

Only 19 of 200 Byrne 'fat cats' have state jobs

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Nineteen of the 200 "Fat Cat" contributors who gave \$1000 or more to Gov. Brendan T. Byrne's 1973 election campaign have been given state jobs by the governor since he took office 16 months ago.

Seven of these contributors were named to paid positions in the state government. The remaining 12 were given honorary appointments to unpaid — but often prestigious — state boards and commissions.

These figures, drawn from records at the state Election Law Enforcement Commission, appear to support the governor's denial of recent charges that he offered patronage jobs to a large number of wealthy "fat cat" contributors during his campaign.

The records do indicate that the governor has given state jobs to a considerable number of smaller contributors — those who donated between \$100 and \$1,000.

In total, one out of every four persons whom the governor has named to state office was a contributor either to the Byrne campaign the Democratic State Committee during the election drive.

Byrne's appointment policies became the subject of controversy last month when John J. Nero, a Pennsauken restaurateur, told reporters he had been offered a government job in return for a \$25,000 contribution to the Byrne campaign.

Two weeks later, Jeffrey Ketterson, a dismissed aide to the governor, charged that the Byrne administration was afflicted with "blatant conflicts of interest" because "numerous fat cat contributors" had been offered government positions.

The Byrne administration has issued vigorous denials. The

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Market slide hurt governor, top aides

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If Gov. Brendan T. Byrne's first year in office was not bullish in the political sense, it was even less bullish in the traditional stock market sense for the governor and several of his cabinet officers.

Financial statements released yesterday showed that Byrne and several top aides lost money in the 1974 stock market slide.

The statements, forwarded to Secretary of State J. Edward Crabiel after review by administration officials, showed Byrne's current net worth as \$203,000. That was a loss of

some \$33,000 from the net worth he listed when he took office in January, 1974.

Institutions and Agencies Commissioner Ann Klein took a severe Wall Street loss, her disclosure statement showed. Mrs. Klein's stock portfolio dropped in value from \$667,000 to \$498,000, although her net worth is still a respectable \$353,000.

Hyland nipped, too

Attorney General William F. Hyland reported a \$46,000 decline in his net worth from the beginning of 1974. He pegged his worth now at \$534,000. Education Commissioner Fred G.

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Kennel show cleanup bill runs in thousands

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"Thank you for coming" read the mud-splashed sign at the entrance to the Washington Crossing State Park show ground.

But the organizers of the 46th Trenton Kennel Club dog show weren't thanking anyone yesterday as they surveyed an estimated \$10,000 to \$12,000 worth of damage to the 1,000-acre site.

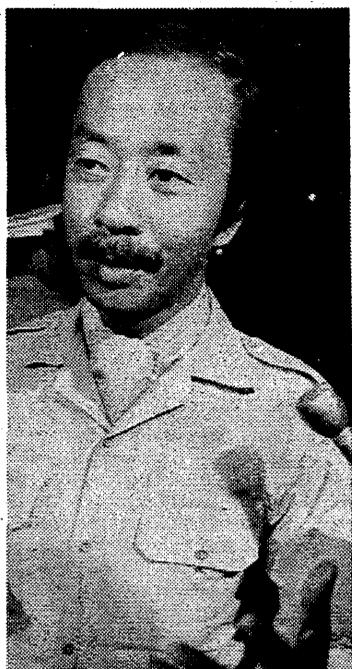
"We have a little money, but I don't know how we're going to pay for it to be honest with you," com-

mented Show Grounds Chairman John Stanek, his rubber boots ankle deep in goo.

"We already spent between \$1,400 and \$1,700 just for rigs to tow them out," he said referring to the cost of extracating cars belonging to owners of the 4,100 canine entries from the quad. "It's a club courtesy," he added.

It had rained continuously all Sunday and by 10 a.m. even the ironically named Ez-Go golf carts, hired to

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Nguyen Cao Ky arrived in the United States and promised to help 'lead' his people. "I will try and be a leader for them," Ky told reporters late last night as he stepped off an evacuee flight at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station.

U.S. halts removal of planes

Bows to request
by Thailand

By The Associated Press

The United States agreed today at Thailand's request to suspend its removal of South Vietnamese aircraft flown to Thailand by Vietnamese refugees.

Officials in Bangkok first announced the agreement, and State Department officials later confirmed the report.

The United States also launched an airlift of Cambodian refugees to America which included former President Sau Kham Khoy. In Washington, President Ford was quoted as saying opposition to bringing as many as 150,000 refugees to the United States "makes me damned mad."

And Cambodia's new Communist-backed rulers said they would respect the national and territorial integrity of neighboring states but would not allow any foreign troops on their soil.

At least 25 of the 125 planes flown to Thailand were reported already aboard the U.S. carrier Midway in the Gulf of Thailand by the time Thai Foreign Minister Chatchai Choonhvan announced the agreement.

