

Gibson declines energy post

by R.H. Growald
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Andrew E. Gibson will request President Ford to withdraw his controversial nomination as federal energy administrator in an exchange of letters to be made public Tuesday, it was learned Monday.

A White House official, who declined to be identified, said that Gibson in his letter to Ford will express regret if he caused the President any embarrassment in the disclosure of his severance contract with a Philadelphia oil transport company, which would have netted him \$880,000 over a 10-year period.

The official made it clear that White House pressure has been on Gibson to voluntarily withdraw his nomination and to save Ford from the embarrassment of cancelling an appointment he made with such a fanfare at a news conference Oct. 29.

Despite the mounting pressure for him to quit, Gibson had hoped to clear himself of possible conflict of interest by taking the top energy post while he had a tie with a top oil company. But the White House apparently made it clear to Gibson that his nomination would cause a battle on Capitol Hill.

A White House spokesman said earlier Monday that Ford had not been told about the severance pay when he nominated Gibson.

Deputy press secretary John Hushen said Friday unnamed White House aides knew of Gibson's agreement with his former oil company, but did not inform the President before Ford nominated him as federal energy administrator.

Gibson has acknowledged that he will receive \$880,000 over the next 10 years from the company he headed, but he has resisted official pressure to withdraw his nomination as successor to John Sawhill.

Gibson was at the White House on Monday, as he was on Friday and Saturday, meeting with various officials regarding his nomination, Hushen said.



Arnold Miller, president of the United Mine Workers of America, announces at a news conference that there will be a strike by the miners beginning at midnight Nov. 11. He declined to say how long the strike might last, adding fuel to the fears that the strike could have a devastating effect on the U.S. economy.

Butz supports proposal for emergency food aid

by Peggy Polk
United Press International

ROME—Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz has put his weight behind an appeal to President Ford to pledge an additional million tons of emergency food aid for the world's hungry nations, Sen. Dick Clark said Monday.

Clark, an Iowa Democrat, said that

"after some resistance" Butz signed a telegram from the entire U.S. delegation at the current United Nations World Food Conference supporting Clark's proposal for an announcement of increased U.S. aid totaling 4.3 million tons before the end of the fiscal year in June.

Ambassador Edwin M. Martin, deputy chief of the U.S. delegation, said

at a news briefing he understood that members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries were preparing a proposal for a new institution to collect funds and direct spending on food aid.

Martin said the institution, to be funded by OPEC and other countries, differed from the reserves coordinating group proposed by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in his keynote speech last week in that "it would be an administrative agency rather than a forum for exchange of information. A commitment of oil dollars to a long term food aid and development plan would be a major accomplishment by the conference."

Canada has pledged a million tons of grain a year for three years starting in fiscal year 1975-76 and Australia said it would make a similar donation in proportion to its smaller population.

The U.S. government has allocated \$990 million for 3.3 million tons of food aid for the 1974-75 fiscal year but is reviewing the aid on a quarterly basis to try to avoid aggravating domestic inflation by taking too much grain off U.S. markets.

U.S. pledge to abstain voting may doom Cuban embargo end

by Juan J. Walte
United Press International

QUITO, Ecuador — The hemispheric conference called to end the Cuban embargo appeared on the brink of failure Monday with an announcement by the United States it would abstain from voting to end the sanctions.

The U.S. decision, relayed to Latin American foreign ministers by U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Robert S. Ingersoll at a closed door meeting, followed announcements by Haiti and Guatemala, considered crucial swing votes, also to abstain.

Latin American diplomats said the U.S. decision could doom the Quito Organization of American States conference unless there was a last-minute compromise. Mexico is reportedly looking for just such a compromise, the diplomats said.

The defection of Haiti, previously thought to favor ending the sanctions, reduced to 12 the number of countries expected to vote to end the 10-year-old boycott against Cuba. At least 14 votes are needed to get the necessary two-thirds majority to end the sanctions.

The announcement by Ingersoll that the United States would abstain was the first concrete statement by the U.S. delegation since the conference began Friday.

Two major resolutions have been debated. The original one submitted by Costa Rica, Colombia and Venezuela called flatly for ending the sanctions, and a less precise resolution worked Sunday would allow nations to choose to continue the sanctions or end them.

Both are now apparently doomed unless revised.

The Guatemalan and Haitian foreign

ministers, however, said they were still open to a compromise formula.

