

## Republican Group Protests Line Of Credit For Russians

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., sharply criticized the proposed wheat deal with the Russians today. He described it as the latest "in the current trend of one-way concessions" to the Soviet Union.

Scott joined with more conservative Senate Republicans in support of a measure, by Sen. Karl E. Mundt, R-S.D., to prevent the Export-Import Bank or any government agency from underwriting or guaranteeing the credit of the Communist countries in the purchase of wheat or other U.S. commodities.

Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., Undersecretary of State George W. Ball and Harold F. Linder, president of the Export-Import Bank, were scheduled to testify before the Senate Banking Committee today on the Mundt bill.

## Crime Lab Expert Takes Stand In Thompson Case

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI) — A footprint lightly tinging the new white of a feathery pre-dawn snow with a suspicious red stain — was it the killer's? Or another man's?

Were there two men inside the home when Carol Thompson was slugged and knifed? Just a footprint in the snow that fell after midnight. One of many. But it may be pivotal in the murder trial of T. Eugene Thompson, the criminal lawyer from St. Paul.

The case of the husband accused of planning the slaying of his church-worker wife moved today from the tale of the agonized last hours of the dying Carol Thompson to the clean logic of the crime lab.

song of infidelity with a brunette paramour — was recessed for the day. Elzerman gave his credentials, told of his job.

**Rising Criminal Lawyer**

Thompson, a 5-foot-6 towhead from the turkey-raising country southwest of here, worked his way through law school and was an up-and-coming young criminal attorney until the state charged him with masterminding a plot to do away with his wife. It has presented as motives the fact that he had purchased \$1,055,000 in insurance on her life and early last year had begged an alleged mistress, Jackie Olesen, for 11 months to get enough money to support her and his family.

**May Ruin Chance**

Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon told the committee Wednesday that such a prohibition would virtually ruin any chance of a wheat sale to the Soviet bloc.

The Mundt bill was not the only foreseeable snag to the wheat deal. It was learned Wednesday that Soviet negotiators told U.S. officials that the prices proposed by private commercial firms for the purchase of the grain and its shipment to Russia are too high.

The Russians told the State Department they felt the reason for the high prices was U.S. government insistence that 50 per cent of the wheat be shipped in American vessels, which charge higher rates than foreign shippers. They asked if this ratio could be changed.

**Not Entering Talks**

The State Department replied it did not want to re-enter government-to-government negotiations over wheat sales, and would leave it between the Soviets and private American businessmen.

## Eight-Foot Snake Flees From Shop In Michigan

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (UPI) — Police renewed their search today for a missing eight-foot anaconda.

The snake, capable of crushing to death small rodents or slashing someone with its razor sharp teeth, escaped from a downtown pet shop owned by Richard Kulik, 35.

Kulik said he first discovered the South American reptile missing Wednesday morning. He said he searched his shop and called police when he could not find it.

crush their prey with constrictor muscles and swallow their kill whole.

Kulik already was under fire from the Macomb County Humane Society for keeping a rodent-eating boa constrictor in his store's front window.

The society complained that Kulik was feeding live guinea pigs to the snake in full view of an aroused public.



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## Labor And AMA Exchange Charges, Countercharges

NEW YORK (UPI) — Charges and countercharges of fraud and falsehood were exchanged Wednesday by the head of the AFL-CIO and the president of the American Medical Association (AMA).

\$400,000 damage suit filed Wednesday by a Pennsylvania Steelworkers Union official against the AMA for distributing the "fraudulent" record.

**Filed By Normile**

The suit was filed in district court in Washington by Paul Normile, director of the United Steelworkers of America's District 16 in Pittsburgh.

President George Meany of the labor group angrily charged the AMA with "an absolute fraud," with the alleged circulation of a "forged" anti-union phonograph record.

AMA President Dr. Edward R. Annis issued a counterblast from Washington saying "the reckless charge of fraud leveled at the AMA... is completely false."

Normile said the record carried a voice falsely identified as his, which caused him "extreme humiliation, embarrassment and mental anguish and injury to his reputation."

The exchange grew out of a

parent publicity stunt and a smoke screen to divert attention from the hearings being conducted by the House Ways & Means Committee on the administration's health care bill.

the record did not sound much like Normile's as he spoke to newsmen. In tough language it threatened union members with the "graveyard shift" if they did not contribute to the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education (COPE) for the purpose of pushing the medicare bill through Congress.

"It obviously is not me speaking," Normile said, "but we have not been able to find out who made the record, where it was produced or by whom."

**Record Voices Threats**

Normile later appeared at a news conference where the record was played. The voice on

Normie and said he was shocked that the AMA "would countenance the political malpractice so evident in this completely spurious recording."

Steelworkers' President David J. McDonald, who appeared at the news conference with Normile, said his union would render all possible assistance to

Normie said the record was being distributed by the American Medical Political Action Committee (AMPAC) for use at doctors' meetings to get them to contribute to AMPAC.

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