

Freeman Defends Bureau's Position In Estes Dealings

Washington - (UPI) - Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman says he is not clairvoyant, and his aides could not peer into Billie Sol Estes' chubby face and tell that he was "a bad man."

Thus, Freeman told Senate investigators Friday, there was no way the government could have had the foresight to refuse at the beginning to do business with the Texas financier.

It was Freeman's second day in the witness chair before the Senate investigations subcommittee, and it appeared that he would still be there when the inquiry resumes Thursday.

Sen. Karl Mundt (S.C.), top Republican on the Senate investigations subcommittee, contested Freeman's claim that Estes' grain storage dealings and other operations had not cost the government a cent.

Before End

Salaries and expenses for 100 FBI and congressional investigators on the case were running \$5,000 a day, Mundt said and would amount to at least \$500,000 before the investigation ends.

Also, he announced, the government missed about \$15 million in tax receipts on the \$30 million lost by finance companies on Estes' deals.

Freeman replied that the government would always have to spend money to enforce the law and said he meant that the government has "not lost a single red cent... that went into Billie Sol Estes' pocket."

Mundt also scoffed at Freeman's contention that his department gave Estes no favors. The senator said Estes' appointment to the National Cotton Advisory Council last fall, after the legality of his cotton allotment transfers had been questioned, was favored treatment.

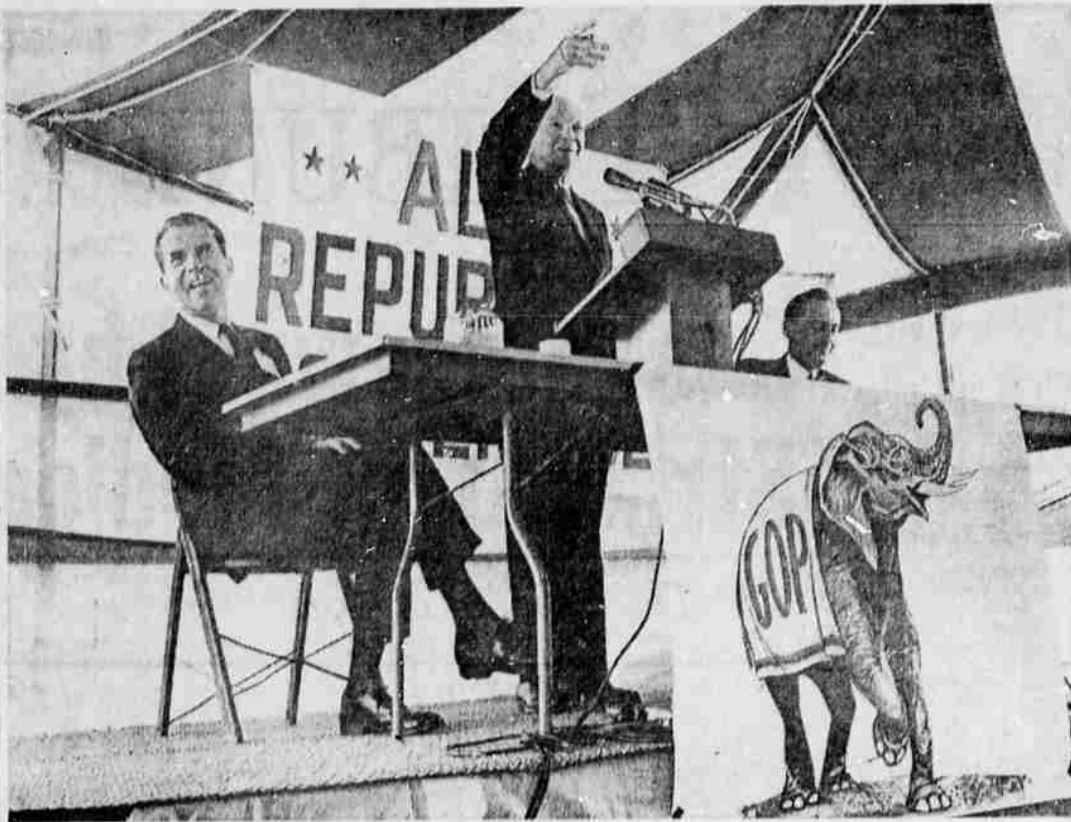
But Freeman said Undersecretary Charles S. Murphy made the appointment against the advice of a department personnel official because he felt the cotton allotment business was a civil rather than a criminal case.

