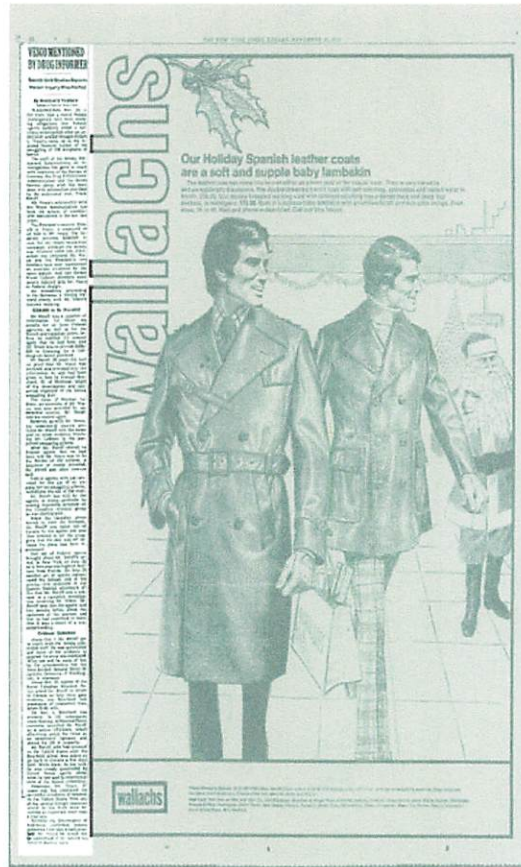


VESCO MENTIONED BY DRUG INFORMER

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 —For more than a month Senate investigators have been studying allegations that Federal agents suddenly ended a narcotics investigation after an undercover worker brought Robert L. Vesco's name up as the reputed financial backer of the smuggling of 100 kilograms heroin.

The staff of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations has gotten in touch with employees of the Bureau of Customs, the Drug Enforcement Service about what has been done and the Secret done with information provided by the undercover man, Frank Peroff.

Mr. Vesco's relationship with the Nixon Administration has been the subject of considerable speculation in the last two years.

The President's nephew, Donald A. Nixon, is employed as an aide to Mr. Vesco. The financier provided \$200,000 in cash for the Nixon re election campaign, although the money was returned when the transaction was criticized. Mr. Vesco and the President's two brothers have been represented on separate occasions by the same lawyer. And two former Nixon Cabinet members were jointly indicted with Mr. Vesco on Federal charges.

An extradition proceeding in the Bahamas is moving forward slowly, with Mr. Vesco's lawyers resisting.

\$300,000 to Be Provided

Mr. Peroff was a supplier of information for about six months for all three Federal agencies, as well as for the French and Canadian police, before he notified his control agent that he had been told Mr. Vesco was to provide \$300,000 in financing for a 100 kilogram heroin purchase.

Mr. Peroff, 36 years old, had no proof that Mr. Vesco was involved, and provided only the information he said had been given to him by Conrad Bouchard, 42, of Montreal, target of the investigation and purported organizer of the heroin smuggling plan.

The name of Norman LeBlanc, an associate of Mr. Vesco, was also provided by underworld sources, Mr. Peroff told his control agent.

However, as with Mr. Vesco, the underworld sources provided Mr. Peroff only the name and no other evidence involving Mr. LeBlanc in the purported smuggling scheme.

After Mr. Peroff related to Federal agents that he had been told Mr. Vesco was to be the backer of the scheme, a sequence of events occurred, Mr. Peroff and other sources said.

Federal agents, who had provided for the use of an airplane for the smuggling scheme, withdrew the use of the craft.

Mr. Peroff was told by the agents to create problems by making impossible demands on the Canadian criminal group he was dealing with.

When the Canadian group moved to meet the demands, Mr. Peroff was taken out of Canada by the agents and was then ordered to tell the smugglers that the deal was off because his plane had been repossessed.

One set of Federal agents brought about Mr. Peroff's arrest in New York on July 22 on a two year old fugitive warrant from Florida. On July 25 another set of agents maneuvered his release, and in the process told personnel in the Queens District Attorney's office that Mr. Peroff was a witness in a narcotics investigation involving Mr. Vesco. Mr. Peroff said that the agents told him months before about the existence of the warrant and that he had explained to them that it was a result of a misunderstanding.

Evidence Examined

About Oct. 1 Mr. Peroff got in touch with the Senate committee staff, He was questioned and some of his evidence to support his story was examined. What use will be made of him by the subcommittee has not been decided. Senator Henry M. Jackson, Democrat of Washington, is chairman.

About Oct. 31, agents of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police asked Mr. Peroff to return to Canada to help them gain evidence that Bouchard had possession of counterfeit Canadian \$100 bills.

On Nov. 4, Bouchard was arrested. In the subsequent court hearing, a Mounted Police constable identified Mr. Peroff as a police informant, which effectively ended his value as an undercover operator and placed his life in jeopardy.

Mr. Peroff, who had returned to the United States after the Bouchard arrest, was asked to go back to Canada a few days later. While there, he has said, he was closely questioned by United States agents about what he had said to representatives of the Senate committee.

Meantime, Mr. Vesco, 37 years old, has continued his successful avoidance of removal to the United States from any of the several foreign countries where he has lived since becoming an expatriate more than a year ago.

Recently the Government of Argentina confirmed reports published here that it had promised Mr. Vesco he would not be extradited if he moved his home to Buenos Aires.