

GOP Claims New Frontier Bills Blocked in Economy Drive

Real Issue of 'News Management' Claimed Fogged by Portion of Press

Washington - (UPI) - A top administration information officer charged today that "some of the press" has raised a "great fog bank of cliches" which obscures the real issue in the dispute over alleged government "news management."

Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs Robert Manning said the basic problem was the "built-in-conflict" between the government's necessity to conduct some business in private and the public's "right and need" to know

what is behind policy decisions.

In testimony prepared for the House Government Information Subcommittee, Manning flatly rejected the idea that a government official might be justified in moments of crisis in lying to the press. He said that if the official couldn't tell the truth, he should "button his lip."

Manning and Assistant Defense Secretary for Public Affairs Arthur Sylvester were called before the subcommittee headed by Rep. John E.

Moss (D-Calif.) to defend the administration's news policy.

Both have been under fire for alleged restrictions on the flow of news from their departments during and after the Cuban missile crisis, but Sylvester has drawn most of the criticism.

Manning said that "the obligation of a government official is to tell the truth or, if security dictates, to 'button his lip.' He said he knew of no one "inside or outside government who disputes this."

"I suppose many might ac-

cept the slogan: 'Better misled than dead' - a slogan which does not represent State Department policy or mine, and which I fondly hope will not be jerked out of context," he declared. He added that in his view "falsehood is unnecessary."

Built-in Conflict

Manning said the "dilemma" which sparked the news management dispute "might be more bluntly described as a built-in conflict between the easier way of conducting certain important governmental business or delicate diplomatic negotiations in privacy, and the right and need of the democratic public to know the facts and policies on which the national business is being conducted."

"Such a paradox exists, and it lies at the center of the questions before this committee today," he added.

Must Use Flexibility

Manning said it was difficult to offer "specific guidelines" to govern handling information "in periods of high crisis" but "certain set principles" must be applied with "flexibility" in each case. He said:

"Foreign policy in the United States must be evolved by open public discussion of proposed policies, of the objectives of those policies and in most cases of the means to be used to attain those objectives."

"Once a policy has been publicly enunciated, those responsible for carrying out that policy may require certain interludes of privacy in which to get the job done."

"Truth is an essential. Quite aside from the issue of morality, falsehood is unnecessary."

Washington - (UPI) - Republican budget-cutters today claimed their economy drive has resulted in blocking, at least temporarily, four New Frontier bills which would cost more than \$2 billion.

Another result of Republican efforts is that Congress begins its 12th week work without a single piece of major business ready for a floor vote.

Rep. Gerald Ford (R-Mich.) said Republicans, in economy battles so far, had:

— Forced temporary withdrawal of the administration bill to avoid a scheduled \$3 billion drop in the legal debt limit.

— Blocked for the time being rules committee clearance of a \$237 million aid bill for medical and dental schools and their students.

— Delayed a vote on a \$1 billion youth employment bill.

— Forced a rewrite of the military pay raise bill that is expected to cut the cost of new benefits.

Other congressional news:

Foreign Aid: Gen. Lucius D. Clay will be called to testify on his special foreign aid review committee's proposal for a \$1.5 billion cut in the for-

eign aid program this year. Clay reported to the President his committee thought the United States was trying to do "too much for too many" through foreign aid.

Women: Mrs. Caroline Davis, United Auto Workers women's director, told Congress it is the federal government's job to insure that women get equal pay on the job.

In testimony prepared for delivery before an education and labor subcommittee she said "hundreds of thousands of women are still receiving less pay . . . than the man doing the same job."

TFX: Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) said the judgment of Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara should not be questioned during the Sen-

ate's investigation of the TFX fighter plane contract award. Javits, a new member of the investigations panel, said the issue is "whether in our government the military or the civilian decision is paramount."

Aid: Sen. George S. McGovern (D-S.D.) has recommended

the United States consider withdrawing military and security commitments in Western Europe. "The defense of Europe is first and foremost a European responsibility," he said. Now that Europe is stronger, the defense burden should be shifted to them, he said.

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Break-Ins Reported By Ashland Police

Ashland - Break-ins were reported at two Ashland businesses this morning, Norge Laundry and Cleaning village at 1660 Siskiyou Blvd. and Rich Maid Ice Cream parlor, 1630 Siskiyou Blvd.

Coins were taken from numerous machines at the cleaning village. Police estimated that less than \$50 was missing. Taken from the ice cream parlor were food items and a radio.

The break-ins occurred some time between 4:30 and 7:30 a.m. Entry in both cases was gained through a rear window.

General Motors Hits New High; Chemicals in Plus Territory

New York - (UPI) - Stocks were firm today.

