

Name of Vice President Said Omitted in Estes Testimony

Washington—UPI—A Republican lawyer filed by a congressional committee investigating the Billie Sol Estes scandal said today a federal employee changed his testimony at the inquiry to avoid mentioning Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The charge was made by Robert Manuel, a Republican fired Thursday by a House subcommittee for giving a re-

porter secret Agriculture Department report on the Estes case.

In a statement to reporters, Manuel said Carl Miller, an Agriculture Department official omitted Johnson's name from his testimony while being questioned by the investigators.

Manuel said Miller had stated in private that Estes, West Texas farm manipulator

under indictment on fraud charges, had "sought to pressure him by invoking the names of the late Speaker Sam Rayburn and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson."

Stock Prices Firm In Narrow Market

New York—UPI—Stocks firmed in a narrow and quiet market during the early hours today.

Du Pont and American Telephone led the blue chip gainers with a rise of about 1 each. General American dipped nearly 1/2 in an easier oil section and chemicals and autos moved slightly higher.

Inland tracked on roughly a point in a firm steel sector. International Minerals and Chemicals gained better than a point on news that the company had tapped the world's largest deposit of high-grade potash in its \$40 million Canadian mine.

Electronics performed well with IBM, Litton, Motorola and Beckman up 1 or more. Utilities, foods, drugs and stores moved slightly higher.

DOW JONES AVERAGES	
New York—Dow Jones final stock averages	
30 industrials	602.20, off 1.71; 20 railroads 126.35, off 0.33; 15 utilities 113.22, off 0.80, and 85 stocks 208.00, off 0.78.
S&P 4's Thursday were 2.78 million shares compared with 4.19 million shares Wednesday.	

Young Americans Said Schooled in Violence, Sex

Chicago—UPI—Evangelist Billy Graham, at the midpoint of his Chicago crusade, said Thursday night that the new generation of Americans "has been schooled in violence, sex and mischief and led into lawlessness."

He told 18,000 persons at the McCormick Place Convention Hall: "It is a strange contradiction that in the midst of the greatest tide of church-going in our history, we should be breaking all records for crime, immorality, delinquency, graft and greed."

Graham said the current economic boom "is doing things to our morals that the depression never began to do."

He warned that "Americans are not God's pets or favorites."

By What They Are

"We have an idea that God will overlook our sins because we are Americans," he said. "God does not judge individuals or nations by who they are but by what they are. God abhors a people who steep themselves in iniquity and refuse to improve their spiritual state."

The Protestant revivalist said that mankind will be punished by barbarism until "man turns to God."

"The most savage animal would not descend, as men did, to do the deeds which were revealed at the Eichmann trial," Graham said.

Manuel said Miller "told me this happened in his office during a visit by Billie Sol Estes Jan. 25, 1961."

Tells of Conversation

The statement added: "On or about May 25 . . . I interrogated Mr. Miller at his home in Alexandria, Va. Among other things, Miller told me in no uncertain terms that Billie Sol Estes had sought to pressure him by invoking the names of the late Speaker Rayburn and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson."

When Miller appeared at public hearings a few days later, Manuel said, "his story was somewhat different."

Manuel quoted Miller as saying the names of those pressuring him were Rayburn and Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D-Tex.). "At the conclusion of his (Miller's) testimony I called him over to the counsel table and, in the presence of Rep. Florence Dwyer (R-N.J.), . . . I reminded him that in our interview he had

mentioned Mr. Johnson, and not Sen. Yarborough.

"He admitted this and seemed remorseful. But he offered no explanation of why he changed his story."

The incident, Manuel continued, "points up the way this investigation is being distorted — and the truth suppressed — either because of shoddy preparation, or a willingness to cover up."

Defends Leaking Report

In defense of his action in giving the confidential report on Estes to a Washington newsmen, Manuel said when he was asked to become Republican counsel of the inves-

tigating group, he accepted in the hope "that I could help perform a useful public service."

"The Billie Sol Estes scandal was not only a clear example of political corruption at its worst, but also seemed to me to be a test of our very system of free government," he said.

Miller, sitting in the hearing room while investigators questioned a witness today, told a reporter he could not remember "whose names I mentioned to Manuel."

Miller said Manuel came to his home one night and left after midnight. He said

Manuel's statement "distorted" the nature of their conversation. He declined to say

whether he had mentioned Johnson's name in the conversation.

Snow Still Blocks Roads in Forest at Higher Elevations

Snow still blocks many of the roads in the higher elevations of Rogue River National forest, according to the forest's weekly recreation report.

By districts, here is this week's report:

Applegate district: All campgrounds are open and ready for use, use of the campgrounds has been moderate. Most of the roads are open except in the high country where the roads and trails are still blocked by snow.

Fishing in Squaw lakes and the rivers around Applegate has been reported fair. Travelers should be on the lookout for logging trucks and cattle.

Ashland district: The fish lake-Lake of the Woods road and the road from Dead Indian-Soda Springs to Big Elk guard station are open. The Fourmile lake road and the Mt. Ashland loop road above Bull Gap are still under four feet of snow. The Owens road is still impassable. The fish

lake road has been graded and is in fair condition.

Fishing at Fish Lake continues good. However, stream fishing is still poor. All campgrounds are open, and cabins and trailer space can be rented at the Fish lakesort.

The bear are out in the Dead Indian country and in the Little Applegate drainage.

