

Chicago School Head Quits Under Fire of Civil Righters

FBI Checks Into Official's Link With Serv-U Corp.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A rapidly expanding firm with close ties to Senate Democratic Secretary Robert G. (Bobby) Baker is under scrutiny by FBI agents.

The firm, Serv-U Corp., is reported to be doing a \$3.5 million annual business by placing its vending machines in aerospace plants working on government contracts.

Serv-U acquired five major franchises during the past 18 months at plants of North American Aviation, Northrop Corp. and Thompson - Ramo - Wool-

ridge in the southern California area.

The 35-year-old Baker and his wife, Dorothy, are listed as recipients of \$290,000 in promissory notes from Serv-U and Mrs. Baker has signed documents as assistant secretary of the firm.

Ernest C. Tucker, board chairman and vice president of Serv-U, is a close friend and law partner of Baker's in private practice. Baker is a well known Capitol Hill figure and has close ties with many Democratic senators. He is a protégé of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Wife on Senate Staff

Baker's non-elective job pays an annual \$20,000 salary. His wife is employed on the Senate Internal Security subcommittee's staff at a salary of \$11,800 a year.

Senate staff members are not barred from carrying on private business careers. Baker has made no secret of his financial interests.

The FBI and the Justice Department refused to comment on their interest in the vending firm but it was learned that FBI agents visited several plants in the Washington area in connection with the firm's transactions.

Attention was first called to Baker's ties with Serv-U when he was named a defendant in a civil suit for damages filed by Ralph Hill, president of the Capitol Vending Co.

Hill alleged that he paid Baker \$5,600 for "securing and maintaining" a contract for Capitol Vending to place its machines in the nearby Falls Church, Va., plant of Melpac, Inc., an electronics firm with government contracts.

Contracts Switched

Meantime, president Aaron Goldman of Macke Vending Co. said that a Melpac executive told him that "corporate considerations of great importance" caused Macke to be replaced by Capitol Vending at Melpac plants. Goldman said his firm lost the \$300,000 contract even though Melpac officials assured him that Macke's service and prices were satisfactory. Capitol Vending in turn was replaced.

Hill's suit charged that Baker later conspired "maliciously to interfere" with Capitol Vending's contract and arranged to terminate it after Hill refused to sell his firm's outstanding stock to Serv-U.

The suit said that Baker's post as secretary to Senate Democrats enabled him to tell Fred Black, a Washington consultant for North American, that he was in a position to help that firm get government contracts.

In return, the suit alleged, North American "entered into an agreement to permit Serv-U corporation to install vending machines in its plants in California."

2 Teenagers Cited Following Crashes

Two 16-year-old drivers were cited for the same offense in separate auto accidents in the Rogue valley Saturday.

Oregon State Police cited John Trent Bewley of 2816 Corey rd., Medford for violation of basic rule, section 2, after his car struck the rear of an auto operated by George Lester Evans, 42 of Rt. 2, Box 626, Central Point, on Table Rock rd. at Wilson rd. Saturday at 12:15 p.m.

Then at about 5 p.m. Ashland police cited Claudie Ann Person of 3288 Hollywood ave., Medford, for the same offense after her auto struck the rear of a car driven by Barbara Ruth Harms, 30, 145 Almond st., Ashland, on North Main st. at Bush st. A passenger in the Harms vehicle, Mrs. Jean Fowler, 49, of 185 Scenic dr., Ashland, complained of pain but did not require treatment.

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Nixon Claims JFK Ready to Abandon Satellite Nations

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon charged Saturday that the Kennedy administration is drifting toward a policy of negotiating away the freedom hopes of 97 million people under the Communist yoke in Eastern Europe.

Nixon, who recently returned from a trip behind the Iron Curtain, said there are "strong pressures from within as well as from outside" the administration for conclusion of a non-aggression treaty between the NATO nations and the Communist Warsaw Pact powers. He then asserted:

Draw a Line

It would be shockingly immoral for the United States to do anything directly or indirectly which would give the impression that we accept Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's price — namely, that in return for "peaceful coexistence" we would draw a line down the middle of Europe and accept as permanent the Communist enslavement of 97 million Eastern Europeans.

