



AT SENATE 5 PERCENTER HEARING

Charges and Vaughan's Answers to Investigators

Washington, Aug. 31 (AP)—In his prepared statement to senate investigators, Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan gave these answers to some of the principal charges against him:

Charge: That Vaughan repeatedly used his White House position to help his friends do business with or obtain favors from the government.

Answer: It was part of his job to handle inquiries from people having business with the government and to help them insofar as was proper. Most of the people he helped were strangers; a few "had been known to me or were old friends."

Charge: That he accepted deep freezers from officials of a Chicago perfume firm, possibly in return for helping the company re-establish its European business contacts.

Answer: "The freezers were a gift from two old friends of mine. This gift was an expression of friendship and nothing more. There is absolutely no connection between this gift and any assistance I have given these friends."

Charge: That he acted as a member of the White House staff in exchange for a gift or other favor.

Answer: "His aid to the perfume company was in line with the government's official policy of helping American business resume trade with Europe."

Charge: That he backed John Maragon in the latter's dealings with various government agencies.

Answer: He gave Maragon official help "when it appeared entirely proper to do so." But he had no business connection with Maragon and never authorized the man to represent or speak for him or the White House in any official capacity.

Charge: That he helped obtain scarce building materials for the Tanforan race track at a time when the materials were badly needed for veterans' housing.

Answer: He introduced a race-track official to Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods but never tried to influence Woods' decision.

Charge: He threatened an agriculture department employee's job in an effort to help the Allied Molasses Co., of Perth Amboy, N.J., which had been found to have violated sugar rationing orders.

Answer: He does not remember the company, but it is "entirely possible" he may have relayed its request for more sugar to the agriculture department in the line of duty. But he never threatened anyone's job; perhaps someone impersonated him over the telephone.

Taverns Must Have More Light

Portland, Aug. 31 (AP)—Darkened taverns are going to get a light-meter test by state liquor control commission agents. Commissioner Richard Reed, Eugene, said yesterday that "in some of those places there isn't enough light to see your hand in front of you." Administrator W. B. Hammond said minimum lighting requirements would be set up and enforced.

A. Spangler, Klamath Falls, suggested that taverns be inspected more closely for illegal games. He said he had observed a great number of games in some establishments.

Bootlegging also came up at yesterday's session. The commission said it was abandoning a policy of issuing warnings when bartenders sell hard drinks or bottles across the bar. A minority of licensees have taken advantage of the policy whereby their violations drew only warnings, the commission reported.

Watsons Appreciate Friends at Dallas

Dallas—There is nothing like having good friends, according to Ed Watson.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Watson have been in poor health during the past year, and they were surprised when a "small army" of men—about 25—arrived with axes and wheelbarrows at their home.

The surprise turned to their advantage, however, when the men fell to work on a five-cord pile of wood, the winter's supply for the Watsons. In a matter of 1½ hours, the pile was all split and neatly piled in the woodshed.

The men were members of Friendship lodge, IOOF, brothers of Watson who knew of his illness and wished to give him a hand.

Mother and Three Children Drowned

Spokane, Aug. 31 (AP)—A mother and her three small children drowned in the Spokane river 14 miles north of here yesterday, the sheriff's office reported.

The dead were identified as Mrs. Mabel G. Ashby, 46, Carol Ruth, 7; Sharon Ray, 6, and Robert, 5.

Officers said the family, including Walter Ashby, husband and father of the victims, had been on a fishing trip and picnic when the tragedy occurred.

Timberline Lodge Has Loss of \$11,135

Portland, Aug. 31 (AP)—Operators of Timberline lodge on Mount Hood reported a net loss of \$11,135.43 for the past season compared with a profit of \$9465.35 a year ago.

Heavy snows in February and March virtually isolated the ski resort at the season's peak, dropping gross revenue from \$407,371.42 a year ago to \$347,326.75 this past season.

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Here's a birdseye perspective of the present Silverton road and the proposed new realignment from Steffen's corners into Silverton to be done with federal funds by the state highway department. Proponents of the proposed route say it affords a virtually direct route with but one long sweeping curve as compared with numerous curves on the old route; that it will give a safe pass over the Southern Pacific and also a direct route into the city of Silverton itself, avoiding the tortuous course now followed from McClaine street. This is indicated by the dotted line showing the route inside the city limits which leads to the main street near the depot and is also cited as providing an eventual connection with the proposed Cascade highway. Opponents of the new route say it will require an unnecessary outlay for expensive right of way, that it serves no particular purpose not now afforded by the old road if improved to federal standards. Also, some of the residents along the proposed route object to having their farms cut up and valuable farm lands taken. The county court has indicated that regardless of any protests now lodged it will continue to secure the right of way for the new route, options on which have been secured except in two or three cases still under negotiation.

