

# Probe of Air Secretary's Business Ties Still Open Despite Offer To Quit Firm

## Investigation of Talbott's Business Ties 'Still Open'

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. John L. McClellan said today the investigation of Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott's business connection is "still open" despite Talbott's offer to leave the firm.

McClellan (D-Ark.) said his Senate Investigating Subcommittee will meet soon to consider testimony in which the dapper secretary denied he used his Pentagon post to promote his business.

Talbott insisted he was "clean" but offered to give up his \$60,000 a year partnership in Paul B. Mulligan and Co., a New York management engineering firm, if the subcommittee thought he should.

**Public Hearing**  
The subcommittee speedily held an impromptu public hearing at Talbott's request after publication of photostats and excerpts from its files. The letters were from Talbott and dealt with Mulligan and Co.'s business.

Talbott said he never used his official position to solicit business for the partnership, though he admitted he might have spoken to a number of his old friends, those he knew on a first name basis, among corporation executives about the clerical surveys Mulligan and Co. conducts for large firms.

Air Force General Counsel John A. Johnson refused to discuss with a reporter a portion of Talbott's testimony concerning him. Talbott said he talked with Johnson about the refusal of the giant Radio Corporation of America to renew its Mulligan contract without approval of the attorney general.

**Special Partner**  
The secretary swore he had not violated the letter or spirit of his statement to the Senate Armed Services committee in 1933, when he said he had divested himself of his other corporate connections in order to win confirmation. He said he told senators then that he would retain his interest as a "special partner" in the Mulligan firm.

Talbott told the committee he and his partner, Mulligan, agreed that if the firm ever served a client whose business was "predominantly" Air Force contracts, the profits would be segregated and Talbott would get no part of them.

But he said this agreement was never put into effect, because Mulligan never considered that any of the firm's clients had enough Air Force business to warrant using it.

**STOCKING FRILLS AGAIN**  
New York—(U.P.)—New daring in the nylon hosiery field comes in the guise of knee-highs, topped with old-fashioned garter-like frills of lace and ribbon. The hosiery is as washable as regular nylons. (Aberle, Inc., New York).



**THERE'S AFFABILITY HERE**—A rare side to the Geneva Big Four conference is the affability and apparent good nature of the Soviet delegation, unknown until now to Western powers. Here, Communist Party boss Nikita Khrushchev, Premier Nikoia Bulganin, Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov all smile broadly for cameramen. Russ in background couldn't quite make the grade.

## Yacht Crew Says Craft Never Lost

Honolulu—(U.P.)—The crew of the yacht South Wind claimed today their craft was never lost despite a two-day air-sea rescue search which was begun when she failed to report her position in the transpacific yacht race.

Capt. E. R. Gallasch, skipper of the 39-foot ketch, said yesterday he stopped transmitting position reports Monday because his radio went dead.

Gallasch, of Monterey Park, Calif., and his six member crew maintained they were never lost and could have rescued vessels circling around them.

An Air Force search plane sighted the South Wind 55 miles from the Diamond Head finish line early yesterday. The ketch crossed the finish line uneventfully later in the day.

The South Wind was the 39th boat to complete the race. The Sea Mist, the last entry, is due here Saturday.

## Names of Drivers in Accident Listed

Yesterday's Mail Tribune report of an accident on Highway 99 south of town Wednesday had names of the drivers involved reversed. The story should have read:

A car driven by Elmer LeRoy Driver, 19, box 315-A, was going south and had stopped in the inside lane to make a left turn. A vehicle operated by James Gale Smith, 21, of 608 North Riverside ave., skidded 70 feet then struck the Driver auto, causing considerable damage to both cars.

## Young Couple Hurt In Medford Crash; 3 Others Injured

Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Snook, 320 South Orange st., were hospitalized yesterday as the result of an auto-truck accident at about 1:45 p.m. at the intersection of McAndrews rd. and North Riverside ave., according to city police.

Snook and his wife were taken by the Medford Ambulance service to the Sacred Heart hospital where he is reported to be in "fairly good" condition. He suffered extensive face, head and eye injuries, police said. Mrs. Snook received slight face, feet and body injuries.

James Herbert Cummings, 2825 Cummings rd., the driver of the truck owned by the Tru-Mix Concrete Co., McAndrews rd., was unhurt, police said. Police added that the Snook car was traveling north and the driver may have attempted to clear the spotlight as it was changing from yellow to red. The truck was on McAndrews rd.

