

# 15 to pay fines in state price-fixing

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Fifteen defendants in a major state price-fixing conspiracy case Friday agreed to consent decrees involving fines totaling \$135,000.

The case involved 10 mechanical contracting companies and five individuals accused of rigging bids on several contracts for public and private construction projects in the Springfield area, including work on the Capitol complex.

Atty. Gen. William Scott called the tricone of the case, which he dragged on more than two years, a

victory. He said the \$135,000 in fines was the highest amount ever levied in a criminal price-fixing case in the state's history.

But defense attorneys were elated at the consent decrees, in which defendants did not plead guilty to violating Illinois antitrust laws. "We can pay these fines out of petty cash," one defense attorney was heard to remark outside the courtroom. "Who's buying the drinks?"

JUDGE I. J. FEUER of the Sangamon County Circuit Court signed the consent decrees Friday.

The 15 were indicted by a Sangamon County grand jury in April, 1972.

The trial was scheduled to begin last Tuesday after more than 100 defense motions had delayed its start.

In recent weeks the defense had turned the tables on Scott and, in effect, put him on trial for public comments he made last month about possible electronic surveillance through the state including alleged bugging involving the price-fixing case.

ON JULY 2, Scott appeared before Feuer to testify about the alleged bugging in a closed hearing.

The Republican attorney general leveled the bugging charges, including accusations of political spying, against members of Gov. Walker's

Democratic administration. In two consent decrees, the defendants did not admit to violating antitrust laws but agreed to conduct future activities to avoid practices which brought them before the grand jury.

ONE DECREE called for a total fine of \$50,000 to be levied against seven defendants: West Central Illinois Plumbing & Piping Contractors Association, Springfield; Petersburg Plumbing & Heating Co., Petersburg; Edwards Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning Co., Springfield; Jack Muse, Inc., Hillsboro; J. F. Weiskopf & Son, Inc., Springfield; John L. Nelson, executive secretary

of West Central Illinois Plumbing & Piping Contractors Association, and Norman F. Weiskopf, president of the Weiskopf firm.

The other decree calls for a fine of \$85,000 against Henson-Robinson Co., Metal Air Corp., L. & L. Inc., and Springfield and Vicinity Sheet Metal Contractors Association, all of Springfield; the Fowler Co., Centralia; Charles H. Beard, president of Henson-Robinson; Michael J. Mrada, business representative of Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 84; and William McKenna, business representative of the United Association of Plumbers, Steam and Refrigeration Fitters, Local 137.



## Eisenhower testifies

John Eisenhower, son of the former President, talks with reporters in Washington Friday after his appearance before the Senate Intelligence Committee.

## House OKs coed gym class

WASHINGTON [AP]—The House reversed itself by a sizable margin Friday and voted to require that physical education courses be integrated by sex.

The vote sent the \$7.9 billion education aid bill to the White House where it may face a veto for being over the budget.

The vote was 215-178 to delete a section which would have permitted schools to keep some physical education courses for males only without fear of losing federal funds.

The amendment had originally been put on the bill by Rep. Bob Casey, (D., Tex.) who said schools should be allowed to decide which courses were fit for both girls and boys and which should be provided for only one sex.

THE SENATE refused to go along, however, and a House-Senate conference report left the issue unresolved.

On Wednesday, the House voted 212-211 to stand by its earlier vote and insist on the option for sex-segregated classes. But the Senate voted 69 to 29 on Thursday to reject the amendment.

One of the strongest proponents for dropping the Casey amendment, Rep. Patsy Mink, (D., Hawaii) had to leave the debate after giving a floor speech when she was informed that her daughter had been critically injured in a car accident in Thacka, N. Y.

House Speaker Carl Albert and other members Friday criticized reports which indicated Rep. Mink had "cut and run," missing the vote Wednesday. Albert said, if he had heard any of his children had been injured, he would have left the speaker's rostrum quickly, even if he hadn't time to turn over his gavel to a successor.

## Army tests 1,500 given LSD

WASHINGTON [AP]—The Army disclosed Friday night that 1,600 soldiers and civilians were given LSD in tests that continued until 1967.

The Army also said it will try to locate all who took part and have them undergo medical evaluation to determine if there have been aftereffects. The Army's statement showed for the first time the full extent of the tests, which became known only this week.

