



Robert L. Vesco

Rose Woods testifies List investigated

NEW YORK — Rose Mary Woods, President Nixon's personal secretary, testified for the prosecution in the Mitchell-Stans conspiracy trial Monday the name of financier Robert L. Vesco was on a White House list of top Nixon re-election campaign donors at the time he was under investigation by the federal government.

Woods, poised in her 30-minute appearance at the trial of the former Nixon Cabinet officers she described as "very fine men," testified the list was sent to her in November, 1972, by Maurice H. Stans.

On the list, which was of donors who might be invited to White House dinners, was Vesco's name. It had been circled and a question mark appeared beside it, she said. She said she did not know why.

A second list sent by Stans in June, 1973, did not contain the name of the fugitive financier, she testified.

Woods identified both lists before they were placed in evidence. Mitchell and Stans are accused of attempting to influence a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of Vesco's finances in return for a \$200,000 campaign contribution.

According to earlier testimony, Vesco contributed the \$200,000 in cash to Nixon's re-election campaign in April, 1972 but his name was not reported to the Office of Federal Elections as required by a law which came into effect April 7, 1972.

The first witness of the day, Hugh W. Sloan, Jr., the Nixon campaign finance committee treasurer, said that Vesco's was the largest cash donation, but larger contributions were made by check. He listed one of \$2 million.

Another witness, Robert L. Higgins, counsel to the federal elections office, told the jury he received a report from Sloan on campaign fundraising and disbursement from April 7 through May 31, 1972, which did not list any contributions from Vesco.

Sloan said that he had never been asked by Mitchell or Stans to lie about the Vesco contribution. Under cross-examination by defense attorneys he said that at Stans' instruction the Vesco contribution was entered on the books Mitchell's name, listing it as "J.M."

Heath backs down

LONDON — The Conservative party Monday withdrew its opposition to the legislative program of Prime Minister Harold Wilson's minority Labor government and said it would not demand a showdown parliamentary vote on it.

The decision headed off the threat of defeat for Wilson's beleaguered government after just two weeks in office and averted a new major crisis for Britain. It came at a two-hour meeting of former Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath's "shadow cabinet" shortly before the vote was scheduled.

A Conservative party spokesman said the Tories would not press a vote on an amendment they had submitted that condemns the Labor government's promise of legal curbs on prices but not on pay too.

The peace gesture was announced after Employment Secretary Michael Foot had told the House of Commons the new government will maintain legal restrictions on pay as well as prices for awhile. This apparently satisfied the Conservatives at least for the present.

Foot said the Pay Board set up by the former Conservative party government will continue to function until a voluntary agreement to limit pay hikes is negotiated

with the labor unions.

Even before the party leadership said it would not vote against the Wilson program, at least a half dozen rank and file Conservative party lawmakers had threatened to abstain rather than provoke a new crisis so soon after the Feb. 28 general election that left both major parties without a true working majority.

Political informants said this might well have been a factor in the Conservatives' decision to avoid a showdown.

The Conservative spokesman said "As Mr. Foot's statement this afternoon substantially meets the requirements of the Parliament, this will not now be pressed to a division vote."

The Labor government controls 301 Commons votes. The Conservatives and Liberals together command 310.

U.S. business leaders hail lifting of oil embargo

U.S. business and industrial leaders Monday hailed the lifting of the Arab oil embargo but cautioned it will not lead either to an immediate end of the energy crisis or lower gasoline prices.

"The degree to which Arab oil will help alleviate this country's short term supply situation will depend on whether Arab production is restored to pre-embargo levels," a spokesman for the industry group American Petroleum Institute (API) said in Washington.

"Once this oil becomes available, it will probably take from 60 to 90 days for these

supplies to make an appreciable impact on consumers in the United States."

The API spokesman said the price of foreign oil had increased 400 per cent in recent months.

In Detroit, the lifting of the embargo was the best news in weeks for the auto industry and its badly slumping sales, which have piled up an inventory of unsold cars of nearly 1.75 million nationwide.

"It's the positive news we've been waiting for. It should help reassure consumer confidence," said Richard C. Gerstenberg, chairman of General Motors Corp.

Venezuelan oil debate begins

CARACAS — Venezuela's opposition parties began congressional debate Monday on the immediate nationalization of the South American republic's giant foreign-owned oil industry.

The debate in the government-controlled 248-man parliament is expected to last several days, but observers predicted that no concrete action would be taken immediately to carry out early nationalization of the industry.

Venezuela, the world's third largest oil exporter, is one of the largest suppliers of U.S. oil imports, shipping more than half of its three million barrels per day exports to the U.S. east coast.

Three political parties have drafted bills calling for nationalization of the industry,

now in the hands of major U.S. and foreign oil companies. Under present laws the foreign companies must give up 5.5 million acres of oilfields and \$4.7 million in installations, without compensation, between 1983 and 1996 when current leases expire.

