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'Silent Bill' Speaks Up

U. S. Probe of His Insurance Firm Arouses Blakley

Millionaire Senator Asks Questions About Investigation of Company's Advertising

By NEIL McNEIL

Herald-Post Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 28.—William Arvis Blakley, the Dallas multimillionaire who now is running for a six-year Senate term, might have earned himself the nickname "Silent Bill" when he served a 102-day interim appointive term in the job here last year.

He hardly ever spoke in the Senate on national or state issues. His total verbal output was around 1200 words in the Congressional Record.

But when a Government official who had to act on a case against Blakley's Girardian Insurance Company came up before one of his committees for questioning, "Silent Bill" blossomed out—and just about took over the hearing.

The case came up this way:

In late 1954, the Federal Trade Commission, which was conducting a campaign against tricky and misleading advertising by insurance companies which offered medical coverage, filed a complaint against Girardian. The company had as its chairman of the board and principal stockholder, William Arvis Blakley. (The Senator controls two other insurance firms.)

Charged With False Statements

Specifically, the FTC said Girardian had made "numerous false, misleading and deceptive statements and representations" about some of its policies in "newspaper advertisements, circulars, folders and radio and TV broadcasts throughout the various states."

After hearings in Dallas and Washington, an examiner finally concluded the charges hadn't been proved and suggested the case be dismissed.

Girardian officials—including the man who became Blakley's administrative assistant on Capitol Hill—had testified it had stopped the advertising which the FTC objected to before the charge was filed.

But the FTC filed an appeal to the whole board of five members. That's where the case rested when Blakley was appointed a Senator by former Governor Allan Shivers on Jan. 15, 1957, to fill in until a replacement for Price Daniel was elected.

And that's the same place the case was on Feb. 6, 1957, when Edward T. Tait went before the Senate Commerce Committee for a hearing on his appointment as a member of the FTC.

The hearing started with Chairman Warren Magnuson, Washington

Candidate's Airline Deals With Federal Board

Herald-Post Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Federal Trade Commission isn't the only governmental regulatory body with which William Arvis Blakley's companies have had dealings.

He's the major stockholder in Braniff Airways, which is constantly before the Civil Aeronautics Board with plans for new routes and pleas for added fares.

Blakley, according to CAB records, is a director and chairman of the executive committee of the line.

He owns 517,955 shares of stock in the company, worth at present prices about \$5 million.

Democrat, putting into the record a biography of the appointee, a former White House assistant.

But the first question and 55 others were asked by Blakley, who started off by asking Magnuson:

"If the chairman and the members of the committee won't think me kind of presumptuous being in the situation I am, I would like to ask Mr. Tait some questions."

Blakley did not explain "the situation" he was in, and Magnuson allowed him to lead off, apparently thinking he was simply referring to the fact he was a very junior, appointive senator.

For about half the hour-long hearing, Blakley questioned Tait, FTC Chairman John W. Gwynne and other FTC officials about FTC action "in the field of this so-called false and deceptive advertising that has been done by the insurance companies."

He asked questions about the "setup" of the Commission itself and whether there was a conflict in its actions because its agents investigated cases, then "tried" them before a Commission examiner and appealed them to the Commission itself.

His company had claimed the FTC had no jurisdiction over insurance policy sales when they were regulated by the states.

He asked Tait, "Have you studied it enough to determine whether the paramount objective of the Commission in these cases was one really of determining false and deceptive advertising or whether it was one of asserting jurisdiction over the insurance companies?"

Nothing Stops Blakley

Tait, as he did on other questions from Blakley, pointed out he was then writing a decision on an insurance company case and it wouldn't be proper for him to comment.

Blakley went on, however, with questions like: "Do you think that the Commission as a matter of genuine principle would carefully consider the effect that the filing of a complaint against a company for false and deceptive advertising might have upon the reputation of that company?"

"You think a complaint ought to be filed against somebody for having committed a false or deceptive advertising on (the judgment of investigators alone) . . . without having anybody making a complaint that I have been deceived?"

