

# Differences Over Packaging Bill

By Drew Pearson

It wasn't supposed to leak out of the closed-door Senate Commerce Committee, but last week Sen. Norris Cotton (R-N.H.) protested a report in this column that Republicans on the Committee were all going to vote against the truth-in-packaging bill.

The column also reported that Sen. Ross Bass (Tenn.), who replaced consumer protector Estes Kefauver in the Senate, was on the fence, and leaning against the bill.

"How does Pearson know in advance how I'm going to vote?" grumbled Cotton.

"What the hell, it's true, isn't it?" retorted Bass. "What are you squawking about?"

Sen. Maurine Neuberger (D-Ore.) complained about the labels on packages of frozen peas which claimed that the package contained "four servings." Servings can be either large or small, depending on the appetite of the person who eats them, Sen. Neuberger argued. She felt that this kind of labeling should either be cut out or should state "approximately four servings."

Chairman Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.) postponed further discussions until today

to give more time to iron out disagreements.

## Justice Hughes Grandson

H. Stuart Hughes, the Harvard professor whom the FBI and passport chief Frances Knight wanted shadowed in Europe because of his opposition to the Vietnam war, happens to be the grandson of a former Secretary of State—Charles Evans Hughes.

The elder Hughes gave the State Department one of its more liberal administrations, even though he served under Warren G. Harding. Later he became Chief Justice of the United States, having been Governor of New York and having almost defeated Woodrow Wilson for President in 1916.

His grandson ran for the Senate in Massachusetts against Teddy Kennedy. Nevertheless, the State Department gave orders to have him watched while overseas.

## Honored Citizens

Three Americans from diverse and different walks of life are being honored by their fellow citizens this week. They are:

**Bob Hope** — who is being given a big dinner in Washington in tribute to his dedicated service to GIs by touring isolated military areas every Christmas. Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) when head of the Air Force in 1950, got Bob Hope launched on this idea.

**David G. Baird**—the Wall Street banker who has given away millions to hospitals, Boys Towns, the American Friends Service Committee, underprivileged groups both in the Appalachians and in the slums of the big cities. Baird's foundations came in for rigorous scrutiny by Rep. Wright Patman (D-Tex.), uncorruptible, indefatigable prober of Wall Street. Recently Patman gave Baird a clean bill of health. A group of distinguished New Yorkers, headed by Supreme Court Justice George J. Beldock, is giving Baird a Brotherhood citation tonight.

**Chester Bowles**—U.S. Ambassador to India, former Governor of Connecticut, Eric Administrator during World War II, and a former member of Congress. It isn't often that diplomats want to go back to serve a second term in countries where they've served before. But Bowles, who was tremendously popular in India ten years ago, is now serving his second stint as Ambassador.

## Hard to Command

Old friends of Judge Thurmond Arnold, former Justice Department trust buster, raised their eyebrows when he turned up at the White House birthday party for Chief Justice Warren with a pretty young lady whom he introduced as Mrs. Thurman Arnold. The Judge is 74. The

young lady he introduced as his wife was about 30.

Other guests at the party, knowing the Judge's real wife, were mystified. Next day some of them attended a reception at the Thurman Arnold home and were introduced to Mrs. Thurman Arnold Jr., who an hour before had married the Arnolds' eldest son and who the day before had accompanied the Judge to the White House.

Mrs. Thurman Arnold Sr., had asked the White House, if her future daughter-in-law could come to the reception in her place, was told, "No, invitations to the White House are a command. They are not transferable."

"The White House is not going to command me," said Mrs. Thurman Arnold Sr., and sent her future daughter-in-law to the White House anyway.

## Merry-Go-Round

The only lady who discourages telephone calls from President Johnson was elected to Congress from Texas last week. She is Mrs. Albert Thomas of Houston, who used to tell the President not to call her husband at night. He had to sleep. Her husband was able to move a good part of the Cape Canaveral space operation to his home town—at some cost to the taxpayers but great economic advantage to Houston.