Activities Speeded Up for Opening of Salem Schools

The Salem schools will soon be in full swing and as evidence of this fact activity in all buildings of the system is speeding up day by day.

Principals are on duty consulting with parents, pupils and key members of their staffs, checking books and supplies and, in general, preparing the rooms for the influx of teachers and children.

Orientation activities have been organized to assist in setting the school machinery in order. Thus, the principals have met with the superintendent to agree on policies and such changes as have been made necessary because of expansion of school facilities.

At noon Friday, September 2, the administrative staff—principals, supervisors, department heads and all their assistants, will meet for a luncheon conference in the Cherrian room of the Senator hotel. Superintendent Frank B. Bennett will be the principal speaker.

September 6 and 7 have been set aside as orientation day for new teachers of whom there are 58, including nine who came in to the district through the Salem Heights consolidation.

All new teachers will meet at the administration building at 9 a.m., September 6 when presentations will be made by the superintendent and by various directors of special services.

During the forenoon of the seventh the elementary group will move over to the Bush school where they will meet with the supervisors of music, art and physical education. New secondary teachers will report to their respective schools.

All new instructors will meet with their principals in the building to which each has been assigned the afternoon of September 6 and 7.

As a special feature of this year's introduction of new teachers, a get-acquainted luncheon

will be held at the Marion hotel at noon, Tuesday, September 6. There will be greetings from various community leaders and the occasion will give new arrivals an opportunity to know one another and make further acquaintance with the administrative staff.

Warehouse to Be Reconstructed Soon

Sheridan, Ore., Aug. 31—Rebuilding of the Sheridan Grain company warehouse destroyed by fire Monday night at a loss of \$50,000 is announced by Leon French, manager. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

The new warehouse will be erected near the grain elevators operated by the company in the southeast part of town and about six blocks east of the old plant.

The fire loss is represented by the pioneer building, equipment and stored grain.

LABOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WARNS:

Problem of Old Age to Hit U. S. Hard in Next 10 Years

Chicago (AP)—A labor department official says that social and economic problems of old age and maturity "will become painfully apparent within the next ten years."

Ewan Clague, commissioner of labor statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor, said the old and mature will constitute one-third of the nation's population in 1960 and forty per cent in the year 2000.

"Before 1960, life will have been lengthened by two full decades as compared to 1900," Clague told the University of Chicago's first Institute on Problems of Old Age.

He said that only one out of 25 persons was 65 years of age or more in 1900. Now it is about one in 13, and in the year 2000, it will be one in less than eight persons, he said.

In 1890, more than 70 per cent of the men 65 years and older were reported in the labor force, he said. By 1940, only 43.4 per cent were working, and it is reasonable to expect the percentage to decline in the future, he said.

"The aged constitute a retirement problem, the Clague said, "an employment problem."

The retirement problem should be attacked boldly and based upon the social security old age insurance program, he believes.

"The age group of men and women, 45 to 64, is emerging, however, as a long-time problem of unemployment which

will be held at the Marion hotel at noon, Tuesday, September 6. There will be greetings from various community leaders and the occasion will give new arrivals an opportunity to know one another and make further acquaintance with the administrative staff.

Mrs. W. A. Wheatley is manager of the booth and will be in charge of the sales and management of it. Friends and members will volunteer their time to do the clerking.

The Chin-Up club of Oregon invites all friends and members to visit the booth. There will be many beautiful pieces of needlework and crafts for sale.

Lebanon Firemen Are Kept on Run

Lebanon — The city fire department answered four calls within as many days, none of which resulted in serious damage, department records show.

Most destructive blaze occurred Friday afternoon when a grass fire was quelled on the J. A. Brewster farm, three miles northeast of the city.

Early Sunday morning, firemen hauled five trucks to Eighth and Harrison streets where a blaze was confined to two boards in a wooden sidewalk.

A false alarm accounted for the third blaze, this one at Grenz and Grenz Mill on Tangent road, early Monday, where workmen were burning refuse.

Late Monday afternoon, an alarm was sent in from a home on Williams street where paraffin had become ignited during canning operations. Only minor damage was done in the kitchen.

August Farm Prices Move Closer to Parity

Washington, Aug. 31 (AP)—Farm prices in mid-August averaged closer to parity than at any time since the United States entered World War II, the agriculture department reported today.

The department said farm prices were averaging 101 per cent of parity in mid-August. The same average prevailed in December, 1941.

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