AS BEFORE, the Army stressed that only volunteers were used in the experiments to determine the effects of the mind-altering drug on military performance.

A total of 585 persons, mostly soldiers, were tested directly by the Army at the Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort McClean, Ala.; Dagway Proving Ground, Utah, and Fort Benning, Ga.

The soldiers tested ranged from enlisted men thru colonels, the Army said. In addition, the Army said, about 900 civilians were tested under Army-sponsored studies at the University of Maryland Psychiatric Institute, the New York Psychiatric Institute, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Washington Medical School, and Tulane University Department of Neurology and Psychiatry.

## Rescue effort fails Nixon fight to save crash victim told

CAMP PENDLETON, Cal. [AP]—Former President Richard M. Nixon tried vainly for an hour to save the life of one of three Marines fatally injured in a traffic accident Thursday, a base spokesman said Friday.

"Mr. Nixon took charge of the accident scene," said Marine Capt. Lou Chaille.

"He directed his Secret Service men to call for a medic and he and one of his aides tried to help one Marine who was still alive."

A spokesman at Nixon's seaside home in nearby San Clemente confirmed the incident and said the former chief executive stayed at the scene for an hour, directing the operation.

A CAMP PENDLETON spokesman gave this account:

Nixon was returning with his son in law and daughter, Edward and Tricia Cox, from a Marine Corps golf course Thursday afternoon when the accident took place directly in front of his car.

A Secret Service agent driving the Nixon car stopped and Nixon asked him to radio for medical aid.

Nixon and Cox then tried to free a

Marine pinned in the wreckage where two other men were dead. Cox used a crowbar, but the third man was pronounced dead at the base hospital five hours later.

Details of the accident were unclear and the incident was under investigation, a base spokesman said.

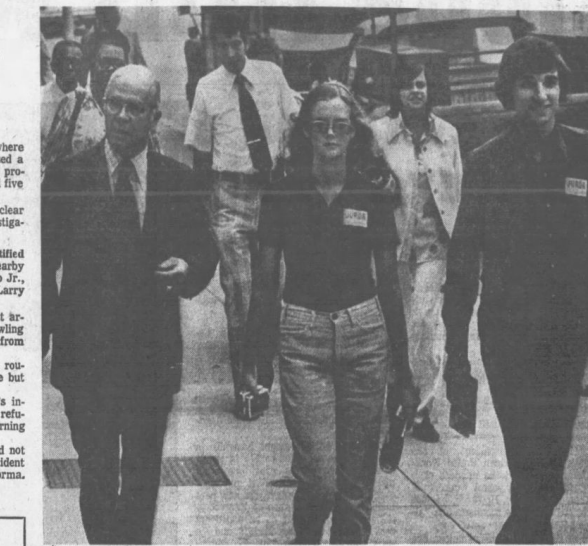
THE DEAD Marines were identified as Sgt. Davis A. Vandal, 23, of nearby Oceanside; Cpl. Ramiro A. Delgado Jr., 20, of San Antonio, Tex., and Sgt. Larry W. Grise, 24, of San Clemente.

Las Palgas Road is an east-west artery at the northwest edge of sprawling Camp Pendleton some 10 miles from Nixon's Casa Pacifica estate.

Accidents resulting in deaths are routinely reported at the Marine base but Thursday's accident was not.

A rumor of it along with Nixon's involvement reached the Vietnamese refugee camp nearby about mid-morning Friday.

Marine spokesmen said they could not explain immediately why the accident had not been reported in the normal way.



A court officer escorts six members of jury already selected for trial of Joan Little to Wake County Court House in Raleigh, N. C., Friday. Some carry

playing cards, books, and magazines to help them pass time while the rest of the jury is selected. Miss Little is charged with murder.

## Coming Sunday

Is it 'only rock and roll'? This may be the last time around for the Rolling Stones. On their eighth tour of the country in 11 years, it's all business this time and Mick Jagger says it's getting "a bit boring." The Stones' image of youthful rebellion—and they're all in their thirties. In Arts & Fun in the Sunday Tribune.

