

\$80,000 for 'Political' Use Traced

AUSTIN, Feb. 29.—An Arkansas insurance company executive has sworn that the president of the defunct U. S. Trust & Guaranty Company got \$80,000 in cash to use for political purposes between September and December, 1955.

The affidavit was made by Willis V. Lewis, former president of U. S. Trust and now president of the Arkansas Fire & Marine Insurance Company, Little Rock.

A. B. Shoemaker, head of U. S. Trust & Guaranty, now in permanent receivership, was reported to be making "gradual improvement" from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head.

He is in the Veterans Hospital at McKinney where he was taken the month from his Waco home. He attempted suicide soon after the \$70,000 firm was put into receivership.

Lewis' affidavit accompanied an application filed Tuesday with District Judge Charles C. Betts by State Insurance Receiver J. D. Wheeler.

Wheeler asked court approval of a settlement of the receiver's half million dollar claim against the Arkansas company's funds.

The settlement would be in the receivership about \$70,000 of the half million which U. S. Trust & Guaranty allegedly loaned for organization of Arkansas Fire & Marine in August 1955.

This development came as Rep. Wade Spilman, McAllen, said his House investigating committee would get back to business here Monday at 9:30 a. m.

Smith May Be Called.

Spilman said if former insurance commission chairman Garland Smith is available and able to testify, "we want him to do so at an early date, but we don't want to do anything to endanger his health."

Spilman said he may issue subpoenas for one or two witnesses later this week but declined to say who they would be. The committee is investigating Texas insurance failures, especially that of U. S. Trust.

Lewis' affidavit was made before a notary Feb. 28, after he had sworn statement, he said Shoemaker came to Little Rock prior to

Sept. 15, 1955 and said he needed \$100,000 in cash for "political purposes."

Lewis said Shoemaker told him that it was impossible to withdraw that much money without causing alarm among depositors but Lewis told him that much withdrawal would cause as much excitement in Little Rock, or perhaps more, than in Waco and that it might have some effect upon progress of our new insurance company.

Finally after Shoemaker kept insisting, the affidavit continued, Lewis turned over to Shoemaker \$80,000 in cash he had in his office safe "which was being held in trust for the purpose of chartering an insurance company which was had been trying to organize."

Transactions Recited.

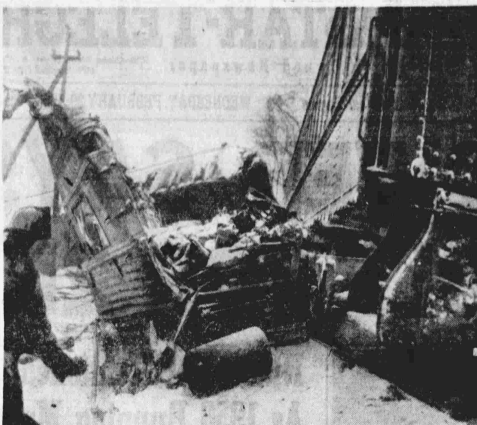
Lewis said Shoemaker promised to send a check by return mail to cover the money but later advised him to draw a draft on U. S. Trust for \$100,000 and "to withdraw an additional \$100,000 from the bank, \$100,000 at a time for his (Shoemaker's) use and benefit."

"On Sept. 12, 1955, I drew a draft on U. S. Trust & Guaranty Company of Waco, made payable to Willis V. Lewis, trustee, in the amount of \$100,000. During the month of December, 1955, I delivered to Mr. Shoemaker an additional \$100,000. All the money was in bills of various denominations," Lewis said.

The insurance commission had investigated U. S. Trust in 1955 and intensified its probe in the summer and fall of 1955. On Sept. 15 a new law took effect requiring the licensing of insurance securities dealers which paved the way for U. S. Trust's downfall.

The state receiver's claim on the half million dollar loan is against Lewis and Shoemaker, Arkansas Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Wheeler would not confirm or deny a report that his office was unable to locate \$130,000 of the half million dollars. He said the proposed settlement would be for the best interest of the receivership.



SCENE OF TRAIN DEATHS—The stainless steel train, left, plowed into a standing passenger train, right, early Tuesday near Boston during a heavy snowstorm. Thirteen persons were killed and 100 injured.

Republicans in State Confident

By Associated Press

Texas Republicans received news of President Eisenhower's decision to run again gleefully and optimistically predicted the state would swing GOP again.

Democrats had little comment, except that the decision was no surprise.

"The Republicans of Texas and conservative Democrats I am confident will enthusiastically support the candidacy of this great President and Texas again will contribute 24 electoral votes to the sweeping majority he is certain to receive," said Texas' National GOP Committee Jack Porter.

