

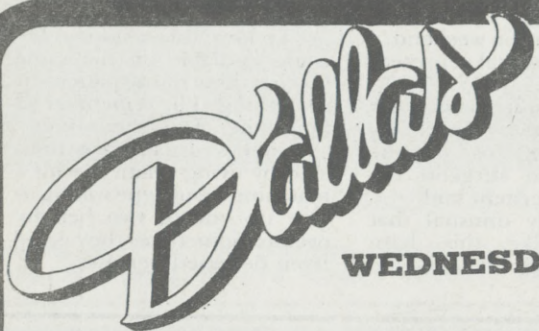
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Drilling firm must post bond to recover rig

United Press International
HOUSTON — Although Zapata Corp. officials found it curious and maddening, they were ready this week to post two \$2.5 million bonds with the Canadian government and tugboat crews to free a drilling rig seized under salvage laws.

The drilling firm's representative in Nova Scotia, Donald Kerr of Halifax, had been authorized to post the Canadian bank-guaranteed bonds late Monday but a technical problem prevented him from doing so at that time.

Zapata officials and their attorney termed it inept that they were forced to post the

huge bonds to retrieve the 10-story, \$57.2 million jackup rig Zapata Scotian.

A Halifax judge Friday authorized seizure of the rig, which is on a barge moored in Halifax Harbor after eight tugboats captured it floating free in the harbor March 5.

Violent weather had broken the rig's moorings and government tugs captured it. Under international law, governments or companies can file for compensation but Zapata officials said it was rarely done.

The rig was to leave as scheduled Friday but a lawyer for the Canadian Department of Natural Defense had it stopped under a salvage claim. Zapata said the lawyer would not accept the company's letter of guarantee from its insurance underwriter.

Kerr said the expenses of the eight tug boats that retrieved the barge and of the harbor master could not possibly come to more than \$40,000. He called the requirements of higher bonds "excessive stupidity and ineptitude."

Zapata Offshore Co. President Thomas McIntosh was unhappy the rig was falling behind schedule.

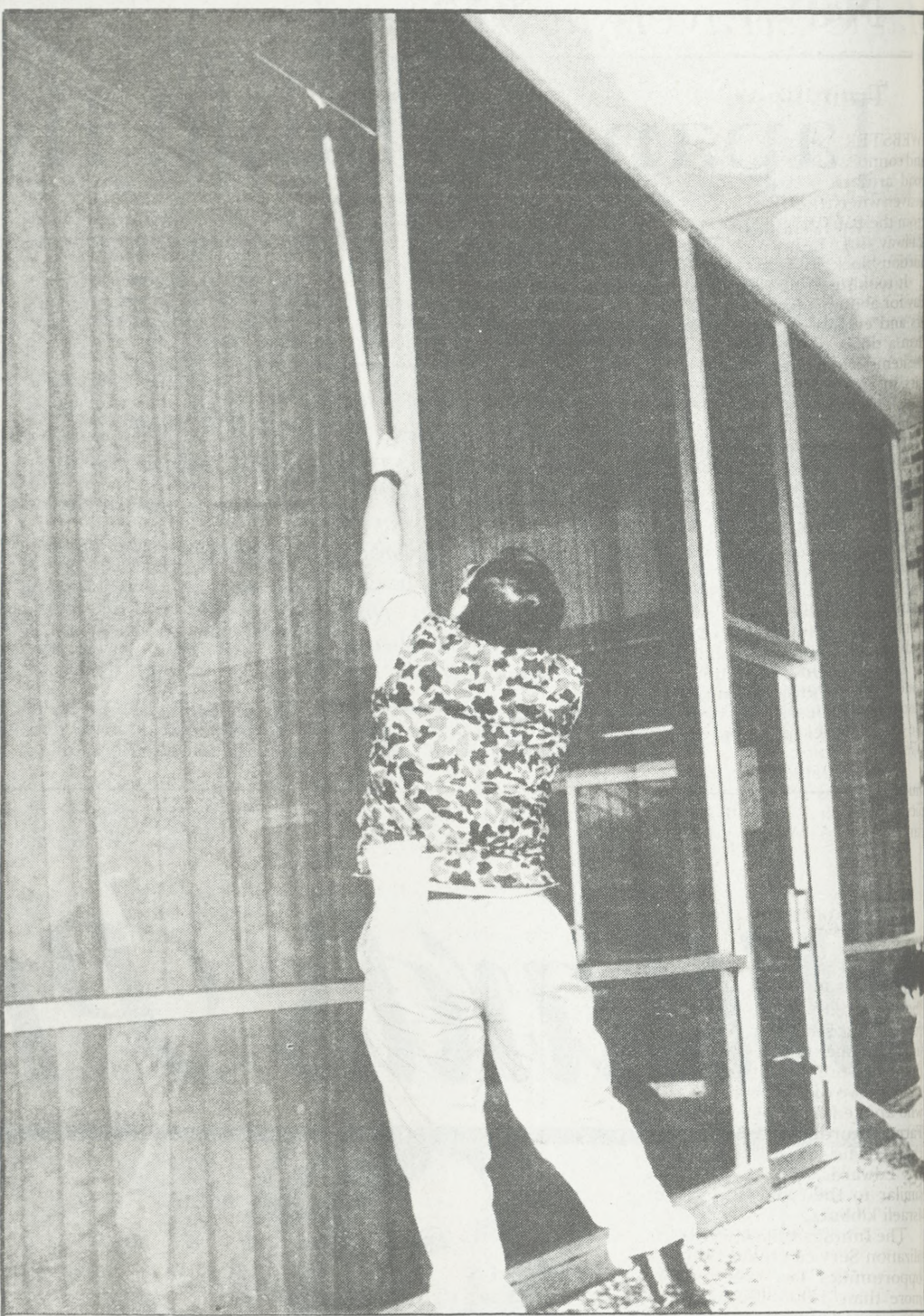
"It's tantamount to the U.S. Navy or the Coast Guard claiming a salvage award," McIntosh said.

