

Personal Gain Denied In Rail Merger Talks

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Western Pacific President Frederic B. Whitman denied today that he supports Santa Fe in the Western Pacific case because he stands to make a personal profit from a stock option plan.

Southern Pacific Vice President George Buland suggested during cross examination of Whitman that the plan made Santa Fe's proposal especially attractive to Western Pacific officials.

"Yes, but that wasn't my motivation," Whitman said.

Outside the Interstate Commerce Commission hearings, Whitman said about 50 Western Pacific officials have options on a total of 90,000 Western Pacific shares.

Their value may be increased by \$1.7 million because of the Santa Fe offer, he admitted.

"But look at what all the other Western Pacific stockholders stand to make," he said.

He said even Southern Pacific,

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Peace Marchers Protest Against Atom Warfare

By United Press International

The nation's women, angered and frightened by the growing threat of nuclear warfare, staged a gigantic protest demonstration throughout the U.S. Wednesday.

The protest, in the form of a "strike for peace," was unorganized. But it was awesome in its penetration into virtually every section of the country and every major city.

The "strikers for peace" included teen- aged college students, young housewives and elderly matrons. They paraded in wind and rain, sunshine and wearying heat and in near freezing temperatures.

Some pushed baby carriages or carried infants in their arms. Almost all carried signs denouncing continuation of nuclear testing and the feverish East-West arms race.

The demonstrations were carried out before the White House and the Soviet Embassy in Washington, the United Nations headquarters and Russian U.N. mission in New York City and centers of government across the nation.

Peace Walk Scheduled In Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — A pacifist organization is sponsoring a peace march in Portland Saturday and backers predict a turnout of at least 1,500 to 2,000 persons.

Chairman Howard Willis said the number could go much higher because of the international tension resulting from the Russian nuclear tests, the Berlin crisis and the recent death of United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold.

One group of women from Salem today announced plans to caravan to Portland Saturday morning to join in the peace walk.

The Peace Walk is sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation. This is a pacifist group which was organized in England in 1914 and became active in the United States one year later.

Also supporting the march are a number of groups including the Young Democratic Clubs of Oregon, the Portland Jane Jefferson Club and the American Friends Service committee.

One group of "The United Nations Walk for Peace" demonstrators will begin their march in the civil defense center at Kelly Butte in Portland and walk to the north Park blocks at NW Park Avenue and Burnside.

The main body of marchers will move down S. W. Broadway to Hall Street and then to the south Park blocks.

Some 15,000 circulars have been sent out publicizing the demonstration.

Karl M. Capper-Johnson, president of the Oregon United Nations Association, declined to speak at the end of the peace walk. He said he cannot support some of the goals stated in the circulars sent out.

Speaking in his place will be Edward Snider, Washington, D.C., legislative secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, a Quaker group.

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**Theft Charged
Union Official**

SEATTLE (AP) — A former union official is charged with embezzling \$3,000 in the first indictment returned here under the Landrum - Griffith Act, which makes theft of union funds a federal offense.

The indictment against Robert C. Kirby, former secretary-treasurer of Seattle Local 85 of the Stereotypers and Electrotypes Union, was made public Monday. Kirby was released on \$1,500 bail.

The embezzlements are alleged to have occurred between July, 1960, and February, 1961.

Scientist Expects Major Cancer Breakthrough This Year

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A medical scientist said today it is highly likely that a major breakthrough in treatment of cancer will be achieved within the coming year.

The prediction was made by Dr. L. S. Ravdin of the University of Pennsylvania at a national cancer conference. He heads a clinical studies panel appointed by the National Cancer Institute to evaluate new drugs for control of cancer.

Ravdin said real progress has been made in cancer research in the past two years, and effective chemical agents already have been found for treatment of special types of cancer.

"Matters have improved in the cancer fight, and we are beginning to see the light," Ravdin told the conference, attended by more than 1,000 physicians and medical researchers from all parts of the nation.

Confident of Control

He said it is now certain that "cancer will come under control, just as diabetes did."

"The answer could come next month, next year—or next week," he said.

"It is important that we keep cancer patients alive as long as possible, because we never know when the answer will come, and

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