

Morgan Sharply Criticizes Federal Power Commission

Washington - Federal Power Commissioner Howard Morgan said Wednesday that there were occasions when the commission refused to investigate a situation because it felt it "would disturb industry."

Morgan, who had differed with his colleagues and had asked President Kennedy not to reappoint him in June, discussed the workings of the commission in a sometimes heated hearing before a House commerce investigating subcommittee.

Rep. John B. Bennett (R-Mich.) questioned Morgan sharply on a letter the com-

missioner wrote to Kennedy Jan. 23. He asked Morgan to give an example of his phrase: "Ordinary men yield too quickly to the present day urge toward conformity, timidity and personal security," Morgan replied:

"When in a commission meeting the statement is made that we must not investigate a situation because it could disturb industry . . . and that statement is acted upon, I would say this is an example of what I was talking about."

Cites Some Cases
Morgan said such a policy was followed in cases involv-

ing the Idaho Power Co. and the Pacific Intertie.
The Pacific Intertie deals with the tie-in of power lines to carry surplus Pacific Northwest power to California markets. Federal construction of such an intertie has been rec-

ommended by the Interior department while private power companies want to build such a connecting power line themselves.

Morgan, under questioning by Bennett and Chairman Oren Harris (D-Ark) agreed that the "deterioration" in the administration of regulatory laws since World War II had been "halted" and that a visible improvement was now clear.

Bennett accused Morgan of telling Kennedy that other members of the commission were "a bunch of low-level, timid people" and were "doing a damned poor job."

Morgan denied this and repeatedly refused to comment on other members.

"This witness is being evasive," Bennett said. "I don't think he's being frank with us. I don't think he's being honest."

Bennett also charged that Morgan was "giving the committee the same kind of gob-

bledyhook he gave the President."

But Re. John E. Moss (D-Calif.) said Morgan's dissenting FPC opinions showed a "sense of great vigor, clarity and logic."

Questioning by subcommittee members was expected to bring into the open a dispute with Commission Chairman Joseph Swidler, who will testify Thursday.

Harris said the committee's interest had been heightened by "critical general remarks" in the letter by Morgan to the President in which the commissioner made highly critical remarks about the FPC administrative process.

He said his reasons for wishing to leave the commission were "clearly visible" in his lone dissents to commission decisions.

In his sharply worded dissents, Morgan made it clear that he felt the majority was favoring private industry over the public interest.

Cites Hells Canyon
Pressed for the type FPC decisions he had criticized, Morgan cited an order authorizing the issuance of \$30 million in promissory notes by the Idaho Power company to finance construction of the Little Hell's Canyon dam on the Snake river.

The former Oregon public utility chief and state Democratic chairman said the order had appeared to be non-controversial and a "run-of-the-mill" decision but that it had been issued without proper investigation.

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Foreign Briefs

JAZZMAN GETS FOOT-STOMPING RECEPTION
Conakry, Guinea—UPI—U.S. jazzman Cosy Cole got a foot-stomping reception from 4,000 Guineans at his jam session debut here last night.

Drummer Cole and his quintet received enthusiastic applause from the Guinean audience which included the wife of President Sekou Toure. Cole is appearing under auspices of the U.S. Cultural Presentation Program.

ISRAELI ABORTION RATE SAID SHOCKING
Jerusalem, Israel—UPI—The Israeli abortion rate is "shocking" and the birthrate is too low, Premier David Ben Gurion told parliament yesterday.

His comments came in parliamentary debate on proposed legislation curbing abortions, which are legal.

PIANO SMASHING RECORD CLAIMED
London—UPI—Five suburban furniture salesmen claimed the world's record today for smashing a piano to bits — 1 minute 23.5 seconds.

The claimed "piano reduction" record was attained before a nationwide BBC television audience. The five sledgehammer wielding salesmen broke their own record of 1 minute 45 seconds.

NO-MAN'S LAND STRIP CONTEMPLATED
Kampala, Uganda—UPI—Uganda is contemplating creation of a no-man's land along its Congo border to increase control over secessionist tribesmen, it was reported today.

Uganda claims the Congo government is hampering Uganda efforts to subjugate rebel Bakonjo and Bamba tribesmen who flee into the Congo, and threaten to wage guerrilla warfare against the Uganda government. Uganda and the Congo have begun talks on the border problem.

Brand Opposes Allowing Media Inside Courtroom

Salem - Former Oregon Supreme Court Justice James T. Brand said Wednesday a bill to open courtrooms to telecast and broadcasts would violate the constitution as well as disrupt courtroom procedure.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Kessler Cannon (R - Bend) would permit television cameras and microphones in courtrooms subject to rules and regulations issued by the presiding judge.

Cannon, a radio station executive, said such coverage now is permitted in Colorado and Texas.

He said modern-day equipment would make coverage scarcely noticeable.

