

Senate probers look into stock manipulation suit which involved Fred Korth

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Senate investigators have been looking into the role of recently resigned Navy Secretary Fred Korth in a now-settled stock manipulation suit in which Korth was a defendant, informed sources said today.

Settlement in the case was approved by Federal Judge Sarah T. Hughes last May, with Korth and his associates denying any fraud or illegality. No action was taken by federal authorities in Texas where the suit was filed.

The Senate group interested in the case is the investigations subcommittee which has been inquiring into award of the controversial TFX fighter plane contract to General Dynamics in Fort Worth, Korth's hometown.

Korth's resignation was announced Monday. It generally

was attributed to his dispute with Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara over whether another nuclear-powered aircraft carrier should be built.

There were reports, however, that the resignation was linked to the TFX inquiry. Conflict of interest questions have been raised involving Korth, director of a Fort Worth bank which has loaned money to General Dynamics, in the TFX investigation.

Subcommittee spokesmen have declined official comment on the matter following Korth's resignation. But inquiries here and in Dallas made it clear that subcommittee investigators became interested in the case shortly before Korth tendered his resignation.

In the suit, Korth and five other directors of the All States Life Insurance Co., were said to have purchased 300,000 shares of stock in the company for 20 cents a share when stock was offered publicly at \$6 a share. Korth and his associates put up notes for their indebtedness to the company which was headed by B. F. Biggers.

Under the approved settlement, Korth and the other directors gave up a portion of their stock holdings, as did Biggers. Additional stock was issued to a trust for the stockholders who brought the suit to recover nearly \$1.2 million in profits and \$3 million in damages.

All States has since gone out of business and its successor company has been merged. At the time of the merger Korth was not listed as a director of the successor company—Professional and Business Men's Insurance Co.

Slayton still wants to go to the moon

HOUSTON, Tex. (UPI)—Maj. Donald (Deke) Slayton, the astronaut with the heart murmur, said he quit the Air Force to improve his chances of flying to the moon.

Slayton, 39, told a news conference Thursday he was determined to be a space flier, but he feared he would be completely grounded by the Air Force because of the heart murmur.

Slayton, the only one of the original seven Mercury astronauts who has not been into space, said a physical examination Thursday showed that he still had the heart defect known as a fibrillation. It does not impede him.

Air Force doctors discovered the irregular beat and stopped him from being sent into orbit. Slayton said he had strong indications that the Air Force had planned to ground him permanently Nov. 21, one year after he was temporarily banned from flying because of the murmur.

"I feel I have a better chance for space flight as a civilian," Slayton said. He described his heart as "nothing unhealthy... just like having one blue eye and one brown eye."

Hodges found guilty by jury

YAKIMA (UPI)—Billy Joe Hodges, 32, Grandview, was found guilty of second degree murder by a Superior Court jury here Thursday for the slaying of a transient last Aug. 26 near Grandview.

Hodges had been charged with first degree murder for the slaying of Leo Lewis, 54, San Diego, Calif.

Testimony in the trial brought out the fact that Hodges and Lewis had been drinking together prior to the slaying.

Sheriff's officers said Hodges admitted choking Lewis after the latter had criticized his driving.

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Council seeks further changes

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—The Ecumenical Council today sent back for "further liberalization" a document authorizing the use of modern languages at Catholic weddings, baptisms and sacraments, and funerals.

As presented to the council today, the document placed only one restriction on the use of modern languages in the Catholic sacraments. It provided that Latin must continue to be used for the "essential Verbal formula" of the rite.

Many prelates of the council's "liberal" bloc had let it be known they would like to eliminate even this vestige of Latin and allow all sacraments to be entirely in the language of the people.

The vote on the document was 1,130 yes, 10,054 yes-with-reservations, and 300 no.

Under council rules, prelates who vote yes with reservations are required to submit a written description of the change they wish made in the document before giving it final approval.

Council experts said that unquestionably a very large percentage of the reservations were voiced by bishops who want to eliminate Latin entirely from the administration of Catholic sacraments.

They said the campaign for a large number of reservation votes had been quietly conducted by liberal bishops from Western Europe in preparation for today's vote.

The document and the reservations now go back to the council's liturgical commission which will attempt to draft an amendment expressing the view represented by the largest number of reservations. This amendment will then be put to a vote and like all proposals will require a two-thirds majority to carry.

Even though the unqualified yes votes today slightly outnumbered the reservations, they fell far short of the necessary two-thirds for final approval of the document.

Retired U of O professor dies

EUGENE (UPI)—Rudolf Herbert Ernst, 78, emeritus professor of English at the University of Oregon, died Thursday in a Eugene hospital.

He was a member of the English department at the University for 28 years.

He was retired in 1951.

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Silver wedding anniversary is observed here

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Osmundson, 1258 Vicksburg Avenue, observed their silver wedding anniversary recently with open house at their home. Their daughter, Mrs. Harry Fagen, and their sons, David and Craig, were in charge of arrangements. David is a student at Central Oregon College, and Craig goes to grade school.

Mrs. Osmundson's mother, Mrs. Blanche McFadden, Redmond, and Osmundson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Osmundson, Salem, were among the out-of-town guests.

