

# 'Conflict of Interests' Could Develop From Sale of Apple Logs

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Washington—If Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) gets charged by Republicans with a "conflict of interest" in his forthcoming re-election campaign, the result should be some political chukles if nothing more.

The basis for such a contention lies in the fact that Morse, the senator, is a member.

### Straight Transaction

It was a straight transaction, duly recorded in the annual public report of the senate, in which Sen. Morse was duly paid for his product. The wood, in turn, was presumably used to keep the log fires burning in the many fireplaces throughout the U. S. Capitol.

The senator says he can't see how any conflict of interest was at stake. He sold some of the same apple wood to his colleague, Estes Kefauver, not long before the Senate transaction. Kefauver liked his wood so well, said Morse, that the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate heard about it and asked Morse whether he had more to sell.

"I told him to go out to my farm and get what he wanted," Morse recalled. And so he did, and before long apple logs from the Morse farm were cracking on the Capitol's many hearths.

Made to Order  
This deal is made to order as ammunition for the GOP this fall in Oregon, especially if some other "great issues" turn out to be dud.

The Republicans might argue that the longer the Senate is in session each evening, the longer the fires burn, the more wood is consumed, the bigger the market is for logs on Capitol Hill—and (the clincher) the one man most responsible for keeping the Senate in late session is the gabby senior senator from Oregon, the same fellow who was selling the Senate logs on the side.

That might make a pretty good prima facie case.

### 6½ Cords Delivered

The GOP would want to cleverly omit the fact that Morse only peddled 6½ cords of the stuff (total price: \$78). For anyone who has counted the fireplaces in the Capitol or who knows anything at all of Morse's oratorical stamina, knows that 6½ cords of apple wood would have gone up in smoke the first evening the senator got to his feet and have been turned to ash long before he finished his first lengthy speech.

You might say the senator could talk his way out of it.

Probably the fattest pay raise to go to any federal employees this year is in a bill being pushed through Congress for U. S. Commissioners in Alaska, who do everything from trying drunk driving cases to sending out search parties for missing persons.

### 'Bootlegger'

"Some years ago we informed the federal judge (in an outlying

section of Alaska) that one of his commissioners was a 'bootlegger' and that he ran a place of ill-fame." Congress was told by a representative of the administrative office of the U. S. courts.

"But the judge wrote back and said, in substance, he knew that but he was the best man he could get."

The bill called for a raise from \$7500 to \$10,500, but after hearing this testimonial, Congress jacked it up even further, to \$12,500.

# Florida Man Receives 58th Poisonous Bite

Miami, Fla. — (U.P.) — Snake handler William Haast, whose blood is used as a serum for snake bite victims, Saturday appeared to have won his latest bout with a rattlesnake.

Haast Friday received the 58th poisonous bite of his career. For 10 hours he remained on a hospital's critical list before he responded to serum treatment and was pronounced out of danger.

Haast was bitten hours after he was flown in a Navy jet in a futile attempt to save an 18-year-old girl hospitalized in New Orleans for a cobra bite. She died while the jet was in flight.

Routine Milking  
During a routine "venom-milking" demonstration later at his serpentarium Haast was bitten on the left hand by a four-foot diamond back Florida rattler.

He was showing tourists how he obtains poison for injections to immunize himself. His blood has been used to save four other snake bite victims in the past two years as a result of this self-immunization.

But Haast had built up immunity in himself mostly for nerve-attacking neurotoxic poison such as from the cobra.

Haast said he also gained im-

munity from 26 bites by blood-attacking hemotoxic snakes. He said his survival from these and the other types of bites proves he has immunity "from all snakes."

Mrs. Haast said this claim was borne out by his survival after the 58th bite Friday.

"The doctors said he'll be all right," Mrs. Haast told United Press. "He'll need a few days to recuperate. But it'll take more than a snake bite to keep him out of action for long."

# Gearhart May Have Outlawed Water Soon

Astoria — (U.P.) — A legal impasse that could force residents of the resort city of Gearhart to drink outlawed water faced city officials Saturday after anti-fluoridation forces filed initiative petitions aimed at keeping the teeth-saving chemical out of the water supply.

Gearhart was the first city in Oregon to approve fluoridation by vote of the people in 1951. Since it gets its water from the city of Warrenton, it installed fluoridation equipment at the point of takeoff from the Warrenton line. In 1955, Warrenton began to fluoridate its water supply. There is no move in Warrenton to remove the fluorides, so if Gearhart voters outlaw the chemical, city officials are at a loss to know how their drinking water can be legalized.

### Substitute Clerks Needed in Post Offices

The civil service commission has announced a need for substitute clerks in post offices in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Application forms and information can be obtained at the Medford post office building.

