

'Just A Few Discrepancies' Found In Baker Tax Sheets

Washington (AP)—The Bobby Baker hearings apparently ended Wednesday night with testimony by a government auditor that examination of the former Senate aide's 1958-62 federal income tax returns had turned up only "a few discrepancies."

The Senate Rules Committee's special counsel, L. P. McLendon, described these discrepancies as "unsubstantial errors—small and insignificant."



DADDY'S DOG BIT HER

Mrs. Percy Foreman, wife of Houston attorney Percy Foreman, comforts daughter, Marguerite, who was chewed about the legs and lower part of her body Tuesday night by one of her father's watchdogs. The dog, one of four trained to attack anyone climbing the Foreman fence, set on the girl when she climbed the fence, although it had always been friendly to the child.

Head Of Mass. Police Indicted On 38 Counts

Salem, Mass. (AP)—Frank S. Giles, who as commissioner of public safety is head of the Massachusetts State Police, was indicted Wednesday on charges of conspiracy, larceny, aiding and abetting in making false reports, and conflict of interest.

There were 12 indictments in 38 counts returned against Giles. Four other individuals and two corporations also were indicted.

Acting on evidence gathered by the Massachusetts Crime Commission, the Essex County Grand Jury also indicted Charles A. Mahoney of Haverhill, Michael Beschara of Methuen, C. Joseph Stramondo of Lawrence, who is administrative assistant to Giles; and Kenneth Brennan of Newton.

The two firms indicted are the Nessex Engineering Corp. and Stuart Engineering Service, Inc., both of Methuen.

Giles, 48, is a Methuen resident. He is a former member of the Massachusetts house of representatives where he served as Republican floor leader before he was appointed public safety commissioner by Republican former Gov. John A. Volpe in 1961.

Atty. Gen. Edward A. Brooke said the violations charged against Giles were for the years 1958 through 1962. All were concerned with state contracts, said the attorney general who also is a Republican.

The attorney general said the indicted men and firms probably will be arraigned next week. Earlier he had said there probably would be no arraignments Thursday or Friday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Brooke told newsmen the contracts involved several state agencies, including the Public Works Department, the Massachusetts Port Authority and the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.

The grand jury, made up of 14 men and 5 women, heard some 25 witnesses in 10 days and studied contents of at least a dozen cartons which were brought into the jury room daily.

Several weeks ago the Commonwealth won convictions of executive councilor Ernest C. Stasium, D-Fairhaven, and two other men on bribery and conspiracy charges.

A bribery indictment is pending against another councilor, Joseph R. Crimmins, D-Somerville.

"We don't know where the \$40,000 came from, but he paid income tax on it," Chairman B. Everett Jordan, D-N.C., said. Baker himself has refused to answer the committee's questions.

At the hearing Milton L. Hauff, an accountant, renewed his charge that someone had signed his name to Baker's 1961 income tax return and also to the 1961 return filed by the Carousel Motel, in which Baker had a half interest.

Hauff said he didn't know what else to call it but "forgery although he testified that no attempt has been made to imitate his signature."

Quiet End

The hearing ended quietly, with Jordan announcing it was recessed subject to his call. However, both he and McLendon said no more hearings are scheduled.

The unexplained \$40,000 was referred to by both Hauff, now a management analyst for the Labor Department, and Edward Hugler, a Government Accounting Office auditor on loan to the committee.

McLendon said there had been "reports and rumors" that the \$40,000 might have been a gift or a fee from the late Sen. Robert S. Kerr, D-Okla., and asked Hugler if he and other investigators had been able to identify the source of the money.

"No, we have not," Hugler replied.

Hauff, who helped Baker prepare his 1961 and 1962 tax returns, said the former Senate aide had told him the \$40,000 represented a fee but had not explained it further.

Corroboration

Hugler corroborated Hauff's testimony that the 1961 return filed by Baker differed from the one Hauff had prepared only in that Baker had taken an additional deduction of \$51.35 for sales tax payments.

The government auditor also agreed with Hauff that Baker was entitled to this deduction, as well as a \$27,000 deduction he took because of storm damage to the Carousel Motel in Ocean City, Md.

Thus, the testimony was that even though someone had signed Hauff's name to the return, it was correct insofar as the tax liability was concerned.

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