

Around the Nation

Parole Denied

Swindler, Billie Sol Estes was denied parole yesterday by the Federal Parole Board. The Justice Department said Estes' request was rejected without explanation.

Estes, onetime millionaire from West Texas, is in Sandstone Federal prison in Minnesota. By March 5 he will have served the minimum one-third of his 15-year sentence for swindling finance companies of millions of dollars.

Estes, now 45, will become eligible again for review by the Parole Board in December, 1971.

He was convicted of peddling \$24 million in worthless paper to major finance companies by inducing farmers to sign mortgages listing mythical fertilizer tanks as collateral.



BILLIE SOL ESTES
... remains in prison

Witness Sings

CHICAGO—Folk singer Pete Seeger burst into song on the witness stand while testifying in federal court in behalf of seven persons charged with conspiring to incite riots during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

When the prosecution complained that Seeger was "getting carried away," U.S. District Judge Julius J. Hoffman ruled out any further melody. Seeger was one of many entertainers who have testified about planning with Yippie leaders Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin for a "festival of life" designed to attract thousands of young persons to Chicago during the convention.

Panther Suit Filed

SAN FRANCISCO—David Hilliard, chief of staff of the

Black Panther Party, filed suit in U.S. District Court challenging the constitutionality of the law under which he is charged with threatening the life of President Nixon.

Hilliard's attorney, Charles R. Garry, asked for a three-judge federal court panel to rule on the question. Hilliard, 27, was indicted last Dec. 3 on the basis of a speech at an anti-war rally in Golden Gate Park on Nov. 15.

The suit charged Attorney General John N. Mitchell had created a special Justice Department force to harass and intimidate Black Panther Party members "through indictment and prosecution of purported criminal offenses against the government."

Classroom Salute

ALBANY, N.Y.— State Education Department ordered local to con-