Short jury deliberation results in conviction for Mutscher

(Continued from Page 1) ant case that's ever gone to ry in this state," he asserted. aquet, a short, intent young ecutor, told the jury the bills ed through the legislature "unparalled speed and a deof secrecy heretofore un-

therwise, he asserted, the lature would have not passed. quet bore down particularly on the defendants as he

recounted testimony from one of their colleagues, Rep. Charles Patterson of Taylor.

"There is one thing that places him head and shoulders above these three defendants," he declared. "He doesn't have his hand out."

Prosecutors pointed to evidence showing that the defendants bought and sold National Bankers Life stock the same days at artificially inflated prices.

Jaquet said the defendants "walked away with" \$180,000 in cash and stock two days after the bills were passed.

Alleging that Sharp engineered the sale of the stock at \$5.25 a share above market value, Jaquet said, "Now that's a good

And, he argued, "there is no other evidence in this case except that they all acted together ... I really don't know what the defense of this case is."

Paynter, in a more extensive plea to the jury, called Mutscher a "protege of Frank Sharp" and added, "it is amazing to me how men of money can manipulate

Paynter also dwelled at length on Mutscher aide F. C. Schulte, who profited from Sharp's loanstock deals but was not named as a co-conspirator.

He quoted Schulte as testifying that McGinty told him that NBL stock was selling for \$20 a share although the market price was

"How did McGinty know that?" Paynter asked the jury.

"It sounds like he had a pipeline in from somewhere," the prosecutor added.

Paynter also dismissed as im-

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material defense arguments that the legislation sought by Sharp was "good" legislation.

"It's just as bad for a legislator to sell his vote, his power or his influence to pass good legislation as bad legislation," he

"It's just as much a crime to accept a bribe for doing something right as for doing something wrong," he said.

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JETS meet this weekend

Texas youths with eyes on engineering careers will look at the profession through the new \$9,000,000 Zachry Engineering Center here March 17.

The Junior Engineering Technical Society of Texas (JETS), sponsored by the Texas Advisory Committee for JETS in cooperation with the College of Engineering, will hold its annual statewide conference on the campus here. About 1,500 youths, many student advisors and parents are expected.

The JETS conference will open with competitive tests involving drawing, biology, physics, chemistry, mathematics and slide rule. Winners will be announced in the general assembly by Engineering Dean Fred J. Benson. The dean also will distribute awards to winners of model contests, technical papers, and to the 1972 Texas JETS Scholarship Program recipients. Duplicate awards will be presented to their schools. In addition, awards go to the best freshman, sophomore, junior and senior mathematics students.

The featured speaker for the JETS will be Dr. John C. Calhoun, vice president for academic affairs, who will discuss "The Physical World" during the awards program starting at 3

Prof. J. G. McGuire, assistant dean of engineering, will preside at the conference with Dean Benson welcoming participants.

The purpose of JETS is to inform high school students, teachers and parents about the engineering profession and stimulate students to greater academic effort. The conference provides students with an opportunity to hear qualified speakers discuss engineering education.

McGuire said all the engineering disciplines will be represented in exhibit areas. Representatives of the various departments will be on hand to explain their respective programs. In addition, he said, students, parents or teachers desiring to tour a particular engineering department or laboratory, will be provided guides.

'Traffic World' editor to speak at conference

Joseph C. Scheleen, editor of "Traffic World" magazine, will be the opening day luncheon speaker for the 14th annual transportation conference March

The Washington-based editor, who also serves as executive vice president of Traffic Service Publishing Co., will discuss transportation legislation.

Major topics for this year's conference are transportation facilitation, financing and labor and productivity, notes Gen. John P. Doyle, TAMU's MacDonald Chair Professor of Transportation and conference coordinator.

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