He said telecasting and broadcasting would be at the discretion of the judge, giving ample protection to the dignity of the courtroom and to witnesses or jurors unwilling to be photographed.

Brand said coverage in Texas and Colorado was permitted by judicial regulation, not legislative act. He said the proposed Oregon law

would amount to "the legislative department trying to control the conditions of the judicial" in clear violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of a constitutional separation of powers.

Brand told the House Judiciary committee the American Bar association has reaffirmed Canon 35, which opposes cameras in courtrooms and which is respected in 48 states.

Brand denied the Cannon bill as now written would leave coverage up to a judge.

The former justice also said courtroom coverage would "tend to dramatize" the behavior of judge, jurors, witnesses and attorneys.

"Is there anyone who makes the same talk to 12 men as 100,000?" he asked.

He said newsmen would cover only the "tracy" cases, jurors would be "conscious of the fact all the folks back home" were watching, judges would handle the gavel with an extra flourish, and attorneys would lean toward oratory.

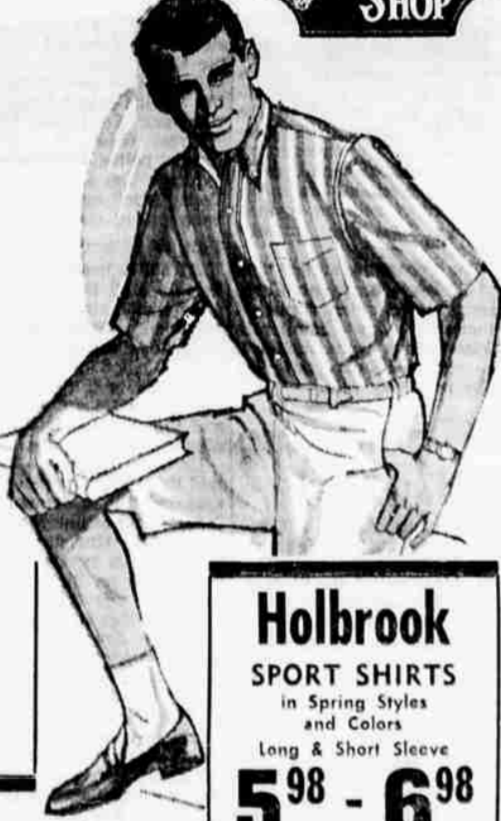
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Steady Sell-Off During Afternoon Lowers Market

New York - Stocks sold off steadily again today.

The decline was sixth in the last seven sessions.

Trading was heaviest in mid-afternoon after the Dow Jones industrial average dropped through its short-

term support level at 668.

Kodak lost all of a big early gain among the chemicals where Du Pont and Union Carbide sold off sharply.

Most steels, oils and autos were down.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York - Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 662.94, off 7.86; 20 railroads 150.37, off 1.44; 15 utilities 133.00, off 1.18, and 65 stocks 236.14, off 2.52. Sales Thursday were about 4.09 million shares compared with 3.88 million shares Wednesday.

Thursday's prices on selected stocks:

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| Allied Chemical | 43 1/2 |
| Alum Co Am | 54 1/2 |
| American Air Lines | 43 1/2 |
| American Can | 43 1/2 |
| American Motors | 20 |
| A. T. & T. | 118 1/2 |
| American Tobacco | 28 1/2 |
| Anacosta Copper | 45 1/2 |
| Armco | 32 1/2 |
| American Standard | 13 1/2 |
| Bendly Corp | 32 |
| Bethlehem Steel | 20 1/2 |
| Boeing Air | 38 1/2 |
| Brinswick | 16 1/2 |
| Caterpillar Corp | 25 |
| Chrysler Corp | 80 1/2 |
| Coca Cola | 30 |
| C. B. S. | 30 1/2 |
| Columbia Gas | 27 1/2 |
| Continental Can | 44 1/2 |
| Crown Zellerbach | 18 1/2 |
| Cruible Steel | 18 1/2 |
| Curbs Wright | 21 1/2 |
| Dow Chemical | 25 1/2 |
| Du Pont | 23 1/2 |
| Eastman Kodak | 112 1/2 |
| Ford | 12 1/2 |
| General Electric | 42 1/2 |
| General Foods | 70 1/2 |
| General Motors | 60 1/2 |
| General Portland Cement | 18 |
| Georgia Pacific | 45 1/2 |
| Giechound | 35 1/2 |
| Gulf Oil | 38 1/2 |
| Hormestake | 48 |
| Idaho Power | 24 1/2 |
| I. B. M. | 39 1/2 |
| Int. Paper | 27 1/2 |
| Johns Manville | 45 |
| Kennecott Copper | 70 1/2 |
| Lockheed Aircraft | 51 1/2 |
| Martin | 20 1/2 |
| Merck | 80 1/2 |
| Montana Power | 80 1/2 |
| Montgomery Ward | 38 1/2 |
| National Biscuit | 18 1/2 |
| Northern Natural Gas | 47 1/2 |
| Northern Pacific | 41 1/2 |
| Pac Gas Elec | 22 1/2 |
| Pennier J. C. | 43 1/2 |
| Penn RR | 15 1/2 |
| Perma Cement | 16 |
| Procter & Gamble | 71 1/2 |
| Radio Corporation | 42 1/2 |
| Richfield Oil | 45 1/2 |
| Safeway | 45 1/2 |
| Santa Fe | 26 1/2 |
| Shell Oil | 37 1/2 |
| Socony Mohl Oil | 26 |
| Southern Co. | 35 1/2 |
| Southern Pacific | 28 1/2 |
| Sperdy Rand | 13 |
| Standard California | 81 1/2 |
| Standard Int'l | 32 |
| Standard N. | 39 1/2 |
| Sun Mines | 9 |
| Texas Co. | 60 1/2 |
| Texas Gulf Sulphur | 14 1/2 |
| Texas Pac Land Trust | 20 1/2 |
| Thompson | 26 1/2 |
| Trans America | 48 1/2 |
| Trans World Air | 11 1/2 |
| Tri Continental | 13 1/2 |
| Union Carbide | 102 1/2 |
| Union Pacific | 35 1/2 |
| United Aircraft | 47 1/2 |
| United Air Lines | 32 1/2 |
| U.S. Plywood | 45 1/2 |
| U.S. Rubber | 14 1/2 |
| U.S. Steel | 45 1/2 |
| West Bank Corp | 34 1/2 |
| Westinghouse | 32 1/2 |
| Youngstown | 88 |

