

Crony Relates Estes' Boast

AMARILLO, Tex. (UPI)—A close associate testified Saturday that Billie Sol Estes bragged about stopping an FBI investigation in the summer of 1961 and about spending \$40,000 on a political campaign by Ralph Yarborough, now senior senator from Texas.

The close associate was Coleman D. McSpadden of Lubbock, Tex., director and leading stockholder of Superior (tank) Manufacturing Company of Amarillo. Another witness said at least one finance company knew that Estes dealt in "penitentiary paper" when it bought \$1.5 million worth.

"Penitentiary paper" was Texas Atty. Gen. Will Wilson's term for mortgages on non-existent anhydrous ammonia fertilizer tanks. Twelve finance companies bought chattel mortgages totaling \$22.5 million on tanks through Superior Manufacturing.

Tariff-Cutting Powers Seen For Kennedy

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy appears likely to win from the Senate Finance Committee the sweeping new tariff-cutting powers he seeks in the trade expansion bill.

But the provision for special aids to workers and companies hard-hit by import competition faces a tough fight and may be watered down.

This estimate of the bill's prospects emerged from a check of the committee's 17 members Saturday. The group has just completed the first of four scheduled weeks of public hearings on the measure.

One factor making for uncertainty over the proposal is the lukewarm attitude toward it on the part of Chairman Harry F. Byrd, D-Va.

Byrd has fought for such legislation in the past and is fond of saying that his maiden Senate speech 28 years ago was in support of Cordell Hull's reciprocal trade proposal.

But as of now he probably will vote to strike out or sharply cut down the trade-adjustment provision containing grants and loans for those who can show they have lost jobs or business because of imports.

The Virginian said he is concerned about this provision because he thinks:

• It would set up a double standard of unemployment compensation payments, with workers affected by imports getting larger checks for a longer period than those who lose jobs because of domestic factors.

• It could bring renewed pressure to federalize the unemployment compensation system—set federal standards for size and duration of payments which all states would have to meet.

Byrd said also that many large textile manufacturers who originally favored the bill have now switched, adding that they advised him they believe the White House has not carried out a commitment made to them.

The senator said the industry understood the commitment to be that the United States would quit selling raw cotton to Japanese companies at 8 cents a pound under the price which American firms must pay. This differential is a subsidy paid to U.S. growers to help get rid of surplus cotton production.

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Party Time

Cheyrag, left, first Orangutan ever born at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs was honored with a surprise birthday party Friday on his first birthday. At right is his brother Djambi. Others who attended were Susie Siamang, Timothy Tiger, Oscar Jaguar and Fernando Lamba.

Union Accepts New Pact

PORTLAND (AP)—John J. O'Halloran, business agent for Portland Iron Workers Local 29, said Saturday the union accepted a new contract with employers Friday night by "a narrow margin."

Negotiators for the union and contractors reached a tentative agreement last Saturday in a meeting with top federal mediators in Washington, D.C. The

agreement was subject to ratification by union membership. Some 800 iron workers in Oregon and Southwest Washington are represented by the Portland local.

Many of the union members are back at work already, O'Halloran said. He said the rest would be ready to return to work as construction gets rolling and jobs become available.

Common Market Bid Roadblocked

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—Britain's bid to join the prosperous European Common Market ran into a roadblock Saturday. Neutral Austria and Sweden asked for associate membership but a decision was postponed until fall.

Yet a fourth nation, Denmark, applied for semi-membership pending full membership, but the Common Market's ministerial council deferred action until after the British negotiations are settled.

Britain, Austria, Sweden and Denmark are members of the rival European Free Trade Assn., also known as the Outer Seven. Foreign minister Bruno Kreisky of Austria said members are morally bound to find a solution that will admit all to the six-nation Common Market. Other Outer Seven members are Switzerland, Portugal and Norway.

Access for Farm Goods

The British talks bogged down on Britain's insistence that Commonwealth agricultural products be given "reasonable access" to the Common Market nations of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

Britain also asked that the Common Market nations keep prices on farm commodities low so it can continue to import food and fibers from such Commonwealth nations as Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Due to pressure from their own farmers, Common Market nations want to keep prices high for agricultural products. Farmers in France, for example, have staged riotous demonstrations demanding higher prices.

Informants said France led the opposition to concessions to Britain, and one delegate said:

"There is no doubt about it that the French are negotiating as if the British are standing with their back against the wall." France is cool toward Britain's entry.

