

Jenner To Testify At Hearing Friday

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—William Ezra Jenner, one of the nation's most controversial figures during 14 years in the U.S. Senate, reluctantly returned Friday to the limelight he once relished.

Jenner, as president of the St. Lawrence Seaway Corp., will testify at a public hearing involving land speculation plans of his firm. The investigation is being conducted by Secretary of State John Walsh who yields the power to sidetrack temporarily the corporation's plans to sell three million

dollars worth of stock. Jenner, a behind-the-scenes power in state GOP circles, has been in virtual seclusion since he retired from the Senate last winter. Then it was revealed he had formed a land development company aimed at taking advantage of a land boom which was certain to follow the building of a deep-water seaport in Northern Indiana.

The firm, which Jenner said was "a straight forward, open and aboveboard, business deal," drew considerable attention because its board of directors included top Republican state officials. They included GOP state chairman Robert Matthews.

More Options Taken

At a news conference several weeks ago, Jenner angrily denounced the publicity given his firm. He said the corporation's only holding was a \$1,000 option on 48 acres of land in LaPorte County "nowhere near the proposed port."

Since then, the corporation has taken on more land. But Jack C. Brown, former U. S. district attorney and secretary of new corporation, said the general location of the holdings would not be revealed until the hearing Friday, if then.

Indications were that the land options would produce the biggest hassle at the hearing.

Walsh, a Democrat, indicated he would insist that the corporation produce copies of land-buying options it has obtained.

Jenner and Brown stoutly contended they would not, at least publicly.

Brown, Jenner's law partner, said it would be unfair to show competitors what the firm is buying and what it is paying because "they could then outbid us."

"Certainly we don't want to spread it around," he said. "But if Walsh will assure us that he will keep it confidential, he can see any options we have."

Buying Steel Land?

If Walsh demands that the options be made public "we will cross that bridge at that time," Brown said.

Walsh said he "wants to make sure" the corporation is not buying land from any steel companies which might benefit from Governor Handley's push for a harbor.

Walsh also indicated he would inquire into the hiring of Durwood B. McDonald, LaPorte, as the firm's registered dealer in charge of stock sales. Walsh said McDonald, a close friend of Handley, had never been licensed previously as a stock dealer.

"I don't see any reason why there should be any question about McDonald," Brown said. "He was registered and approved by Walsh."

"I don't know what Walsh has in mind in regard to the hearing, but Jenner, Farrell and myself will be available for questioning."

Charles Farrell, Fort Wayne, is vice president of the corporation.

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Cadet Gene Baxter Is Home For Month

Cadet Gene Baxter returned to Decatur this morning after completing his plebe year at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Gene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baxter, of 312 Line St., Decatur.

Baxter was met at the early morning train in Fort Wayne by his father and two younger brothers, Jack and Tom. He will be in Decatur for 30 days, and will report to Camp Buckner, N. Y., July 5 for his summer duty. During his plebe year, Baxter was a member of Company A1. Last

year this company was 12th out of 12, but this year it finished first among the cadet companies.

Local Firemen To State Convention

Several members of the volunteer fire department will travel to LaPorte Friday and Saturday for the annual state convention. Cedric Fisher, fire chief, said today.

The local fire department will represent Decatur in two contests that will be staged during the convention. Fisher stated today that the local volunteer firemen will enter the hose laying contest and

the water ball contest. Members of the water ball team are: Dick Girod, Russ Baumgartner, Maurice Colchin, and Ted Baker. The hose laying team will be Dick Girod, Maurice Colchin, Ted Baker, and Gene Moser.

Plan Improvement At Stratton Place Lake

Plans to level the bottom of the lake at Stratton place, and location of a dam-like structure to hold the water in, were completed recently by John R. Worthman and the Krueckeberg brothers, it was learned today.

The equipment used in leveling

the lake two years ago was found inadequate for the small pockets of mud found. These will be removed, the bottom of the lake leveled, and the lake dammed to hold water.

Work will begin on the project as soon as it is dry enough for heavy machinery, possibly early next week, it is understood. Wet weather during the past two summers, and disagreement with a former contractor, slowed the work on the lake.

Man Convicted For Public Intoxication

Ira Carpenter, 57, of Decatur, appeared in mayor's court this

morning to answer a charge of public intoxication filed by the city police Tuesday night.

Carpenter was found guilty of the offense which allegedly occurred on the 300 block of Eighth street Tuesday at 10:05 p.m. He was taken back to the Adams county jail when he was unable to pay the fine of \$18 imposed by the court but is attempting to acquire the fine money for his release.

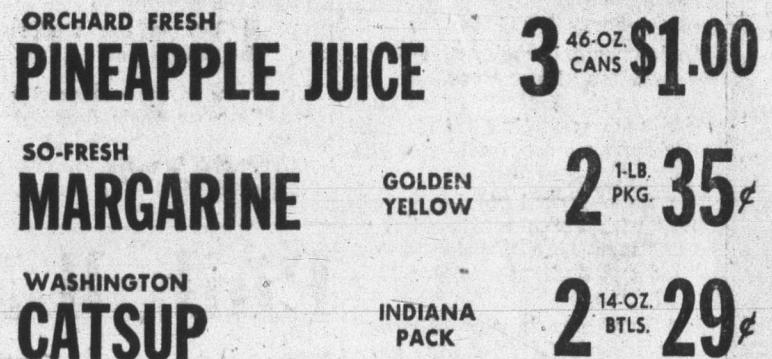
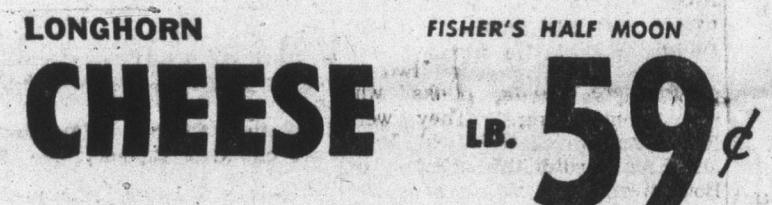
Central Soya Official Is Speaker In France

CANNES, France—A "Food for Peace" program was urged by

W. E. Huge, vice president, Central Soya company, Inc., Fort Wayne, Ind., in an address Wednesday at the international association of seed crushers congress in Cannes, France. "We face the need to develop distribution systems as a catalyst between supply and need," Huge said.

He called attention to the "tremendous need for food throughout the world" during the post war years, "which stimulated agricultural production." "By the end of that decade," Huge said, "the U.S. made the transition from a net deficit nation, to that of a net exporter, of fats and oils."

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