siness Regulation Pledge Kept

By Jack Anderson

President Nixon has faithfully kept a campaign pledge, given privately to fat cat contributors, that he would ease of their busineses.

Quietly, he has filled the vaprotect the public but who for Pennzoil,

sikas, a Nixon appointee, ig- appointed. nored the warnings of his the findings of the gas in- campaign chest. in higher gas bills.

tion has gone to the industry higher.

Higher. We reached William Leijtfor a candidate to fill a Democratic vacany and serve with Nassikas on the Federal Power Commission.

been made, but insiders say the favorite is an able, 40-year- bright young man." old, Midland, Tex., corporate

cepting the appointment ly qualified.

brothers. William and Hugh, be appointed to regulate gas into the daily routine of a who run Pennzoil United.

Conflict of Interest

The giant oil firm has sevthe government's regulation eral valuable producer appli-cations before the FPC. The Leijtkes, therefore, would like to get a friend on the commiscancies on the regulatory sion. Sealy not only was a agencies with reluctant regulators, who are supposed to firm had handled legal work

He decided, however, have shown more inclination to protect the special interests. He decided, however, he didn't want to go to Washington and suggested his law We have already reported, partner for the FPC vacancy. for instance, on how Federal The Liejtkes immediately be-Power Chairman John Nas-White House to get Moody

The Leijtke brothers were own economists and accepted big contributors to the Nixon We have dustry in an attempt to stick tions from J. Hugh Liejtke, traced \$18,000 in GOP donathe consumers with \$4 billion another \$14,000 from William C. Leijtke in 1968. Insiders Now the Nixon administra- say the actual total was even

ke, who said it would be "improper" for him to comment ing to plug security leaks, the on the FPC appointment becase of James Lewis Jones has The final selection hasn't fore it is made. All he would brought them new agony.

old, Midland, Tex., corporate attorney named Rush Moody with the spast associations to apay for it. So he got hold sold uniform, put some sold and utility interests first sounded out Moody's law the FPC appointment. Those an unofficial way, joined the special souvenir posters who know him say he is high. partner, Tom Sealy, about ac- who know him say he is high- Army for, oh, a month or so.

rates. The public can under-soldier. He took the necessary stand the petty chiseling of a time off to make a series of Bobby Baker or an Adam visits to the base dentist, All Clayton Powell much easier the while, the Army lodged than a \$4 billion windfall to and fed him in a manner be-

of the Nixon administration's approach to government regulation is the unannounced appointment of Peter Hutt as in U.S. District Court in Alexgeneral counsel for the Food andria. Among the charges and Drug Administration. He comes out of the famed, in-fluential Washington law firm, of an Army ID card, wearing Covington and Burling, which an Army uniform, et al) stands one that has the Pentagon tion's biggest drug companies, brass in a dither: illegal pos-The firm's lawyers are known for their backroom persuasiveness in getting the FDA to go easy on their clients. Hutt, however, insists that back-room dealing was not his specialty and that he is com-pletely severing his ties with the law firm.

Pentagon Pass

With the Pentagon brass riding off in all directions try-

The 24-year-old Jones needed some repairs on his Moody told us he wouldn't teeth but lacked the \$2,000

He accomplished this simply Later, Sealy received another But anyone who wears the by walking on the Ft. Myer, 61971, Bell-McClure Syndicate. Inc.

inquiry from the Liejtke gas industry label shouldn't Va., base and easing his way the natural gas industry. coming a noncommissioned of-Footnote: Another example ficer.

But somewhere along the (impersonation of a noncomsession of a pass to the Pentagon.

How Jones came by the card isn't known. All he wanted was his teeth fixed.

Washington Whirl

POSTAL ARTY—The new U.S. Postal Service began operations with a bang last Thursday by throwing a two-party bash that, temporarily at least, set the taxpayers back some \$20,000. Postmaster General Winton Blount segregated the lesser employees into the headquarters building audi-torium while the top brass whooped it up in the Post-master General's reception throughout the country.