

Shaky Condition of Estes Empire Revealed Months Before Texas Arrest

Washington - (UPI) - An agriculture Department official testified today that months before the Billie Sol Estes scandals exploded he received information that the Texas farm manipulator was liable for \$7 million or \$8 million in mortgages not covered in his financial statements.

The official, Roland F. Ballou, made the statement in replying to questions by Rep. L. H. Fountain (D-N.C.), chairman of a House government operations subcommittee which opened an inquiry today into Estes' tangled affairs. Ballou said he got the mortgage information from a Dun and Bradstreet report in September, 1961.

Ballou also said the Agriculture Department began taking action to safeguard the government's interest in Estes' grain storage operations "prior to his arrest." But under further questioning, Ballou said this action was started the morning of March 29, 1962, only hours before Estes was arrested.

Ballou said "stories and rumors" had been circulating for months that Estes was "not as solvent as he appeared to be." But he said Estes

Bank Debits Show Increase in Area

Bank debits for the Southwestern Oregon including Curry, Jackson and Josephine counties, increased in April, 1962, compared to April, 1961, according to the University of Oregon's research bureau. Debits for April, 1962, totaled \$99,354,308. For March, 1962, the total was \$88,399,137, and for April, 1961, the total was \$85,391,052.

Oregon with 239 banks reporting, had an increase in bank debits in April, 1962, of 6.7 per cent compared with March, 1962 and an increase of 9.7 per cent compared to April, 1961.

Americans are eating about 18 pounds more of fruit each year, fresh and canned, than they did in 1915.

was known as a "very fierce competitor in the grain storage field."

Fountain began cross examination of Ballou after the official said in a prepared statement that there was reason to believe that Estes was guilty of a criminal violation in his grain storage dealings with the government.

Ballou said the matter had been turned over to the FBI and the Justice Department for possible action. He said the alleged violation involved false financial statements, which carries a penalty of up to five years in prison upon conviction.

Ballou said he based his conclusion that no favoritism was shown Estes by the department on his intimate acquaintanceship of grain storage operations.

He said there was "absolutely nothing to allegations" that the department was putting to additional expense by moving grain from the Great Plains of Kansas to Estes' Texas elevators. Ballou said it was common to move grain from that area to Texas Gulf ports.

In describing the government's crackdown on Estes, Ballou said he was advised on March 28 considerable publicity had been given in Texas to expressions of concern by about 20 of Estes' creditors who feared for their investments.

The next day, he said, C. H. Mosley, head of the Dallas area Office of the Commodity Operations told him by telephone the FBI was looking into some of Estes' loans.

He said he immediately called a meeting of department officials. It was "unani-

mously agreed" to start taking inventories of government grain in Estes' elevators, he said.

"Estes was arrested late that afternoon," Ballou told the subcommittee.

Meantime, Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman refused to modify a department order to withdraw about 42 million bushels of government-owned grain from elevators once controlled by Estes.

Hospital's Error Results in Wrong Surgery on Infants

Pontiac, Mich. - (UPI) - Everyone agreed the infants looked remarkably alike.

The mixup was a "100,000 to one chance," one parent said, "but it happened."

What happened was an operating room mistake involving two infant boys, 17 months and 13 months.

One got a "tonsillectomy" and the other a "hernia" operation. It should have been the other way around.

Tracy Fernald, 17 months, and Mark Trautman, 13 months, were in adjoining beds at St. Joseph hospital. They were wheeled into the operating room within minutes of each other last week.

Somewhat, the wrong charts calling for operations were given to each boy. Mark, who needed a hernia operation, had his tonsils out. And Tracy has an incision on his stomach following his "tonsillectomy."

The mixup was discovered when Tracy's parents, Walter and Maude Fernald, saw a cart being wheeled out of the operating room with their son's chart attached.

"Well, there's Tracy," Fernald said, "Let's go."

Mrs. Fernald objected. "That's not Tracy," she said. "That one's got long hair. Tracy's got a butch cut."

The nurse wheeling the cart looked shocked. "You must be kidding," she said. When Mrs. Fernald convinced her, the nurse ran back to the operating room.

Fernald said he wasn't angry, that it hadn't bothered Tracy and described the whole affair as a "100,000 to 1 chance."

Market Stages Sharp Selloff; Tape An Hour Late

New York - (UPI) - The stock market today staged its sharpest retreat since President Dwight D. Eisenhower's 1955 heart attack.

The big slide was accompanied by the heaviest trading of the year and the greatest lateness on the high speed tickers since they went into use Sept. 2, 1930.

The tape ran 68 minutes behind in recording floor transactions at the close.

Brokers agreed with the President's top economic adviser, Walter Heller, who said there were no economic grounds for the "disturbing correction" now taking place in the market. Many said the dip now constituted blind selling which has reached unrealistic proportions.

The stock list and Dow Jones averages were not available at press time because of the lateness of the tickers.

Local Firm Bids Low on Project

Successful bidders have been determined for the hemlock looper control project slated to begin in mid-June in Clatsop county, the State Forestry department has announced.

