

Mundt Asks for Airing of Deals Involving Promoter Frank Nathan

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Karl E. Mundt said Saturday that three surplus property deals involving Pittsburgh promoter Frank Nathan should be "ventilated thoroughly."

The South Dakota Republican, a member of the Senate's permanent investigating committee, said he was "curious" about why Nathan collected "substantial

commissions" on the deals. The committee's chief counsel, Francis D. Flanagan, disclosed Friday that Nathan received \$92,000.

Nathan To Be Called

Nathan, self-styled "maker of deals," will be called before the committee next week to explain what services he performed to earn the fees.

The three transactions were the sale by the War Assets Administration of a government-owned aluminum plant at Torrance, Calif., a refinery at Cotton Valley, La., and a surplus metal processing equipment at Canonsburg, Pa., in 1948 and 1949.

Fees Paid By Purchasers

Flanagan said Nathan received a \$57,000 fee in the Torrance sale, \$30,000 in the refinery case and \$5,000 in the Canonsburg case. The fees were paid by the purchasers.

Jess Larson, former head of the War Assets Administration, told the committee Friday he did not know of Nathan's interest in the three cases until late last year.

Larson, now General Services administrator, requested the committee inquiry after newspaper stories criticized the Torrance transaction and linked him with Nathan, a key figure in tax scandal hearings conducted by a

House ways and means subcommittee.

Nathan Persistent

Larson described Nathan as a "very persistent" man who was trying to get in through the back door, front door, window or kitchen.

Larson said he put Nathan's name on a confidential "watch list" after he received word from the Justice Department late in 1948 that Nathan claimed to be a close friend of his.

He said he had no financial transactions with Nathan.

US Bomber Wings Reported Headed To West Europe

Washington—(U.P.)—Ten more wings of U. S. light bombers and fighter-bombers will be sent to Europe to provide tactical support for Allied defense forces, informed sources said Saturday.

They will make a total of 15 wings of tactical combat planes furnished by the United States to support ground troops being built up in western Europe against a threat of Communist aggression.

Equipped for A-Bombs

Many of the planes in the 10 additional combat wings will be equipped to deliver atomic bombs. But informed sources indicated that U. S. atomic bombs will continue to be stored only in this country, at least for the time being.

Atomic service squadrons are being trained to fly A-bombs immediately to Europe in case of an emergency. Under this plan, atomic bombs would be available within about 24 hours for use by U. S. bombers based in Europe.

Sent When Bases Ready

The additional U. S. tactical combat wings will be sent to Europe as soon as bases there are completed for them. Some of the U. S. wings probably will not reach Europe until next year.

North Atlantic treaty organization leaders recently approved building up the joint Allied air force in Europe to 3,000 planes, with 200 air fields, by the end of this year.

Half of Planes U. S.

U. S. wings would comprise from one-fifth to one-fourth of this force. About one-half of all the planes will be U. S.

A light bomber wing has from 48 to 64 combat planes. A fighter bomber wing has 75 war planes.

World IPFSCECA Champ Downs 33.7 Clams a Minute

Seattle—(U.P.)—Dick Taylor, calm and collected, gulped down 337 steamed Littlenecks in 10 minutes today to retain his world championship title in the fifth annual International Pacific Free Style Clam Eating Contest Association tournament.

Taylor swallowed the bivalves at the rate of 33.7 per minute, thus besting his own mollusk munching record set last year when he ate 272 in the same time.

Rewarded With Shells

As a reward, he was adorned with a crown of clam shells. He also was kissed by Miss Halibut Cheeks of 1952, queen of the Seattle Waterfront Halibut-Head-Choppers-Off.

The Clamora was conducted on a gravel gulch in Elliott Bay. Taylor out-gulped six other mussel men including quahog gormets from Mexico, Canada and New Jersey.

The New Jersey entry, 270-pound Izzy Weintraub, a jitney bus driver from Atlantic City, said his defeat was a clamamy.

He explained that he won the Eastern Seaboard championship eating raw clams, "while out here in the West where men are supposed to be men, you eat them cooked. Gah!"

Needed Nourishment

As a matter of fact, Weintraub was so exhausted after the contest he clamored for nourishment and finally got a double-decker sandwich. Clam sandwich, of course. Raw.

Not a breeze stirred when the contest started under sunny skies. The bay was becalmed. Some 1,500 vice-presidents of the IPFSCECA joined a flock of hungry seagulls and watched with envy as the entrants began eating from the open shell.

Slurped to Early Lead

Taylor slurped to an early lead and never was headed. Observers attributed his victory to excellent esophagus control.

In second place was Joe Gagnon, 1949 champion who ate 332.

James Lobdell, Seattle's 1952 city champion with 262 was third. Jose Martinez of Guadalupe, Mexico, with 205 was fourth; while Weintraub was fifth with 199.

Seattle university basketball coach Al Brightman managed to get down 121 before the gentle rocking of the barge forced him out.

Reporter Jim Kearney of the Vancouver, B. C. Sun swallowed 40. However Kearney won an award for daintiness. Not a drop of nectar did he spill on "his front."

Kefauver Slates Tour For California Votes

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Sen. Estes Kefauver (D. Tenn.), fresh from campaign victories in Wisconsin and Nebraska in his quest for the Democratic presidential nomination, will arrive here by plane today to begin a whirlwind three-day tour of California.

The senator will launch his California "quickie" campaign with a policy speech at a Biltmore hotel banquet Tuesday night given in his honor by John Anson Ford, state chairman of the Kefauver for President committee.

Committee Co-Chairmen John Ennis and L. A. Pipkin have arranged with Hollywood Producer Val Rosing for presentation of a dramatic tableau depicting scenes from the senator's life and career.

March Field Soldier Suspected of Murder

Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—A soldier from March Air Force base near Riverside California, was held on suspicion of first degree murder Saturday after police found the badly beaten

body of a 28-year-old woman in his hotel room.

Police Chief A. H. Kennedy said they found the murder victim, Ina Marie Peterson, after receiving a telephone call early this morning from Pfc. Joe Marshall Lane, 26.

Lane told police he picked

the girl up in a downtown bar the night before and after a passionate interlude of lovemaking, fatally beat her, Kennedy said. The suspect, according to police, did not give a reason for his act.

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