The post offices at Phoenix, Central Point, Eagle Point, Jacksonville and Talent are those for whom an examination is being held to establish registers in this area.

# Six Rules Listed To Help Parents If Child Kidnaped

Washington — (U.P.) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover Saturday laid down six rules for parents to follow if their child is kidnaped.

He said if the rules are followed immediately they provide the best method for the safe return of a kidnap victim. He laid down the rules as the search continued for the kidnaper of little Peter Weinberger of Westbury, N.Y.

### Be Calm

1. Call the FBI.

2. "Maintain absolute secrecy" about the abduction except to investigating officers.

3. Not handle ransom notes from the kidnaper. Hand them over at once to investigators.

4. Not touch or disturb anything at the scene of the crime. Clues invisible to the naked eye might be destroyed.

5. Be calm. Try to maintain a normal routine around office and home.

6. Place full confidence in investigators and provide them with full details on the victim including "personal habits, characteristics and peculiarities."

Hoover assured the families of kidnap victims that "when kidnappings occur, the first concern of the FBI and other law-enforcement agencies is always the safe return of the victim."

Hoover also listed some precautions that parents may take to thwart kidnaping attempts.

Securely Locked  
—Make certain doors, windows and screens are securely locked at night.

—Keep the door to the child's room open so that any unusual sound may be detected.

—Never leave young children at home alone and unprotected.

—Teach children as soon as possible how to call the police when strangers prowl about the house or attempt to get in.

—Do not advertise family finances or the household routine.

### Airline Bomber Offers Eyes To Labor Writer

Canon City, Colo. — (U.P.) — John Gilbert Graham, who is awaiting execution at Colorado State prison here next month, remained silent Thursday night on an offer he made of his eyes to labor columnist Victor Riesel of the New York Daily Mirror.

Graham made the secret offer through his attorney, John J. Gibbons, but Riesel, who was blinded when an assailant threw acid in his eyes, had to reject it because a cornea transplant would not restore his sight.

# Rifkind Calls Recess In Colorado Hearing

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Special Master Simon H. Rifkind has called a two-week recess in the legal battle between California and Arizona over Colorado River water rights—and instructed Arizona and Nevada to devote the time to settling a side skirmish.

Rifkind, appointed by the U. S. Supreme Court to hear the case, recessed the proceedings until July 23 Friday to attend to business matters in Chicago.

William T. Matthews, Nevada assistant attorney general, asked that Nevada's share in costs of the case be cut from 20 to 10 per cent because the Nevada legislature had allowed only that amount.

Arizona objected to sharing more than its agreed upon 25 per cent of the costs unless Nevada clarified the amount of water it actually was seeking in the case.

Compromise Sought  
Rifkind said he had no authority to rule on costs and suggested the two states work out a compromise during the recess.

Originally, Arizona, California and the federal government had agreed each to pay 25 per cent of the costs, Nevada 20 per cent, and Utah and New Mexico 2½ per cent each.

Rifkind took under submission a petition asking that 85,000 Indians be given special representation during the trial to protect their rights to the Colorado river water.

Norman M. Littell, counsel for the Navajo Indians, asked Rifkind to order the U. S. Attorney General to reinstate a pleading in which the government claimed "prior and superior rights" of the Indians to the river water.

Littell, in addition, asked for private counsel for the Indians, with the status of a special assistant to the attorney general and the freedom to act independently.

He also recommended that the government pay all the Indians' expenses because of their poverty and that their special counsel be given full rights of cross-examination with a time extension to prepare the Indians' case.

Government counsel David R. Warner later characterized Littell's remarks as "100 per cent of a political nature" and announced he would rely on the written argument he filed earlier.

In the suit, Arizona seeks to establish clear title to 3.8 million annual acre feet of the river water, while California claims it is entitled to 5,363,000 acre feet annually. There is not enough water available to support both claims.

### ARMY MOVES INLAND

La Rochelle, France — (U.P.) — The Atlantic Command of the U. S. Army said Saturday it will move its headquarters from this seaport to Poitiers, 85 miles inland.

FRENCH REPORTER BURIED, of Paris-Match magazine. The princess was killed in an automobile crash in Connecticut last week while covering the story of the Marilyn Monroe-Arthur Miller marriage.

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Real Estate Owned and in Judgment	11,009.42
Investments and Securities	158,700.00
United States Government Bonds	931,947.16
Cash on Hand and in Banks	804,580.43
Office Building and Equipment	40,398.43
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	82,519.33
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<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Savings Accounts	\$9,769,575.41
Loans in Process	330,367.20
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