

Freeman Tells Plan To Recoup Losses Under Ike's Cotton Program

Washington - Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman said today the Kennedy Administration will try to "recoup for the government" any improper losses sustained under an Eisenhower administration cotton program.

Freeman made the statement before the Senate Investigations Subcommittee which resumed its inquiry into the Billie Sol Estes case. The Texas financier is under federal indictment for fraud.

The Secretary said the FBI has spent \$236,200 and used the services of 452 special agents while investigating the tangled financial arrangements of the Texas farm tycoon.

The question of the operation of a cotton disposal program used by the Eisenhower administration in 1959 and 1960 was first raised by the General Accounting Office in a report to Congress earlier this week.

The GAO said the operation involved a possible "conflict of interest" concerning the disposal of more than

\$400 million worth of government cotton. There was no evidence linking that program directly with Estes.

Freeman said he is consulting with Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy and that his department "will act to the best of our ability to recoup for the government whatever losses have been sustained by these transactions under cotton programs operating in 1959 and 1960."

The GAO report claimed that some Eisenhower administration officials allowed private firms to buy more than \$400 million worth of government-owned cotton, then sell it back to themselves at "prices which may have been less than fair value."

Freeman was to have been the afternoon witness on the inquiry's opening day last Wednesday. He still was being questioned by Sen. Carl T. Curtis (R-Neb.), however, when the subcommittee sessions recessed last Friday.

Having heard an outline of the case from subcommittee counsel Paul Kanerick and Freeman's defense of the Ag-

riculture department's activities, subcommittee members were anxious to complete Freeman's initial testimony and begin taking direct testimony on Estes' get-rich-quick operations.

Before Freeman returned to the subcommittee's witness table in the vaulted Senate caucus room today, Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) and other subcommittee members had made it clear that he can expect to be called back after substantive testimony has been taken in the case.

Early testimony was to

feature Estes' operations in Oklahoma, Alabama, Georgia and Texas - all of them designed to amass government cotton allotments originally approved for other locations on irrigated fertile West Texas farms controlled by Estes.

Before moving into that stage of the proceedings, however, the subcommittee planned to examine two Agriculture department memos which figure in the improper allotment transfers. One memo was used to justify the Estes operations, and the other declared them in violation of law.

Fractional Gains Noted in Market

New York - Gains of fractions to more than a point were the rule in moderate early stock market dealings today.

Aside from gains of around a point in General Foods and Eastman Kodak, blue chip improvements were nominal. The big three motors were fractions lower, chemicals mixed, international oils small, fractions higher and steels up nearly a point in some cases.

A majority of the rails inched upward and a few utilities spurted more than a point, including Houston Lighting in the Dow Jones average. The so-called growth stocks were hesitant with IBM up 1 1/2 and Xerox down 1 1/2, setting the range.

FOURTH ESTATE

Hollywood - Gig Young, who has won two Academy Award nominations in films about the newspaper profession, portrays the role of an American newspaperman in his first European film, "Five Miles to Midnight."

Funds Donated To Divinity School By Picture Executive

Beverly Hills, Calif. - A recording and movie executive is leading a campaign to raise \$10 million to expand the Southern California School of Theology at nearby Claremont.

Randolph C. Wood, a leading Methodist layman, is president of Dot records and vice president of Paramount Pictures.

"There is a rising demand throughout the nation for outstanding, well-trained Christian ministers," he said.

American Dieters Asked To Give Money

Weymouth, Mass. - American dieters have been asked to donate the money they save on food each week to the overseas relief programs of the churches.

This suggestion was made by James L. Hafford, director of public relations of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, who called "uncontrolled materialism" one of the great dangers facing the nation.

Oregon Demo Platform Summary

Salem - Here is a summary of the 1962 Oregon Democratic platform adopted at the party's convention here Wednesday:

Education - Support federal aid to education and 50 percent of local school costs paid by the state.

Health and welfare - Support President Kennedy's Medicare plan plus the President's program to help people move off welfare rolls into productive work; urge deep search into causes of family breakups, juvenile and adult antisocial behavior, and physical and mental illness.