Gwynne at one point had to tell Blakley, "You are asking my colleague here a rather embarrassing question because we have some of these cases now before us."

Nothing stopped Blakley, though. Twice he broke in on Chairman Magnuson to tell the Washington Senator he was asking questions Blakley wanted to ask.

Finally Magnuson gave up. "I will quit," he said. "You go ahead. Go right ahead, Senator," he told Blakley.

At the end Blakley told his colleagues, "My questions of him were not intended at all to be against him personally and were more to find out and help me in my education as to how the Federal Trade Commission runs."

Blakley had taken an active part in the hearings in his company's case before the examiner and had signed briefs and papers which appear in FTC files throughout, with no apparent lack of knowledge of the procedure of the Commission.

Blakley had asked 56 questions. Each of the six other senators who took part in the hearing averaged 15.

A week or so after Blakley left office, his firm asked the Commission to delay any oral argument on the case until after a Supreme Court decision in a similar case.

The FTC turned the proposal down and Tait did not participate in the action. Nor did he participate when three weeks later the FTC canceled until further notice its call for oral argument.

The case is still pending.

Eisenhower Gives Nod To De Gaulle

Recalls Friendship Of General During World War II Service

By United Press International
PARIS, May 28.—President Rene Coty today summoned Gen. Charles de Gaulle to Paris—possibly to take over leadership of France.

By United Press International
WASHINGTON, May 28.—President Eisenhower said today he likes Gen. Charles de Gaulle, the military leader who appears headed for control of the French government.

The President recalled at his news conference that he had had a friendly association with De Gaulle in the past. He said he was one of those who liked the French general.

The President flatly refused, however, to attempt any analysis of what effect De Gaulle's likely rise to power in France would have on French relations with the United States and other Western powers.

Eisenhower opened his weekly news conference with a statement that crises still plague France and Lebanon. Therefore, he said, it was inadvisable for him to discuss either topic, and he told reporters not to ask him to.

But a newsman, stating that he meant no reference to any current international crisis, asked whether the President would recall his past association with De Gaulle and give his impressions of the Frenchman.

The question evoked laughter from the President and newsman. Eisenhower immediately pointed out that De Gaulle is part of the present French crisis and therefore he could not try to analyze him.

But the President went on to say he was one of those who liked De Gaulle.

Talks Leading Up To De Gaulle Summons

By United Press International
PARIS, May 28.—President Rene Coty today began political talks expected to end before nightfall with a summons to Gen. Charles de Gaulle to lead France in another fateful hour.

A force of more than 35,000 heavily armed police and security troops stood by to smash violence which might develop from bitter Communist and Socialist opposition. The Communists already had called for giant demonstrations this afternoon.

An official communique issued from the Elysee Palace said Coty hopes to call in a new premier tonight.

Premier Pierre Pflimlin's makeshift government played its final role last night in a shouting, fist-waving session of the General Assembly and today stood by as caretaker while Coty sought desperately for escape from the threat of military dictatorship of a Communist grab for power.

Indonesians Buy Russian Airplanes

By United Press International
JAKARTA, May 28.—The Indonesian air force announced today that the "training planes" it recently bought from Russia included at least two MIG-15 jet fighters.

Air Force Capt. Agus Suroto said Indonesian airmen "put the MIGs through their paces" with a series of aerobatic maneuvers over Jakarta today. He would not say how many of the fighters had been purchased.

Five-Day Weather



DISTRICT 13
Temperatures 47 degrees above normal. Normal minimum 50-60 north and 60-70 south. Normal maximum 78-90. Only minor daily changes. Precipitation light or none. A few scattered thunderstorms.

DISTRICT 18
Temperatures will average 5-10 degrees above seasonal with no large temperatures expected. Afternoon and evening thundershowers mostly northern mountains.

LITTLE LIZ



Disarmament is like a big party. Nobody wants to arrive until everybody else is there.

Patterson's Father Says Son Is Alive

El Paso Men Get Big Soil Bank Checks

Allotments Run To More Than \$10,000 To Each Grower

Herald-Post Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Four hundred thirty-seven farms collected more than \$10,000 each in soil bank payments last year, the Agriculture Department said.

