

Administration Accused of 'Sly' Tactics To Hide Dixon-Yates Contract Details



FROGMEN TO THE RESCUE — Mrs. Phoebe Baker is helped from second floor porch at Worcester, Mass., by frogmen into a National Guard duck as torrential rains from hurricane Diane flooded large sections of the city. Damages across six states ran into the hundreds of millions of dollars as the worst floods in the states' history swept the area.

Subcommittee Hurls Charges in Blistering Report

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate investigators have accused the White House and top administration officials of resorting to "shameful" half-truths and "sly" tactics to hide details of the Dixon-Yates power contract.

The Senate's Anti-Monopoly Subcommittee made the charges in a blistering report on its recent investigation into the government's handling of the controversial project which President Eisenhower finally cancelled last month.

The report, made public last night, said that throughout the Dixon-Yates negotiations the administration showed an "attitude of contempt toward Congress and toward democratic processes which is politically un-tenable."

Careless With Facts
One of the shameful things about the Dixon-Yates deal, the group said, "is the way the President's staff apparently has played fast and loose with the facts even wherever he is concerned."

Singled out for special criticism were Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams, Budget Director Rowland Hughes, Chairman J. Sinclair Armstrong of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Executive Director Kenneth E. Fields of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The subcommittee also said that a possible violation of the conflict of interest laws was raised by the dual role played by Adolphe H. Wenzell, a vice-president of the investment firm which arranged financing for the Dixon-Yates combine. He doubled as a Budget Bureau consultant on the Dixon-Yates financing.

Will Resume Probe
The subcommittee report was signed by Chairman Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) and Sens. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) and William Langer (R-N.D.), the trio which conducted the inquiry. They plan to resume the investigation and issue a further report later.

The interim report was packed with charges that administration officials used "sly formulations, clever language, and legalistic characterizations" to conceal the truth. It said they tried "to circumvent Congress and to keep information from Congress and the public."

The controversial Dixon-Yates contract has been under Democratic attack since its inception. It provided for construction of a \$107,000,000 power plant by the Dixon-Yates combine at West Memphis, Ark., to supply power to Memphis, Tenn. The Dixon-Yates power would have replaced TVA power furnished atomic energy plants.

Mr. Eisenhower cancelled the contract after the City of Memphis announced it intended to build its own plant.

Secret Conference Called To Study Atomic Age Aspect

Geneva—(U.P.)—The United States met today with Soviet Russia and four other atomic powers in a secret and urgently called conference to study the technical aspects of making the atomic age safe for mankind.

The nations meeting were the United States, Britain, France and Russia who are the world's most advanced atomic powers, and Canada and Czechoslovakia, two of the largest suppliers of uranium to both sides of the Iron Curtain.

Surrounded by Secrecy
Unusual secrecy surrounded the meeting, called by the United States as the delegates were leaving Geneva for home following the end Saturday of the Atoms for Peace conference. A brief official announcement said only the six nations would study "the technical aspects of guaranteeing the peaceful uses of atomic energy."

Official spokesman refused to enlarge on this or to give the names of the delegates. But authoritative sources said the United States took the initiative to answer some of the most pressing questions of the atomic age.

Waste Disposal Problem
These included such problems as the disposal of radioactive waste from atomic plants and the question of the effects of radiation on present human life and the unborn generations of the future.

The main Atoms for Peace conference which ended Saturday concluded that science as yet has no definite knowledge of what radiation may be doing to man's heredity, but several scientists warned that its effect could be harmful.

An average railway passenger car is 72 feet long.



URGING MARGARET to make up her mind, London Daily Mirror asks her for decision on whether she will or will not marry Group Captain Peter Townsend. At 25 she no longer needs consent of sister, Queen Elizabeth II. (International)

Makers of Paper Napkins Go All Out to Show Quality

Chicago—(U.P.)—Jean Thomas wrapped an apple in a paper napkin and dunked it in a glass of water. For this sort of activity she is well paid.

