

Ike Accused Of Favoritism By Demos' Nat'l Chairman

CHICAGO (AP)—The Democratic national chairman says President Eisenhower personally ordered the award of a contract to a syndicate in which one of the President's "closest friends" has an interest.

Steven Mitchell, in a debate yesterday with Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall, asserted the President issued a personal order on awarding the contract to supply electricity to an atomic installation despite protests of both the Atomic Energy Commission and the TVA, and without competitive bidding.

Hall in his turn in the debate said he believed "that the American people will rise up and condemn such an unwarranted attack."

In Washington James C. Hagerly, White House press secretary, said he had no comment on Mitchell's allegation.

DEBATE

Mitchell, in the debate before a section of the American Bar Association, said the Senate subcommittee on monopoly asked for funds to investigate the situation but that "the Republican leadership through Sen. Jenner (R-Ind.) bottled up the request so they can't get a dime."

"Here is something that really needs investigating," he said.

He later emphasized to newsmen that his remarks on the need for an investigation did not directly refer to the President's alleged role in the incident.

He said the contract involved was for providing electrical power for the atomic energy plant at Paducah, Ky., and was 90 million dollars higher than that offered by a rival syndicate and was 140 million dollars more than the TVA would require to supply the power.

Mitchell declared that "it is no happenstance that a director of one of the two companies in the favored syndicate is one of the President's closest friends—won a cottage

next to President Eisenhower's at the Augusta golf course."

He did not mention the name of the person he described as one of the President's "closest friends" but his office said later he referred to golfer Bobby Jones.

RIDICULOUS

In Atlanta, Jones said Mitchell's remarks are "utterly ridiculous and without foundation."

He said, "I resent any implication that the President would be subjected to such influence and I resent the implication that I would be foolish enough to try to bring such influence to bear."

He said he would be surprised if the President even knew he was a director of the Southern Co., "because he and I never had any conversations about that fact."

Mitchell mentioned the matter after Hall had challenged him to cite any "corruption" in the Eisenhower administration.

"Let's look at the Dixon-Yates scandal, which occupied so much attention during the atomic energy debate in the Senate a couple of weeks ago," Mitchell declared.

POWER DEAL

"Here was a deal to buy power from a plant to be built (at West Memphis, Ark.) by Dixon-Yates to meet the needs of the atomic energy plant at Paducah."

"A competing syndicate offered to provide the power for 90 million dollars less than Dixon-Yates—and the TVA would provide the power for 140 million less."

"Yet, the President issued a personal order to give the contract to Dixon-Yates over the protest of both the Atomic Energy Commission and the TVA without competitive bidding."

A letter from the Budget Bureau to the Atomic Energy Commission was released in Washington June 17 saying in part that "the President has asked me to instruct the Atomic Energy Commission to proceed with the negotiations with the sponsors of the proposal" outlined by the utility group "with a view to signing a definitive contract on a basis generally within the terms of the proposal."

AEC PROPOSAL

The Dixon-Yates proposal was described by General Manager K. D. Nichols of the AEC as a better offer than received from a group of New York financiers.

Lucius E. Burch, Memphis attorney for the New York financial group, testified before the committee that his group was denied access to the top AEC officials to discuss the proposition. He estimated it would save the government 150 million dollars over the Dixon-Yates offer but he said the New York group refused to supply what he termed necessary details about its backing.

The transaction actually would supply power for the Memphis area to replace TVA power being fed to Paducah.

The antimonopoly subcommittee of the Senate asked the AEC once to hold up contract negotiations pending an investigation into whether free and competitive bidding practices were followed. In the pending atomic energy bill, however, the AEC specifically is authorized to negotiate for a private power contract.



LOCAL SWIMMERS WHO PARTICIPATED in the 5th annual Central Oregon Swim Meet held in Bend Sunday were from left, Janice Menti, Lora Leonard, Rosemarie Bruner, Sheila Howard, Benji Gupta. Back row, Harold Day, Tom Premo, Jimmy Hines and Dick Menti.

