



SPY SUSPECT RELEASED—Igor Y. Melekh, Russian UN official arrested as a spy, leaves a van to enter the New York City federal building. Behind him is Willie Hirsch, German-born alien held on the same charge. Melekh won an order for his release in \$50,000 bail but his movements will be tightly limited. No bond was posted for Hirsch. (UPI Telephoto)

# House Group Plans To Probe Charges Behind Nixon Loan

Washington—UPI—House investigators plan to look into charges that the Civil Aeronautics Board was influenced by a \$205,000 loan industrialist Howard Hughes made to Vice President Richard M. Nixon's brother, Donald.

Chairman Jack B. Brooks, (D-Tex.), of the House government activities subcommittee said "serious allegations" had come to the panel's attention. He announced plans for the inquiry Thursday.

**Favorable Decisions Claimed**  
Brooks said it had been reported that Trans World Airlines, owned by the Hughes Tool Co., was granted favorable CAB decisions following the 1956 loan. He said indications were that the GOP presidential nominee was consulted on every step of the loan.

Subcommittee aide Edward C. Brooks, brother of the chairman, said work already has started on the inquiry. But he said it would be "practically impossible" to get the committee together for a hearing until after the elections next Tuesday.

The original report of the loan was made by syndicated columnist Drew Pearson. Pearson said important matters of the Hughes companies which were before the federal government got better treatment after the loan.

**Called Nonsense**  
The vice president's campaign manager, Robert N. Finch, said Pearson's story "alleges that a loan was made to Don Nixon and that in some way the vice president was implicated and that Hughes benefited. That is absolute nonsense."

In a statement released in Los Angeles on Oct. 30, Donald Nixon confirmed the loan but said "I have never asked my brother to do anything for me or anyone else in the government. And if I did ask, I knew he would refuse."

Rep. Brooks said latest indications were that Vice President Nixon was "consulted on every move" during the time the loan was made to his brother.

**North California Raked by Storm**  
By United Press International  
Severe weather struck the West late Thursday and early Friday, bringing heavy wind and rain to northern California and wind-whipped snow to the Rocky mountain slopes.

A freak windstorm swept in from the Pacific ocean and lashed the California coast, causing one death and damage estimated in the thousands of dollars.

A construction worker was killed when wind blew a tree down on top of his truck near Ukiah, Calif., about 90 miles north of San Francisco. The winds broke windows, tore down power lines, and damaged buildings. The wind partially tore away roofs of ranch buildings near Ukiah.

Snow blanketed the ground early today from Montana and western South Dakota through Wyoming and western Nebraska. Casper, Wyo., reported four inches of snow on the ground at midnight.

# Porter Turns Durno Ads Over to FCPC

By United Press International  
Heated words continued to fly in Oregon's political campaign today as voters prepared to elect a U.S. senator, four congressmen and three top state officers next Tuesday.

The battle between Maurine Neuberger and Elmo Smith for the Senate seat vacated by the late Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, (D-Ore.), is of top interest in the statewide races. Voters will choose between

them for a short term to run from the election until Congress reconvenes for a regular six-year term.

All four incumbent congressmen and the present secretary of state, state treasurer and attorney general seek election.

Ex-Gov. Smith charged Thursday that Oregon's delegation would be "rendered largely ineffective for the next six years if Mrs. Neuberger is elected."

"Before Oregonians cast their ballots in this election, my opponent should explain what she has done to cause such personal bitterness toward her on the part of top members of the Oregon congressional delegation of her own party," he said.

Smith said Sen. Wayne Morse, (D-Ore.), "has made several campaign talks in Oregon endorsing the entire Democratic slate but any personal mention of my opponent was conspicuously missing from his press releases."

Blaine Whipple, executive secretary of the Democratic party of Oregon, took issue with Smith and said Morse had endorsed Mrs. Neuberger by name in speeches throughout the state and that he did so last Saturday in Portland.

In Southern Oregon, Rep. Charles O. Porter, (D-Ore.), said he has turned over last-minute "smear ads" for his Republican opponent, State Sen. Edwin Durno, to the Fair Campaign Practices Committee. He said the committee has one-minute television spots available for use which were made by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York and Democratic Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

**Funds Said Lacking**  
Porter said the ads stated, "Why does Porter encourage Castro?" Porter said "We do not have funds to answer all of these smears but can only hope that the voters will see them for what they are."

In the other congressional races Rep. Al Ullman, (D-Ore.), is opposed by Ron Phair of Klamath Falls; Rep. Walter Norblad, (R-Ore.), is opposed by ex-Army private Marv Owens of St. Helens, and Rep. Edith Green, (D-Ore.), faces Republican Wallace Lee.

The state office races match incumbent Secretary of State Howell Appling, Republican, against Monroe Sweetland; incumbent State Treasurer Howard Belton against Democratic State Sen. Ward Cook, and incumbent Attorney General Robert Thornton, Democrat, against State Sen. Carl Francis, (R-Dayton). Appling and Belton are appointees of Gov. Mark Hatfield.

**Other Developments**  
Sweetland went on television Thursday night to denounce as "false and malicious" material he said was distributed about him and which is under investigation by the Multnomah county district attorney.

