

# Senate Studies Drug Prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate investigators said yesterday a major drug manufacturer produced a new arthritis-asthma medicine for 1.6 cents a tablet and set a wholesale price of 17.9 cents.

This was developed as the Senate Antitrust subcommittee opened public hearings on whether pharmaceutical houses are charging too much for drugs at the wholesale level and, if so, whether Congress should do something about it.

Francis C. Brown, president of the Schering Corp. of Bloomfield, N.J., defended his firm's pricing policies.

"The best indication that Schering's prices were not excessive and that its products were good is found in the ready acceptance given them by the medical profession," he said.

Brown did not challenge the testimony by subcommittee specialists concerning an estimated 118 per cent markup over production costs for prednisolone, a derivative of cortisone developed by Schering and marketed under the name Neticortelone.

But the drug company head argued that production cost was only one of many factors that had to be considered in setting a price. Among other expenses he mentioned costly research as well as marketing the product and spreading information about it among doctors.

Chairman Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) remained skeptical, however, saying it looked like "an awfully big spread" between production cost and wholesale price.

Placed in evidence by the subcommittee staff were charts showing Schering had made profits as high as 46.9 per cent as measured against net worth and 19.4 per cent as against sales volume. Kefauver called this "remarkable profitability."

## School Subsidy Called 'Gesture' by Andrews

HARRISBURG (AP) — The proposed 16-million-dollar increase in school subsidies is "just another gesture," House Speaker H. G. Andrews said yesterday.

"It is designed to delay the time when the General Assembly grapples with the problem of financing the schools in some commonsense, determined fashion," Andrews said.

The subsidy increase is now before the Senate, where it is expected to be passed later this week. Final passage of the increase, however, is uncertain because of a dispute over financing it.

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# State GOP Favors Nixon For President

HARRISBURG (AP) — If there is any strength in Pennsylvania for the Republican presidential aspirations of Nelson Rockefeller, it's still pretty much under cover.

The largest segment of the GOP leadership in the state is in the corner of Vice President Richard Nixon.

An Associated Press survey of scores of GOP county chairmen, legislators and major campaign contributors failed to produce a single endorsement of the New York governor.

There may be some Rockefeller support in the wings awaiting an opportune moment to move front and center. Such a moment could be a personal visit to Pennsylvania by Rockefeller.

Thomas B. McCabe Sr., president of the Scott Paper Co., Chester, has been represented by close associates as favoring the New York governor. He declined, however, to make himself accessible for a direct question.

George I. Bloom, Republican state chairman and a Nixon supporter, conceded that McCabe was in the Rockefeller camp for the time being but said that the big GOP campaign contributor could easily wind up behind Nixon.

## Ike Visit Raises Karachi Prestige

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — President Eisenhower's visit to Karachi seems to be just what the doctor ordered to keep this port on the Arabian Sea from getting an inferiority complex.

For Karachi is a city of mixed fortunes — and has just lost its status as Pakistan's capital. So the chance to play host to a U.S. president is giving it a lift.

Karachi is a big, bustling, overgrown city of two million. Before World War II few in the West had heard of it, much less expected an American president to visit it.

Karachi was born in 1725. For the first 113 years of its existence it was little more than a fort at the west mouth of the ancient Indus River. Then the British started turning it into a major port.

## Winter Storms Kill 57

LONDON (AP) — Winter storms raging in the Atlantic and across Europe yesterday have killed an estimated 57 persons and left a path of havoc from Britain to Greece.

The fury of stormy seas claimed most of the victims. Four small ships were reported sunk and others radioed for help as waves battered them.

## Israeli Will Broadcast

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector (AP) — The Israel radio station: Kol Israel has announced it will begin special shortwave broadcasts to Africa early next year.

The broadcasts will aim to strengthen Israel's friendship with African nations and counter anti-Israeli broadcasts from Radio Cairo.



Miss Barbara Vincent

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There's \$10.00 and a steak dinner for the first person who identifies every party we photographed this weekend. The pictures will be on display in the window of the Campus Restaurant.

Some of the houses which were photographed in color will not be in that display at this time, so the identification pertains to the parties in the window only.

If there is a common denominator uniting houses on a big weekend, it's undeniably the odor of expensive perfume and stale beer . . . or perhaps it's the opposite.

It appears that we have about 6 openings left for Xmas portraits, and that's it!

Barbara Maley, Sue Rich, Peggy Reed, Jane Doty, Nancy Williams, and Ellen Bleecker are some of the girls who make photography a pleasure. And it's our pleasure in making you girls eligible for Easter in Bermuda.

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