

## YMCA-Beer Nippers Lose Contest on a Technicality

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LONDON — The World's oldest military regiment has been defeated in a beer-drinking contest by the Young Men's Christian Assn.

And the YMCA team included a girl.

The humiliating defeat took place at the Old Southwark Fair, staged for charity in Shakespeare's part of London.

In the semifinals of what was advertised as the world's beer-drinking championship, members of the Honorable Artillery Company crossed tankards with a team from the Central YMCA.

Teams of three—drinking a pint each in relays—faced one another to decide the championship.

The YMCA team included a girl named Sue Flynn, the wife of the Y's team captain, Michael Flynn.

The Y's team downed their pits in 15 seconds, four seconds faster than the soldiers. This put them in the finals and the Honorable Artillery Company in a sudsy doghouse.

In the finals, the YMCA team was defeated by a rugby football team called the Newts. But the Newts won on a technicality.

After both teams had finished twice in a dead heat, one of the Newts pointed to a wet spot on the shirt front of a YMCA drinker named Tiger Martin.

The referee exonerated Martin of deliberate spillage, but he awarded the championship to the Newts when he spotted a few drops of beer on the bottom of Martin's glass.

The Honorable Artillery Company bases its claim to being the world's oldest regiment on its charter granted by Henry VIII on Aug. 25, 1537. The wording of the charter implies that it existed as a fighting outfit long before. Artillery in those days meant archers.

Among its many offshoots is the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, Mass.

## Grand Jury Calls Estes To Testify

Panel Investigating Death of Official

FRANKLIN, Tex. — Billie Sol Estes, looking serious and businesslike, arrived for his appearance before the Robertson County Grand Jury Wednesday and went immediately to the chambers of Dist. Judge John Barron.

Estes, accompanied by his attorney, John Cofer, arrived in a white Cadillac. They went into the courthouse by a back door.

The Pecos, Tex., financier whose farm enterprise dealt in millions of dollars, is to appear before the grand jury which has been investigating the death of a cotton allotments official.

When Estes actually testifies before the grand jury, what he says may not be made public under Texas law holding secret the proceedings of a grand jury.

Dist. Judge John M. Barron instructed the grand jury before it went into sessions with Estes that if the West Texas financier invokes the Fifth Amendment "his claim under the Constitution shall not be considered of having anything to do with his guilt."

The grand jury is seeking to determine whether Henry Marshall, 52, was slain or took his own life on Marshall's ranch June 3, 1961.

The death was ruled a suicide at the time. The grand jury reopened the case three weeks ago when it was revealed that Marshall had been investigating Estes' cotton allotments.

Marshall had been shot five times. A bolt action rifle was found beside the body.

A pathologist studied the exhumed body two weeks ago and said Marshall probably was murdered.

Marshall was state chief for Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.



(AP Wirephoto)

Three officials of the Commercial Solvents Corp., the firm which financed Billie Sol Estes' fertilizer empire in Texas, pose at a witness table before answering questions Wednesday at a House Government Operations subcommittee hearing in Washington. From left are W. Ward Jackson, vice president for sales; Maynard C. Wheeler, president and director, and William S. Leonhardt, financial vice president and treasurer.

## Backed Estes

## Corporation Head Says Estes Just Customer—and No More

WASHINGTON (AP)—Maynard C. Wheeler, president of Commercial Solvents Corp., said Wednesday his company's relationship with Billie Sol Estes "was that of customer and supplier—and no more."

Testifying before a House Government Operations subcommittee investigating the Estes case, Wheeler took issue with testimony given by Frank Cain, a finance company lawyer, before a Texas court inquiry.

"Most of Cain's testimony is false and defamatory," Wheeler said.

Cain, a Dallas lawyer representing Pacific Finance Co., had testified that Estes had told him, "They want to put me into business in Brazil." He said Estes was referring to Commercial Solvents Corp.

The chemical firm which Wheeler heads had financed Estes' dealings in anhydrous ammonia—a part of a many-sided business enterprise that collapsed when Estes was indicted for fraud last April. To secure his borrowings, Estes signed over to Commercial Solvents the payments he was to

receive from the government for surplus grain storage.