Auto sales found some leverage from sharply higher mid-March car sales and the "big three" all gained fractionally. General Motors touching a new high. American Motors, however, was a fraction lower.

Chemicals were in plus territory throughout the session, but gains were limited to under a point.

DOW JONES AVERAGES
 New York (D-J) - Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 579.17, up 0.34; 20 railroads 151.88, up 0.30; 15 utilities 135.82, up 0.15, and 85 stocks 240.81, up 0.22.

Sales Monday were about 3.7 million shares compared with 3.82 million shares Friday.

Monday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	44 1/2	Northern Pacific	43 1/2
Alum. Co. Am.	21 1/2	Pac. Gas. Elec.	32 1/2
American Air Lines	20 1/2	Penney J. C.	46 1/2
American Can	45 1/2	Penn RR	15 1/2
American Motors	19 1/2	Perma Cement	13 1/2
A. T. & T.	12 1/2	Phillips	49 1/2
American Tobacco	30 1/2	Procter & Gamble	73 1/2
Anaconda Copper	43 1/2	Radio Corporation	38 1/2
Arco	53 1/2	Richfield Oil	42 1/2
		Safeway	48 1/2
		Santa Fe	27 1/2
		Sears	78 1/2
		Shell Oil	38 1/2
		Socony Mobil Oil	13 1/2
		Southern Co.	53 1/2
		Sperry Rand	20 1/2
		Standard California	15 1/2
		Standard Indiana	54 1/2
		Standard N. Y.	67 1/2
		Stokely Van Camp	19 1/2
		Sun Mines	9 1/2
		Texas Co.	67 1/2
		Texas Gulf Sulfur	14 1/2
		Texas Pacific Land Trust	22 1/2
		Thinkol	25 1/2
		Trans America	46 1/2
		Trans World Air	14 1/2
		Tri-Continental	4 1/2
		Union Carbide	104 1/2
		Union Pacific	49 1/2
		United Aircraft	49 1/2
		United Air Lines	31 1/2
		U. S. Plywood	53 1/2
		U. S. Rubber	43 1/2
		U. S. Steel	43 1/2
		West Bank Corp.	34 1/2
		Westinghouse	33 1/2

Civil Defense Plea Scheduled Tonight

Salem - (UPI) - The House military affairs committee is scheduled to go before a ways and means subcommittee tonight to recommend the governor's full civil defense budget be restored, or even increased.

Committee Chairman Winston Hunt (R-Woodburn) said "there are areas of difficulty here, but you aren't going to solve them by chopping off civil defense."

The ways and means subcommittee has been highly critical of the state's civil defense organization, and has rejected the governor's proposal for \$410,000 to finance a 20-man CD agency over the next biennium. The subcommittee asked for a \$50,000 alternate budget and threatened to cut civil defense to a three-man force.

Co-chairman Named For Area Crusade

Dr. Billy Blackstone of Medford and Howard Pierce of Ashland have been appointed co-chairmen of the Jackson county crusade of the American Cancer Society's Oregon division, Dr. Orval Eaton has announced.

Dr. Eaton, Medford, is the state crusade leader.

The crusade will reach its climax in April when volunteers stage a door-to-door campaign for support of the American Cancer Society's programs in education, research and service.

Foreign Briefs

HURRICANE WINDS LASH EASTERN JAPAN
 Tokyo - (UPI) - Hurricane winds with velocities up to 111 miles an hour lashed eastern Japan early today, killing three persons, injuring nine and destroying or damaging about 600 homes.

EARTHQUAKE JOLTS PHILIPPINE CAPITAL
 Manila - (UPI) - A short, sharp earthquake jolted the Philippine capital at 4:11 today. There was no immediate report of damage.

ANTI-AMERICAN TALKS OPEN IN RIO
 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - (UPI) - A week of anti-American conferences was scheduled to open today with meetings in Rio and Sao Paulo.

A continental congress of solidarity with Cuba starts formally Thursday with delegates expected from 78 countries - including Cuba, Russia and Communist China.

Anti-Castro Cuban refugees in Rio said they will protest the meetings with street demonstrations, raising the possibility of a violent clash between the two groups.

POPE'S REFERENCE TO SPORTS DENIED
 Vatican City - (UPI) - High Vatican sources said today there is no foundation for reports that Pope John XXIII condemned "barbarism" in sports Sunday with apparent reference to the prize fight in which former featherweight Davey Moore was fatally hurt.

The sources said the reporter for the Italian news agency Ansa who quoted the Pontiff to that effect apparently misunderstood the Pope's remarks, made during a Lenten visit to a suburban church.

The reporter had quoted Pope John as decrying the "manifestations of barbarism which sporting competitions can become." But the Vatican sources said the Pontiff made no mention of sports.

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