Labor - State minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour for both men and women; 40 hours work week; federal minimum standards for unemployment compensation; oppose "any major departure" from Oregon's industrial accident insurance

system, such as the three-way bill.

Civil Rights - Equal treatment for all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religious belief, or sex.

Agriculture - Urge programs to increase demand for products, reduce supply to a point where the price a farmer gets will bring a fair return; urge federal government to withdraw from excessive price support and storage programs.

Economic Development - Urge immediate inventory of Oregon's industrial resources, and develop plans for their use; present State Department of Planning and Development

and Operations - Abolish state Board of Control, support annual sessions of legislature, require lobbyists to register.

Local Government - Urge legislation to help local governmental units to solve problems of planning, transportation, sewage, airports and air pollution.

Taxation - Favor taxation based on ability to pay;

strongly oppose general sales tax.

Foreign Policy - Urge increased use of World Court, support for the United Nations, "all-out efforts to reach agreement upon cessation of nuclear testing," encouragement of Peace Corps, Alliance for Progress, Food for Peace and student exchanges; reaffirm U.S. policy of opposition to Communist aggression.

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California Police Hunt Killer Of Abducted 11-Year-Old Girl

Corona Del Mar, Calif. - Police today hunted the killer of a pretty 11-year-old blonde girl kidnaped a few blocks from the scene of an unsolved 1961 abduction, and sexually molested before her nude body was dumped into the ocean.

The unclothed body of Dorothy Gale Brown was found floating near the ocean floor here Wednesday by a skindiver. The discovery climaxed an all-day search by more than 100 police officers.

Torrance, Calif., Police Chief Percy Bennett said an autopsy showed the blue-eyed sixth-grader drowned, and revealed she had been sexually attacked before her death.

"It definitely appears to be kidnaping and murder," Bennett said.

The police chief said there were no concrete suspects in the slaying, but likened the case to the disappearance of 11-year-old Karen Lynn Tompkins in the same area last August.

"I think we have the same thing," he said. "The circumstances are very similar. Both girls are about the same age. Both disappeared during the same time of day."

"Everything looks the same, the similarity is too close," said Lt. Douglas Cook of Torrance police in comparing the two cases.

Dorothy was last seen Tuesday evening near her Torrance home - 30 miles from here - when she left on her bicycle for a neighborhood

gas station, where she often bought soft drinks from a vending machine.

"She wasn't the type to run away," said her distraught

father, William F. Brown, 38, an aircraft worker. "She never went beyond two blocks from home and stayed around the house pretty much."

Foreign Briefs

CHIANG GETS ENVOY'S CREDENTIALS

Tapel, Formosa - New U. S. Ambassador Alan G. Kirk presented his credentials to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today with renewed assurances of American support for Nationalist China.

PERU CANDIDATE LEAVES DECISION TO PARTY

Lima, Peru - APRA party candidate Paul Haya de la Torre, victor in the recent national election, today left to his party the decision whether he would press his claim to the presidency.

Haya defeated Fernando Balaunde Terry and Manuel Odría by 14,000 votes in the June 10 election, but the margin was not the one-third plurality needed. Under the constitution, selection of the chief executive thus was given to congress.

NIXON STOPS OFF IN COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen - Former vice president Richard M. Nixon returned here by plane today from Jutland, where his Fourth of July speech at the Rebild festival was marred by the sudden death of another speaker.

Nixon and his wife, Pat, were to leave tonight for Los Angeles after a day of shopping and sightseeing.

The Republican candidate for governor of California was main speaker at the festival, devoted to Danish-American friendship. The Independence Day celebration was touched by tragedy when Henry R. Henius, 78, of San Mateo, Calif., son of festival founder Dr. Max Henius, collapsed and died.

YEAR'S HEAVIEST RAINS LASH JAPAN

Tokyo - The heaviest rains of the year lashed Central and Southern Japan today, causing floods and death-dealing landslides for the third consecutive day.

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