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Freed Dropped From TV Despite Payola Denial

City Inspectors Tag 3 Poultry Dealers in Short-Weight Raid

Eight of the city's largest wholesale poultry dealers were given 31 summonses for selling short-weight crates today as agents of two city departments swooped down in the West Washington market in a pre-dawn raid.

According to Louis I. Kaplan, investigation commissioner who led the raid, inspectors from his office and the Markets Department examined 115 crates of frozen and fresh-killed poultry and found 31 short-weighted "from minor to major proportions."

He said the crates, containing Thanksgiving turkeys, chickens and ducks, were under-weighted from eight ounces to four pounds.

Hits Market at 5:02 A.M.

A dozen teams of three inspectors each descended on the 10 biggest wholesale poultry dealers in the market at Washington and Gansvoort Sts., largest meat receiving depot in the world. Markets Commissioner Anthony Masciarelli also was on hand as the surprise inspection was launched

Astor Settles Will Fight For \$250,000

John Jacob Astor will receive a tax-free \$250,000 from the fortune left by his half-brother Vincent Astor as the result of an agreement reached by his attorney and executors of the \$123 million estate, it was learned today.

The vast fortune had been willed to Vincent Astor's widow and charitable organizations. John Jacob, who was cut off without a cent, had challenged the legality of the will and the case was scheduled today to go before a Dutchess County Surrogate



United Press International Telephoto.

Disk jockey Alan Freed and his wife, Inga, arrive at the studios of the Metropolitan Broadcasting Corp., owners of WNEW-TV, today where Mr. Freed was told his program would be dropped at the end of the week.

Disk Jockey Off WNEW in 'Policy' Shift

Station Announces
'Agreement' With
Rock 'n' Roll King

By DAVE KNICKERBOCKER,
World-Telegram Staff Writer.

Rock 'n' Roll disk jockey Alan Freed was dropped today from his WNEW-TV show even as he was denying he had ever accepted "payola."

Mr. Freed's denial of accepting "payola" (payments from music publishers and song pluggers for playing recordings) was in the form of a sworn statement signed by the disk jockey at the request of the WNEW-TV.

The statement said that no time during his association with WNEW-TV had Mr. Freed "committed any improper practice or done or omitted to do any act or thing for which I might properly be criticized."

'Never Accepted'

Asked if that meant he had never accepted "payola," Mr. Freed replied: "That is correct."

At the same time Mr. Freed made his denials, Bennet H. Korn, vice president of Metropolitan Broadcasting Corp., owners of WNEW-TV, announced that Mr. Freed's program, "Allan Freed's Big Beat," would be dropped at the end of this week by the television station.

Mr. Korn said the dropping of the show was as a result of a mutual agreement between the station and Mr. Freed. "We have decided to change our policy so that we ourselves will produce the show in the future. We worked this out very amicably," said Mr. Korn.

The television station's decision to drop the Freed program was made during a three-hour conference today between the rock 'n' roll king and Mr. Korn at the WNEW-TV studios, 205 E. 67th St.

Didn't Like Handling.

Following the conference Mr. Freed and Mr. Korn met with reporters in the lobby of the E. 67th St. building. Mr. Freed denied that he had been fired.

"We had discussed several weeks ago about terminating our contract, long before there was any publicity about payola," he said. He added that he

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Ike to Receive Big Turk Hello

Letters are pouring in from far-flung parts of Turkey asking to take part in demonstrations for President Eisenhower during his day in Ankara.

Authorities handling arrangements for the President's visit said they had received more than 2000 such letters in the past few days. "President Eisenhower's popularity here seems to be tremendous," one official said.

Signs already are being made bearing such slogans as "Turks Like Ike Too" and "Turks Are Friends Indeed and Friends in Need."

leave for Washington Wednesday.

Middle East.

The Jordan radio predicts the Iraqi army and people would overthrow Premier Abdel Karim Kassem's regime and "remove the Red danger hanging over Iraq." The broadcast assailed Kassem and what it called Iraq's Red clique, saying the country had been reduced to a corrupt state since Kassem's seizure of power in July, 1958. Meanwhile, Kassem charged that Jordan was "linked to imperialism" and offered to help Jordanians "when they decide to get rid of it."

L. H. Kaufman Services Set

Services will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Garlick Mem-

Disk Jockey Freed Loses Television Job

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had been dissatisfied with the way his program—a teen-age dance party had been handled by the station.

Mr. Freed said he would continue with his show through the end of this week. The show is on the air from 5 to 6 p.m. daily and from 9 to 10 p.m. Saturday. The program involves teen-agers dancing to records with recording artists sometimes appearing and doing what is called a "lip sync"—silently mouthing the lyrics—while their record is played.

Mr. Freed, who is widely credited with coining the term "rock 'n' roll" and popularizing that form of music, said he had no immediate plans but expected to continue in the same field.