Early nationalization of the industry, as is being proposed, would mean the companies

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Simon may be new Treasury secretary

WASHINGTON — The Washington Star-News said Monday the White House has decided to nominate energy chief William Simon as the new Treasury secretary. Citing "administration sources," the newspaper said Simon would be named to replace George Shultz, who last week announced he would resign about May 1. The paper said the White House already is seeking approval from key members of Congress.

The Star-News said the leading candidate to replace Simon as energy chief is John Dunlop, head of the Cost of Living Council.

U.S., Israel split on Syrian pact

The United States and Israel have split over Israeli insistence on keeping all of the occupied Golan Heights in any disengagement pact with Syria, Israeli newspapers reported Monday.

Israeli and Syrian guns pounded at each other on the Golan Heights front for the seventh consecutive day. An Israeli military spokesman said artillery on both sides fired for more than three hours, with the Syrians hitting hardest at the northern perimeter of the Israeli advance into Syria in last October's war.

Airline fares to be raised for short trips

WASHINGTON — The Civil Aeronautics Board Monday issued new guidelines for setting passenger air fares that mean higher costs for traveling short distances and for flying first class.

The CAB said its studies showed that the airlines' longtime practice of overcharging for longer flights to make up for revenue lost on shorter, less expensive routes was not justified.

Rattle, rattle, rattle . . . ouch!

BROWNWOOD, Tex. — Cotton Dillard sacked 10 rattlesnakes in 31.7 seconds Sunday to win first place in the annual Brownwood Rattlesnake Roundup. Dillard accepted his first prize trophy and then reported to a local hospital where he is reported in fair condition today following treatment for two snake bites.

Laird changes secret Vietnam testimony

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Former Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird, in a secret letter to Congress, has changed his previous testimony on use of weather warfare by the U.S. over North Vietnam, the Journal-Bulletin reported Sunday.

"The change is said to imply strongly that the United States at one time used weather warfare techniques against North Vietnam contrary to what Laird and the Pentagon have said in the past," the paper said.

It quoted reliable sources as saying Laird wanted to correct the record before he left the administration.

Embargo comes off

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"With regard to Saudi Arabia and the other countries that signed the agreement our interpretation is that the embargo is lifted," Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani told a news conference following the announcement.

"The Algerian interpretation is that if there is nothing to justify for Algeria the renewal of this decision then they might go back to the embargo.

"The embargo against the Netherlands will continue."

Yamani said his country and the six co-signers would increase production to "fulfill the requirements" of the agreement.

"The United States will get all the oil it needs," he said, including at least one million barrels a day from his own country.

Algerian Oil Minister Abdesselam said that nation believed "that there are certain signs of a new U.S. policy and that we should encourage this.

"However, since Israel would never have succeeded to occupy Arab territories without U.S. help we think the lifting of the embargo should be provisional."

The official announcement did not discuss the 15 per cent production cutback imposed on other Western nations at the same time the embargo was placed against the U.S. and the Netherlands.

But it said West Germany and Italy would henceforth be considered "friendly countries" and their petroleum needs met.

The announcement, read to newsmen by Algerian Oil Minister Belaid Abdesselam in the red-carpeted foyer of the Imperial hotel, said:

"The Arab oil ministers decided to lift the embargo on oil supplies to the United States.

"The Arab Republic of Syria and Libya did not agree with the decision to lift the embargo . . . Algeria agreed to lift the embargo only as a provisional measure until June 1."

The decision will be reviewed by the oil ministers at a meeting in Cairo June 1, the announcement said.

The action followed weeks of intensive negotiations among the Arab states in a search for a unified stand on whether the embargo should be lifted unconditionally, conditionally, or maintained.

The oil ministers earlier had debated the possibility of lifting the embargo and reviewing it at a later date to satisfy themselves the U.S. was exerting sufficient pressure on Israel for withdrawals from captured Arab territory.

U.S. to clear canal

WASHINGTON — The State Department announced Monday the United States will provide mine-sweeping assistance to help speed reopening of the Suez Canal, closed since the six-day Arab-Israeli war in 1967.

The announcement said the United States, "at the request of the Egyptian government," had agreed "to provide advice and training to Egyptian personnel responsible for clearing unexploded ammunition in the canal and on its banks."

The State Department disclosed the U.S.-Egyptian cooperation after diplomatic sources in Cairo said Egypt had reached agreement with the United States and Britain on a joint operation to clear thousands of bombs and mines from the waterway connecting the Red Sea with the Mediterranean.

A team of Army and Navy demolition experts surveyed the area last month at the request of the Suez Canal Authority. Actual clearing operations are expected to begin early next month by the Egyptian navy, technicians from the canal authority, aided by U.S. and British specialists.

Egyptian authorities believe there are thousands of mines and unexploded bombs in and around the canal as a result of more than six years of intermittent ground and air fighting.

Egyptian officials believe the canal can be reopened by October and will be able to handle ships with up to 70,000 tons displacement, as it did before it was closed in June, 1967.

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