The battle over the billboard measure continued. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Portland, chairman of the Highway Protection Committee, said a recent mail handout against the measure contained "misstatements." Jack Schnaidt, officer in the Oregon Council of Outdoor Advertising, said the measure could cost taxpayers millions of dollars to put the state in the billboard business.

# Khrushchev Rumors Touch Off Minor Stock Market Rally

New York—UPI—Unconfirmed rumors that Premier Nikita Khrushchev has been deposed touched off a minor stock market rally today.

Steels were first to jump with gains of a point in Youngstown and around a half in Republic, U.S. Steel, and Bethlehem.

**Bodies Found in Vault Said Once Carnival Exhibits**  
Santa Cruz, Calif. —UPI—The embalmed bodies of Siamese twins found in a Watsonville bank vault 50 years after their death were once a valuable carnival display, according to the Santa Cruz coroner's office.

Dr. August H. Larson, retired Los Angeles physician who had signed a certificate attesting that the twins were genuine, told investigators that the twins were genuine and that the bodies had been displayed as a scientific marvel at various southern California amusement parks almost 40 years ago.

**Valise Owner Unknown**  
Officers of the Pajaro Valley Bank in Watsonville found the valise containing the twins and certificates of authenticity in their vault Wednesday.

Documents with the bodies indicated the twins were born in 1908 to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio E. Herrera in Silverbell, Ariz. There was no indication as to the owner of the valise, however.

Chief Deputy Coroner Hugh Kilpatrick reported Thursday that they would be buried as "unclaimed dead."

**HAS ROUGH DAY**  
London —UPI—A housewife Thursday sent her electricity payment to the gas board and enclosed here telephone bill.

**Federal Workers Get Voting Time**  
Washington —UPI—Federal government employees will be given up to three hours off to vote on election day depending on when the polls open and close in their voting districts.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission said Thursday the White House has set down the following policy concerning time off to vote in Tuesday's election:  
Where polls are not open either three hours before or three hours after the normal work day, government employees will be given enough time to compensate for the difference.

**Princess Soraya Denies Romance**  
Las Vegas, Nev. —UPI— Princess Soraya, divorced in 1958 from the shah of Iran because she bore him no sons, today denied any romantic link with Hugh O'Brian, television's gun-slinging Wyatt Earp.

"I've only been out with him twice, no more than with any other man," the lovely princess said as she vacationed at the luxurious Sands Hotel on the Las Vegas Strip. O'Brian also is a guest of the hotel.

**Sitter Rescues Children in Fire**  
Milwaukee, Wis. —UPI— A baby sitter, trapped by flames in a burning four-family apartment house, tossed four children from a second story window and then leaped to safety herself Thursday night.

Mrs. Norma Nichols, 19, tossed the three children of Mrs. Marlene Kavitz and her own son into the arms of Lily Walker, 27, standing below. Then Mrs. Nichols jumped and was caught by a man. A 6-year-old boy received possible broken ankles.

**Rocket Launched in Weather Probe**  
Honolulu —UPI— A Navy rocket carrying 12 pounds of meteorological instruments was fired 40 miles into space Thursday to initiate a series of 15 weather probes for the Hawaiian Islands.

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Fourteen more such launches are planned from the island of Kauai between now and Nov. 18.

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HELD ON MURDER CHARGE—Joseph A. Peel Jr., 36, former city judge of West Palm Beach, Fla., left, is shown being taken to the county jail at Chattanooga, Tenn., by Sheriff James Turner. Peel is being held on charges that he caused the murder of a circuit judge and his wife in ocean waters near their Florida home in 1955. (UPI Telephoto)

# Former Judge Held In Five-Year-Old Florida Mystery

Chattanooga, Tenn. —UPI—A former judge with a mysterious past walked into a carefully laid police trap Thursday night and was charged with murder in the disappearance five years ago of a prominent Florida judge and his wife.

Former West Palm Beach, Fla., City Judge Joseph A. Peel Jr., 36, was arrested 40 minutes after he checked into the Patton hotel here after a flight from Charlotte, N.C.

Florida officers revealed several hours later that murder warrants had been sworn out Oct. 31 charging Peel and long-time criminal Floyd A. (Lucky) Holzapfel, 36, with the June 15, 1955, murder of Circuit Judge and Mrs. C. E. Chillingsworth of West Palm Beach. Holzapfel has been in jail at West Palm Beach since early last month awaiting trial on another murder charge.

Peel and his partner in a bankrupt construction company, James Donald Miles, 31, had been free under \$25,000 bond on charges of conspiring to murder Holzapfel. But State Attorney Phil O'Connell of West Palm Beach, said Miles turned state's evidence and helped lay the trap for Peel.

Miles checked in at the hotel Wednesday. When Peel arrived Thursday night he was given a room on the same floor. Officers nabbed him in the hotel corridor and said he "had an expression of complete surprise when arrested."

When the judge failed to appear for a 10 a.m. hearing the following morning, officers went to his home and found an outdoor spotlight broken and drops of blood on the boardwalk leading to the beach. Nothing in the house had been disturbed. There were no other clues.

Last month Palm Beach police said undercover agents had made a tape recording of a confession which they attributed to Holzapfel, a man with a 15-year criminal record. They said the voice on the recording told of being hired to kill the judge but that the killing of his wife had not been planned.

The recorded voice told of putting the judge and his wife in a small boat, taking them several miles out to sea, weighting them with chain and then shoving them overboard.

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