

Senate Investigation Finds Diet Doctors Getting Rich

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Illinois doctor specializing in weight control told Senate investigators yesterday he and his seven assistants handled 85,000 patient visits last year and grossed around \$1 million.

Dr. Louis L. Rubel of Decatur, Ill., testified his 1966 income tax was over \$200,000. His income included commissions of \$1,200 a month from a diet pill company, he said, as well as earnings from the practice.

Another specialist in weight control, Dr. Orville J. Davis of San Diego, Calif., said he handled 11,727 office visits last year and placed his gross income at approximately \$220,000.

Davis told the Senate antitrust subcommittee his net income after taxes was \$29,000.

\$40 Fee

Davis said he charges \$40 for a first visit, including \$25 for laboratory tests, and \$15 for subsequent visits.

He testified he spends about 5 to 10 minutes with each patient. Other testimony in the subcommittee's investigation of diet pill manufacturers and their relationship with doctors included:

—Dr. C. Frank Chambers of Northport, Long Island, a general practitioner, urged federal action to curb diet pill makers like Lanpar Co. of Dallas, Tex., and what he terms "such commercialization" as the senators had just heard about.

Chambers told the subcommittee that he attended a symposium on obesity in New York City in September 1966, that was sponsored by the Lanpar Co.

'Appalled'

He said he was appalled when "a gentleman got up and stated that we should be making at least \$100,000 a year from the Lanpar diet program."

Lanpar is the company that Rubel said pays him a commission on sales to doctors. Davis said Lanpar pays him \$500 and expenses for lectures he gives at symposiums sponsored by the company.

—Dr. Harry Needelman of Miami Beach, Fla., said that in treating airline hostesses, Playboy bunnies, jockeys and others who want to lose weight he uses drugs he mixes himself.

Needelman, who said he has a general practice, testified that no medication on the market combines the preparations he uses so he mixes them in a room off the kitchen in his home.

Needelman's lawyer, L. J. Cushman, disclosed the doctor has been summoned by the regional Food and Drug Administration office in Atlanta, Ga., for a conference. The meeting had been set for Thursday, but Cushman said he obtained a postponement until Feb. 15.

Magazine Article

Rubel, Davis and Needelman were among 10 doctors that Life magazine writer Susanna McBee visited last fall, pretending to be a patient who wanted to

lose eight pounds or trim off a few inches.

Each of the doctors testified the treatment and diet pills they gave her were warranted. Rubel and Davis said among other things that Miss McBee is too fat in the hips and thighs.

Needelman said that Miss McBee, who reported weighting in at 130 1/2 pounds in his office, seemed to be surprised when he suggested he would get her down to 120 pounds.

Sen. Philip Hart, D-Mich., the subcommittee chairman, said that Miss McBee didn't look as if she had any weight difficulty.

N. Koreans Say Skipper Has 'Talked'

TOKYO (AP) — A North Korean broadcast said yesterday the skipper of the Pueblo told a news conference his ship on spy missions had entered the coastal waters of the Soviet Union and Red China, as well as North Korea.

A broadcast by the Korean Central News Agency said the skipper of the Navy intelligence ship, Cmdr. Lloyd Mark Bucher, made the statement at a "certain spot" in North Korea.

'Like "Confession"

In general, the remarks followed those of a "confession" by Bucher that North Korea broadcast Wednesday. The U.S. Defense Department denounced this statement as a travesty and said the wording proved it was not written or prepared by an American.

The Korean agency said Bucher made his statement on spying in reply to a news conference question.

"We had carried out espionage activities in the coastal waters of Korea and other parts of Asia on many occasions," Bucher was said to have replied.

"We had intruded into the coastal waters of the Soviet Union and China and repeatedly perpetrated espionage acts."

'Criminal Espionage'

The agency alleged that Bucher admitted the Pueblo was captured "while conducting extremely criminal espionage activities deep in the coastal waters" of North Korea. Washington says the ship was in international waters.

The Pueblo, with a crew of 83, was seized by North Korean naval craft in the sea east of Wonsan, North Korea, Tuesday. Four crewmen were reported wounded, one fatally, in an engagement before the ship was captured.

Bucher was further quoted as saying the Pueblo's crewmen "were given a spying mission from the U.S. Navy commander in Japan, and that our espionage acts are plain acts of aggression and criminal acts that violated the rudimentary norms of international law."

Shortly before the broadcast of the purported news conference, North Korea sent out a radiophoto it described as showing Bucher writing "his confessions."

The picture from Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, showed a man in a heavy dark coat writing with a pencil-like ball point pen on a sheet of paper. Only part of the face showed. Another photo showed several U.S. Navy officers leaving the Pueblo with their hands raised.

Blaiberg Improving

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Heart transplant patient Philip Blaiberg was reported by Groote Schuur Hospital authorities to be making good progress yesterday, 24 days after his operation.



