

FTC Charges 5 Drug Companies With Fixing Miracle Drug Prices

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Five leading U.S. drug manufacturers have been charged by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) with conspiring to fix prices of a widely-used miracle drug.

The commission Saturday ordered the companies to tear up all price lists for tetracycline, a drug used to cure a great variety of bacterial infections, and publish new prices independently.

A basic ingredient of the drug is Aureomycin, the FTC said.

The five-man commission also claimed, in an unprecedented move, the authority to take action to limit or completely halt enforcement of drug patent rights held by two of the firms, Chas. Pfizer and Co., Inc. and American Cyanamid Co.

The FTC charged they had obtained the patents unfairly by withholding important information from the U.S. Patent Office.

The other three firms charged were Bristol-Myers Co. and Bristol Laboratories, Inc.; Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. (Squibb), and the Upjohn Co.

The FTC said it considered Bristol Laboratories a subsidiary of the Bristol-Myers Co.

Deny Charges

Pfizer and Bristol-Myers promptly denied the charges, and along with Cyanamid, said they would appeal the order in federal courts.

The FTC said that Pfizer's 17-year patent on tetracycline could yield potentially more than a billion dollars in sales. Sales of the drug, "probably the leading antibiotic on the market today," it said, have run more than \$100 million annually.

The FTC order, which overruled its examiner's recommendations made after two years of study, told the companies that new price lists must be based on individual manufacturing and overhead costs, desired margins

U.S. Dealings With Alcoa Questioned

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Congressional auditors have reported they are "vitally concerned over the reasonableness" of prices paid by the government in its dealings with the Aluminum Co. of America.

The General Accounting Office (GAO) made the statement in a report sent to Congress Friday on the sale of military aircraft forgings manufactured at Alcoa's Cleveland, Ohio, works. The report charged that the forgings were "substantially higher than current and expected costs of production."

Later in the report, the GAO—Congress's watchdog over federal spending—went beyond the aircraft forgings issue.

"We found evidence during our review," the GAO said, "that the practices noted above are generally followed by Alcoa in the pricing of all government business amounting to many millions of dollars annually, and we are therefore vitally concerned over the reasonableness of the prices paid."

The agency said the forgings—which were sold non-competitively—totaled \$2.6 million. It said the "known current" production costs were exceeded by \$893,300.

In addition, the report said, Alcoa refused to allow the Air Force or its contractors to review Alcoa's actual cost data for purposes of negotiating a contract.

Alcoa took sharp exception to the GAO findings. It said they were in error because they were based on information "that can only be described as incomplete."

The company, whose reply was included in the report, said it charged higher than average prices to offset lower profits and losses from other contracts with the same contractors.

White Citizens Council Leader Draws Segregation Battle-Lines

By AL KUETTNER
United Press International

You might take him for a college professor or a successful businessman. He is suave, intelligent and soft-spoken. He wears well-tailored suits and stays in the best hotels when he is on the move, which is often.

But when Bill Simmons introduces himself, he doesn't waste much time letting you know that what he is doing is running the Citizens Council. His organization is regarded by many as the most

militant of the nation's arch-segregation groups.

In the constantly shifting developments of the racial transition, the voice of the Citizens Council ebbs and flows. Its lines are out in politics, education and even social life. It is strongest in the state of Mississippi where it was born, but today it has strong touches in many states and its disciples travel thousands of miles a year to spread a doctrine that racial segregation is best for the Negro and the white man.

Test Of Influence

The council (it doesn't like to be called white) was organized just 55 days after the May 17, 1954, Supreme Court school desegregation decision. It may have a new test of influence soon, depending on the outcome of the Mississippi gubernatorial runoff between Lt. Gov. Paul B. Johnson and former Gov. J. P. Coleman.

When Coleman was governor he cut off state sovereignty commission funds to the council. The present governor, Ross Barnett, restored the appropriations, which come from state tax money. While the council expressed no public support of a candidate, it is agreed it still has no love for Coleman.

