

# Attorney General Accuses Kansan of Worthless Oil Lease Sale

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New York (UPI)—In the extreme and lonely southwest corner of Kansas, the small (pop. 13,813) city of Liberal breeds a spirit of competition. Thus, it can produce such phenomena as the yearly pancake races between the housewives of Liberal and those of Olney, England, and such citizens as James E. Lofland, who thinks big.

Lofland is a 36-year-old onetime appliance salesman from Liberal who traded the dusty Kansas flatlands for the concrete canyons of Manhattan a year ago and took to the big town and its ways like a big bass takes to the waters of the Cimarron.

Lofland talked a lot about big oil and big land deals. Soon, he was rubbing elbows with the rich and the famous with a striking woman often on his arm. Among them: svelte and blonde Broadway actress Dolores Gray ("Destiny Rides Again") and Johanna Revson van Boythan, Dutch-born former wife of cosmetics czar Charles Revson.

Next Thursday, Lofland has another date—to undergo questioning by Louis J. Lefkowitz, balding and energetic attorney general of the state of New York.

**No Laws Broken**  
The attorney general has not accused Lofland of violating any laws or of any criminal offense. But he has charged the suave and handsome and persuasive Kansan with "an attempt to sell \$3 million in worthless oil leases to New York investors" and obtained a court order barring any more sales.

Miss Gray, Miss Van Boythan, a former cabinet member, a former congressman, two sons of former U.S. senators and four other persons to tell under oath what they knew about the Kansan's alleged scheme "to induce various individuals to part with \$200,000."

Lofland did this, the attorney general claimed, "by falsely representing he was a millionaire oil man who owned mineral rights on oil producing lands in New Mexico. No investor has received any return on his money."

The high-flying Kansan, who has vigorously denied any attempt to defraud anyone, liked to give parties in his penthouse overlooking Central Park at Fifth Avenue in the fashionable 70's.

He became engaged to Miss Gray and they were photographed at the Stork Club last November smilingly holding hands. On Dolores' third finger, left hand, was a \$55,000 diamond.

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met Johanna Revson van Boythan, also known as Anky ("don't call me Anky in the newspapers"). Johanna received a \$2.5 million settlement when she was divorced from Revson in 1960 after 20 years of marriage. Anky and Jim became close friends.

**Counter Suit**  
Lofland entered a general denial to her suit and counter-sued for \$22,500. She owes him \$10,000 for one reason or another, he said, and owes another \$12,500 that he advanced her to buy certain oil interests in Lea county.

Back at the estate, in Rye, N. Y. — which was another part of her settlement from Revson — Anky was unconcerned about Dolores' suit against her, but demanded more accuracy on the Broadway star's part.

"It's not a 25-carat ring," Anky said. "It is 21 carats. I don't need a 25-carat ring. I have a 24-carat ring of my own. I don't need gifts from Mr. Lofland like Miss Gray."

Anky said she and Jim did not have any immediate marriage plans, but that she would stick by him through it all.

**Federal Lobbyist**  
In 1960, Lofland registered in Washington as a federal lobbyist. His attorneys, he said, were former Interior Secretary Oscar L. Chapman, former Massachusetts Representative Joseph E. Casey, Dennis Chavez Jr., and James E. Murray Jr., son of the late senator from Montana.

Chavez, who has denied any connection with Lofland, is the son of the former senator from New Mexico who in 1959 and 1961 introduced bills in the Senate "to authorize the granting of mineral rights to certain homestead patentees who were wrongfully deprived of such rights." Both bills failed to pass.

"I have never been associated with him (Lofland) in business, in a legal capacity or socially," Chavez said. Chavez declared he was merely acquainted with Lofland and considered him "quite an operator."

Chapman, who voluntarily appeared before Lefkowitz, said he had acted for the Kansan "only as an attorney to investigate the legal aspects of mineral rights he claimed to have and of possible legislation in that connection." But, said the cabinet official in the Truman administration, he "terminated our relationship many months ago when I was told he had misused my name" and because he found that Lofland "didn't have what he thought he had." Chapman said Lofland paid him \$13,500.

Casey said he still is looking into the matter "to see if there is still some value" to the Kansas entrepreneur's efforts.

## Record Volumes Of Timber Sold

Portland—The national forests in Oregon and Washington sold and harvested record volumes of timber in fiscal year 1963. U. S. forest service tabulations show.

A total of 5,509,927,380 board feet of timber was sold and 4,539,801,560 board feet of timber was cut during the year, according to J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, Pacific Northwest region.

The harvest comprises about 40 per cent of the total timber cut from all lands in the two states.

Value of the timber sold was \$92,332,699.46 and value of the timber harvested was \$80,239,759.18, final figures show. The previous year, sales volume was 4,800,000,000 board feet valued at \$80,687,000 and the harvest volume was 4,137,000,000 board feet valued at \$78,843,000.

About 500,000,000 board feet of the 1963 volume was in pine stumps sold to Heyden-Newport Chemical Corporation for chemical extraction. The large sale will result in development of a new industry in south-central Oregon.

The Willamette National forest of Oregon led the region in volume of timber sold and harvested. The Sitka National forest, hardest hit by the Columbus Day storm, was next highest. Highest in Washington was the Gifford Pinchot National forest.