State Game Group Scored Again; Elk Herd Said Smaller

Salem - The Senate Fish and Game committee heard the State Game commission assailed from another quarter Wednesday, while the House Fish and Game committee put aside a bill raising game commission fees to await further developments.

The actions came on the heels of a hearing Tuesday night where a group of southeast Oregon sportsmen called for a two-year study of game commission activities. They said deer herds are diminishing.

The attack Wednesday came from Clatsop county. Decreased Rapidly

J. R. Thompson, John Verschuere, and J. F. Hoagland of the Astoria Rod and Gun club said Clatsop elk herds have decreased rapidly since seasons on young elk were started four years ago.

They urged passage of a bill prohibiting shooting of spike elk.

The game commission replied the elk herds are stable. Witnesses for other sport and wildlife groups said the matter should be left to the commission. A state forester said it was necessary to keep elk from increasing too rapidly in newly reforested areas.

Meanwhile, the House committee voted a 30-day rest for a bill to increase hunting and fishing license fees to give the game commission more money for its programs. The house committee said it would wait to see what becomes of the Senate plan for a study.

Police Officers School Scheduled

The annual advanced school for police officers is scheduled for mid-March in Medford, according to Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin.

The school is held annually in 15 Oregon cities sponsored by the Oregon Association of City Police Officers and the Oregon State Sheriffs association in cooperation with the federal bureau of investigation, Oregon state police, League of Oregon Cities, and the bureau of municipal research and service of the University of Oregon.

The school will be held twice a week for three weeks and will be attended by all Medford police officers. Two sessions daily will be held at 12:30 to 3:30 and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Subjects and instructors tentatively scheduled for Medford include bad checks, James Matteson, detective, Multnomah county sheriff's office; case preparation, demeanor and procedures, Gary Gortmaker, assistant district attorney, Marion county; auto theft, James B. Allen, Seattle, National Auto Theft bureau, and FBI; interviews, confession and signed statements, Kenneth Allen, chief criminal deputy, Lane county sheriff's office; practical photography, Capt. O. V. Glenn, Eugene police department and FBI; and dangerous drugs, John Windham, Portland, narcotics agent with the bureau of narcotics.

The classes will be held in Hedrick Junior High school.

State Witness Says Grenfell at Scene

Portland - A state witness Wednesday placed former State Sen. William Grenfell at Portland at the scene of a fatal traffic accident last November.

Grenfell is on trial on a charge of failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

Mrs. Patti Berry linked Grenfell with the accident for the first time in the trial. She told of a conversation she had the day after the accident with Mrs. Natalie Crenshaw. She testified that Mrs. Crenshaw called her at home and told her that Grenfell was in the crash with her.

Harold Jones, 61, Battle Ground, Wash., was killed in

the two-car accident. Grenfell, who then was a candidate for the Multnomah county commission, told police after the accident that he was injured after being abducted from his political headquarters.

FINED IN COURT
Wallace Vernon Martin, 31 of 1114 West 11th st., Medford, was fined \$33 in Medford municipal court this morning after he pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery. Martin was arrested late Wednesday after a complaint was signed against him by Blanche Rose Martin, of the same address.

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