Mr. Korn conceded that the WNEW-TV policy change that resulted in the dropping of the Freed show was prompted by payola disclosures. "We want to be in total control of future record programs," he declared.

Mr. Freed was owner and producer of his show. Radio station WABC drummed Mr. Freed out of its disk jockey corps Saturday after he declined to fill out a "payola" questionnaire. Mr. Freed said he had not taken "payola"—payments for plugging records—but that he would not answer the questions because they constituted an insult to his integrity.

He was quoted as adding that "if I go down the drain a lot of others will go down with me."

The spotlight fell on "payola" as a result of Congressional probing into rigged TV shows, which has since broadened to include other facets of the broadcasting industry.

Keep Life, Give Thanks

Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy today put out beware-of-traffic alerts for Thanksgiving Day and warned:

"Please have something to be thankful for the day after Thanksgiving. . . . Save your life and that of others by walking and driving defensively."

He pointed out that four persons were killed on the holiday last year in traffic accidents and that 149 others were injured.

3d Jockey Leaves Station in Detroit

Associated Press.

DETROIT, Nov. 23.—Disk Jockey Don McLeod resigned today from radio station WJBK, the third performer to leave the station within 36 hours.

Disk Jockey Thomas Clay was fired Saturday night and Dale Young, who had a record program on the station's television outlet, WJBK-TV, announced his resignation yesterday.

Harry Lipson, vice president and managing director for WJBK radio, said Mr. McLeod's resignation was effective immediately. He declined further comment. Mr. McLeod, 34, was not available for comment. Mr. McLeod had a daily show from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. He had been with the station since October, 1948.

Mr. Clay was fired as part of the station's "fine-tooth comb" probe into payola. He admitted he had been paid \$6000 to plug records and explained he did this "because I am human and wanted to give my wife and family security."

Mr. Young declined to reveal his reasons for resigning.

Thanksgiving Poultry Gyp Bared by Rai

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the eight wholesalers are returnable next Monday at the Markets Department. The dealers are subject to fines ranging from \$5 to \$100 if convicted.

The area covered by the surprise inspections is located between Gansevoort and 14th Sts. from Hudson St. to the Hudson River.

In Brooklyn, a grand jury today returned an indictment against Fred J. Loughran, ousted head of the Bureau of Weights and Measures in the city's Department of Markets, and Bert Smith, a suspended inspector on Loughran's staff. Both were charged with extortion and conspiracy.

The indictment charged that Smith and Loughran aided and abetted each other in the period from June 1958 to November 1959 in a racket. Brooklyn butchers allegedly paid \$50 to \$60 a month for "protection," which meant that city inspectors let them get away with various forms of chiseling.

Threats Charged.

Specifically, Smith and Loughran were accused in the indictment of having "feloniously" obtained \$900 from Manny Seligman, owner and operator of the Frisco Beef Co., by threatening "that unless he should pay the defendants the sum of \$60 a month he would continue to be bothered by inspectors of the Bureau of Weights and Measures, would continue to receive summonses from them and that he would eventually be forced out of business."

The conspiracy count names Emanuel Lapidus, president of poultry workers local of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen (AFL-CIO) as a co-conspirator. Lapidus last week pleaded guilty to two extortion charges.

Kings County Judge Hyman

Smith and Emanuel Lapidus, a poultry union official, broken the back of the rackets, Mr. Kaplan said. cordingly the investigation his department is expected to cover all retailing city.

The mopping-up of the racket will continue tomorrow when 32 inspectors of the bureau of Weights and Measures appear before the Brooklyn grand jury.

Fire Laid to Arson Hits 2d Peoria

United Press International.

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 23.—A fire touched off by an explosion roared through the Arion today and four or five persons were reported missing. The second hotel fire hit 24 hours.

Chief Fire Inspector J. J. Blanton blamed both fires on yesterday's blaze destroyed unoccupied building being modeled as a Negro hotel. Buildings were eight stories apart in a neighborhood in transition in terms of white and Negro residents.

Hymn Turned Red Light On Highway

Associated Press.

INGATESTONE, England, Nov. 23.—Britain's minister of transport, Ernest Marlowe, here to open a new highway, joined villagers singing a new traffic hymn the local vicar today. The Rev. E. F. Budson led the choir.

In another development growing out of the probe, Robert W. Sarnoff charged yesterday that Time Inc. carried quiz shows on its television stations while simultaneously publishing stories in Time magazine hinting that the same shows were rigged.

Mr. Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the National Broadcasting Co., said:

"It is hard to escape one of two conclusions: either the Time Inc. management places little credence in its magazine's stories about corruption and ~~inequity~~ ^{with the network} ice, or the management embraces that same crass unprincipled commercialism of which its magazines accuse us."

Weston C. Pullen Jr., Time Inc. vice president for broadcasting, said in reply that "we should have dropped the program . . . the moment the information came to our attention. I regret that we did not. Like Mr. Sarnoff and others, we learned a lesson."