

# Sharpstown Scandal Subject Of Nixon-Mitchell Conferences

DALLAS (AP) — A Justice Department official's involvement with the key figure in the Sharpstown scandal caused such concern that it was the subject of two meetings attended by President Nixon, John Mitchell testified Wednesday.

Mitchell, U. S. attorney general at the time, appeared as a witness called by two former Texas officials who claim their indictment on mail fraud and conspiracy charges arising from the scandal was politically motivated in Washington to discredit Texas Democrats.

Former Texas Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr and former Texas Insurance Commissioner John Osorio are seeking to have the charges against them dismissed instead of facing trial as scheduled Oct. 23.

Mitchell described the increasing concern in 1971 over the disclosure that Will Wilson, who then headed the criminal division of the Justice Department, had been lawyer for Houston banker

Frank Sharp, leading figure in the scandal. Sharp, who headed the Sharpstown State Bank, was accused of trying to bribe state officials to pass banking bills by selling them stock on shaky collateral and then manipulating the stock value upward.

Sharp was granted immunity from further prosecution after pleading guilty on two counts of banking and securities violations and receiving a three-year probation sentence.

Describing a first meeting with the President, Mitchell said: "I can't recall the exact conversation, but I believe the discussion was about the public posture which Mr. Wilson found himself in at that time."

At a second White House meeting which Mitchell said was probably in October 1971, Wilson's problem again was discussed.

## Weekend Course Emphasizes Newspaper Teaching Value

At least 50 instructors are expected at the "Newspaper in the Classroom Workshop" to be held at Texas A&M University Saturday morning.

The program is sponsored by TAMU's College of Education and The Houston Post Educational Services Department, said Dr. Joseph Ilika, associate professor of educational curriculum and instruction and director of the TAMU Reading and Language Laboratory.

The workshop will instruct teachers in methods of utilizing newspapers in the classroom for teaching every subject and every grade level, Ilika explained.

The program will include lectures, demonstrations and sessions in which the participants may develop their own ideas.

Instructors at the elementary, secondary and college levels are invited to attend the workshop, the professor pointed out.

Workshop leaders feel that newspapers can be especially effective in rural schools, Ilika noted, but as yet no teachers from small towns have registered.

Participants will be instructed in guidelines to develop "newspaper behavioral reading objectives" and encouraged to share their findings and generate feedback, Ilika said.

Emma Gene Schroeder, chairman of the Reading Department at Wharton County Junior College, and Margaret Mobley, The Houston Post Educational Consultant, will direct the workshop. Rosemary Wohlfort of The Houston Post Educational Services Staff will serve as coordinator.

Dr. Ilika will also take part in the program.

The TAMU professor attended the "Newspaper in the Classroom Workshop" held at the University of Houston recently and said he was impressed "by the creativity exemplified by the participants in using newspapers to help reinforce reading skills."

The workshop is set for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in rooms 228 and 229 of the TAMU Memorial Student Center. Registration begins about 8:30 a.m., Ilika reminded.

## Prof, Bugs Share Name

Not everyone would be thrilled to have two exotic strings of chinch bugs named after him, but it's a high honor for an entomologist.

Such distinction was bestowed on Dr. Merrill H. Sweet, TAMU biology professor, at the International Congress of Systematics and Evolutionary Biology.

Sweet has studied members of the chinch bug family (Lygaeidae) extensively, including a year's field trip in South Africa. In recognition of his contributions, a taxonomic group at the University of Connecticut at Storrs tagged two new South African genera "Sweetolethaeus" and "Sweetocoris."

Dr. Sweet thus joins another TAMU professor in having his name scientifically embellished. Two years ago Dr. Sayed Z. El-Sayed of the university's Oceanography Department gained immortality by having his name attached to a glacier in Antarctica. They now have something of a rivalry going to determine which will endure longer: the glacier or the chinch bug.

## Grand Jury Dismisses Pot Cases

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County grand jury threw out Wednesday all 70 cases of felony possession of marijuana.

Another grand jury threw out 100 of 120 similar cases last week. The cases all were between Jan. 1 and Aug. 28.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Allen Stilley said three grand juries empaneled on Aug. 1 have been rejecting most marijuana cases involving less than four ounces of the narcotic.

Possession of marijuana was a felony under Texas law until Aug. 28. On that date a new law went into effect reducing possession of less than four ounces to a misdemeanor.

"We have not been recommending a no-bill in most of these cases," Stilley said. "It's mostly been a matter of the attitude of the grand juries."

The grand juries have been considering a backlog of about 2,000 cases of marijuana possession dating since Jan. 1.

## Singing Cadets Add Buffos

Thirty-three new members are being inducted into the Singing Cadets at Texas A&M University.

Known as "buffos" to returning members, they give the all-male glee club 63 voices for the 1973-74 school year.

Director Robert L. Boone also announced 8 of the 33 buffos are upperclassmen. The group includes two seniors, a junior, five sophomores and 25 freshmen.

The Singing Cadets represent TAMU in numerous concert and performance appearances during the year. They normally appear on 40 to 50 occasions, providing entertainment for conferences, short courses and conventions

here, on tours and in out-of-town concerts.

Boone explained the term "buffo" as a male singer of comic opera. The term is applied to new Singing Cadets until they learn how the organization operates.

## HEW Funds Enzyme Studies

A new research project at TAMU Chemistry Department may result in a better understanding of proteins, enzymes and the metabolic process in the human body.

Dr. Edward E. Hazen Jr., associate professor of chemistry and member of the research team, said X-ray crystallography will be used to determine the three-dimensional structure of enzymes.

"We will try to define the location of each atom in the enzyme structure," Dr. Hazen noted, "and will use the information to determine what makes a protein fold up in a certain orientation to perform its specific jobs."

The researcher added that the information might be applied in the long run to determine how a given drug reacts with a protein molecule, and to define how the metabolic process is carried out.

The \$83,236 grant, provided by the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is being administered by the Texas A&M Research Foundation.

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