Wheeler denied that he had said anything about establishing a business for Estes in Brazil, or had offered to help him with secret deposits in a Swiss bank.

Explaining how Commercial Solvents persuaded Estes to sign over payments for surplus grain storage, Wheeler said:

"The customer wanted credit and the list of collateral that CSC obtained from Estes indicates how prudent the corporation was in demanding the security as a condition of continuing business relations."

In addition to his huge dealings in surplus grain storage and cotton allotment transfers, Estes built up a flimsy pyramid in the liquid fertilizer business, trying to corner the market in West Texas by cutting prices below cost.

The fertilizer was anhydrous ammonia, use of which has become a way of life for farmers. The fertilizer is in sausage-shaped 1,000-gallon tanks, mounted on wheels for easy movement.

Estes bought his fertilizer

from Commercial Solvents, assigning the proceeds from his government grain storage contracts as payment. The New York firm got more than \$7 million in these government payments, but it was not enough to square the account.

The bankrupt Estes still owes Commercial Solvents \$57.7 million.

To get operating cash, Estes worked out a scheme of discounting mortgages on the fertilizer tanks, but most of the tanks did not exist. This led to his indictment on fraud charges.

The only public comment made by Commercial Solvents previously was in a letter to its stockholders on May 24. President Wheeler told the stockholders, "Our business with him (Estes) was conducted in the friendly, proper, business-like way."

Commercial Solvents was named in a civil antitrust suit filed against Estes by the state of Texas, on the ground that its extension of millions of dollars in credit to Estes enabled him to run competitors out of business and corner the market by selling below cost.

## Timber Ills Blamed On Administration

SEATTLE (AP)—The Kennedy administration was condemned for the timber ills of the Pacific Northwest here Tuesday by the Republican National Committee.

The committee, which concluded its meeting here, approved a resolution which said the present situation in the forest products industry was a serious threat to employment and the economic welfare of the area.

The resolution called on the people of the Pacific Northwest to condemn the inaction of the administration in this economic area.

### Dismal Failure

In another resolution the GOP group hit what it called the "dismal failure of the Kennedy administration to make any effort to effectuate its pre-election promises in the field of civil rights—except a few appointments of Negroes to public office."

National Chairman William E. Miller criticized the administration's handling of international affairs and pledged that "the GOP will not stand idly by and let such matters as Berlin, Laos, Cuba and Red China become dead issues."

### Majority Possible

Earlier Tuesday, Sen. John Tower of Texas said the party had an excellent chance of cap-

turing a majority in the Senate in 1964. He gave his party little hope of reaching that goal in elections this fall but offered a dash of optimism by predicting upsets in some Southern and border states, traditionally Democratic strongholds.

"Keep an eye on some Southern and border states this year," he said. "I think we have an excellent chance of getting some seats there that we least expect."

### WASHINGTON (AP)—

Presidential negotiations with Canada have been called for by Rep. Walt Horan, R-Wash., with an eye toward splitting the United States softwood market between Canadian and U.S. lumbermen.

Horn said Tuesday the action is urgently needed to help the stiff competition from Canada. Domestic lumber industry meet

He also urged the imposition of a temporary quota on imports of Canadian lumber, amounting to 10 per cent of the average quarterly domestic softwood consumption in 1959, 1960 and 1961.

Horan's plan for stop-gap aid was embodied in a resolution he introduced in the House. The resolution was endorsed by Mortimer B. Doyle, executive vice president of the National Lumber Manufacturers Assn.

## Injured Woman Dies in Salem

SALEM (AP)—Mrs. Olive Damitz, 51, Roseville, Calif., died Tuesday of injuries suffered Monday in an accident on the Salem Bypass.

She was thrown clear when a car towing a trailer plunged down a 20-foot embankment. Police said the trailer began to weave shortly before the car went out of control.

Mrs. Damitz' daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joan Marie Damitz, 34, and two daughters of Centralia, Wash., were treated at a hospital and released.

The victim's husband, Wayne, did not make the trip. He operates a restaurant in Roseville.

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