Nixon said "only the mobilization of an aroused and informed American public opinion will prevent the sellout" of Eastern Europe.

Writing in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post, he said, "I believe that we are now entering a period of the greatest danger of Communist expansion in the free world since immediately after World War II."

More Dangerous

"All signs point to an inescapable conclusion: A great new Communist offensive is being launched against the free world, an offensive without resort to war, an offensive all the more dangerous because it is so difficult to recognize and to meet effectively.

"We cannot meet and defeat such an offensive by a static policy of defense. . . . Our goal for freedom can be nothing less. . . . Our goal must not be simply to keep freedom from shrinking but to make it grow too. Our goal must be a free Cuba, a free Eastern Europe, a free Russia, a free China, and every policy must be directed to reach that goal through peaceful means," Nixon said.

"This was once the stated policy of the Kennedy administration, but it has been watered down and wrapped in double talk from the time negotiations for the nuclear test ban began."

Permanent Sues Portland Company

PORTLAND (UPI) — Permanente Cement Co., Oakland, Calif., has filed a complaint in U. S. District Court here charging Permanente Asphalt Co. of Portland with unfair competition and trademark infringement.

The cement company asked the court to prohibit the Portland firm from using the name "Permanente" and to order the firm to destroy all labels, cartons, boxes and advertising material bearing that name.

Permanente Cement contends that use of the name by the Portland company causes confusion and mistakes. The California company registered its trademark Aug. 10, 1948.

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GHASTLY SPECTACLE — Passers-by stop to watch as flames envelope a young Buddhist monk, who sits impassively in the central market square in Saigon, South Viet Nam, Saturday, during a ritual suicide in protest against government anti-Buddhist policies. Hundreds saw the ghastly spectacle, sixth such protest suicide by Buddhists. (UPI)

Sixth Buddhist Monk Dies In Fiery Protest Suicide

SAIGON (UPI) — A Buddhist monk burned himself to death in the central park square here Saturday, increasing to six the number of such protest suicides since this country's "Buddhist crisis" began in May.

Reporters summoned to the scene by anonymous telephone calls saw the shaven-headed monk set fire to his yellow robe, which apparently had been soaked with gasoline. He sat on the pavement surrounding a traffic circle in the center of the square.

Rushed To Scene

Thousands of Vietnamese rushed to the scene, while whistle-blowing police tried to keep newsmen and photographers away.

New York Times correspondent David Halberstam and two NBC men, newsmen Don Sharkey and television cameraman Grant Wolfkill, were beaten and kicked by police who seized Wolfkill's camera. Sharkey, who was hit over the head with a chair, suffered a scalp wound that took eight stitches to close.

U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge protested to the foreign office about the beating of the newsmen.

Although the police succeeded in getting Wolfkill's camera, other photographers sped away in taxis, their pictures safe.

Little Doubt

No reason was given for the Buddhist's self-immolation, but there was little doubt it was meant to protest alleged discrimination against members of his faith by the government of President Ngo Dinh Diem, who is a Roman Catholic.

It was the first protest suicide in weeks, and the first sign that Buddhist opposition to the regime had not been crushed by the government crackdown that began Aug. 21.

The nation's principal Buddhist pagodas have been sacked, and the government has arrested thousands of dissident Buddhists, students and others.

LATEST GIFTS — Having given away \$1,070,000 in the last six years, retired farmer Fred Smoka, 79, gives his latest gifts from his hospital bed in Valparaiso, Ind., where he is being treated for cancer. Neil Ailes, left, treasurer of the senior citizens home, accepted \$425,000 for the home and the Rev. Otto Toelke, Valparaiso University vice president, receives \$275,000 for scholarships for a school of nursing. Smoka made his fortune primarily from stock market investments. (UPI)

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CHICAGO (UPI)—Civil rights groups Saturday considered a city-wide boycott of public schools unless the board of education accepts the resignation of Schools Superintendent Benjamin C. Willis.

Willis, who is the second highest paid public official in the nation headed one of the coun-

try's major school systems, resigned Friday after a summer of demonstrations and disorder.

He accused the school board of invading his administrative domain.

Most school board members expressed dismay at Willis' resignation and board president Clair M. Roddewig said it was "a tragic loss to Chicago." Roddewig called a special board meeting for Monday to consider the resignation.

