

Harry Lev Testifies Aide Was 'Sneaky' In Turning Files To Senate Probers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wealthy hat maker Harry Lev, who has denied bribing government procurement officers, testified Wednesday one of his aides was "definitely sneaky" in turning over a letter from his file to Senate investigators.

The Senate investigations subcommittee is seeking evidence of possible graft in contracts for clothing items for the armed services. Lev's Chicago firm held contracts for hats and Lev has denied paying any alleged bribes in connection with these.

The committee questioned Lev Wednesday about former Quartermaster Corps officers who may have been on his payroll after leaving the armed services.

Lev denied that retired Army Maj. William H. Nicholson, whom he had hired, ever helped him to land any government contracts. Sen. McClellan (D-Ark), presiding, promptly produced a letter which, he said, showed Nicholson had been very active. The letter, McClellan said, had been subpoenaed from the files of Vere Painter,

one of Lev's top aides. Painter once headed the Quartermaster Inspection Service.

Lev obviously was surprised. "Why," he demanded, "would he (Painter) turn over a document of that kind?"

"I'm not saying he's not honest," Lev said. "But certainly he's def-

initely sneaky. A man works for you he's supposed to be faithful." He said he never had heard about the letter before.

The letter, dated Aug. 24, 1953, was addressed to "Dear Colonel" (Painter is a retired Army colonel) and signed "Bernie," whom Lev

said is Bernie Bloom, his son-in-law. The letter said that Bernie had seen Nicholson about Lev's bid for a contract to manufacture garrison caps, and that Nicholson "says that he himself pushed the thing through for us."

Nicholson retired from the Army in 1954. Lev also confirmed he had hired retired Maj. Gen. William Middle-swart at a salary of \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year after his retirement. Middle-swart once headed the Quartermaster Corps' re-

search and development unit, and is a former quartermaster chief in Europe.

Lev signed a \$5,089.38 check as evidence of good faith after senators questioned him concerning testimony that he got a government contract at a higher price than his final bid.

Boy Plays With Snake; Finds It's A Rattler

GRANTS PASS (AP) — An 11-year-old boy who likes to catch garter snakes for pets caught one that appeared different Monday.

He had it in a tub in his yard, studying it and playing with it, when it became resentful. It bit him on the finger.

That's when Kenneth Brink's mother, Mrs. Harry Brink, discovered her son had caught a small rattlesnake. A doctor hurried him from their home, three miles southwest of Grants Pass, to a hospital.

His condition Tuesday was reported good.

Eisenhower Cites Importance Of Manpower Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said Wednesday the manpower reserve bill for the armed forces is of tremendous importance and we must have it.

Eisenhower told his news conference he believes it is a mistake to try to tack antisegregation amendments onto a measure of that kind.

He said such matters should not be injected into national defense, and he just doesn't believe a measure like the manpower bill is any place for any kind of extraneous legislation.

The legislation got snagged in the House last month after an anti-segregation amendment was added to it. Eisenhower said he is hopeful the Senate will be able to take the initiative on the bill if the stalemate in the House cannot be broken.

He said the reserve bill is more essential than ever before to the

security of the United States. Trained men are needed in every field and area, he said, when it is acknowledged that in event of war every hamlet and village likely would be in front lines.

The proposal is to add two mil-

lion men to the force subject to recall duty in emergency. Many of these would come from a proposed pool of teen-agers willing to volunteer for six months of training and seven and a half years of active reserve training.



IT'S ALL OVER — CIO United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther (right) shakes hands with Ford Motor Co. Vice President John S. Bugas after announcing that contract bargaining teams had arrived at an agreement in Detroit. Reuther won the "guaranteed semi-annual wage" for 140,500 Ford workers in a new three-year contract with the company.

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Local News

Vacationing in Portland — Mr. and Mrs. Gene Yates of Roseburg are spending their vacation in Portland.

New Employee — Miss Clayre Carter has taken a position for the summer at Miller's Department store.

Move To Eugene — Mrs. Elmer Sampson plans to move to Eugene next week. Her husband and daughter and two grandchildren are now in Eugene, where he is employed as a lumber grader. Mrs. Sampson taught at Melrose the past two years, and expects to teach in Eugene next fall.

On Way Home — According to word received here, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Marsh are now on their way back to their home in Medford, following the winter months in Florida and a trip up the east coast and back through the middle states. They are the uncle and aunt of Mrs. L. J. Crafton of this city and are frequent visitors here.

Outing Enjoyed — Last Saturday an outing at the coast was enjoyed by the new Junior Tri-Hi-Y Club of Roseburg High with 16 members and Miss Grimes, advisor, going to Honeyman State Park. The group also visited Mercer Lake for boating. Making the trip were Nancy Bell, Janice Romine, Sandy Williamson, Merrie Ellen Boe, Diane Myers, Bonnie Roark, LaVelle Gladwill, Carolyn Jackson, Joleen Lyda, Mary Lou Sisecek, Judy Barnhart, Judy Wood, Janet Lewis, Ann Robinson, Linda Backen and Wanda Sims.

Morgans Leave — Capt. and Mrs. Don Morgan and daughter, Stephanie, left last week for New York, where they will make arrangements to leave for Orleans, France, June 18. Capt. Morgan expects to be stationed there about three years. He will be a French interpreter in the transportation corps. En Route to the East, they visited Yellowstone Park and many points of interest. The Morgans have been house guests here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Aydelott.

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