"I'm not surprised," said Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn, recognized leader of the state Democratic Party faction opposing the "conservative" group led by Governor Shivers.

"I thought all the time he was a candidate because, in my opinion, he had been acting and talking like one."

Shivers declined to comment on the announcement but indicated he might make a statement either in a statewide radio-TV speech Thursday night or at his Monday press conference. Shivers had promised to tell his own personal political plans in Thursday's talk.

Shivers, leader of the Texas Democrats for Eisenhower movement in 1952, said last fall that he considered Eisenhower one of the greatest Presidents of all time.

"I'm very delighted he's going to run," GOP State Chairman John Adams said. The Harlingen attorney was in Brownsville on a court case. "I think without a doubt he can carry the state."

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 29 (AP).—Former President Harry S. Truman said he had "no comment" to make President Eisenhower's announcement he is available for a second term.

The former President was informed of the announcement as he was leaving to make a speech at Kansas City Junior College.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29 (AP).—Republican former President Herbert Hoover said Thursday he was "glad" President Eisenhower is available for another term.

"I am certain that the President is willing to become the Republican candidate in the next election, and I am sure the majority of American people are

Real Solid Proof
MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 29 (AP).—Harry Lewis reported to people that he had solid proof that vandals had been at work around his place. Someone filled his automobile radiator with plaster of Paris.

New Locomotive Fuel
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29 (AP).—The Southern Pacific Railroad announced Tuesday development of a dual fuel system for diesel locomotives that permits part use of heavier, less costly fuels by these engines.

YARBOROUGH ADMITS RECEIPT OF OIL FIRM LAWYER'S GIFTS

AUSTIN, Feb. 29 (AP).—Ralph W. Yarborough, who has not yet said he is a candidate for governor, said Wednesday he has received two contributions for \$500 each from Elmer Patman, Austin attorney for Superior Oil Company.

Yarborough said the first contribution from Patman, whom he described as a long-time personal acquaintance, was in the fall of 1955 and the second was around the end of 1955 or the first of 1956.

Patman is a central figure in a U. S. Senate committee investigation of political gifts connected with the Harris-Fulbright natural gas bill.

Patman testified Thursday he had given a campaign contribution of between \$700 and \$800 to a candidate for statewide political office in Texas this year. He refused to say who the candidate was.

Investigation Set Off.

The Senate investigation was set off after Senator Case of South Dakota announced on the Senate floor that a \$2,500 campaign contribution had been offered him before the natural gas vote. Case said he had previously been inclined to vote for the bill but later decided to vote against it.

The bill was passed but President Eisenhower vetoed it because of what he called evidence of arrogant tactics on the part of those who supported the measure.

Yarborough said he had checked his records after reporters queried him on whether he was the recipient of a contribution from Patman.

"The new law does not require a statement of campaign contributions for the 1956 campaign until the month of July 1956 but, in response to questions I have checked my records and find two contributions for \$500 each from Elmer Patman, the first one in the fall of 1955 for the purpose of

traveling over the state in an effort to reach a decision on the 1956 race," his prepared statement said.

Yarborough said Patman had refused to support him in his 1952 and 1954 campaigns against Governor Shivers and had told him his support went to Shivers in both races.

"He stated that the contributions were from him personally, and did not reflect the policy of his company, and were not from his company, and were made without its knowledge," said Yarborough.

Yarborough said that if he becomes a candidate for governor, "these contributions will be duly and publicly reported by me under oath in my sworn campaign expense account for 1956 to be filed with the secretary of state, when the lawful time for filing arrives."

Patman's disclosure of a contribution to a prospective Texas candidate was made as he tried Tuesday to account to a Senate committee headed by Senator George of Georgia for some \$9,000 in cash from the personal funds of Howard Keck.

Keck is president of Superior Oil Company. Patman said he disbursed the \$9,000 for political purposes in 1955.

Theater Seats Now Available In South Korea

SEOUL, Feb. 29 (AP)—You know you can get a seat in a Korean movie theater, hitherto an almost unheard of state of affairs. Formerly there were howling, squalling, shoving, tagging crowds with all seats taken when you got inside.

The trouble was theater managers: 1. Sold far more tickets than had seats. 2. Paid their bills with free passes. 3. Issued passes to politicians and all their relatives.

Recently, President Syngman Rhee told a newspaper he thought managers should stop 1, 2 and 3 instantly.

Police took the hint. They showed up at all theaters to see that managers stopped item 1.

4 UNDERWORLD WHEELS SOUGHT

Police Wednesday were looking for four wheels in the underworld.