Civil rights organizations had been pressing all summer for Willis to resign his \$48,500 a year position. They greeted the news with some restraint and a threat of possible school boycotts if the resignation is not accepted.

"Willis is not the main problem. . . it's the segregated schools," said Miss Roberta Galer, spokesman for the Student Non-violent Coordinating committee.

Five Citations Issued in Medford

Claude Berton Walters, Grants Pass, was cited Friday by Medford police for making an improper right turn following a two-vehicle collision at Main st. and Central ave. Friday morning.

No injuries were reported. The Walters' vehicle and one driven by Gertrude Mary Chamberlain, Shady Cove, collided.

Both drivers, Amy Cheryl Cavin, Central Point, and Ira Oliver Vincent, Ashland, were cited by Medford police Friday afternoon for violation of basic rule and improper left turn, respectively, after a non-injury accident at 12th st. and Central ave.

Theodore Manville Gerow, 108 Vancouver ave., was cited by Medford police Saturday for disobeying a traffic signal after a non-injury two-car collision at East Fourth st. and North Riverside ave. His car and one driven by Alphonse W. Aya, 205 Crater Lake ave., collided.

Ralph Dudley Odell, 824 Brookdale ave., received a slight cut on his hand following an auto-parked auto collision at 636 East Main st. Saturday. Odell was cited for failure to yield the right of way to a car driven by Rex Opal Sweeney, 725 Keenway dr. The parked car was registered to Elva Emojean Bates, 2411 Obispo dr.

Cars driven by John Menard Lehman, 1404 Saling st., and Merle Mezzie Pruet, 2848 Rosemont st., collided at East Meadows rd. and North Riverside ave. Saturday. No injuries were reported. Pruet was cited for an improper turn from the wrong lane.

Although it owns only eight per cent of the world's commercial forest area, the U. S. produces 44 per cent of the world's lumber, 58 per cent of its plywood, and 43 per cent of its wood pulp.

She said "demonstrations" could be expected if the school board does not accept the resignation, or if it is accepted and the board "maintains a segregated school policy."

Readies Boycott Plans

A spokesman for the Congress of Racial Equality said his group was working on boycott plans in the event the resignation is not accepted.

Other civil rights leaders cheered Willis' action as "a necessary first step toward a decent school system in Chicago" and urged the school board to accept it. Among them were representatives of the Chicago Urban League, Parents Association for Child Education, and the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations composed of 16 civil rights groups.

Opposition to Willis centered on charges he maintained "de facto" segregation in the city's public school system. Demonstrations reached a peak in August, when scores of persons were arrested while protesting

the installation of mobile classrooms on Chicago's South Side.

Willis also was criticized when he accepted a \$32,000 "moonlighting" assignment to conduct a survey of Massachusetts schools. Critics said Willis would not be able to devote his full attention to Chicago schools.

The combined Massachusetts and Chicago salaries made Willis the highest paid public official in the nation except President Kennedy.

Willis, who started in education administration 41 years ago in his home state of Maryland, came to Chicago 10 years ago and in his early years here directed a \$200 million school building program.

Through the sit-ins, picketing and occasional violence last summer, Willis denied allegations that white and Negro children were segregated in the city's public schools.

He stood pat in favor of a neighborhood school policy, which civil rights groups claimed fostered school segregation to match housing patterns.

Brazilian President Asks State of Siege

BRASILIA, Brazil (UPI) — President Joao Goulart arrived here today with an appeal to congress to impose a state of siege throughout Brazil.

Goulart's proposal will be delivered to congress by Minister of Mines and Energy Oliveira Brito.

Brilo said the president will ask for the measure "in view of the necessity of pacifying the Brazilian family."

There was no further immediate explanation. Last month a pocket-sized army rebellion was quelled quickly.

Goulart's action followed the revolt Thursday in Honduras, the second coup in Latin America in eight days.

Five Influenza Cases Reported in County

Medford reported five cases of influenza to the Jackson county health department last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county public health officer.

Other cases reported were one of measles, three cases of chicken pox, three cases of tuberculosis, all in Medford, and one case of pneumonia in Gold Hill and one case of pink eye in Jacksonville.

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