He asserted in a statement that James Lanigan, subcommittee counsel, is a former Interior Department attorney "not adverse" to creating a situation "which will reflect on the integrity" of department officials.

Austin Termed 'Lobbyist'

Mr. Hoffman also said associate counsel H. Vance Austin was a "hired lobbyist" for Colorado rural electric co-ops, who "has more than once been a Democratic candidate for public office." Mr. Austin is on leave of absence from his job as manager of the Colorado Association of Rural Electric Co-operatives.

Mr. Hoffman said Mr. Austin and others on the committee "are attempting to discredit the Department of Interior, and to secure Mr. Austin's employers special considerations, special favors, to which under the law they are not entitled."

Mr. Chudoff, meanwhile awaited some reply to a request sent yesterday to presidential aidé Sherman Adams for details on "several" White House conferences involving proposals to sell public power from the Clark Hill, Ga., hydroelectric project to the Georgia Power Co.

In Atlanta, Ga., Harlier Branch, jr., president of Georgis Power Co., announced he con-ferred with Mr. Adams at the White House for 30 minutes las December 20 in an effort to clear up a dispute over disposition of Federal power from the Savan-

He said that followed a White House conference, including a talk with President Eisenhower, entatives of the co

Denouncing what he called Mr Chudoff's "insinuations" that his company received pref-erential treatment, Mr. Branch

"Shortly after this interview, we were informed that the Gov-ernment intended to hold up action on our proposal and on the contract draft which had been prepared by their own en-gineers and lawyers, in order to allow full opportunity for the co-ops to be further consulted and their interests fully pro-tected."

Assistant Secretary of Interior Fred G. Aandahl revealed that "several" conferences were held

Transit Co-op, P. U. C. to Meet

Members of the District Publi Utilities Commission conferred today with officials of the Met ropolitan Transit Co-operative on the organization's bid to take over the franchise of Capital Transit Company

The Commissioners conferre The Commissioners conferred yesterday with representatives of the Metropolitan Rapid Transit Company, Inc., starting a 19-day round of conferences with the six applicants for the franchise who filed last Monday. The results of the talks.

Today's session, a commission spokesman said, will be the last until next Tuesday, when the commission will see representatives of the Metropolitan Rapid Transit Service, headed by for-mer presidential advisor John R. Steelman, whose bid was filed by I. William Stempil, a Washing-

on attorney.

On Wednesday come representatives of the Baltimore businessmen whose application was filed by former United States Senator Millard E. Tydings, Democrat of Maryland.

Next Thursday, the commission will confer with Morris Fox, president of B. & F. Transportation Co., a Washington truckraller leasing company, who

The last of the six groups will confer with the utilities commission next Friday. This is the syndicate represented by Max M. Kampelman, Washington attorney and form tive council to Senator Humph-rey, Democrat of Minnesota.

Home Foreclosures 1% of New Loans

CHICAGO.—The United States
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that foreclosures and nonfarm
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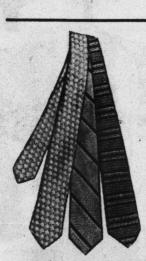
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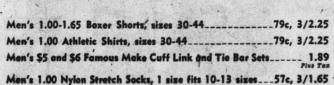
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