## Women strike out against rapists

A pen or pencil in the hand is worth two in the purse for a woman suddenly confronted by a thief or rapist. Being properly prepared when out alone at night is relatively easy even for women not schooled in the martial arts, according to self-defense experts.

Their tell how to use common sense precautions plus commonly carried items in "Self-Defense—What You Should Know," in Lifestyle.

## An interview with Portugal's mystery man

Alvaro Cunhal is friendly, impetuous, a bit naive, and a man of mystery. He also is ruthless, the leader of Portugal's Communist Party, and the most powerful man in the country. With blunt sincerity, Cunhal says he wants either a dictatorship or Fascism. Orsola Fallica, Italy's journalistic superstar, interviews the man who isn't interviewed often, in Perspective.

## The busing issue in 2 cities

After four years, busing to integrate public schools in Charlotte, N. C., appears to be working well. In Boston, an anti-busing movement has become a political fizzle that still could explode this fall. Sunday's news section will tell how these two cities look at one of the most controversial issues in American life.

## Roadblocks hurdled to extend vote rights

WASHINGTON [AP]—Senate Democratic leaders, denouncing delaying tactics by Sen. James B. Allen (D., Ala.), overcame initial parliamentary roadblocks Friday and launched consideration of a 10-year extension of the Voting Rights Act.

Before adjourning for the day, leaders warned they may have to keep the Senate in an all-night session, if necessary, to assure that the measure considered by supporters as the nation's most effective anti-discrimination law is extended before its Aug. 5 expiration.

Earlier, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the extension by a vote of 10 to 4 after beating back efforts by southern conservatives to water down the law by which thousands of blacks have registered to vote over the last decade.

IN MID-AFTERNOON, Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield (Mont.), suddenly moved to bring the House-passed version of the same bill before the Senate and found himself bogged by a delaying maneuver by Allen.

Recognized over Mansfield by fellow conservative Sen. Jessie Helms (R., N.C.), who was presiding, Allen tried to block the voting rights bill by bringing up a controversial and complicated measure to deregulate natural gas prices.

"It's outrageous," Mansfield said to nearby senators as the Senate proceeded thru a series of votes, followed by a one-hour recess, before he was able to regain control of the floor.

Mansfield then moved to bring up the voting rights measure and, after Assistant Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd (W. Va.) filed a motion to limit debate, launched into a sharp attack aimed at Allen's tactics that he never mentioned

## Lie-test 'deal' told Dismissal asked for Little

RALEIGH, N.C. [UPI]—Joan Little's defense attorneys asked the court Friday to throw out the murder charge against the 31-year-old black woman because two lie detector tests showed she was telling the truth when she said she killed her white jailer because he was trying to rape her.

In their motion asking Superior Court Judge Hamilton Hogood to dismiss the charges, defense lawyers said Miss Little was given lie detector tests within the last 30 days by two polygraph specialists.

The defense attorneys said in an affidavit that results of the tests showed Miss Little was telling the truth. They further contended that Dist. Atty. William Griffin had agreed to dismiss the charge if the test results favored Miss Little.

Hogood gave Griffin until Monday to respond to the motion.

BEFORE THE FIRST week of Miss Little's trial ended, two more jurors were seated, bringing the total to eight.

Both were middle-aged white women. One said she believed Miss Little innocent. The other said she felt Miss Little fled the rural jail after she killed the jailer

"because she knew she would be lynched down there." The eighth juror chosen, Wake Forest storekeeper Marcia Pearce, clutched her pocketbook and murmured, "I was afraid of that!" when told she was accepted.

But she was rather outspoken under questioning. Asked by the defense what she would do if a man tried to rape her, she said, "I'd kill him just as dead as he stood there."

MISS LITTLE IS charged with a first-degree murder in the teardrop stabbing of Beaufort County night jailer Clarence Allgood, 62, a retired truck driver and father of six. She fled the jail after his death, surrendering in Raleigh eight days later and claiming Allgood tried to rape her. Her trial was moved to Raleigh from Beaufort County.

Asked by the defense what she knew of the case, Mrs. Pearce said: "She ran away because she knew she would be lynched down there. All of his (the victim's) relatives and everything live down there and she'd be a fool to stay down there."

However, she said she could vote for a guilty verdict if the evidence warranted.

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