DISCUSSES SHIP SEIZURE—President Johnson called the seizure of the USS Pueblo by North Korea "another wanton and aggressive act" that took place in international waters. Johnson spoke yesterday from the White House. (AP Wirephoto)

Johnson Says U.S. Acting To Resolve Pueblo Crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson told the nation yesterday that while pursuing diplomatic means to recover from North Korea a seized naval vessel the United States is taking military steps to meet whatever the crisis produces.

He called seizure of the USS Pueblo a "wanton, aggressive act." And he said that military moves tracing to the new confrontation with North Korea "do not involve in any way a reduction of our forces in Vietnam."

Looks Tired

The President, looking tired and unusually solemn, gave a 350-word resume of the Pueblo affair over national television and radio networks.

He spoke while the U.N. Security Council in New York prepared to take up North Korea's seizure of the electronic intelligence ship with its crew of 83.

Johnson began his terse report by saying that for the past 15 months "North Koreans have pursued a stepped-up campaign of violence against South Korea and American troops in the area of the demilitarized zone" between North and South Korea.

Murder Attempt

He said that on Jan. 19 a 31-man team of North Korean raiders invaded Seoul in an attempt to murder South Korea's president, and he blamed mounting North Korean violence for the death and wounding of Americans and South Koreans.

Then, turning to the Pueblo episode, he said:

"This week the North Koreans committed another wanton, aggressive act by seizing an American ship and its crew in international waters.

"Clearly this cannot be accepted..."

Speaking of the U.N. meeting called at Washington's request, he said "The best result would be for the whole world community to persuade North Korea to return our ship and our men and to stop the dangerous course of aggression against South Korea."

Other Efforts

In apparent recognition of the fact that North Korea consistently has rejected any U.N. role in Korea, Johnson added, "We have been making other diplomatic efforts as well" but did not specify what they are.

Again without giving any details, Johnson said:

"Second, we have taken and are taking certain precautionary measures to make sure that our military forces are prepared for any contingency that might arise in this area."

Johnson theorized that North Korean aggressiveness might be linked to the Vietnam fighting where South Korea has two highly regarded combat divisions.

He said:

"These attacks may also be an attempt by the Communists to divert South Korean and United States military resources which together are successfully resisting aggression in Vietnam."

No Ultimatums

In concluding his remarks—which were notably devoid of

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Finds Galleon
MARMANDE, France (AP) — A professional diver, Jean-Louis Cagniat, believes a wreck he discovered on the Vigo harbor floor in western Spain is one of the gold-bearing Spanish galleons sunk by the Dutch in 1707. He found it while holiday skin-diving last October and plans to explore it further in April. He said the galleon hulk so far has yielded cannons, cannonballs and a trunk.

Computed Eclipses
Eclipses, past and future, and their locations from 1207 B.C. to A.D. 2162 were compiled by Austrian astronomer T. Oppolzer.

Paper Drive Set
Earl Simpson, scoutmaster of Troop 253, South Schodack, has announced that the troop will have a paper drive pick-up on Saturday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m.

Troy Library Receives 21 New Books

Twenty-one new books have been received at the Troy Public Library and will be on display next week, according to Mrs. Isabella Laughlin, acting librarian.

Non fiction selections include Freedom and the Court, H. J. Abraham; Six to Brake Even, M. S. Adams; Famous Detectives, E. B. Block; Black Power, Stokely Carmichael; Mary Meade's Sausage Cook Book, R. E. Church; Empire on the Platte, A. R. Crabb; New Romans, John Keats; Venturesome Years, 1950-55, Vol. 3, D. E. Lillenthal; Children in the White House, Christine Sadler; Roots of Freedom, Bernard Schwartz; The Spy Who Was Never Caught, Ronald Seth; Diary of Florence in the Flood, K. K. Taylor, and The Jewish People, Max Wurmbrand.

Fiction titles include Most Dangerous Profession, Clifton Adams; Best American Short Stories, 1967; The Manipulator, Diana Cilento; Vale of Laughter, Peter De Vries; Shark Island, Maurice Edelman; No Bones About It, J. M. Flemming; The Cage, Andrea Newman; and Candle Shine No More, Jane Olinger.

Mrs. Laughlin also announced that the Internal Revenue Service has provided the library with two copies of its publication, Your Federal Income Tax, 1968 Edition For Individuals.

One copy will circulate to borrowers, the other will remain in the Reference Room at all times, Mrs. Laughlin said.

The books will contain filled-in individual Form 1040 tax returns and schedules B and D as examples. They will also be filled with many illustrations explaining federal tax laws and regulations.

Mrs. Laughlin said copies of this publication are also available to taxpayers on a demand basis at the Internal Revenue Service in Albany.

Clifton Park, Halfmoon Corps Holds Banquet

The installation banquet of the Clifton Park Halfmoon Emergency Corps was held recently at Reich's Restaurant. The President's Award for outstanding service to the corps was presented to Mrs. Henry Wooster, present treasurer. Officers installed included: Henry Chase Sr., vice president; Mrs. Wooster, treasurer; Mrs. John Pingelski, membership secretary, and John Pingelski and Clarence Smith, directors.