About an hour later she lifted the napkin from the water still intact, with the apple inside. All of this is designed to show the quality of a paper napkin (called the Scotkin.)

"Maybe you think we go to extremes," said blonde Miss Thomas. "After all, a paper napkin is a pretty humble product."

But it seems no detail is too much trouble in the paper napkin and related products field. Miss Thomas' firm hires a woman at its Chester, Pa., plant who "spot counts" rolls of toilet tissue to make sure the rolls have 1000 sheets, as advertised.

Such is the integrity inherent in the paper napkin business, she said.

Elsa Maxwell Cruise Said Cultural Odyssey

Venice, Italy—(U.P.)—Elsa Maxwell said today her fancy yacht cruise next week for 120 world celebrities is going to be a cultural odyssey.

"We're sailing off to look at the glories of ancient Greece and not just stare at each other in a round of shipboard parties," Miss Maxwell said.

For seven years she's stumped the country housewives about their likes and dislikes in household paper products.

"You wouldn't believe this," she said, "but we've actually had people write in and say they've counted the sheets. And nobody's been short-counted yet."

Miss Thomas, 29, is supervisor of the firm's consumer surveys.

"We put our own products and those of our competitors in identical cartons, and give one of each to a housewife," she said.

"Then we come back a few weeks later and find out which she liked better and why."

She organizes part-time crews of women to make the door-to-door sampling in each city where the tests are conducted. And this is not without its problems.

One woman wanted a job to help pay off a steep dental bill. But after two days the woman's daughter called to say her mother had quit.

She lost her false teeth running for a bus to get to her assigned territory.

Cape buffaloes are Africa's most deadly and vindictive animals, says the National Geographic Society. Wounded, they have been known to ambush hunters. Not content with killing their victims, they trample them with ax-sharp hoofs.

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On The Side By E. V. Durling

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When married couples purchase automobiles the wife usually decides on the color of the car, or so it is claimed. The curious color combinations seen nowadays in so many automobiles reflects no credit on the feminine taste. The wrong color or color combination can make even the most expensive automobile look cheap. My choice for auto color is black, with red leather covering for the seats.

Derby
The American Derby, staged in Chicago for over 60 years, was once considered America's greatest race over the Derby distance. When Matt Winn began to bear down on the promotion of the Kentucky Derby, the Chicago event went into the background. The Kentucky Derby's success was largely due to Matt Winn, Frank Menke and Stephen Foster. What do I mean by inflicting the written Foster? Well, sir, he wrote, "My Old Kentucky Home," and the playing of that for the post parade has had much to do with making the Kentucky Derby a colorful event.

Over There
Gasoline has become so high priced in Europe that some people are touring Europe on scooters. It's a fact. These scooters can go 100 miles on a gallon of gasoline. Other tourists seeking to conserve their funds are using the small three wheeler type of automobiles. These can travel about 70 miles on a gallon of gasoline.

Child Labor Law Reminder Issued

Farmers whose products go into interstate or foreign commerce were warned recently to pay strict attention to the child labor laws.

It is illegal for a farmer to employ children under 16 years of age in agriculture during hours when school is in session in the district where the child lives.

Madis R. Smith, Field Office supervisor for the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts division in Portland issued the statement emphasizing the provisions in the law concerning child labor during school.

Smith added that the farmer is required to maintain records for every worker in his employ under 18 years of age while school is in session. These include the minor's name in full, date of birth, address of his permanent home, and where he lives while working.

Such records are to be retained by the farmer for three years, Smith declared.

Former Nationalist Leader Under Arrest

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—Gen. Sun Li-jen, former Nationalist military leader who resigned in connection with a Red spy ring, was unofficially reported today to be under house arrest.

A board of inquiry appointed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was scheduled to convene shortly to pass judgment on Sun, who admitted "negligence" in connection with a spy ring formed by one of his subordinates.

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