Witnesses said U.S. Jolly Green Giant helicopters lifted A37 Dragonfly jets and F5 Freedom Fighters out of Utapao Air Base in Thailand and carried them off Sunday and Monday. Pentagon sources in Washington said 54 of the jets and some C130 transports had been removed, and American sources in Thailand said up to 100 planes had been taken out in all, but this could not be confirmed by witnesses.

The United States claimed the planes because it supplied them to the former Saigon regime, but the new Communist government in South Vietnam also claimed them as the spoils of war. Thailand, a U.S. ally that wants to live in peace with its neighbors, was caught in the middle and decided to hold onto the planes.

In announcing the U.S. agreement to suspend removal of the planes, Chatchai said the Thai cabinet had agreed to study Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger's claim that America retains control over the planes' disposition under the military aid agreement through which they were given to Vietnam.

The question is very sensitive for Thailand because the fall of Cambodia and South Vietnam had led many

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With bipartisan pitch

\$1-billion bond bid launched by Byrne

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Gov. Brendan T. Byrne is making a bipartisan pitch for support of a November referendum on bond issues that could total nearly \$1 billion.

The money borrowed through the bond issues would finance new construction of highways, mass transit, public housing, sewers and government offices to meet the recommendations of Byrne's capital needs commission.

The drive to pass bond issues, that could range from \$630 million to \$1 billion, is being launched one year after the voters rejected three bond issues totaling \$390 million. A \$200 million Green Acres bond issue won voter approval.

Bi-partisan support for the bond issues was stressed when Byrne met with legislative leaders of both political parties yesterday. Donald S. MacNaughton, who headed Byrne's capital needs commission, outlined the goals of the proposed bond issues. MacNaughton is chairman of the Prudential Insurance Company.

Four packages

The MacNaughton committee, for-

merly known as the Governor's Commission on Capital Needs, called last month for passage of bond issues totaling \$1.76 billion over the next five years as part of a \$9.1 billion public works plan to meet New Jersey's needs for new facilities.

At the meeting in Byrne's office, MacNaughton presented four possible bond issue packages ranging from \$630 million to \$987 million. Byrne asked the key lawmakers to sound out legislative sentiment on the four options and report back to him by May 15.

An informal 10-member committee of legislators, aides and administration staffers was named to evaluate which bond package would have the best chance of passage in November.

The legislature must approve placing bond issues on the ballot.

Better climate?

The Byrne Administration hopes the public will be less skeptical this year, now that the MacNaughton group has studied and endorsed the need for new capital spending.

The smallest of the bond packages proposed yesterday would raise \$360 million for transportation, \$180 million for government offices and \$90 million for public housing.

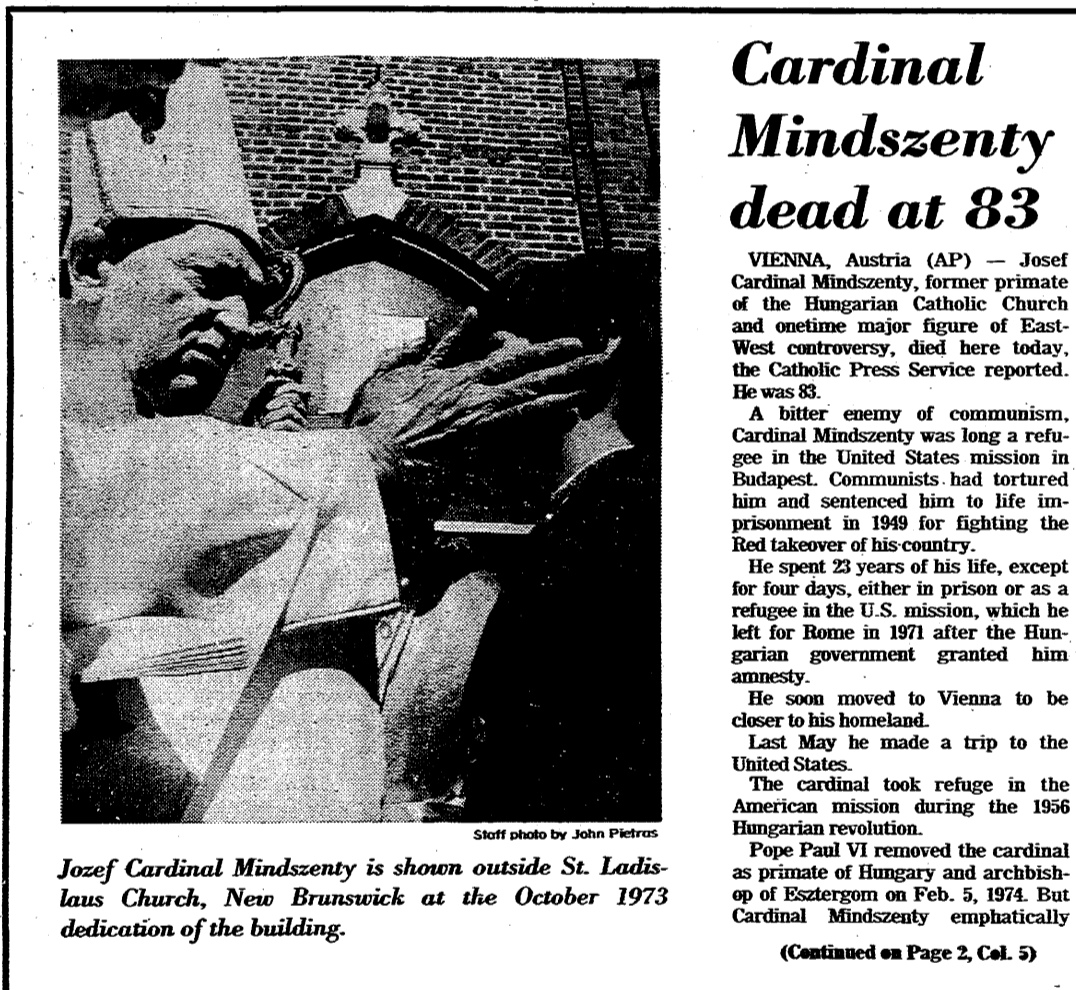
The largest package would yield \$430 million for transportation, \$242 million for office, \$120 million for housing and \$195 million for natural resource protection, mainly sewer projects.