Richard Hamilton of 2908 Daisy Lane said he returned home early Wednesday and found his wife's car on jacks in the driveway.

Thieves had stolen all four wheels and tires.

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Johnson Gratified That Ike Is Fit to Campaign

BY ED JAMIESON.
Star-Telegram Washington Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Senator Lyndon Johnson, Democratic leader of the Senate who also suffered a heart attack last year, expressed satisfaction Wednesday that President Eisenhower has recovered to a point where he will enter the presidential race but declined to say who they would be. The committee is investigating Texas insurance failures, especially that of U. S. Trust.

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of their destinies for the next four years."

Representative Alger of Dallas said he was "delighted" over President Eisenhower's decision to seek re-election.

The freshman Republican congressman, however, said he had always assumed that Eisenhower would run for a second term.

Alger said the president's decision is "the best interest of this country and furnishes our best prospect for world peace."

"As for my reelection, since I have announced I would run again, President Eisenhower will be a fine running mate and I certainly welcome him on the ticket," Alger told reporters.

"Dallasites know that I support the President and yet am no rubber stamp. Particularly in state measures which do not represent in certain instances the best interests of my constituents, as we Texans see it," Alger said.

Alger said he didn't believe the presidential veto of the controversial natural gas bill will hurt Eisenhower's chances for re-election. He said only effect of the veto, in his opinion, would be to cause some people to stay away from the polls.

"But in the longer view, people are going to realize that if not President Eisenhower, who is the alternative?" Alger said.

"And in that view they are going to find much favor with the Eisenhower program."

Alger made it clear he has not supported the President on all issues and that he would continue to oppose parts of Eisenhower's program if they clash with his opinions.

"I shall continue to vote my convictions, which it seems to me is the primary obligation of a congressman," Alger said.

County GOP Chief Happy

President Eisenhower's decision to make himself available for re-nomination will simplify the Republican situation in Tarrant County, Bayard Friedman, county chairman, said.

The May precinct conventions and county convention will be held but they will be formalities, Friedman said.

Friedman predicted that with Eisenhower the standard bearer, the Republicans would poll more votes in Texas than they did in 1952 and that he would win by a greater plurality in the nation than four years ago.

Daniel obviously declined comment because of the status of his own pending announcement of his plans to run for governor.

The senator will address a statewide audience over radio and television facilities March 12 at which time he is expected to disclose whether he will seek the governorship.

Crosby Agent Named
CROSBY, Tex., Feb. 29 (Sp).—Lee Surber, assistant Lubbock County Agricultural agent for the last five years, has accepted a position as Crosby County agent, effective March 15.

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Just before Eisenhower ended his 23-minute meeting with reporters, he said he never would have decided to seek re-election unless he thought he would live out the next five years.

That recalled his doctors' report on Feb. 15 saying the President appeared physically fit to serve "another 5 to 10 years" in a job like the presidency.

In the course of the conference, the newsmen fired many questions at Eisenhower regarding his decision. He reached his reply that he would withhold the answers until his TV-radio talk Wednesday night.

But, responding to one question, Eisenhower said his decision to run should not have the effect of excluding any other candidates if they want to get into the race.

Kawland In Picture.

So far there has been only one announced conditional candidate for the GOP nomination, Senator William F. Knowland of California. And Knowland has said he would withdraw if Eisenhower decided to seek re-election.

Asked when he reached his momentous decision, Eisenhower touched off a laugh by saying he was still arguing with himself about it Tuesday morning.

At another point he said that maybe a half dozen persons were informed of the decision Tuesday night after he had reached it. He did not name any of them.

Another question was whether he had made a decision regarding a second term before his September heart attack. With a chuckle, Eisenhower replied, "I am a secret. He thinks he never will disclose, except possibly in his official papers after he has left the White House."

The news conference was held in the regular meeting place—the ornate Indian Treat building in the old State Department building.

Tractor Mishap Fatal to Farmer Near Stanton

STANTON, Feb. 29 (Sp).—James Melvin Glendening, a farmer in the Tarzan community northwest of Stanton, was killed late Monday afternoon when a tractor he was driving overturned and crushed him.

Witnesses said Glendening was using the tractor in an attempt to move another tractor that had stalled.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p. m. Wednesday in the Methodist Church in Stanton. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Betty Jane; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Glendening of Tarzan; a brother, N. E. Glendening of Tarzan; and six sisters, Mrs. Wanda Aycock of Crosby, Mrs. Bob Wynn of Grandland, Mrs. Jim Hilger of San Angelo, Mrs. G. D. Cude of Pleasanton, Mrs. O. K. Williams of Sterling City and Mrs. W. E. Hughes of Grandfalls.

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