PROJECTS SLOWED

Salem - (UPI) - The Oregon highway department said Friday that \$132 million of its projects are either shut down or slowed down throughout the state due to labor disputes. Biggest project affected is the \$5 million Bantfield interchange in East Portland. Another big one affected is the \$1.6 million Medford viaduct project.

PLANS ANNOUNCED

Portland - (UPI) - Plans for a \$10-million Oregon coastal resort including a motel, homes, golf course and an airfield have been announced by three Portland businessmen. The project, named Siletz Bay, will be located on a sand spit between Siletz Bay and the Ocean, three miles south of Taft.



IKE GESTURES - Former President Eisenhower gestures during his address to All Republican conference held Saturday on his farm at Gettysburg, Pa. Former Vice-President Richard Nixon (left) and GOP Chairman William Miller watch. (UPI)

Ike Advises Businessmen to Enter Politics Quickly to Cope With JFK

Gettysburg, Pa. - (UPI) - Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower advised businessmen Saturday to "get into politics quick" to cope with the Kennedy administration.

Eisenhower and former Vice President Richard M. Nixon were the principal speakers at a gathering of about 100 Republican leaders who met to set up an "All Republican Conference" to speak for the GOP while the Democrats hold the White House.

Education Proposal Goes Before Board

Portland - (UPI) - A proposed \$21 million increase in higher education funds for the next biennium went Saturday before the Board of Higher Education's finance committee.

The sum would set the 1963-65 budget at \$90 million, compared to \$69 million for the current biennium.

The additions to money would take care of an expected 32 per cent increase in enrollment during the 1963-65 biennium.

Chancellor R. E. Lieutellen said it would only permit the system to maintain the "quality level" of the services contemplated by the 1961 legislature. He said additional requests will be made for money to pay for additional educational programs and capital improvements.

being nominated for governor of California, attacked the administration for "the increasing tendency to centralize power in Washington."

Been Wakened

Eisenhower said "every businessman has now been wakened up that politics means much more to his business than he thought it had."

"Therefore, he's got to make politics his first business," he said, "because until we have sound government he is not going to have a prosperous business, not in the long run."

Eisenhower said that if the Republican party can get across to businessmen the message that politics and government are tied closely to their future "we will be on the road to real victory in 1962, and that is our first objective."

"For my part, I think our country is facing a very critical period, and I believe that only some resurgence of Republican control over government can keep things on a more level keel than they are going on at the moment," Eisenhower said.

Eisenhower and Nixon spoke to the GOP leaders in

root - right in the states and local communities."

Nixon told his audience that he was going to win in his bid to unseat Democratic Gov. Edmund G. Brown of California.

Even before Nixon spoke, the pastoral meeting drew a cheer from Democratic National Chairman John Bailey and a cool response from the two top Republicans in Congress.

House GOP Leader Charles A. Halleck (Ind.) said he might not be able to attend the meeting because of House business. He would not comment on one of the conference's purposes - to set up a "permanent consultative body" with its own research staff.

"I happen to think we have done pretty well by ourselves," he remarked.

Knew Little

Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) said he had been asked to speak at Gettysburg but knew little about the meeting or its purpose.

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Medford Firms File For Incorporation

Salem - (UPI) - Articles of incorporation have been filed for Lea Motors, Inc., 211 N. Bartlett st., Medford, at 400 shares no par value; deal in and repair cars.