Spain May Give Freedom To Provinces

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (UPI) —Spain said Saturday it soon would start negotiations leading to full independence for its two richest African provinces.

Information Minister Manuel Fraga Iribarne said the two provinces are Fernando Po and Spanish Guinea. He made the announcement following a cabinet meeting chaired by Gen. Francisco Franco, chief of state.

Iribarne said talks would start soon with native leaders in the African territories to grant autonomy to them. He said bills would be submitted for parliamentary approval after the talks are completed.

Two other African provinces would not be affected. They are Lini, a tiny enclave south of Morocco, and the Spanish Sahara.

Spain also has two cities on Morocco's Mediterranean coast, Ceuta and Melilla.

About the outcome of the racial situation: "If I were an integrationist, I'd be very discouraged. All the easy ground has been used up. As the experience develops in the North where they have had token integration until recent years, it will create more reluctance to go ahead with this sociological experiment."

About the Negro's future: "They ought to aim at being good citizens." (But on the voting issue, he thought "the Negro generally has not shown his maturity and his ability to adapt himself to politics." He felt the Negro therefore is subject to be used by political machines.)

About an educated Negro's chances in Mississippi: "Unlimited as long as he stays in the Negro community. 'It's un-American to hand people opportunities. Men must make their way, be worthy of their hire. They should not get it because of race, but should develop their abilities as far as they are able. Mississippi has many cases to prove this."

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Latin Alliance Progress Seen

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Unlike last year, there will be an observance of the second anniversary of the launching of President Kennedy's Alliance for Progress economic program for Latin America.

Teodoro Moscoso, U.S. coordinator for the alliance, has told his staff in a candid memorandum that "on this second anniversary...the alliance has something of which...it can be proud."

It was Moscoso who last August, in a similar memorandum to his farflung aides throughout Latin America, said there was nothing yet to celebrate.

"Today, the brick and mortar of construction under the alliance can be seen in many cities and villages, and along the highways of Latin America. The objectives and principles of the alliance are beginning to make an impact on the thinking people," he said.

He used the President's recent words to acknowledge that the alliance has a "long, long way to go." And also like the President, he said "we ought to keep at it."

important, such as better tax collection systems, cooperatives savings and loan associations, revised school and university programs, agricultural and industrial development banks," he added.

"In our jargon, it is institution building. In plain language, it is putting in the machinery that any modern democracy needs."

During the first year of the alliance, the U.S. government committed about \$1.2 billion for development progress. About the same amount was set aside for the second year.

Berlin Units Strengthened

BERLIN (UPI) — The U. S. Army announced Saturday it is stepping up the armored strength and fire-power of its Berlin garrison to make it a better-balanced military force with improved flexibility and mobility.

Under the reorganization, the American garrison will be equipped with more tanks and armored personnel carriers. The new M48 tank, described by Army officials here as far superior to the Soviet T34, will replace the old M48 tank.

"The M48 is the best tank in the world in its ability to hit and destroy enemy tanks," an Army official here said.

In a key element of the reorganization, the battle group will be replaced as the basic Army combat unit by the battalion.

The reorganization, effective Sept. 1, will increase the number of tanks from 25 to 30, double the number of armored personnel carriers from 15 to 30, increase automatic and anti-tank weapons, and replace towed howitzers by self-propelled howitzers.

American officials said the move was part of the organization of the entire Army under the new "reorganization army division" concept.

JOIN TREATY SIGNERS

WASHINGTON (UPI) — At least four nations arranged to sign the nuclear test ban treaty here today, bringing to 45 the number in the Washington series of signings.

Nations announcing they would sign today were Iceland, Laos, Sweden and Trinidad-Tobago. Jamaica and Iraq were scheduled for Tuesday and Japan and Burma for Wednesday.

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By CLAY R. POLLAN

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