Zapata officials are particularly miffed that the salvage award is being claimed on a rig, which is not a vessel.

"All we have is the cargo on the barge. We are the cargo on another company's barge," Zapata spokesman Joe Allen said. "Our contention is they can't claim the cargo, too."

The two \$2.5 million bonds sought in the salvage claim by the government is based on a percentage of the value as dictated by maritime law.

The matter will probably be settled in a Canadian federal court.



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FDA names Texan drug bureau director

United Press International
WASHINGTON — A native Texan has been named director of the Federal Food and Drug Administration's Bureau of Drugs.

Dr. Harry Meyer Jr., 53, a Palestine native, was named to the post by FDA Commissioner Dr. Arthur Hull.

The Bureau of Drugs is one of six FDA bureaus. Meyer will oversee FDA approval of new drugs for marketing and will maintain regulatory controls over distribution of drugs already available.

Meyer received his bachelor's degree from Hendrix College in Conway in 1949 and his doctor's degree from the University of Arkansas Medical School at Little Rock in 1953.

Upon graduation, he joined the Army as an intern. In Febru-

ary 1954, he worked in the clinic at the Walter Reed Army Hospital's Research Institute in Washington and later became chief of the virus diagnostic section, where he gained recognition for isolating an Asian influenza strain.

He joined the National Institute of Health's Division of Biologic Standards in Bethesda, Md., in 1959 and his mid-1960s work at the Arkansas Children's Colony led to development of the prototype measles and rubella vaccine now used to immunize children against the diseases.

In 1964, Meyer became chief of the Laboratory of Viral Immunology in the NIH. He became associated with the FDA when it took over the laboratory in 1972.



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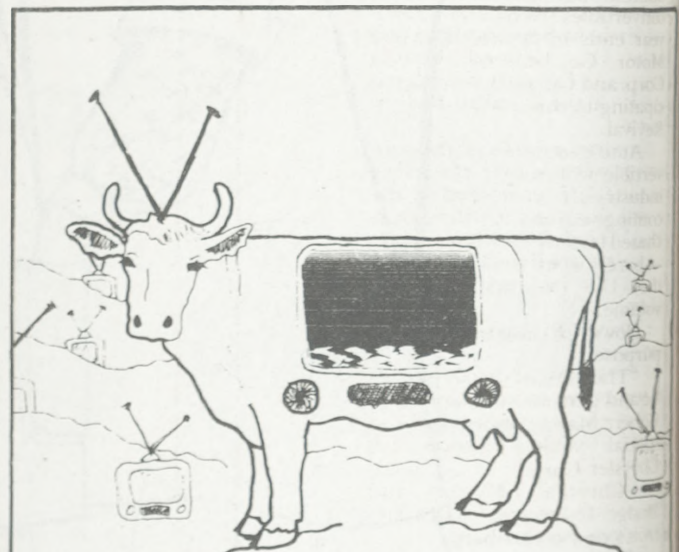
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