Rosenbalm Aviation corporation, Medford, submitted the low bid for the aerial spraying with an offer of 59 cents an acre, Stauffer Chemical company, Portland, bid 20.31 cents per gallon for supplying the spray, and Portland Motor transport won the transportation contract at 2.625 cents a gallon. The transportation bid included the hauling cost, plus the installation of storage facilities and pumping equipment at the Astoria - Clatsop county airport.

The project will cover 33,500 acres of choice timberlands infested with this destructive moth which is capable of killing extensive areas of timber if left unchecked. On the basis of the bids total cost will amount to \$33,787.50. This expense will be shared cooperatively by the State Forestry department, U.S. Forest service and private landowners.

The state will bear 100 per cent of the cost on state, county and municipally-owned lands, as will the forest service on federal lands. Costs on private lands will be apportioned, with the state to pay 37 1/2 per cent, the forest service 25 and private 37 1/2.

Control of the hemlock looper will be sought in the aerial application of one and one-half gallons per acre of a mixture containing one-half pound of DDT plus enough diesel oil and solvent to make the full measure.

GOP Seeks Opinions Of Party Leaders

Verne Shangle, Medford, Jackson County Central committee chairman, is among several thousand Republican grass-roots leaders whose opinions on organization and issues are being sought this month by the National committee.

Results will provide guidelines for shaping campaign strategy at the Republican National committee meeting in Seattle, Wash., June 11 and 12.

The questionnaire seeks to determine (1) prospects of victory in November based on comparison of organizational strength with 1958, and (2) national issues about which the American people are most concerned.

About a dozen Oregon Republican leaders are candidates to go to Seattle for the national meeting, said State Chairman Phil Roth.

Toledo Boy Dies Of Accidental Hanging

Toledo, Ore. - (UPI) - Stephen Daniel, 8, Toledo, accidentally hanged himself at his home Sunday while playing with a rope, city police reported.

They said the boy apparently climbed onto a stool with a rope wrapped around him. He fell, hanging himself.

His mother, Mrs. George Daniel, attempted artificial respiration to no avail. The victim has four older brothers and sisters.

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Manner of Carpenter Rescue From Ocean Stirs Controversy

Cape Canaveral, Fla. - (UPI) - A Navy-Air Force controversy that may provoke an official inquiry was developing today over the manner in which the rescue of astronaut Scott Carpenter was carried out in the Atlantic last Thursday.

At the center of the controversy was a claim that an Air Force amphibious rescue plane could have scooped Carpenter, a Navy lieutenant commander, out of the ocean an hour or an hour and a half before he actually was picked up by a Navy helicopter.

A part of this claim, heard

widely in this missile and space headquarters but not substantiated, was that the Navy recovery force shouldered the Air Force rescue team aside.

There have been rumblings ever since the astronaut splashed down into the ocean 200 miles beyond his target area at the end of his three-orbit mission around earth in a Mercury spacecraft. When rescued, he was floating in the liferaft carried aboard his craft for such an emergency.

was able to monitor radio communications during the rescue operation insisted a newsman today that the Air Force SA16 rescue plane determined about 1 1/2 hours before the helicopter's arrival that it could safely land and pick up Carpenter.

A communication, he said, went to the carrier Intrepid that conditions were suitable and shortly after that the word flashed back from the carrier that the Air Force plane was not to land. A helicopter was said to be en route.



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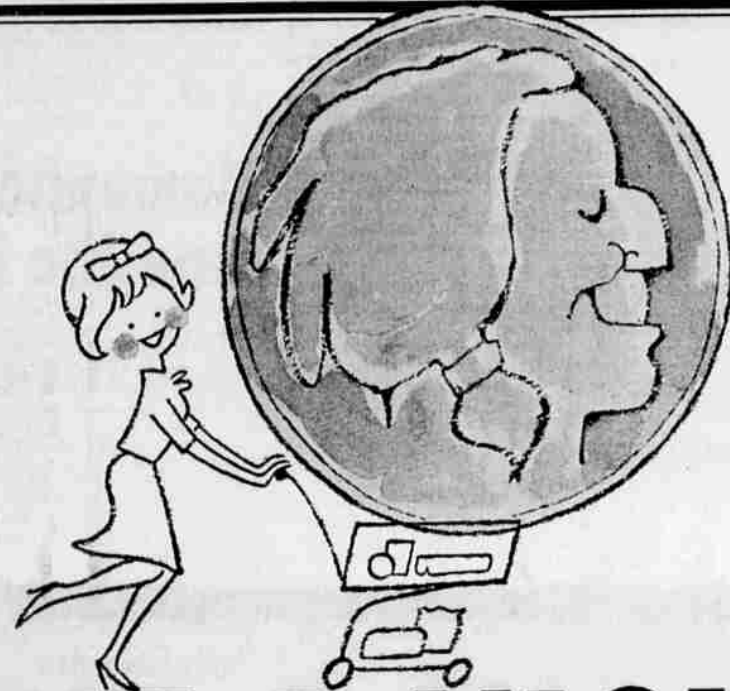
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