Foreign Actor Comments On Actresses' Temperament

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Hollywood's glamor girls have to take a back seat in temperament honors when compared with foreign stars, says an international expert on such matters.

My source on this is Pedro Armendariz, one of the finest actors of Mexico and almost any other place you could mention. He has made movies in the United States, Mexico, France, Italy and Spain. He has just finished "The Conqueror" here and leaves shortly for film in Paris, Rome and Egypt.

I got him talking about leading

Reds Plan Bigger Drive For Grain

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet government today announced its goal in the "grow more grain" drive had been greatly exceeded for 1954, and set its eyes on a bigger increase for 1955 and 1956.

Tass, official news agency, said the Soviet Council of Ministers and the Communist party's Central Committee had reported that the plan for plowing virgin soil had been fulfilled by 156 per cent by collective farms and 176 per cent by state farms, (figures were not given in acreage.)

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ladies he has known. He said the Hollywood variety could not hold a candle to some foreign stars. Even our most pampered darlings cannot compare with Maria Felix of Mexico and Anna Magnani of Italy, he said.

"More than any other actresses in the world, they get the star treatment," he remarked.

There is a story about Miss Felix. She was making a picture in Spain that required the Spanish fleet. Weeks of lengthy negotiations went on before the Spanish officials agreed. Half of the fleet was sent to the film location. But on that day Miss Felix did not want to appear before the camera. No explanation. She just didn't want to work. So the fleet went back to its base.

Armendariz estimated that Miss Felix draws around \$200,000 per picture and Miss Magnani around \$100,000. These are monumental sums in their countries when you consider that the income taxes are virtually nil. No Hollywood actress can earn the equivalent, no matter how the tax deals are juggled.

"You seldom see temperament from actresses in Hollywood any more," observed Armendariz. "The system will not allow it. Hollywood set the pattern for temperament in the old days, and that's what the foreign actresses are copying."

"I expected Jennifer Jones to have fits of temper when I did 'We Were Strangers.' But she was as pleasant as you would wish. The same is true of Susie Hayward in 'The Conqueror.'"

US Deplores French EDC Proposals

WASHINGTON (AP)—State Department officials from Secretary of State Dulles down were reported fearful today that new French defense proposals might kill the long-cherished six-nation European army plan.

Authoritative American informants seemed convinced changes in the European Defense Community plan, proposed by French Premier Pierre Mendes-France, were far too drastic to be accepted by the other countries involved.

And they foresaw little or no chance that the other proposed European army partners—West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—could find any formula for reconciling their own views with the new French attitude.

Foreign ministers of the six nations are to meet in Brussels Thursday to discuss the problem.

All participants except France and Italy have ratified the treaty. In a move to explain the new French plan, Ambassador Henri Bonnet met secretly at the State

Department yesterday with Acting Secretary Walter Bedell Smith.

Smith was reported to share the view that the French plan imperils the entire future of the defense community. However, he was said to be leading an intensive drive to find some sort of middle path which might be acceptable to France and the other European army partners. Some other officials were reported pessimistic over his chances.

In a further U.S. move to bolster EDC's prospects, Chairman Wiley

(R-Wis) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee announced he will leave for Europe today to talk over the matter—at Dulles' request—with British and French officials, including Mendes-France.

