

Visiting Auto Man Says Sales Ahead

Despite rumors to the contrary, Buick cars are selling well ahead of last year, according to R. L. Payne, San Francisco, district manager of the Buick motor division of General Motors.

Payne is in Medford today on a tour of his district. He reported that Buick sales in the region during June were 44.6 per cent ahead of June last year, and in the San Francisco area were up 58.8 per cent.

Texas, second largest state, has the largest number of counties with 254.

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LEFTOVERS

St. Helens, Ore. —(UPI)— Materials leftover from Pope and Talbot, Inc., lumber mill here are being made into fertilizer at a new pilot plant. The firm is packaging 60 per cent ground bark and 40 per cent peat moss mixed with ammonium sulphate and iron sulphate.

Officials Say Charges Against Foreign Aid Plan Unfounded

By WARREN DUFFEE
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Washington —(UPI)— Administration officials Thursday de-

nounced as "unfounded" and "simply not true" many of the charges leveled against the U.S. foreign aid program in Vietnam by Scripps-Howard Staff Writer Albert M. Colegrove.

State department and aid officials appeared before a Senate foreign relations subcommittee to answer the charges made by Colegrove in a recent series of dispatches. The officials said they were proud of the program.

"It has brought order to a very complicated situation," Arthur Z. Gardiner, chief of the aid mission to Vietnam, told the subcommittee headed by Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.).

Elbridge Durbrow, U.S. ambassador to Vietnam, described the program in Vietnam as "very effective" and said "I am proud of this program and the excellent results obtained." Durbrow said the Vietnamese regime of President Diem has been made economically and militarily stronger largely because of the program.

In Country 19 Days
Leonard J. Saccio, deputy director of the International Cooperation Administration, said Colegrove was in Vietnam 19 days but "never called on the mission director and never asked to see him." Nor, he said, did Colegrove contact Lt. Gen. Samuel T. Williams, head of the military assistance advisory group.

"The many erroneous and misleading statements could have been eliminated if Mr. Colegrove had been interested in factual reporting," Saccio told the senators.

Mansfield said in an opening statement that he wanted to know whether the U. S. was "getting its money's worth" in Vietnam. He emphasized that no one was "on

trial" and that the subcommittee would seek to avoid damaging innocent persons or U.S. foreign policy.

As for Colegrove's charge that the aid program was "outrageous" and "scandalous" in Vietnam, Durbrow said the charge was "unfounded" and had "so damaged our position there" that a detailed denial was needed. Answers Specific Charges

Colegrove wrote that there were only 300 trained technicians in Vietnam. Durbrow said there are more than 33,000 engineers and technicians, most of them trained with U. S. aid.

On other specific charges, Gardiner had this to say: "Colegrove alleged 'hidden scandals' in the program. 'Had he taken the trouble to check his source he could have satisfied himself that there no such scandals,' Gardiner said.

A charge that \$446,000 entrusted to a Vietnamese major was not accounted for is "simply not true" and Colegrove could have established that by checking with aid mission auditors.

Charges that 14 radio towers had been bought that "no one had ever laid eyes" on was "most inaccurate." Gardiner said 10 towers originally were bought locally and are in use by Radio Vietnam. Colegrove may have confused these, Gardiner said, with 14 others purchased from Radio Corporation of America and "which I saw with my own eyes last Friday."

A statement that 14 million dollars in resettlement funds had not been accounted for was not correct. According to Gardiner, records show that reports were "satisfactorily completed" on the funds and are available for inspection.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor and a writer. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Rosemary R.—Mabel won't accept the verdict.

Mabel D.—I'm going to appeal to the highest courts!

Rosemary R. — My older brother died last year after a brief illness and left a widow and four young children.

Shortly after the widow, Mabel, accused my younger brother of concealing some money her husband had turned over to him for investment. My younger brother denied this and there was a lawsuit which he won.

Mabel, however, has refused to accept the judge's verdict and accuses our family of trying to steal money from her and the children. We are deeply hurt by these accusations, but we feel bad mostly for the children's sake. I have tried to patch things up because I want my nieces and nephews to know they have loyal relatives, but Mabel has been terribly stubborn.

Mabel D.—Loyal relatives! That's a laugh. I know for a fact that this money was turned over by my husband. I'm going to appeal the case to the highest courts! Nobody can discourage me. My lawyer had advised me against it, but I'm going to find another lawyer and I'll follow this thing through to the end.

These "loyal" relatives have all banded together to keep this money that belongs to my children. My husband was not heavily insured and life is going to be hard for all of us. I'm going to have to go to work as soon as I can find some reliable help in my home.

My husband did a lot for his sisters and brother, but they show no gratitude.

The Council: Possibly Mabel is right in her idea about the money that is being withheld from her. We believe, however, that she should make an attempt to be more

honest with herself on this score. It is most unlikely that she was not given a fair trial. Her own lawyer is evidently satisfied on this score. Her case must be a poor one and she should try to recognize that she may have built it up too much in her own mind.

Outside of the legal questions, Mabel should recognize that she may be depriving her children of more than money by pursuing this bitter battle with the people who represent their closest tie with their deceased father.

Children brought up without one parent feel their loss very deeply. They cherish remembrances, anecdotes, mementos — anything that keeps that parent alive in their hearts.

Close ties with their father's family can mean a great deal to the children in this case and Mabel is robbing them of something irreplaceable if she persists in keeping alive a bitter family feud. The fact that this family is trying to "patch things up" indicates that Mabel is wrong in her feeling that they do not consider her children. They are extending the hand of friendship to them and that will mean more and more as the years go on.

If Mabel is sincere in her belief about the money and is not merely trying to provoke a feud, she will somehow manage to keep the legal dispute separate from her personal relationships with her husband's family. It is possible to have a difference of opinion without making enemies.

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