

House Subcommittee Opens Long-Awaited Hearing in Music 'Payola'

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Scattered Specials Pace Stocks Lower; Average Declines

New York—(UPI)—Stocks drifted lower today with steels, autos, electronics and scattered specials pacing the downturn.

Eight Children Lose Second Mother

Levittown, N. Y.—(UPI)—Last September Robert Creamer's wife Lucy, 38, was killed in an auto crash and Creamer, a factory foreman, was left alone to bring up their eight young children.

The industrial stock average fell more than 4 points Friday's close with losses of more than 2 in DuPont and a point or more in Westinghouse, International Nickel, Allied Chemical and American Tobacco.

Steels also encountered selling. Youngstown Sheet and U.S. Steel lost more than a point each, Lukens more than 2, and Bethlehem and Republic dropped fractions.

Chrysler and Ford lost a point in the autos where General Motors, trading ex-dividend, lost a fraction. American Motors gave up a large fraction.

In the electronics, Ampex dropped more than 2 and IBM more than 1. American Home Products dropped 1 in the drugs.

Josephine County Clerk Files for Post

Grants Pass—Ben W. Coutant, Josephine county clerk for 20 years, filed for that position Friday. He will seek the Republican nomination for a sixth consecutive four-year term.

Coutant was appointed county clerk Jan. 3, 1940, and was elected at the fall general election. This will be the first time Coutant has had competition for the Republican nomination. A. Donley Barnes, former sheriff, filed last month for the position.

Democratic Central Committee to Meet

The Jackson County Democratic Central committee will meet Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, South Grape st.

Robert Duncan, speaker of the house of representatives, will report on the Democratic state platform convention held recently in Salem.

Other business will include final plans for the annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner sponsored by the Democratic Party of Jackson county.

All interested Democrats are invited to attend.

Car Hits Fence During Argument

A couple named Hassel got into a hassle Sunday morning which caused their car to leave the road and ram into a fence near the intersection of Old Stage rd. and Beal lane, state police said.

Operator of the southbound vehicle on Old Stage rd. was Mrs. Jessalee Louviss Hassel, 41, of 33 North Peach st., Medford. Police said apparently her husband, Kenneth Edgar Hassel, 42, a passenger in the car, grabbed his wife's arm during an argument causing her to lose control of the car. The vehicle hit a fence on the Ross Conner property, route 2, box 438C, Medford.

Ex-Broadcasters Will Tell Roles As 'Consultants'

Washington—(UPI)—The former employees of a Cleveland radio station said today they received payments from a music record distributor as "consultants."

They said they would testify to this when called before a House subcommittee investigating payola and other allegedly deceptive broadcasting practices.

The three young men talked freely with newsmen while the subcommittee questioned its first witness, former Boston disc jockey Norman Prescott behind closed doors.

The three identified themselves as Charles Young, music librarian, and Joe Finay and Wes Hopkins, disc jockeys, all formerly employed at Cleveland radio station KYW.

All three said they had broken no laws and would answer all questions put to them by the subcommittee. It is investigating complaints that radio station employees have taken under the table payments to plug records.

Admit Taking Fees

"We have admitted we took fees from a record distributor in Cleveland for consultative services," Hopkins told newsmen.

The subcommittee went behind closed doors to question Prescott almost immediately after opening its long awaited payola investigation.

Chairman Oren Harris (D-Ark.) noted that subcommittee rules provide for a closed session whenever it is determined that testimony "may tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any person."

Harris said he was ordering the closed session to determine whether Prescott's testimony was of that nature.

Harris announced in a brief opening statement that hearings scheduled for this week "are but the beginning" of an inquiry into payola and other allegedly deceptive practices in the broadcasting industry.

Could Concern Idol

Subcommittee sources said this week's hearings would be concerned mainly with broadcasting practices in Boston and Cleveland. Harris said later hearings would deal with practices "in Pennsylvania and many other parts of the country."

While Harris did not elaborate, the Pennsylvania phase could concern teen-age television idol Dick Clark, whose network required him to divest himself of interests in the record industry.

66 Census Takers Needed in County

Sixty-six census takers will be needed to take the federal census for Jackson county starting April 1, Mrs. James Ragland, chairman of the Republican Central committee, has announced.

Four crew leaders will be needed, also, Mrs. Ragland reported. Qualified Republicans and Democrats will be used, she added.

