday in Lane County District Court.

Charged was Edward Albert Bear, 62. He waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury.

He is accused of setting fire to the home of his wife Ruby on Highway 36 about three miles east of Deadwood in Western Lane County. The frame dwelling was destroyed by flames early last Saturday morning.

Mrs. Bear, who owned the home, was staying with friends at the time. The couple is in the process of obtaining a divorce, according to Sheriff's Deputy W. D. Lingafelter.

At the time of the fire, Bear told Lingafelter that he had been in the home cooking breakfast, had gone to the store, leaving a hotplate turned on, and had returned to find the house in flames.

Lingafelter said subsequent investigation by himself and a state police arson squad investigator indicated the fire had been set. Bear was arrested Wednesday evening.

Nichols Trial

Lane Jury Hearing Prosecution's Case

Seven persons took the witness stand in Lane County Circuit Court Wednesday as the prosecution continued to present its case against 33-year-old Ernest M. Nichols of Fall Creek.

Among those testifying was the defendant's 14-year-old daughter, Susan, who was awake in her bedroom at the time her mother was killed by a rifle shot in their Fall Creek home.

Nichols is accused of second degree murder.

One of the highlights at the trial Wednesday was an attempt by the state to introduce evidence that Nichols was having "intimate relations" with another woman before and after the death of his wife.

But after extensive arguments by Dist. Atty. William F. Frye and defense attorney Edward Fadel, Judge Edward Leavy refused to allow the testimony.

Susan Nichols, the defendant's daughter, continually replied, "I can't remember" when asked questions about the night of Oct. 10, 1961 when her mother died.

Called Father 'Murderer'

In February she had testified at her father's first trial on a manslaughter charge that was later dismissed, that her mother and father were arguing, and that her mother had said just before the fatal shot, "Don't point that rifle at me."

But Wednesday Susan Nichols kept answering, "I don't remember" when asked about this. She did remember, however, that after the shot she rushed into her mother's room.

Coming out, she testified, she called her father "a murderer." At one point in her testimony Susan broke down in tears, crying, "I just can't remember anything."

Three members of the Lane County Sheriff's Department testified after Susan left the stand. Deputy Kee Briggs told how a projection of a hole made by the fatal bullet through the

victim's mattress indicated a line of flight that extended five feet, five inches over the floor at the end of the bed.

'Gory Photographs' Banned

Earlier, Deputy Ronald Eggleston testified that he measured Nichols' height, and his shoulder was slightly more than five feet high.

Frye had told the jury that one thing he will attempt to prove during the trial is that Nichols had the rifle at his shoulder when it went off.

Fadel was successful in objecting to pictures taken of the deceased woman as her unclothed body lay in a mortuary. He said the "gory photographs" were unnecessary, and Leavy agreed.

Dr. Harold T. Osterud, an instructor at the University of Oregon Medical School, formerly Lane County health officer and medical investigator, began his testimony Wednesday as the day's proceedings were ending.

Boy Hanged In Accident

SALEM (AP) — A 10-year-old boy accidentally hanged himself Wednesday evening with a rope he was using to climb a tall laurel bush.

The body of Mark Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Salem, was found dangling from the bush about 9:30 p.m. after a search of about three hours.

The search started when his father, returning home from work, noticed the boy's bicycle by a thick grove of laurels.

Neighbors and police took part. Glenn Bowman, captain of city police detectives, said the boy apparently had tied the rope around the bush and made a loop to circle his body but slipped in climbing up. The loop somehow fell over his head, around his throat and tightened as he fell.

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