

# Arizona Calls New Water Case Witness; Lengthy Hearing Seen

San Francisco — (UP)—Arizona called a new witness to the stand today to tell about that state's municipal water problems.

The witness was Leigh Gardner, an engineer from Phoenix. He told how Arizona's present municipal water needs are being satisfied and what their future is likely to be.

Gardner was to be the 15th witness in the trial of a suit brought by Arizona to lay claim to 2,800,000 annual acre feet of Colorado river water.

### California Opposes Claim

Opposing this claim is California, which says it is entitled to 5,363,000 acre feet. There is not enough water to supply both states.

The U. S. Supreme Court, before which Arizona filed its suit, ordered Special Master Simon B. Rifkind to hear the case and to recommend a verdict.

It appeared that this verdict could be years in coming. The trial has stretched out for six weeks with Arizona not through half its case yet.

Rifkind said Wednesday attorneys have talked about reaching a settlement after Sept. 1. "If we take a settlement, we must have a will, definite, not of several months duration."

### Location Possible

It indicated the trial would not necessarily remain in San Francisco.

One of the reasons for a recess court times and would be to allow Rifkind to return to New York to attend to his private practice.

Meanwhile, James H. Howard, chief counsel for the Metropolitan Water Bureau of Southern California, said anyone connected with the case "who hasn't gray hair now will probably have it before this is finished."

"The end is nowhere in sight and cannot be accurately predicted," Howard added. "We have not got into the legal phases of the litigation and I don't know when we will."

Harry W. Horton, attorney for the Imperial Water District of California, predicted the case would take at least two years. He recalled that a water suit between Kansas and Colorado began in 1901 and was finally decided in 1922.

Roger Ernst, Arizona land commissioner and that state's 14th witness, testified Wednesday Arizona had tried to limit the use of its dwindling underground water supply through well and pumping regulations.

Ernst said a 1948 law made it mandatory for farmers pumping in critical areas to register their wells.

Asked in cross-examination how much of a regulation he had to police, the staff he had in the field "four to six men in the field" He said this was enough.

"But from a policing standpoint I have the biggest investigative force in the world," he continued.

"This is an area where friends part and brothers become enemies. The minute someone brings in a rig to drill a well, my office has at least 50 calls from neighbors reporting that the well-drilling operation is under way."

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### Shaw Plays To Mark Anniversary

London — (UP)—The Londoner whose name is being used to mark the centennial anniversary of the birth of the playwright William Shakespeare is a Socialist.

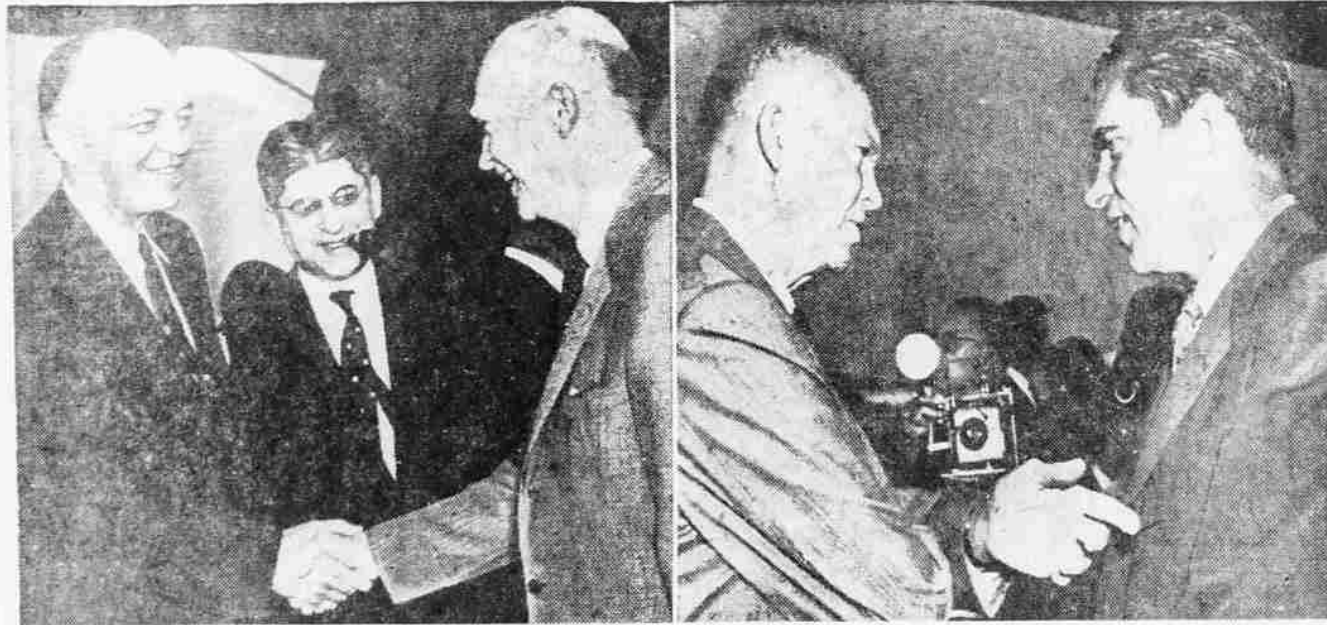
Shaw was a Socialist. Casserly is a "Conservative crusader." Shaw was a tobacco hater, teetotaler, vegetarian and atheist. Casserly smokes, drinks eat meat and is a practicing Catholic.

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**TOSSES BOMBHELL INTO GOP RANKS**—Presidential Assistant Harold E. Stassen threw a bombshell into the GOP political campaign by announcing he will fight to get the vice presidential nomination for Governor Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts instead of Richard Nixon. President Eisenhower, on his arrival home in Washington from Panama (left), has only a brief, friendly handshake and "hello" for Stassen, who was in the welcoming group. The President went out of his way to give a warm, cordial greeting to Nixon (right) and hold a plane-side chat with the Vice President. White House Press Secy. James C. Hagerty told newsmen that he is standing firm on his prediction that Nixon will be renominated as the President's running mate.

### Italian Finds Fine Paid In 1935 Didn't End Incident

Rome — (UP)—Michele Cantarelli, a 70-year-old Italian, hanged himself in despair after years of vain attempts to get a war pension.

These were two instances of what many Italians have come to consider a national calamity—red tape.

Civil servants involved in hundreds of such cases every year claim it is not their fault. They are only following literally the maze of ministry regulations.

Some of them a century old—surrounding them like a spider's web.

The civil servants' case is that they would get in trouble with their superiors if they did not comply strictly with the regulations in a country that worships the written word.

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### Liquid Foam Aids In Landing of Jet

Albany, Ga. — (UP)—Lt. Joseph G. Kondracki, of Fellsburg, Pa., tried for three hours to get the landing gear of his jet fighter down over Turner Air Force Base here but failed.

Kondracki finally brought his F-84F in on its belly and Air Force officials said the plane was barely scratched.

The base fire department had spread liquid foam on the runway and Kondracki skidded the

jet in on its wing tanks, averting damage to the fuselage.

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