Butte Falls district: All district roads are open except for a section of the Parker Meadows road between the South Fork of the Rogue river and the Parker Meadows campground. The Blue Rock road is blocked by snow about three miles below the lookout.

Fishing has continued good during the past week at Willow lake with catches ranging between 8 and 12 inches. Poor weather has kept down the number of anglers.

Snowshoe campground is being expanded, and the new road and parking area will be completed soon. All other campgrounds are open. Warm clothing is recommended for the campgrounds at the higher elevations, since some days still are cool.

Prospect district: Roads on the Prospect district are passable to sedans except for unrocked side roads and some of the high elevations roads still blocked by snow.

Fishing is improving and so is the weather. Daytime temperatures have been going into the 70s, but nights are frosty.

Some of the south slopes at

low elevations have dried out enough to carry a fire, and travelers are asked to be careful with matches and campfires.

Union Creek district: Forest roads on the Union Creek district are closed by snow about 5,000 feet or higher. All of the Mt. Stella road is now open.

The district is still plagued with cold weather and fishing conditions are fair. Reported catches were few and only fair.

With the exception of Huckleberry Mt., all campgrounds are now open. Campers are advised to take warm clothing.

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U. S. Pledges To Continue Efforts For Nuclear Ban

Geneva—UPI—The United States pledged today to continue its efforts for a treaty banning nuclear tests despite the negative attitude of the Russians at the 17-nation Geneva conference.

U. S. Ambassador Arthur H. Dean accused the Russians of trying to divert attention from their blocking tactics by bringing up "extraneous issues," such as the U.S. nuclear tests in outer space.

Minister Valerian A. Zorin said the United States does not wish to reach agreement on disarmament or a test ban, and seeks "to talk about everything except reaching agreement on a test ban."

Report To Delegates

The exchange took place when Britain, the United States, and Russia, who are conducting nuclear test ban talks in the framework of the larger conference, reported to the other delegates on their failure to agree.

Mrs. Eva Myrdahl of Sweden, one of the eight neutral nations at the conference, said the neutrals "would be failing in their duty to the conference if they did not express their concern over the current spiraling series of nuclear tests."

Dean left Geneva immediately after addressing the conference. He headed for New York. He will deliver the commencement address at Dartmouth college Sunday and return here in time for Tuesday's session.

Swimming Pools in City Open Today

Hawthorne and Jackson swimming pools opened at 1 o'clock this afternoon beginning the Medford park and recreation department's summer swimming program.

The pools will be open daily this summer between 1 and 9 p.m., Park and Recreation Director Robert L. Haworth advised.

Season tickets may be purchased at either Hawthorne or Jackson pools, or at the park and recreation department office on the main floor of the city hall, Haworth said.

Foreign Briefs

KENNEDY TO GET CORDIAL WELCOME IN MEXICO

Mexico City—UPI—President Adolfo Lopez Mateos said Thursday night President Kennedy will be received "with the cordiality and esteem he deserves" when he arrives here for a week end visit late this month.

Lopez hailed the U. S. President as "a statesman with a clear sense of history." He expressed confidence that Kennedy's visit here will enable him to understand "the Mexican reality."

AMERICAN COMMUNIST ARRIVES IN BERLIN

Berlin—UPI—Henry Winston, an official of the American Communist party, arrived in East Berlin Thursday, according to the East German news agency ADN.

COMMUNISTS INCREASE IN BRITAIN

London—UPI—Membership in Britain's Communist party rose to 32,492 during a year-long membership drive, according to the Communist party newspaper, the Daily Worker.

LUTHERAN PROJECT FUND SWELLED

Geneva—UPI—The Lutheran World Federation announced Thursday its new community development service received \$3.7 million for new projects during its first year in operation.

MODIFICATION OF CATHOLIC CLAIM SAID NEEDED

London—UPI—Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, said Thursday there can be no unity of Christians unless the Roman Catholic church modifies its claim to be the only Christian church.

Kennedy Shies From Figures on Amount Of Tax Reduction

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy plans to ask Congress to cut personal income and corporate taxes effective next Jan. 1, but the question is: How much?

The President told his news conference Thursday that a comprehensive tax reform bill calling for across-the-board tax reductions would be offered for action in the next Congress.

But he shied away from giving any figures on the size of the proposed cut. He said work on the bill should be completed later in the summer and "at that time I think we can discuss it in more detail."

There have been reports that the reduction might amount to \$3 billion a year. Responsible sources consider that figure the maximum and point out that the final decision will depend on the state of the economy and the government's finances.

Studies Rate Cuts

One idea that has been looked at in the Treasury is lowering the bottom tax rate from 20 per cent to 15 per cent and slicing the top rate from 91 per cent to 65 per cent. Similar cuts could be made in the rates in between.

By itself, such a 25 per cent average cut in rates could lose more than \$12 billion a year from Treasury revenues—more than the administration would be willing to sacrifice. Such rate cuts would be offset in part by broadening the income tax base and making other revisions to bring in revenue.

Most corporations now pay 52 per cent on profits. A reduction to 48 per cent has been mentioned but this is by no means certain to be proposed.

Leaves Door Open

Kennedy did not rule out the possibility of asking Congress to cut taxes this year. While he said the present judgment was that reductions would not be needed until next year, he added that "if circumstances brought a new situation, then we would have to make other judgments."

The income tax cut was one of five tax proposals Kennedy said he had made to spur the economy. Three are pending before Congress and the fourth will be put into effect by the administration within 30 days.

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