Those persons desiring the work should obtain federal employment form No. 57 at the post office, fill it out and mail it to Edward G. Bates, district census supervisor, 460 Lane county courthouse, Eugene, Mrs. Ragland directed.

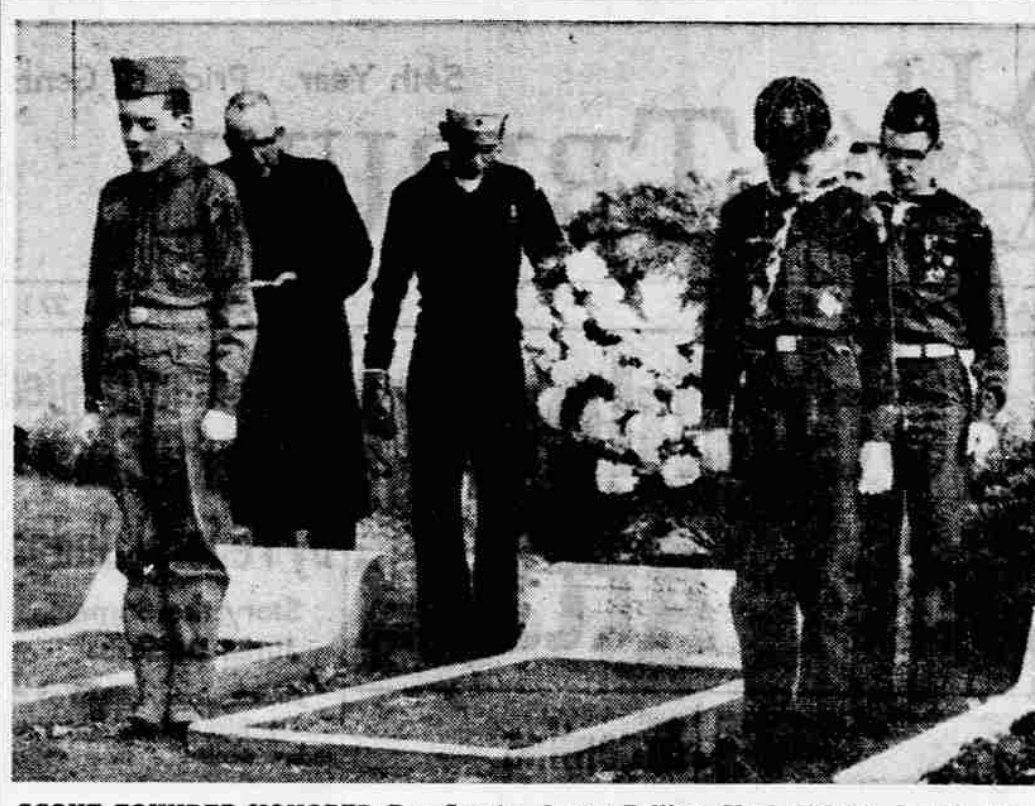
Bates is scheduled to be in Jackson county in approximately two weeks, Mrs. Ragland said, and will interview crew leader applicants then.

Crew leader qualifications include: Must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, with a high school education or its equivalent, pass a written test, be able to read maps, satisfactorily complete a training course and be able to devote full time to the job.

A crew leader must also have access to a privately-owned car, in good condition, be in good physical condition, of high moral character, be able to speak clearly and distinctly and have good eyesight and hearing.

Those having veterans' preference who meet all requirements will be given first chance.

To be a census-taker a person must be a U.S. citizen, with at least a high school education, 18 years old or older, pass a test satisfactorily, be of high moral character and integrity, be able to conduct interviews in a clear, concise manner, have good eyesight, be in good physical condition, be able to write neatly and legibly and have an automobile available if he lives in a rural area.



SCOUT FOUNDER HONORED—Boy Scouts from Ottawa, Ill., and surrounding towns are shown as they placed a wreath on the grave of William D. Boyce, founder of the Boy Scouts of America, during ceremonies at Ottawa. The Scouts are, left to right, James Pellino, Kurt Siebert, Joseph Nevro and James O'Dell. They placed the wreath in behalf of millions of Scouts, past and present. The organization was started in the United States on Feb. 8, 1910. —(UPI Telephoto)

Eisenhower's Plan to Share Nuclear Weapons With Allies Would Cut Retaliation Time

Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower's proposal to share nuclear weapons with U.S. allies is designed primarily to cut the time required to retaliate against any Soviet air attack, it was learned today.

American strategic and tactical bombers in Europe are only between 10 and 20 minutes flying time away from the Iron Curtain.

