

Subordinate Accused of Lying To Senators in Estes Case

Washington—UPI—A former agriculture official who quit under fire as a result of the Billie Sol Estes scandals today accused one of his subordinates of lying to Senate investigators in an effort to save himself.

Emery E. (Red) Jacobs made the charge after flatly denying that he ordered the subordinate, Thomas H. Miller, to write a report whitewashing Estes' cotton allotment manipulations.

Jacobs, allowed to resign because of his relations with

the Texas financier, said Miller "saw in the panic" that anyone who had any dealings with Estes might be let out.

Subcommittee Chairman John L. McClellan asked if Jacobs realized he was accusing Miller of making a "deliberate false statement" under oath.

Jacobs said he was reluctant to put it that way but that he could "reach no other conclusion."

Miller testified last week that Jacobs instructed him in January to write "a report

containing every justification you can find to permit retention of the allotments" by Estes.

Jacobs, also testifying under oath, flatly denied this. He said he told Miller to go to Texas, get the facts and do an objective job.

"I told him to get the facts, favorable or unfavorable," Jacobs told the senators.

Jacobs, as the deputy assistant secretary of agriculture in charge of state and county relations, was Miller's immediate boss.

Jacobs' charge against Miller came as Undersecretary of Agriculture Charles S. Murphy, under fire for some of his actions in the department's investigation of Estes' operations, issued a statement saying that improper influences played no part in his decisions.

Murphy said he fully protected the public interest in his actions.

The official, accused of at least condoning some of Estes' actions in obtaining valuable cotton allotments, did not answer directly some of the allegations made by witnesses before a Senate investigating subcommittee.

He said he wanted to wait to give his story in full to the committee. Meantime, he asked for "fairness and justice" toward him until he does.

A subcommittee witness alleged this week that Murphy concurred in advance with a memorandum prepared last January by Jacobs who said he was told by his bosses to write a report favorable to Estes' dealings.

Jacobs, emphatically denied it in testimony today. Ja-

cobs, who lost his job as a result of the Estes inquiry, also denied having discussed the memo with Murphy.

The former department official, who resigned under

fire last April 13, led the subcommittee through a maze of often contradictory events Thursday.

Jacobs presented a potpourri of interoffice memoranda, threats and reversed rulings relating to Estes that gave the panel fresh areas to explore.

Foreign Briefs

BUCHAREST MARKS LIBERATION DATE
Vienna—UPI—Radio Bucharest reported a two-hour military parade was held Thursday to mark the 18th anniversary of Romania's liberation from Nazi domination by the Russian army in World War II.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA GETS BRITISH LOAN
London—UPI—Britain announced Thursday it has granted a \$3.5 million development loan to Southern Rhodesia.

EDITOR ARRESTED IN ARGENTINA
Posadas, Argentina—UPI—Humberto Perez, editor and publisher of the newspaper El Territorio, was arrested by provincial police here Thursday, apparently because of official disapproval of his editorial views.

Perez had been critical of an investigation into alleged irregularities in the exploitation of state forests.

MARONITE PATRIARCH TO VISIT U.S.
Rome—UPI—Mgr. Paul Pierre Meouchi, patriarch of the Maronite Catholics of Antioch, leaves for New York Saturday and a visit to the United States at the invitation of President Kennedy.

The Maronites are Arab-speaking Christians who have their own proper rite and canon law but are part of the Roman Catholic church.

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Stocks Close Low Despite Comeback

New York—UPI—Stocks came back slightly in the final hour today but the general list still closed lower.

Some electronics that had been in the minus column during most of the session came back slightly to show Little up 1, IBM unchanged and Motorola up 1/4.

New York—UPI—Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 813.74, off 2.26; 20 railroads 124.34, up 0.47; 15 utilities 121.27, up 0.45, and 65 stocks 212.95, off 0.08. Sales today were about 2.89 million shares compared with 4.77 million shares Thursday.

Lafferty To Again Try for Signatures

Portland—UPI—Former Oregon Congressman A. W. Lafferty of Portland failed again here Thursday night to secure a nomination as an independent candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Lafferty, 87, reconvened a convention in an attempt to collect 250 signatures for a petition to get his name on the November election ballot. The convention was opened Tuesday night.

He said he would reconvene the convention today at noon and if necessary, would reconvene it Saturday at noon to secure the required number of signatures.

Lafferty contends that the 250 persons signing the petition do not have to be present at the same time but Jack Thompson of Salem, state elections director, has indicated that they must be present at one time.

Lafferty estimated he had 150 signatures from the two meetings.

No Decision Made In Request by WCA

Washington—UPI—Thomas L. Wrenn, a Civil Aeronautics Board hearing examiner, had made no decision today on whether to consolidate requests for non-stop service with the pending service to Spokane, Wash., case.

West Coast Airlines recently asked the CAB to permit non-stop service between Spokane, on the one hand, and Salem, Eugene and Medford, Ore., San Francisco-Oakland and Sacramento, Calif., on the other. It also asked for non-stop service between Sall Lake City and Spokane.

Additionally, the airlines wanted an existing restriction lifted to permit non-stop service between Portland and Spokane.

West Coast requested that all these be consolidated in the service to Spokane case which is now before the CAB.

Crash of Airplane Claims Third Victim

Orofino, Idaho—UPI—The crash of a light airplane here Wednesday night claimed its third victim early today when the pilot, Howard Waechter, died in a hospital.

Burned in the crash were Waechter's wife and another passenger, Mrs. Howard Provost, 60, San Joaquin, Calif.

Goose Lake Compact Approval Expected

Salem—UPI—Freeman Holmer, chairman of Oregon's Interstate Cooperation Commission, said Thursday no difficulty is foreseen in Congressional approval of a proposed Goose lake compact between Oregon and California.

The compact would set up ground rules for the two states to share Goose lake, which lies on the Oregon-California border near Lakeview.

KIDNAP TRIAL SET

Paris—UPI—A Superior Court ruled Thursday two men accused of the 1961 kidnaping of Eric Peugot, son of the French automobile heir, will go on trial in Versailles court in October.

St. Helens—UPI—A body identified as that of Bonnie W. Gregg, 28, Camas, Wash., was found in the Columbia river early today by the crew of the dredge Clackamas.

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