Their "take" totaled \$7,612,150.81, a report prepared by the department for Senator John Williams, Delaware Republican, showed.

And 15 Texas farms were among the top 57 which received more than \$50,000 each. One farm, Crews of Peecos, got \$107,200 on 800 acres of cotton. Moser Ranch of Dekalb received \$37,094.32 on 905.5 acres of cotton and wheat. Duncan Brothers of Alvin, \$85,953.11 on 1099.9 acres of rice, and Warren N. Moore of Alvin, \$53,580.40 on 923.8 acres of rice.

El Paso area payments include: R. T. Hoover, El Paso, \$41,762.50; L. R. Allison, Tornillo, \$39,305.30; M. N. Letunich, Clint, \$27,212.50; Lee Moor Farms, Clint, \$26,500; Lee Moor Contracting Co., Clint, \$16,812.50; Rio Bravo Farms, Tornillo, \$13,500; John McGuire, Fabens, \$12,919.10; and Colbert Coldwell, Clint, \$10,453.33.

Listed in New Mexico: Haynes Ranch, Las Cruces, \$33,604; Max Johnson, Mesilla Park, \$10,580.80; and Three W. Farms, Anthony, \$10,493.60.

Payments over \$10,000 in all states totaled \$43.8 million. Texas farms got slightly more than 17 per cent of that and the 437 farms benefiting was about 17 per cent of the 2422 in the country.

All the payments didn't just go to farmers. The Herman Hospital estate, of Houston, for example, received \$15,356.64 on 112.3 acres of rice which were put into reserve.

Then there was John L. Hammond, who got \$27,546.72 on 189 acres of wheat. He's from Happy,

City Studies Hike In Valley Bus Fare

City Attorney Travis White is studying a fare increase of five cents put into effect by the Country Club Bus Line last year in an effort to determine just what, if any, jurisdiction the City has over such increases.

Bus fare from Love road to downtown El Paso was increased from 20 to 25 cents. Percy Sanderson, operator of the Country Club Bus Line, told City officials the increase was granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Route Changes Made
Two changes in routing also were put into effect by the bus line.

The City Council was not notified of either change at the time. City Traffic Engineer Joe Nadon was asked to conduct an investigation into the bus line last February when customers complained the service was poor.

The investigation revealed vehicles used by the line were old but complied with state law and that the changes in fare and routes had been made.

No Action Taken
Mayor Raymond Telles then ordered the operator to correct rates in fare and route from what had been specified by the bus line's franchise.

Mr. Sanderson replied that fare rates for the line normally were set with ICC approval.

The bus line has submitted a petition to the City asking for approval of its route changes. The City Council has not yet taken action on the request.

Bonds of \$5000 Set In Narcotic Case

Bonnie Troy Smith, 26, of Midland, Texas, Horace E. Lewis, 26, and his wife, Nancy Lewis, both of Stockton, Calif., were arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Henry Clifton on charges of possession of one pound of refined marijuana. Bond of each was set at \$5000, pending action of the U. S. District Court.



PATTERSON KIN ARRIVE—Luther M. Patterson, right, is in El Paso to attend court of inquiry into disappearance of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson. He was accompanied from Chicago by his daughter, Mrs. Harriett Werle, and her husband, Joseph Werle, left.

Sizzler Editor Sorts 76,000 Coupons to Find Winner

Another Prize In Hopper Today

The Herald-Post Sizzler Contest editor today was sorting approximately 76,000 coupons to find the winner of the Sizzler Contest.

First 100 degree heat arrived yesterday. The time was 2:15:44 p. m.

A high temperature of 96° was forecast for today after an east wind rose at noon. Earlier the Weather Bureau had expected a 100-degree day.

Here's a new prize for contestants to treasure while they are waiting for the winner to be announced. It is a silver water pitcher valued at \$30 from Hixon Jewelry Co.

The winner will receive a jackpot of prizes including \$100 cash from The Herald-Post. If there is a tie, or ties, prizes will be divided evenly.