Hopes for Solution

Chairman Eugene Schaus of Luxembourg said the talks with Britain will resume Wednesday and expressed hope of a solution. Deputy Foreign Minister Edward Heath of Britain said on his return to London the issue is "whether there is going to be room for imports of food from the Commonwealth and the Argentine."

Stressing their neutral status, Austria and Sweden urged they be permitted to trade with the Common Market, which is reducing tariff barriers among members while raising a common tariff wall against outsiders. The neutrals would avoid involvement in any moves toward political integration in the Common Market.

Carlo Russo of Italy said that since the applications of the neutrals are interdependent, the council will wait to get an overall picture of the problems after Switzerland submits its application for membership late in September.

Foreign Minister Jens Otto Krag of Denmark asked for trade preference on some agricultural products, such as eggs, until its full membership is approved. The Danes fear the Dutch will take over their West German markets. The council decided, however, to hold up action until the British negotiations are decided.

Narcotics Meeting

TOKYO (AP)—An Asian conference on narcotics control will be held here Nov. 10-Dec. 20.

Four Injured in Mishaps

Four persons were hurt in separate auto mishaps Friday afternoon and early Saturday morning.

Helen Aivena Bond, 37, of 2975 Crocker Rd., suffered a nose injury about 1:30 a.m., daylight, Saturday, when her auto collided on Irvington Drive with a parked car, owned by Sinclair Murchy, 2895 Crocker Rd. Mrs. Bond was admitted to Sacred Heart Hospital in good condition.

Three persons were hurt Friday afternoon on River Road, about two miles south of Junction City, when a car driven by Waldemar Adrian Schmidt, 20, of Corvallis, collided with an auto driven by Clarence Walter Cates, 51, of Odessa, Texas.

Schmidt was admitted to Sacred Heart Hospital with a broken leg, but was to be released Saturday. Cates and a passenger, John A. Wilson, 74, also of Odessa, Texas, received outpatient treatment for lesser injuries.

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ONPA Seeks To Lift Ban On Drug Ads

The Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assn. has filed suit in Lane County Circuit Court challenging the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy's right to ban advertising of prescription drugs.

Four Oregon papers—the Eugene Register-Guard, Oregonian, (Salem) Oregon Statesman and Roseburg News Review—have joined the ONPA as plaintiffs in the suit.

The plaintiffs contend the board exceeded its authority in its order of Aug. 11, 1961, banning the advertising of any drug, medicine or appliance—the "sale of which is restricted to a prescription."

Carl Webb of Eugene, secretary-manager of the ONPA, said the action seeks to compel the board to rescind its order.

Webb also said the order is an infringement of an individual's right to advertise. He said at least two papers had to pull advertising copy scheduled for Aug. 14, 1961, after the board issued its directive.

The suit also contends the board's order prevents consumers from knowing the price of such drugs before entering the store.

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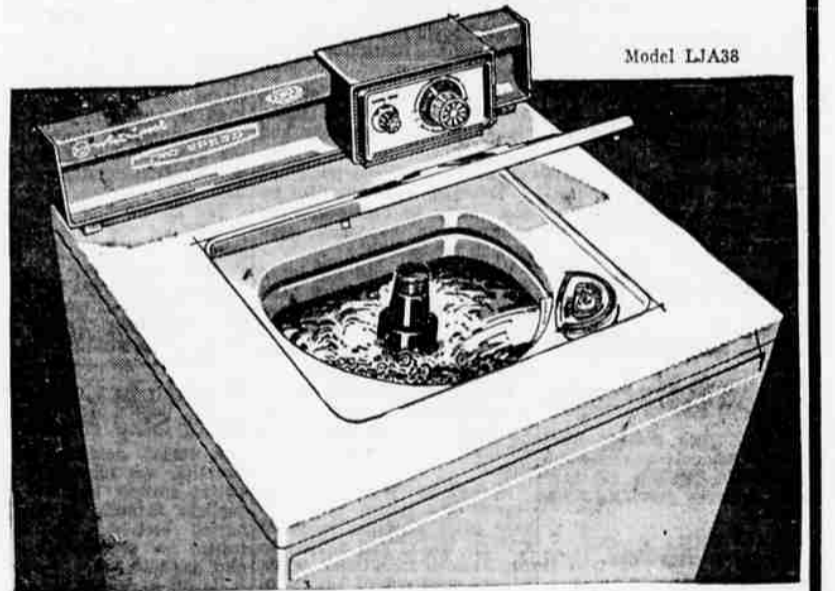
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