Although sanctions on Cuba are theoretically mandatory, seven OAS members already have economic and political relations with the Castro regime.

Guatemalan Foreign Minister Adolfo Molina delivered a hard-line speech accusing Cuba of "grave and repeated cases of intervention" in the internal affairs of Paraguay, Chile, and Uruguay, the three countries committed to vote against lifting the sanctions.

He added that Guatemala might vote in favor of a compromise resolution that would "conciliate antagonistic points of view."

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Court won't hear Haldeman plea; grand jury indictments to stand

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court today refused to consider arguments by Watergate cover-up defendant H.R. Haldeman that he and four co-defendants were indicted illegally.

The justices declined to hear Haldeman's appeal of lower court decisions upholding the indictments. The Watergate cover-up trial today began its sixth week in U.S. District Court.

Haldeman had contended that the Watergate grand jury which indicted him was illegally sitting past the normal 18-month grand jury term. He said the charges against him should be dismissed.

The first Watergate grand jury, impaneled on June 5, 1972, normally would have expired Dec. 4, 1973. But Congress voted to extend its term beyond that date and indictments were returned March 1, 1974, in the Watergate cover-up case.

In other Watergate developments today a tape played in the cover-up trial revealed that President Richard M. Nixon apparently agreed to Haldeman's suggestion on June 23, 1972, to tell the FBI to stay the hell out of the Watergate investigation.

According to transcripts prepared by the Watergate prosecutors for the assistance of the jury in listening to the tapes, Nixon's chief of staff H.R. Haldeman relayed the plan for thwarting the FBI investigation, and

Nixon responded, "Um huh."

But that response was missing from the transcripts as released by the Nixon White House last August.

According to the tapes, Haldeman told Nixon in their first conversation June 23 that Mitchell had conceived — and White House Counsel John W. Dean III had concurred in — a recommendation that the CIA tell the FBI to halt an investigation in Mexico concerning the origin of funds used to finance the break-in.

Deputy CIA Director Vernon A. Walters testified that the FBI had found four checks totalling \$89,000 — used to finance the break-in — that had been drawn on a bank in Mexico.

Walters said he was summoned to the White House six days after the burglary to

meet with Ehrlichman and Haldeman. He testified Haldeman said the bugging case was "making a lot of noise, the Democrats were trying to maximize it and it might get worse."

He said Haldeman told him "it is the President's wish" that Walters contact Gray and explain that the FBI investigation might uncover covert CIA operations in Mexico. Walters said that in two meetings with Dean the following week, the same suggestion was made.

Walters testified that he did not know of any such CIA activities in Mexico. He said Dean suggested that perhaps the CIA could pay the bail of the Watergate bugging suspects.

Walters said he told Dean, "No way, this would be no service to the President or the nation."

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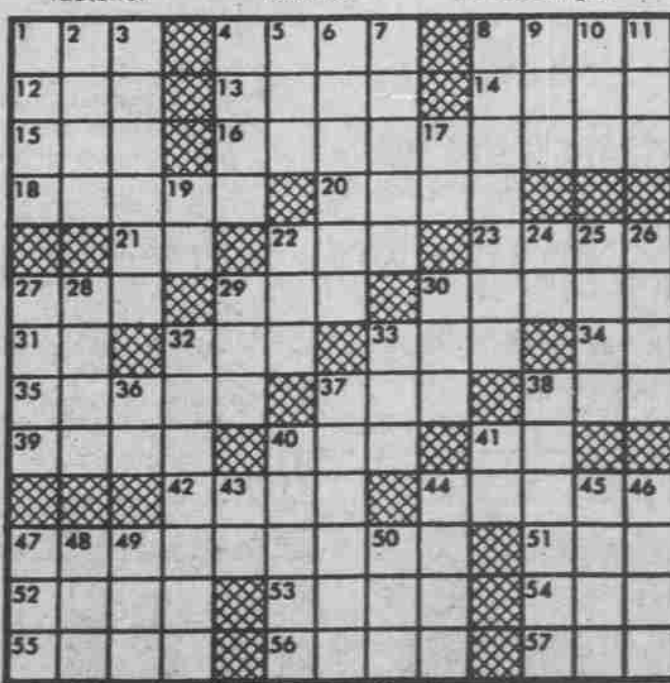
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