Legislative reaction to the proposed bond issues was described as basically favorable, although it was too early to detect a preference for a specific package. Voter skepticism of larger-scale state spending was said to be a major consideration.

Lewis B. Thurston, executive director of the Senate Republicans and a member of the committee to sound out legislative sentiment, said agreement had been reached that the MacNaughton commission's estimate of required borrowing should be followed. What remained to be determined he said, was the scheduling of bond referendums over thenext or three years to give them the best chance of passage.

No agreement has yet been reached whether the three or four bond issues would be placed on the ballot under one title or separate titles.

Support from both Democratic and Republican leaders is considered essential to passage of any major bond proposal.



Josef Cardinal Mindszenty is shown outside St. Ladislaus Church, New Brunswick at the October 1973 dedication of the building.

Cardinal Mindszenty dead at 83

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, former primate of the Hungarian Catholic Church and one-time major figure of East-West controversy, died here today, the Catholic Press Service reported. He was 83.

A bitter enemy of communism, Cardinal Mindszenty was long a refugee in the United States mission in Budapest. Communists had tortured him and sentenced him to life imprisonment in 1949 for fighting the Red takeover of his country.

He spent 23 years of his life, except for four days, either in prison or as a refugee in the U.S. mission, which he left for Rome in 1971 after the Hungarian government granted him amnesty.

He soon moved to Vienna to be closer to his homeland.

Last May he made a trip to the United States.

The cardinal took refuge in the American mission during the 1956 Hungarian revolution.

Pope Paul VI removed the cardinal as primate of Hungary and archbishop of Esztergom on Feb. 5, 1974. But Cardinal Mindszenty emphatically

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Top brass feuding at evacuation flaws

By FOX BUTTERFIELD
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MANILA — Although more than 100,000 Vietnamese successfully escaped from Saigon, the evacuation was marred by what diplomats and newsmen now recall as bad planning, bitter feuding between sections of the United States Mission and often an every-man-for-himself attitude.

As a result, many key Vietnamese officials and others who had long worked for the Americans were left behind, possibly to face severe reprisals from the Communists.

Moreover, the selection of those to be evacuated often seemed arbitrary. Dozens of prostitutes, for example,

were taken out by American contractors and officials who listed them as wives or fiancées. But the chief spokesman for the Saigon government and his staff, who as propaganda officials would be major Communist targets, were apparently not helped despite their repeated pleas.

In addition, some officials in the United States embassy and consulate partly because of panic and partly out of concern for their Vietnamese staff members, are known to have deceived each other or failed to notify subordinates about the final evacuation.

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Refugee foes irk President

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford was quoted today as saying opposition to bringing Vietnamese refugees to the United States "makes me damned mad."

Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania described Ford's feelings after a GOP leadership meeting at the White House. The leaders were briefed by L. Dean

FORD ON TV TONIGHT

President Ford will hold a televised conference tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Executive Office Building next door to the White House.

Brown, coordinator of the administration's refugee program.

A White House spokesman quoted Ford as telling the congressional delegation about opposition to the refugees: "It just burns me up, these great humanitarians. They just want to turn their backs."

"We didn't do it with the Hungarians; we didn't do it with the Cubans; and, damnit, we're not going to do it now."

Scott and Rep. Hamilton Fish Jr., R-N.Y., said Ford and Brown "put to rest any fears the refugees would cause severe economic impact" by assuring the congressmen that the

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Mike Breza, Trenton Kennel Club gate chairman, leads show chairman John Stanek through the muddy site of Sunday's show.

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