

Hoffman Hits Democrats 'Normal' Step On Power Investigation For U. S. Seen In Automation

By the Associated Press

Representative Hoffman, Republican of Michigan, accused Democrats on a House investigating committee today of digging up "real or fancied grievances" to embarrass the Eisenhower administration. He said they also are seeking "special favors" for rural electric co-operatives.

Mr. Hoffman, peppery 80-year-old Michigan Republican, let loose with his blast as members of a House Government Operations Subcommittee took a breather until next Tuesday from their hearings on administration power policies.

Mr. Hoffman aimed his criticism at Chairman Chudoff, Democrat of Pennsylvania, and his subcommittee staff.

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 aide 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., Harlee Branch, Jr., president of Georgia Power Co., announced he conferred with Mr. Adams last December 20 in an effort to clear up a dispute over disposition of Federal power from the Savannah River project.

He said that followed a White House conference, including a talk with President Eisenhower, by representatives of the co-operatives.

"Insinuations" Denounced

Denouncing what he called Mr. Chudoff's "insinuations" that his company received preferential treatment, Mr. Branch said:

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

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 Public Utilities Commission conferred today with officials of the Metropolitan Transit Co-operative on the organization's bid to take over the franchise of Capital Transit Company, which expires next August 14.

The Commissioners conferred yesterday with representatives of the Metropolitan Rapid Transit Company, Inc., starting a 10-day round of conferences with the six applicants for the franchise who filed last Monday. The commission refused to disclose results of the talks.

Today's session, a commissioner spokesman said, will be the last until next Tuesday, when the commission will see representatives of the Metropolitan Rapid Transit Service, headed by former presidential advisor John R. Steelman, whose bid was filed by I. William Stempel, a Washington 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 truck-trailer leasing company, who said he spoke for a group of local businessmen.

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 former legislative council to Senator Humphrey, Democrat of Minnesota.

Home Foreclosures 1% of New Loans

CHICAGO.—The United States Savings and Loan League reports that foreclosures and nonfarm residential mortgages in 1954 totaled about 28,000, about one-tenth the number of foreclosures in 1953 and one-third as many as in 1940.

Today's foreclosure rate is less than 1 per cent of the number of new mortgages recorded.

Education Costs Rise

OTTAWA.—Education expenditures of Canada's 10 provincial governments climbed to a total of \$289 million in 1954, an increase of \$25 million, or nearly 11 per cent, more than the year before.

at the White House on policy affecting the Georgia power dispute. He declined to give details.

The committee yesterday also heard from Ancher Nelsen, Rural Electrification Administrator.

Mr. Nelsen denied charges that he had withheld REA loans to "force" rural transmission co-ops to integrate their systems with private utilities in "shotgun weddings."

"Never have we told a co-op you must do this," he asserted.

At one point, Mr. Chudoff accused Mr. Nelsen, former Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota, of engaging in politics in Colorado by "trying to outpromise the Democrats" on the size of REA loans. Mr. Nelsen said, "I do not engage in political activity."

An official of the Ford Motor Co. told a Congressional subcommittee today the growth of automation in American industry should cause no more than a gradual shift of employment.

"We at Ford do not share the apprehensions of some that the increased use of automation equipment may throw thousands of people out of work or otherwise dislocate our economy," said D. J. Davis, manufacturing vice president of Ford.

"Indeed, without automation in the steel, chemical, refining, food processing and cigarette industries—to mention only a

few that are much more highly automated than we ever hope to be—there simply would not be enough production of their products to fill our needs, and certainly not at prices we could afford to pay."

Called Normal Step

Mr. Davis said automation is just another normal step in the continuous technological progress which has given this country supremacy as a world power today.

The great advantages of automation can be insured only if there is a continued expansion of the economy, Prof. Walter S. Buckingham of the Georgia Institute of Technology, testified.

At the outset of today's session Representative Patman, Democrat of Texas, chairman, said that before the hearings are over the subcommittee may try to get one of the modern robot "thinking machines" on the witness stand to speak for itself.

He made this statement after

explaining that the subcommittee has been unable to get a spokesman from this industry. He said the executive committee of the Office Equipment Manufacturers' Institute has not been able to find a spokesman to attend the hearings.

Some Problems Posed

Mr. Buckingham said the need for continued expansion leads to the next criterion, namely, economic stability.

"Here also," he said, "the long-run outlook is good but the short-run poses problems."

Mr. Buckingham also testified that "if the benefits of automation are not shared with workers in the form of productivity wage increases and with consumers in the form of lower prices, these mass markets will be threatened."

Long-Run Outlook Good

The witness said another reason for maintaining high consumption is that automation is not likely to create the great waves of primary and secondary

investment that occurred with earlier technological developments.

For example, he said the automobile stimulated investments in oil, rubber and highway building. Mr. Buckingham said there would appear to be no reason to fear long-run mass unemployment because automation will be limited to industry which employ only about 25 per cent of the labor force.

Another witness today was John Diebold, a New York management consultant, who urged a comprehensive factual study of the effects of automation.

Mr. Diebold said the worst "automation" has come to mean so many things to so many people that he suspects it is losing its usefulness for the time being.

Cotton Output Gains

RIO DE JANEIRO.—Brazil produced 450,000 tons of ginned cotton in 1954, a rise of 20 per cent from 1953 although lower than the 1952 production of 515,000 tons, a 10-year record.

Legion Auxiliary Elects Officers

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Oct. 14 (AP)—Delegates to the national convention of the American Legion Auxiliary elected Mrs. Bowden D. Ward of Kingwood, W. Va., president yesterday. She had no opponent.

Five vice presidents were elected. They and their divisions are:

Mrs. John J. Langenback, Raymond, Wash., Western; Mrs. F. M. Andrews, sr., Riverton, Wyo., Northwestern; Mrs. Floyd W. Williams, Galax, Va., Southern; Mrs. J. Stanley Brown, Spartan, Ill., Central; and Mrs. William H. Heagerty, Washington, D. C., Eastern.

Mrs. J. H. McKay, Springfield, Pa., was elected national historian, and Mrs. John Alexander, Torrington, Conn., was chosen chaplain.

Life Insurance Sales For Juveniles at Peak

NEW YORK.—Purchases of life insurance coverage on children under age 15 reached a record \$5 billion in 1954 and amounted to 16 per cent of all purchases of ordinary and industrial life insurance during the year.

At the start of 1955, juvenile life insurance in force totaled \$21.4 billion, more than twice the amount owned 10 years ago.

CORRECTION

Item below was incorrectly priced in Wednesday Star

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