They were signed by Paul E. Lea, John A. Graff and Harry S. Skyrman.

Articles were also filed for Robinson Associates, Inc., 114 East Main st., Medford, \$50,000; build and manage apartments and office buildings; signed by Fred E. Robinson, Donna Carol Robinson and Jack Dale Robinson.

Valley Plumbing, Inc., 125 South Central ave., Medford, \$25,000; plumbing and heating; signed by Charles E. McClain, Katherine L. McClain and Frank D. Prier.

Tom Tom Beverage Co., 1005 East Main st., Medford, 800 shares no par value; manufacture, sell fruit nectar formula known as "Tom Tom"; signed by Ronald A. Mete, Lawrence A. White and J. F. Gebhardt.

Beaver Electric & Plumbing Supply Co., 2740 North Pacific highway, Medford, \$5,000; electric and plumbing supply; signed by Eldon Johnson, R. J. Grover, Richard M. Samons.

Bids Rejected on Two Work Projects

Salem - (UPI) - The Oregon highway commission has rejected all bids on two projects as too high, and awarded another contract to the second lowest bidder.

All other apparent low bids opened here on 33 projects Wednesday were sustained, and contracts awarded.

Rejected were all bids to grade and pave a small strip of Center st. in Brookings. Low bidder was Pelican Bay Construction Service, Inc., Smith River, Calif.

Also rejected were bids to construct extensions to the Camas Swale bridge on the Pacific highway three miles south of the Willamette highway junction in Lane county. Low bidder had been Hamilton and Thoms, Eugene, at \$121,950.

Compromise Medical Care Bill Unveiled in Senate

Washington - (UPI) - Health care supporters began a drive Saturday for Senate action on a bipartisan compromise to provide medical benefits for all the nation's aged.

The compromise bill unveiled late Friday would invite states and private insurance companies to participate, and would cover about 2.5 million elderly persons. President Kennedy's original proposal left out.

If passed, it would take effect in 1964, and, for three years, provide basic health benefits for 17.5 million persons over 65, regardless of whether they are covered by Social Security.

After 1967, persons reaching the age of 65 would have to be covered by general Social Security to be eligible for the health benefits.

Built Around Original

The bill is built around Kennedy's original medical care for the aged proposal. It still would pay for coverage through higher Social Security assessments.

The necessary increase for a worker making \$5,200 or more would be \$13 a year, with a similar hike for his employers. This is unchanged from the original versions.

The Social Security feature is hotly opposed by the American Medical Association and many Republicans.

Nevertheless, the compromise included five Republicans among its supporters and apparently assured the fierce contest medical care proposal of at least a vote in the Senate. The bill's backers

planned to try to tack the compromise proposal to the welfare bill Monday.

The major changes made in working out the compromise would:

Covers 2.5 Million

Cover about 2.5 million persons not under Social Security. Kennedy's original bill would have covered only these persons participating in Social Security.

-Permit states to set up

Proposed Welfare Aid Limit Aired

Salem - (UPI) - The State Welfare commission Friday discussed the pros and cons of a proposal to put a maximum dollar limit on Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) welfare grants. There is no ceiling now.

The Douglas County Welfare commission queried the state commission on its stand on the question.

A chief argument for setting a limit is that grants to big families are sometimes more than the family's wage earner could make if he were working. The complaint is that this encourages families to stay on welfare indefinitely.

State Welfare Administrator Andrew F. Juras said he doesn't know what his recommendation on this question will be. He also noted research is being made to determine if setting a maximum is constitutional.

their own health care plans. This would be done by sending the participating state a lump sum to provide the basic health care for its aged. The state could then contract with a private insurance firm for a huge group policy for its citizens, and would be free to add state money in order to buy more extensive benefits.

-Permit participants to continue their private insurance plans, with the government paying for part of the premiums, instead of receiving the payments directly from the government.

-Place the medical care money in a trust fund separate from the rest of the Social Security fund.

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