Osmundson is employed by the Bend School District, and Mrs. Osmundson, the former Leona McFadden, is a service representative for Pacific Northwest Bell. They were married Sept. 23, 1938, in Redmond, and have made their home in Bend since that time.

The cake, which was topped with the ornament from the Osmundsons' wedding cake, was cut by Osmundson's sister, Mrs. Curtis Cramer of Klamath Falls.

Some 45 friends called to offer their congratulations. Gunnar Bjorvik, who was best man at the wedding, was among those present, accompanied by his wife.

Temperatures

Temperatures during the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. PDT today.

	High	Low
Bend	77	39
Astoria	59	41
Baker	78	41
Klamath Falls	76	36
Medford	70	43
North Bend	62	40
Pendleton	77	49
Portland	59	40
Redmond	77	43
Salem	60	39
The Dalles	73	48
Chicago	78	62
Los Angeles	72	69
New York	83	54
Phoenix	89	60
San Francisco	65	60

Sen. Proxmire sees inflation threat growing

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. William Proxmire, R-Wis., said today that recent increases in some wholesale prices raise the threat of inflation, a prime obstacle to any major tax cut this year.

Proxmire, a member of the Senate Finance Committee, issued a statement opposing the administration's \$11 billion tax reduction measure shortly before the committee began its fourth day of public hearings on the bill.

Budget Director Kermit Gordon and Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon were scheduled to testify for the House-passed bill. For Dillon it was his fourth appearance before the committee, which is not expected to act on the measure this year.

Other congressional news:

Mental Health: Final congressional approval is expected Monday on President Kennedy's "bold, new approach" to the treatment of mental illness and retardation. House and Senate conferees reached agreement Thursday on an appropriation of \$329 million for establishing community mental health treatment centers over a four-year period, but eliminated a provision for federal aid to communities to help staff the centers in the early stages.

Space: Chairman J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, decrying "technological stunts," wants a substantially reduced space budget to free funds for education and employment programs. Fulbright told the Senate Thursday there was "a dangerous imbalance between our efforts in armaments and space on the one hand and employment and education on the other."

Chiefs: Retired Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Arleigh Burke was scheduled to testify today on a bill to give four-year terms to members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Aid: The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in a slap aimed at Latin American military juntas, voted Thursday to ban foreign aid to any nation where an elected government has been overthrown unless the President decides otherwise. The proposal was obviously aimed at Honduras and the Dominican Republic although neither country was named.

Welfare work program set

PORTLAND (UPI)—Multnomah County welfare recipients will be put to work by the parks department and other county agencies, the county commission decided Thursday.

Commission Chairman Mel Gordon said the program will start with 30 men, who will work not more than 32 hours a week. The limit, set by state and federal requirements, gives workers time to look for other jobs.

Gordon said the program will be similar to those now in effect in Klamath and Polk counties, but will be tailored more to urban needs.

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Administration continuing to shy away from espousing wheat plan for next year

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—The administration, burned last spring in a grower referendum, still is shying away from espousing a wheat program for next year. It is particularly wary of a program calling for mandatory controls.

This was made amply clear earlier this week at the conclusion of the quarterly meeting of the National Agricultural Advisory Commission (NAAC).

Wheat growers voting in the May referendum on a program for the 1964 crop turned down a plan calling for strict production and marketing controls. The administration, from President Kennedy and Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman on down, campaigned for farmer approval of the proposed plan of mandatory controls. The vote was overwhelmingly negative.

The commission, represented by Chairman Harry B. Caldwell, indicated after its Oct. 16 meeting that it would not recommend any wheat program at this time. It said that a consensus among growers is essential in developing a wheat program,

and that no such consensus exists. It suggested that perhaps some sort of unity could be achieved after wheat growers and farm organizations hold their annual conventions. Any recommendation before the conventions would be premature, the commission said.

The commission also made it clear that administration thinking about agriculture contains no hope of mandatory controls for producing and marketing the big breadgrain crop.

Mandatory controls, by which it would be possible to maintain highest farm income with least cost to the government, do not appear at this time to be acceptable to producers of wheat, the commission said.

The commission suggested that perhaps a voluntary two-price plan for wheat would be the answer for a wheat program.

The defeated plan for the 1964 crop had a two-price feature, but mandatory controls were part and parcel.

Information to date, the commission said, indicates that a voluntary two-price plan may offer the greatest promise of winning favorable acceptance and of coping with the problem of surplus production capacity of wheat.

There is little doubt that the commission's Oct. 16 statement reflected administration thinking. The chief function of the NAAC, created early in the Eisenhower Administration, is to advise the secretary of agriculture about farm problems

and legislation to cope with them. There has been a growing feeling, however, that since its inception the commission has been more of an echoing group than an advisory body. When Ezra Taft Benson was secretary of agriculture, the commission appeared to echo Benson. The present commission may be echoing Freeman.

The Agriculture Department said it will buy an additional six million pounds of frozen ground beef for the national school lunch and then terminate the current purchasing program.

The Crop Reporting Board said U.S. hatcheries produced 183.7 million chickens in September. This was 1 per cent more than in September a year ago.

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