Fifteen year membership pins were awarded to Leopold Sabourin, Earle Groat, Richard Wallace, James Ruddy Sr., Wilfred Petuske Sr. and Eugene Sabourin. Ten year pins were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Wooster and five year pins were given to William Bloodgood and Robert R. Smith.

Guests of the evening were Mrs. Mary Marsh, secretary of the New York State Volunteer Ambulance and First Aid Association; Kermit Plummer, president of the Waterford Rescue Squad, and Robert Staring, the speaker.

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Epifanio of Brooklyn are visiting Mr. Epifanio's mother, Mrs. Mary Epifanio.

Mrs. Katherine Wickes of Ticonderoga was a recent guest of her sister, Miss Jean Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Costantino have returned from Gulfport, Fla., where they were called by the death of Mrs. Costantino's uncle, Hugh Williams, formerly of Whitehall. Mr. and Mrs. Williams moved to Gulfport several years ago.

Robert Ross, a student at Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, W. Va., spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ross.

Harry Hughes of Albany was a recent guest of his mother, Mrs. I. E. Hughes.

Miss Mary Ellen Kanalley of the staff at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, is visiting her father, James Kanalley.

Eric Walstron has returned to his studies after being the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Walstron. He is a student at Holy Cross College.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Middleton and children of Rome were recent guests of Mrs. Middleton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Duffy.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meek and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Balch and sons, Terry and Randy, have returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cameron of Hudson Falls.

Mrs. Ervin Latham and children of Sheboygan, Wis., were recent guests of Mrs. Louis Cameron of West Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Marc Rich of Corinth were recent guests of Mrs. Rich's mother, Mrs. Ira Adams.

Consumer's Question Box

ANSWERS FOR PUZZLED BUYERS
By MARGARET DANA

Q. I have a question about men's slacks and work pants. Why don't the makers use material for the pockets that will last as long as the material in the pants? The same is true of regular trouser pockets in even good suits. I am always having to mend or replace pockets.

A. No it isn't, but it is one of the problems facing the small, independent business. It is a most unfortunate state of affairs today—that the more consumers need the smaller, independent store, which understands its community and serves it by trying to provide the choices its people want, the faster it is being swallowed up by larger companies and mergers, which reduce retailing to a formula. Tell your shoe store to write to me about this compulsory order matter, and let's see if we can get a ruling on it that would help.

(Your questions about consumer buying are welcome and as many as possible will be answered through these columns. Personal answers are impossible because of the large amount of consumer mail. Send your questions to Margaret Dana, Consumer's Question Box, care of this newspaper.)

Q. I would like to know if it is permissible for a supermarket to sell extremely damaged canned goods along with, and at the same price, as canned goods in good condition.

A. First, it depends on what you mean by "extremely damaged." If the can is dented but not bulging or leaking, the contents have not been hurt. If the dent makes it difficult to open the can at home, then reasonably enough the customer should be compensated by having to pay less for the dented canned goods.

But prices are not set by law. So consumers in any community should make known to a store manager how they feel on this point, and a wise and sensible manager will take heed.

Q. Why must the small merchant accept the so-called package deals? Our local shoe store says they know the sort of shoes people prefer, and

Health Dept. Executive Dies At 60

George L. Theroux, 60, of 748 Third Ave., an administrative assistant at the Rensselaer County Health Dept. for the past 20 years, died yesterday at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Theroux, the husband of the former Gertrude Chretien, was born in Cohoes. He was a graduate of Cohoes High School and Boston College. He also served as night manager at the DeWitt Clinton Hotel, Albany, for many years.

Mr. Theroux was a member of the Rensselaer County Chapter, Civil Service Employees Association.

Besides his wife, Mr. Theroux is survived by a daughter, Mrs. C. Frederick Jeavons of Waterford; three sisters, Mrs. Leila Frappier of New York City, and Mrs. Blanche Vickers and Mrs. Rhea Bassett, both of Troy, and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. from the John J. Curley Funeral Home, 618 Fifth Ave., and at 9:30 a.m. from St. Mary's Church, Waterford, where a Requiem High Mass will be celebrated. Interment will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Waterford.

Avian Cholera Threatens Bald Eagles

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK, Fla. (AP) — A colony of 100 rare bald eagles in the Everglades is threatened by the spread of a fatal virus called avian cholera.

"We're quite concerned that the eagles will get it," said Robert Kerr, assistant superintendent of the national park. "The virus could quickly wipe out our entire population."

"So far the disease has concentrated almost entirely on coots, but it could spread to other species and there is almost nothing you can do to prevent it from spreading among wild life," Kerr said. "It just has to run its course."

The avian cholera, apparently was brought to the park by migrating waterfowl. Rangers are burning the bodies to stem the spread of the disease.

Condemn Parts Of 'Settling' Buildings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parts of two "temporary" government buildings that have been in use for half a century have been condemned as unsafe—to which several hundred civil service workers will say "Amen."

The sprawling Navy and Munitions Buildings have been housing 15,000 workers. About 350, occupants of 60 rooms, have been ordered to move to other federal buildings.

The boxlike old structures are settling unevenly, William Eastman, director of the General Service Administration regional office, said.



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