The earliest 100 degree temperature fell on May 20, 1886.

Other first 100-degree temperature days in El Paso: June 24, 1945; June 8, 1946; June 13, 1950; May 28, 1951; June 9, 1953; May 17, 1954; June 8, 1955; and June 3, 1956.

List of prizes:
Fifty quarts of milk from Wholesome Dairy.

Auto polish job, oil change and complete lubrication, Burke's Complete Station at Oregon and Missouri street.

\$100 cash from The Herald-Post.
A \$100 savings bond or 100 pizza pies, Albert G. Reach, Swankey Franky Pizza Drive-Inn, 5419 Dyer.

Auto Cooler
Electric evaporative automobile cooler, value \$50, Ascarate Plumbing and Hardware Supply Co., 6519 Alameda avenue.
\$25 worth of food and drinks, Big



Official first 100-degree temperature time is shown by Harry Eiser, U. S. Weather Bureau meteorologist.

Boy Drive-Inn, 3800 Pershing drive, Jack Dominguez H.

Made to order auto seat covers, value \$47.50, Austin Seat Covers at 2713 Montana street.

Two sizzling steak dinners, Lillian's Steak House, 6205 Sheridan road.

Electric Lamp, \$20 value, Nelson Electric Co., 1200 Texas street.

Year's subscription by carrier to The Herald-Post and \$1 a day, \$25 worth of food and drinks, Big

Here Are Hourly Temperatures

Here are hourly temperatures since noon Tuesday:

12 noon	95.5	p. m.	97
1 p. m.	97	p. m.	98
2 p. m.	97.5	p. m.	98
3 p. m.	98	p. m.	98
4 p. m.	98.5	p. m.	98
5 p. m.	99	p. m.	98
6 p. m.	99.5	p. m.	98
7 p. m.	100	p. m.	98
8 p. m.	100.5	p. m.	98
9 p. m.	101	p. m.	98
10 p. m.	101.5	p. m.	98
11 p. m.	102	p. m.	98

Midnight	102	a. m.	102
1 a. m.	102	a. m.	102
2 a. m.	102	a. m.	102
3 a. m.	102	a. m.	102
4 a. m.	102	a. m.	102
5 a. m.	102	a. m.	102
6 a. m.	102	a. m.	102
7 a. m.	102	a. m.	102
8 a. m.	102	a. m.	102
9 a. m.	102	a. m.	102
10 a. m.	102	a. m.	102
11 a. m.	102	a. m.	102

and Carpet Stores of 705 North Campbell street and 5323 Dyer street.

Window sun shade screen job worth \$100, Hunt Building Martz of 2212 East Yundell boulevard and Ysleta.

Del Norte ham, six-pound box of Del Norte frankfurters and six-pound box Del Norte bacon, gift of Seth Chauvet of the Peyton Packing Co.

Portable Radio
A \$25 savings bond, gift of the Neugebauer Insurance Agency at 206 San Francisco street.

Transistor Portable radio, \$50 value, Fedco Enterprises at 6100 Dyer street.

Four chicken dinners, Red Rooster, 6390 Alameda.

One hundred gallons of gasoline from Ramon's Service Station at 301 Paisano drive.

Portable air cooler, Gonzalez Cooling and Heating at 208 Martinez street, valued at \$50.

Fifty dollars worth of gifts from Maple Mart and Gift Shop at 4107 Dyer street.

Fishing kit, White Stores, 322 Texas street, value \$25.

Two white sidewall tires, B. and M. Tire and Supply Co. 3917 Tompkins avenue, maximum value \$70.

Child's wading pool and slide, \$25, Union Furniture Co.

Leavell Gets \$6 Million Job

C. H. Leavell and Co., El Paso general contractor, today was awarded a huge construction contract in Denver.

The U. S. Government accepted the firm's bid of \$6,859,000 to build an annex to the Denver Post Office. Under the terms of the contract, the Government is to pay for the building in form of rent at \$451,442 a year, according to H. H. Lippincott of El Paso, Leavell's chief estimator.

