

# Defense Lawyers Check Tapes

By JOHN MORGANTHAUER Associated Press Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — For the first time in a criminal trial, lawyers for former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell and one-time Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans have had recourse to White House tapes of conversations with the President.

Transcripts from two of the tapes were used in a searching cross-examination Tuesday of the ousted White House counsel John W. Dean III at the conspiracy trial of Mitchell and Stans. So was a White House summary of a third tape.

Dean was scheduled to testify again today.

Mitchell and Stans are accused of juggling a massive fraud investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission against financier Robert L. Vesco, in return for his secret \$200,000 cash contribution to President Nixon's 1972 election campaign.

At one point Tuesday, Dean testified that he concealed from President Nixon a request last year from Mitchell for "action" by Mitchell's successor, Atty. Gen. Richard C. Kleindienst, against the federal grand jury that eventually indicted the two defendants.

The testimony was based on a White House tape, as was subsequent testimony relating to Stans.

The government charges that Stans tried to conceal Vesco's contribution by failing to report it under a new law that became effective April 7, 1972, three days before the money changed hands.

Stans then was chairman of the Finance Committee to conduct the investigation. It is his claim that he acted in accordance with legal advice that Vesco's pledge of the money before the reporting deadline made the concealment legal.

Referring to a White House conversation of Feb. 28, 1973, Dean was asked on cross examination:

"In that data, didn't you inform the President of the United States, 'I think we have a good strong case that the donor of the money, Robert Vesco, had relinquished control of the money and constructive possession of the money was in the hands of the finance committee'?"

"Yes, I did," Dean replied.

But the government later asked: "Wasn't the basis of your statement to the President at that time what Mr. Stans told you?"

"That is correct," replied Dean.

Also an issue in the trial is whether Stans demanded that the \$200,000 be in cash, so could be traced less easily. One count of perjury against him is based on Stans' testimony before the grand jury that he never made such a demand.

President Nixon's brother, Edward, was described in probed testimony as a go-between in trying to pin down whether Stans wanted cash or checks.

Dean was asked under cross examination, "Didn't you inform the President that the money was after the President's brother to find out from Mr. Stans whether he wanted the contribution in cash or checks and Edward Nixon said Mr. Stans replied: 'I really don't care whether it is in cash or checks'?"

"Yes, sir," replied Dean.

Richard B. Dinwiddie of Silver City has been named Silver City area chairman of the 1974 Alumni Fund Campaign for New Mexico State University.

Dinwiddie, power plant engineer for Kennecott Copper at Hurley, received his doctorate of science degree in mechanical engineering from NMSU in 1958. He is married to the former Gwen Gordon. They have three children, Dana, Richard, and Brian.

The national 1974 fund campaign is expected to exceed 1973's fund, which topped the \$30,000 mark in contributions. The fund was started last year as an annual solicitation of alumni for financial support of academic areas at NMSU.

**DOMINIC NAMED**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., says he has been re-appointed to the Senate National Energy and Energy Policy Committee. The committee is composed of members of the Senate Interior Committee and Democrat and Republican representatives from the Senate Public Works and Commerce committees and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.



**WORKSHOP LEADER — Dr. Frances Haley, staff associate of the Social Science Consortium and director of last week's teaching of social science methods workshop at WNMU, confers with Robert Brown. Over 50 in service and pre-service social science teachers from throughout the Southwest attended the one-day symposium. Emphasized were new curriculum and teaching materials in use in social science classrooms. The workshop was sponsored by Pi Gamma Mu honorary society and VIMAX. (WNMU Photo)**

# Workshop Attracts 50

A workshop designed to acquaint both current and future teachers of social science with new techniques, materials and curricula at all levels of instruction attracted 50 participants last week. The session was co-sponsored by Pi Gamma Mu and the VIMAX project of Western New Mexico University.

Heading the workshop was Dr. Fran Haley, staff associate of the social science consortium at Boulder, affiliated with the University of Colorado. The federally-sponsored program has been active in the field of curriculum development and in the presentation of workshops across the country.

Following the morning and afternoon sessions, the workshop participants were honored at a dinner in the Western Memorial Center.

Teachers from the Silver School District participating were Grace Nickel, Tony Garcia, and Jean Holloway.

Socorro teachers were Eddie Castaneda, Vernon Cox, Maria Perez, and Tony Valencia.

Coble teachers attending were Anthony Roman, John R. Martinez, Manuel T. Lacerda, Luis F. Morales, Tom Powers, Ted C. Burk, and Anselita H. Brown.

Joining the workshop from Deming were James Howeth, Richard L. Meyer, Ruth Putnam and Terrance Peckron.

