

### 3M firm's payments probed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate's ethics committee is investigating allegations that the 3M Company made illegal contributions to at least 20 senators, it was learned yesterday. Sources said such payments also went to about 40 House members. The firm, formerly called Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., acknowledged last year that

during 1963-73 it made \$500,000 in illegal contributions to the campaigns of both Republican and Democratic candidates. That admission, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, is the basis of an investigation by the Senate Select Committee on Standards and Conduct, the sources said. It was independently confirmed that the panel has sent formal letters of inquiry to Sens. Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn.; William Proxmire, D-Wis.; Ted Stevens, R-Alaska; Howard Baker, R-Tenn.; J. Glenn Beall, R-Md.; and Mark Hatfield, R-Ore. The sources said senators

being contacted number at least 20, and that 3M made similar contributions to approximately 40 members of the House. A spokesman for Proxmire said a check of his records showed a 3M official paid \$200 for two tickets to a Proxmire fundraising affair in 1969, although there was no record of another \$100 contribution reported by 3M. But the senator has sent 3M \$300 anyway, the spokesman said. Since the tickets were bought with personal checks, Proxmire's press secretary said, "there was no way for our committee to know they were corporate contributions."

### Hormone may be answer

## Cancer cure researched

ST. PETERSBURG BEACH, Fla. (UPI) — A Nebraska cancer specialist said yesterday animal tests suggest supplements of a female hormone to cause "pseudo pregnancies" may prevent breast cancer in large numbers of women. Dr. H.M. Lemon, professor of medicine at the University of Nebraska, believes enough is known about the effects of the hormone estriol to begin testing it in women under 40 who have higher than normal

risks of developing breast cancer. His theory, however, is the subject of some controversy among cancer researchers. There are some who doubt estriol would have an anti-cancer effect in women. In Washington, the Food and Drug Administration said it is considering an application from Lemon for clearance to conduct a human trial. Action is expected within a few weeks. Lemon said he also needs approval from either the American Cancer Society or the National Cancer Institute, which would be expected to finance such a test. He said it would take 20 years to get conclusive results. Lemon outlined his research at an American Cancer Society seminar and said a human trial "is urgently needed in the United

States if any significant impact is to be made in lowering the death rate from this principal killer of women between ages 35 to 55 years." Breast cancer is the leading cancer killer of women in the United States, claiming 33,000 lives annually. Estriol production in women is increased 1,000 fold during pregnancy. It is known that lower rates of breast cancer occur in women who have their first child before the age of 25. Lemon presumes that the increased estriol output in these women at an early age has some preventive effect. By giving non-pregnant women supplemental estriol, Lemon said the hormone would in effect be creating a pseudo pregnancy in women. He said there is evidence larger doses may also have a contraceptive effect.

## NBC staffers strike, service continues

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — Some 1,700 technicians and newswriters went on strike against the NBC television network at 12:01 a.m. EST today, turning down an appeal from federal mediators for a one-month extension. Management personnel replaced the strikers. A network spokesman said: "There was no interruption of service. Broadcasting continued." Edward Lynch, a spokesman for the president of the National Association of Broadcasting Employees, said talks broke down at 10 p.m. EST and "no further negotiations are scheduled." The network said the issues involved were complex and the union should have accepted the federal appeal for a strike delay.

Kenneth Moffett, director of the Federal Mediation Service, sent telegrams yesterday to Lynch and Richard Goldstein, NBC vice president for labor relations, urging the deadline extension until midnight May 1. Goldstein had agreed earlier to the strike deadline postponement. He also accepted Moffett's request that talks be resumed under federal auspices April 19 in Washington. The 1,200 engineers and technicians, 200 newswriters and 300 other workers in the union voted overwhelmingly March 20 to authorize the midnight strike if a new agreement was not reached by midnight to replace the old three-year contract.

## House rejects JFK death inquiry

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Rules Committee yesterday rejected 9 to 6 a request that Congress investigate the assassination of John F. Kennedy because of new evidence not considered by the Warren Commission. Reps. Thomas Downing, D-Va., and Henry Gonzalez, D-Tex., asked the panel to send the House a resolution creating a House Select Committee to make the

Jr., and the wounding of Alabama Gov. George Wallace, should also be included in the investigation. Rep. B.F. Sisk, D-Calif., whose motion to defer action on the request was approved, said, "We ought to put this Kennedy assassination on ice and not just keep on with the idea that we have to repent, repent, repent." "The Warren Commission did the best

job it could. What difference does it make now?" Downing said news media surveys show overwhelming public opinion the Warren Commission's finding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in shooting Kennedy was not based on all available evidence and a new inquiry should be made.



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- April 2, Informal discussion with attorney Joseph Youssouf on Law School and the Lawyer. 124 Sparks 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in cooperation with General Arts and Sciences
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