He said the Government will have a 25-year lease on the building and will perfect its title to the property at the end of that time.

The building is to cover a city block and have 500,000 square feet of floor space. Of heavy construction, the four-story annex will be a mail-handling plant.

Tot, 3, Catches Leg in Bicycle Chain; Loses Toe

Robin Williams, 7, of 7357 Ironwood circle was in William Beaumont Army Hospital today with foot injuries received when she caught her leg in a bicycle chain yesterday.

Robin was riding an outrigger-type bicycle behind her brother when her foot got caught between the chain and the bicycle sprocket. The large toe of her foot was cut off by the chain, and three other toes were injured.

She was taken to El Paso General Hospital for emergency treatment, then transferred to WBAH.

Death Sorrows Pope

By United Press International
ROME, May 28.—Pope Pius XII sent his blessings and a cable of condolence to the Archdiocese of Chicago today on the death of Samuel Cardinal Stritch, whose body lay in state here.

Tornado Rips East Texas Town

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
A tornado ripped through Atlanta in East Texas today, tearing off shingles from roofs, knocking down trees and demolishing a sheet metal garage.

The new outbreak of violent weather followed two tornadoes, high winds, dust storms, heavy rains and a heat wave that swept the state yesterday.

The tornado at Atlanta struck the eastern part of the city. Yesterday tornadoes struck in West Texas and in the Panhandle. They did no damage.

One of the twisters boiled out of black clouds and danced through an open field 18 miles northwest of Lubbock. Weather bureau observers watched it for four minutes.

Moderate Earthquake

By Associated Press
BERKELEY, Calif., May 28.—A moderate earthquake, 75 miles south of San Francisco, was registered at 4:09 p. m. yesterday.

Not Worried About Pair's Absence

Family Group Here As Investigation Plans Proceed

By MARSHALL HAIL
A cheerful, unworried father today gave his answer to a question that has baffled El Pasoans for many months. The question: Where are Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson, who vanished March 6, 1957?

The answer by the missing man's father, Luther M. Patterson of Chicago:

"Pat was tired and wanted to rest. There has been no foul play. Pat will be back when he is ready!"

The elder Patterson made his comment as a declaration of faith, based on a knowledge of his son's character and personality.

See Nothing Serious
He came to El Paso to attend a court of inquiry into the disappearance of his son and daughter-in-law. He was accompanied to El Paso by his daughter, Mrs. Harriett Werle of Bellwood, Ill., and her husband, Joseph Werle.

The inquiry opens at 10 a. m. Monday before Justice of Peace Charles Windberg. Mr. and Mrs. Werle joined the elder Patterson in an emphatic statement that expressed confidence nothing serious has happened to either of the missing pair.

Mr. Patterson, who tells folks he is "pushing 80" but actually is not quite 76, is a retired businessman who lived in El Paso with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson for a year. The father last saw his son Sept. 16, 1956, when he ended his visit here and returned to Chicago.

No Word Received
The elder Patterson said neither he nor any of his four daughters, 10 grandchildren or 13 great-grandchildren has had any word from the missing couple.

Despite the fact that an international search has failed to turn up a trace of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson, the father said:

"We are not worried. We can't—and don't believe—there has been any foul play. We know of no reason why there should have been foul play."

"Quarrels? Was there ever a married couple that didn't quarrel? But Pat and Margaret (Mrs. W. D. Patterson) were as loyal to each other as they could be. They were a team."

"I am here in El Paso to help the court of inquiry if I can. Also to see some of my good El Paso friends. But I don't think the court of inquiry will mean anything. Pat will come back when he is ready!"

Would Look in Mexico
Mr. Patterson said he believes he could find his son if he had the money to travel. "Mexico would be one of the places I would look," he said. "He would not be in Acapulco, and Guaymas is out of the question. He was too well known there."

"But I don't want to look for Pat and Margaret. They want to be alone."

Why would they want to be alone? Why would the couple, owners of the prosperous Patterson Photo Supplies, which last year grossed some \$475,000, abandon their business, disappear into the (Continued on Page 12, Col. 2.)

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