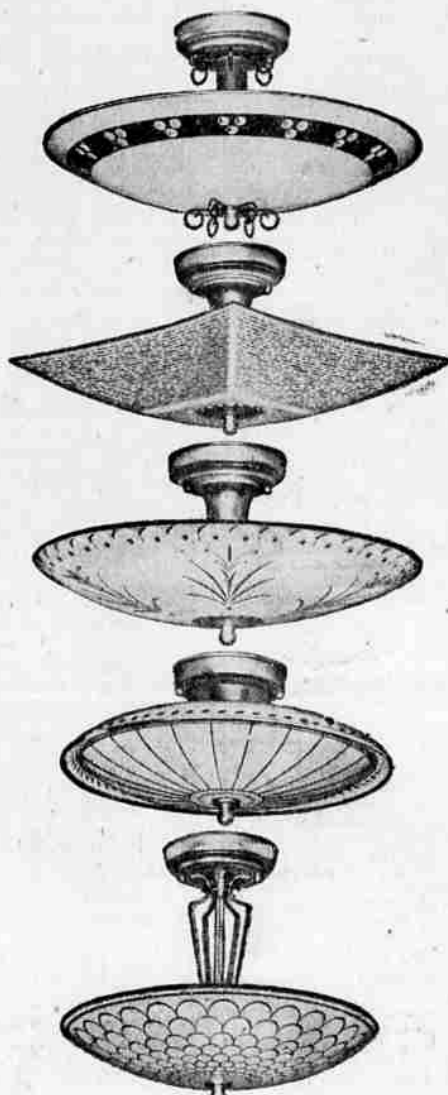
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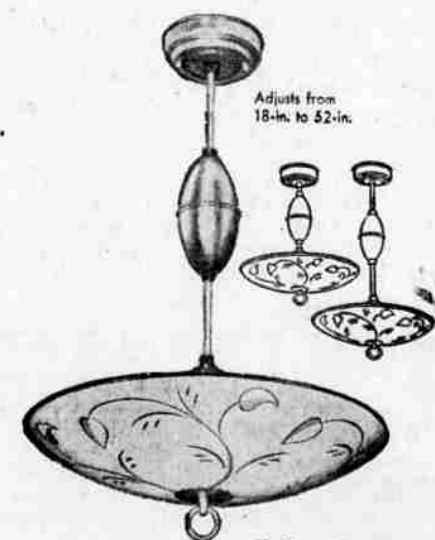
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Television Group Formed

Several months ago a number of Klamath Falls business men formed a non-profit community television corporation to bring good television reception to business houses and individual homes that were unable to receive telecasts from Medford. The service is now in operation with all members receiving excellent reception.

City Television's antenna is just off Worden Street near the new city recreation park in an area that is free from traffic and other interferences.

The coaxial cable runs down Worden Street to 11th Street and from there across the canal on Grant Street up the hill to North 6th and down to the business area.

Another branch goes down Jefferson from North 6th to North 3rd and then down to Main Street. The coaxial cable system used by City Television is used all over the country and replaces the antenna system.

After local television comes to Klamath Falls both Medford and Klamath Falls channels will be available.

Officers of City Television are Charles Schuss, president; F. L. O'Connell, vice-president; Paul Matthews, secretary and treasurer; Don Orrell, manager and technician.

Neuberger Hits GOP Policies

MEDFORD (AP)—Richard Neuberger, campaigning for U. S. Senator from Oregon, told a Democratic picnic Sunday that "Republican do-nothing policies in the realm of development" were damaging the economy of the state.

He said that the Republican opponent, Sen. Guy Gordon, and Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay "have deliberately discouraged the establishment of new industry, like aluminum," in the state. As a result, new industry is being established in Washington where there are "lower power rates," he said.

Neuberger said that the Oregon unemployment compensation fund appears to be "in serious peril of depletion." In the first seven months of the year the commission paid out \$16,944,772 to unemployed persons while it collected only \$7,625,880, he said.

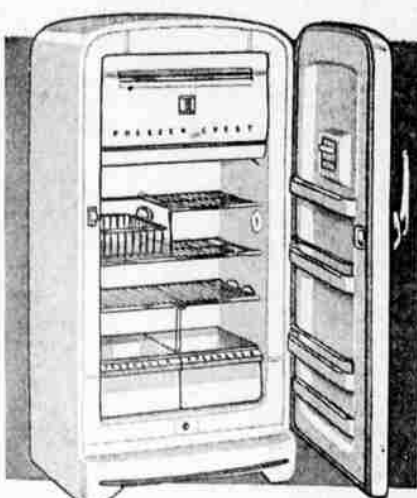
DISPUTE
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