Phil Delnor represented the Lordsburg schools. Traveling from Arizona were Ted Jones and James E. Huddleston, Douglas, and Phil Christman, Safford. They were joined by Western students Vicke Harrison, Saita Yates, Robert Brown, Mark Montgomery, Capt. Victor A. Maitreel, Ramona Feters, Harold Henley, Art Peralta, Jerry Wade, Jaques Kimble, Barbara Bower, Elma Padilla, Elvira E. Gonzalez, John Gelpi and Robert Benevides. WNMU faculty participating were Glenn M. Simons, James Colson, Phillip Cook, Dale Greig, Barbara Spurling, John Poota, Dorothy Blalock, Robert Hansen, Tom Lloyd, Craig R. Lohdahl, Don O'Boyle, and A. D. Martinez.

# Henry's Luck Poor

MOSCOW (AP) — A statement in nuclear weapons negotiations may keep Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in Moscow until the end of the week.

Informed sources said Kissinger and Soviet Communist party leader Leonid I. Brezhnev have been unable so far to achieve the "conceptual breakthrough" that could lead to the new arms limitation treaty President Nixon hopes to sign when he visits the Soviet capital in the summer.

Brezhnev is understood to have cautioned Kissinger during their first meeting Monday against stressing the massive U.S. advantage in missiles that carry multiple warheads. He is reported to have likened such talk to blackmail.

This could explain Kissinger's warning at a luncheon Monday that "if we attempt to blackmail each other," there can be no peace in the world.

While Kissinger and Brezhnev turned Tuesday to the Middle East and other problems, aides were trying to unravel the knots in the nuclear issue.

Kissinger hopes to work out a deal for a treaty limiting the development of missiles carrying multiple warheads, the MIRVs in which the United States has a big advantage, while balancing off the Soviets' edge in payload capacity.

Kissinger evidently has reminded Brezhnev that the U.S. government is fully aware of the implications of the Soviet missile tests conducted last August.

# Obituaries

**MROITZEK:** Funeral services for Fred A. Mroitzek, 65, will be held in the Curtis-Bright Funeral Chapel at 10 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. Edward J. Richey, and the Rev. Otis Teel, and Bishop Thomas J. Shaley officiating. Interment will follow in Memory Lane Cemetery. Casket bearers will be Wayne Hawk, George Hayden, Carroll Mann, Leo Littlefield, Johnny Burk, and Bill Parker. Mr. Mroitzek was a native of Decatur, Ill., and had lived in Silver City for the past 46 years. He worked as an auto mechanic for Parrish Bus Lines and operated his own garage in Silver City for many years. He was a member of the Silver City Elks Lodge No. 413.

His wife, Mary, preceded him in death in 1961. Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Lonnie Teel of Riverside, Calif., Mrs. Freda Ann Hawkins of T.C. Mrs. Kay Helen Thiele of Torrance, Calif., Mrs. Roberta Shelley of Silver City, and Miss Lella Mroitzek of South Gate, Calif., 15 grandchildren; three brothers, Carl of Silver City, August of Paramount, Calif., and Paul of Decatur; and three sisters, Miss Ann Mroitzek of Decatur, Mrs. Elizabeth Herman of Chihuahua, Ill., and Mrs. Helen Zinter of Fallerton, Calif. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Methodist Lutheran Church of Silver City or to your favorite charity.

# Amtrak Fares To Go Up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amtrak is going ahead with plans to raise rail passenger fares by 20 percent for trips west of Chicago during the summer months.

Amtrak Vice President Edwin Edal said Tuesday the increase is to take effect June 9 but fares will be reduced again in September.

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The Humane Society will have a rabies clinic at the Fire Station in Hurley, Saturday, March 30th. All residents owning dogs are required by City Ordinance No. 11-B to vaccinate and tag their pets and prohibit them from running the streets.

This ordinance will be strictly enforced by house-to-house check by the poundmaster to see that all owners of dogs have a current vaccination and city tag. A drive will be initiated to pick up all dogs running loose as there have been a lot of complaints concerning this problem. We will appreciate the cooperation of all residents owning dogs to comply with the ordinance.

**Hurley Town Council**

# Times Slapped With Huge Label Suit

EL PASO, Tex. (AP) — Narconon Inc. filed a \$25 million libel suit Tuesday against El Paso Times reporter Steve Hallock. Times Editor William I. Latham, Gazette Corp., owner of the Times, and El Paso County Atty. George Rodriguez Jr.

The suit, filed in the El Paso district clerk's office, alleges that two articles written by Hallock about Narconon Oct. 7, 1973, were damaging to the organization, which is self-described as a rehabilitator of drug addicts. The substance of the articles were written with the intent to harm Narconon.

The suit further alleges that Rodriguez republished the reports on several occasions with full knowledge that the information in them was false.

Narconon is asking \$15 million from all defendants and a supplemental \$10 million from Rodriguez.

The suit was submitted by Danny Ventrone, executive director of Narconon Inc., of El Paso, Ken Hawkins, establishment secretary of Narconon Inc., Texas, and Bert Cox, attorney. Narconon has been in operation in El Paso approximately one year.

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