While U.S. air defense systems could react almost instantly to a Soviet air attack, Eisenhower's military advisers warn that West European anti-aircraft systems could not.

Question of Time

This is so primarily because although Britain and other NATO members have received American-made weapons designed to carry atomic warheads, the warheads themselves are stored in separate installations.

Time would be required to unlock the warheads, mount them on their carriers or "delivery systems," and prepare them for firing.

Eisenhower, according to reliable sources, hopes to come up with an arrangement under which the warheads could be mounted at all times.

British planes which would carry American-made atomic weapons in wartime are not now armed. Under the Eisenhower plan, however, such planes would be armed at all times.

Armed After Battle

British submarines and surface vessels, under the Eisenhower scheme, also would be permitted to carry atomic weapons whenever they leave port.

Under present arrangements, foreign vessels would receive their atomic weapons from the United States only after the battle had started.

The administration apparently has not yet decided which one of two possible methods it wishes to use for the new arrangement.

Dr. Finch To Face Cross-Examination

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Prosecutor Fred N. Whichello believes there are enough holes in the story told by Dr. R. Bernard Finch of his wife's death to send the surgeon to the gas chamber.

Whichello was to put Finch under what is certain to be a long and pounding cross-examination today after the doctor completes his account of leaving the scene of the July 18 killing of Mrs. Barbara Jean Finch, 33.

Finch and his 23-year-old mistress, Carole Tregoff, are charged with Mrs. Finch's murder. It was not yet known whether the girl would take the witness stand at all.

Relates Final Words

Women jurors were in tears Friday at the 42-year-old surgeon's broken-voiced recital of his wife's last words as he knelt beside her. Finch claimed his wife was shot when a revolver fired accidentally in a wild fight.

"I'm sorry - I should have listened," Finch quoted his wife. "Take care of the kids."

Trial observers agreed his story had terrific emotional impact and put the doctor in the best position since testimony in his trial began five weeks ago.

But it was filled with coincidences and strange twists upon which Whichello was set to seize.

The first was the tremendous mathematical improbability of the gun firing—Finch says in the process of being flung away—and hitting the brunette Mrs. Finch squarely in the back.

Wanted Flashlight
A second was the explanation of the presence of the so-called "murder kit" at the scene and the strange mixture of rope, knife, flashlight and medical equipment. Carole brought it up the driveway, Finch said, because he wanted the flashlight inside and she did not have the key to the attaché case so she brought the whole kit.

Symington-Brown Ticket Favored in California Poll

Sacramento, Calif.—(UPI)—Democratic members of the state legislature today rated Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri as the likely winner of their party's Presidential nomination.

A United Press International poll of every Democratic state senator and assemblyman showed that those veteran politicians believe a ticket of Symington and Gov. Edmund G. Brown of California is likely to emerge from the national convention at Los Angeles next July.

However, while Symington led all other candidates as the lawmakers' choice to win first place on the Democratic ticket,

when asked to express their own personal favorite for the top spot, Adlai Stevenson drew the most support.

Many of the legislators who voted in the UPI poll are expected to be members of California's 81-vote delegation to the national convention.

Brown already has announced he will enter the June 7 Presidential primary as a "favorite son" candidate.

Secret Ballot

All 28 Democratic state senators and the 46 Democratic assemblymen participated in the poll, which was conducted by secret ballot.

Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts trailed Symington by six votes in the Presidential sweepstakes and ran three votes behind Governor Brown as the likely vice-presidential choice at the convention.

Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, one of the four United States senators in the forefront of the race for the nomination, drew not a single vote in the poll.

And Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas was the choice of only four legislators.

Quotes From the News

By United Press International
Cairo—Mrs. Genevieve Drury Christie, of Carmel, Indiana, one of 76 elderly Americans who made a four month, 14,000-mile safari across Africa, discussing the rigorous trip: "I wouldn't have missed a minute of it even though at times I cried and pleaded with my husband to fly me home."

New York—Heart specialist Dr. Paul Dudley White, who treated President Eisenhower for his heart attack, stating that activity is good for the President: "His 11-nation tour is evidence that his job is work that he is especially adapted to, he likes it, it's an important function, and he's followed the rules otherwise so far as his health is concerned."

San Rafael, Calif.—Miss Louise A. Boyd, describing as a great honor her being named the first woman councilor in the 108-year history of the American Geographical Society: "They have never had a woman on the council before and I did not expect I would be the first one."

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