Snook, 22, and his wife, 17, were reportedly thrown from the car by the impact, police said. The car was badly damaged, police added.

Two accidents Thursday in the south part of the county were reported today by state police. One resulted in injuries to three youths.

The boys were hurt when the car which one was driving went out of control when it hit a soft shoulder about 1:45 p.m., Thursday, on Neil creek rd., and landed in the creek, officers said. The driver, Jack Sidney Wilcox, 15, route 1, box 470, Ashland, received severe leg and facial cuts, according to the police report.

His passengers were Jerry D. Stubblefield, 14, of 230 Van Ness ave., Ashland, who suffered a broken collar bone and abrasions, and Lee Kent Seitz, 15, of 727 Siskiyou blvd., Ashland, who had a jaw broken and was cut.

They were taken to Ashland General hospital by Litwiller's ambulance service. The car, registered to Patrick E. Brophy, Ashland Elks club barbershop, was left in the creek.

## Vehicles Collide

The other accident happened about 8:40 a.m. Thursday at South Valley View intersection when a pickup operated by Ross Barbee, 36 South Stage rd., was hit by a state-owned car driven by Fred L. Hutton, 36, Salem, according to the report. No injuries were reported. The pickup is registered to A. W. Lloyd of the Stage rd., address.

Barbee was driving south and was attempting to make a left hand turn onto the Valley View rd., when the northbound state car struck it, officers reported. Both cars were towed away by Ashland wrecking company workers. The rear of the pickup was damaged and the front of state automobile had extensive front end damage.

Passengers were Otto John Verthein, 76, Compton, Calif., who was with Barbee, and Dr. George John Puls, 28, Salem, with Dr. Hutton. Both doctors are veterinarians with the state agriculture department.

## 4-H Club News

**Antelope Forestry Club**  
The Antelope 4-H Forestry club held a meeting Wednesday, July 13. The members discussed the demonstrations that could be given at the fair. None were decided on. Mrs. Bohnert gave a demonstration on mounting plants for exhibit at the county fair. Several of the boys tried

## Aeronautics Board Elects Portland Man

Salem—(U.P.)—A. J. Dwyer, Portland, was elected chairman of the State Board of Aeronautics yesterday succeeding Dr. M. W. Pearce, La Grande.

Dr. Pearce was reappointed by Gov. Paul Patterson to another five-year term on the board. Mayor Ralph Scroggin of Lebanon was named vice chairman.

The board gave approval to an agreement to share costs with the State Game Commission for construction of a drainage ditch at Lake O' Woods airstrip northwest of Klamath Falls. This will make the airstrip usable all year around and also lower the lake level to help killing off trash fish.

## Grange

**Live Oak Grange**  
Third and fourth degrees were conferred upon a class of seven candidates at the last regular meeting of Live Oak Grange, Thursday, July 14. The degree team was headed by Master Ray Cameron and stewards Larry and Edna Sheehan, initiated Mr. and Mrs. Orvell Dawson and Mrs. Polly Offitt of Central Point and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Demory and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Palmer of Rogue River.

Opon recommendation of the legislative chairman, Larry Sheehan, Live Oak Grange passed a resolution vigorously protesting the discontinuance of passenger service on the Southern Pacific railroad between Ashland and Portland. The resolution was sent to Pomona Grange and State Senators Phil Lowry and Gene Brown.

Carl Christenson and Charles White were appointed Grange representatives to the Community Chest of Rogue River.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Smith of Central Point accompanied their candidates.

During the social hour refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Babb and Mr. and Mrs. Burt Stocking.

Edna Sheehan, publicity.

it. After the meeting Mrs. Meyer served refreshments.

**Ruchettes**  
The Ruchettes had their seventh meeting July 19 at Romelle Tossen's house.

We had a short business meeting then had sewing.

The next meeting will be held July 26 at 7 p.m. at Nancy Redhead's home.

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Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Paul Douglas has served notice he will fight to include Puerto Rico in a one-dollar-an-hour minimum wage bill which was passed by the House yesterday. He said he would do this when the House measure is brought before a Senate-House conference committee to be reconciled with another Senate bill of which he is the chief author.

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