

Senate's Racket Probers Concentrate On Portland

WASHINGTON — Senate racketeers said Tuesday they have summoned two alleged prostitutes and a sheriff's deputy from Portland, Ore., for questioning Wednesday concerning vice in Portland.

The committee is exploring charges that some Teamsters Union officials from Seattle tried to seize control of rackets and vice in Portland.

Robert F. Kennedy, committee counsel, said one of the women summoned is Kathleen Weeks. She had been mentioned in prior hearings as a "convicted prostitute" who had information about gambler James (Big Jim) Elkins, main accuser of the Seattle Teamsters officials.

The name of the other woman was not disclosed. Kennedy said the women have signed sworn statements which Portland Mayor Terry D. Schunk had sought unsuccessfully to offer in evidence at the earlier hearings.

Kennedy said the committee will ask Minnelly whether he obtained the sworn statements from the two women. Kennedy had challenged the truthfulness of the affidavits at the time they were barred from

the hearing record. They were offered by Schunk and Clyde Crosby, top Teamsters Union official in Oregon who was among those accused by Elkins.

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SAN FRANCISCO — An appeal may be made from a U.S. Court of Appeals' refusal to suspend a Portland, Ore., wiretapping trial until a contest over admission of witnesses can be resolved.

William C. Crawford, one of the attorneys for James B. Elkins and Raymond B. Clark, said there is a strong possibility of an appeal. The Portland men are on trial on wiretapping charges.

The 9th U.S. Court of Appeals ruled here Monday that a writ of prohibition against a trial should be sparingly used, in exceptional cases only.

As for the petitioners, the ruling continued, "their right to appeal from any conviction will afford them adequate opportunity for appellate review of the rights they may have to exclusion of this evidence."

At issue in the Portland trial is whether police officers who seized wiretap recordings in a raid on Clark's home may be used as prosecution witnesses.

Judge Charles W. Redding of the Oregon Circuit Court, said the records were seized without adequate search warrants and issued an injunction against the officers appearing at the federal trial.

Judge William G. East of the federal court in Portland has indicated he does not think state courts have the right to enjoin federal witnesses.

Attorneys for Elkins and Clark had asked the appeals court here to halt the trial until they can get a ruling on a writ of prohibition against the police testimony.

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The 44-year-old mayor earlier was accused of accepting a bribe from a gambler; of perjury in denying he took the bribe; and of illegally copying wiretaps seized in the raid.

Nine other indictments were served yesterday against six men, but the only new ones were against Schunk and Crosby. Crosby was accused on a charge identical to Schunk's. The other indictments repeated earlier charges, reworded to correct legal flaws.

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INSIDE DOPE was received by Rep. Charles O. Porter recently when he went to Ft. Benning, Ga., with a delegation of Congressmen to see and hear about new weapons of warfare. A colonel told Porter that 28 strategically placed hydrogen bombs could kill all human life in the United States. Shown with Porter in a less grim moment during his visit to the military base are: 2nd Lt. John A. Season (right) of Riddle and 2nd Lt. Douglas Highland, Bend, (U.S. Army)

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Dulles Would Place Suez Question Before Security Council Of United Nations

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Dulles also told a news conference the United States has no objection to American ships going through the canal, but advises that tolls be paid under protest.

The secretary of state refused to speculate on what the United States might do if Egypt rejects the Suez formula adopted by the Security Council and passed by the United States in talks at Cairo.

Dulles indicated a final decision by Egypt is expected shortly. But when asked if that meant within 48 hours, he said he had no such official information.

Dulles emphasized the United States would seek no action by the Security Council, that the U.S. move would be in the nature of a report.

(At United Nations headquarters in New York, consultations were under way between the U.S. delegation and friendly members of the 11-nation Security Council when he called a council meeting over the Suez issue. Diplomatic sources said the time was now considered "propitious" for a U.S. report to the council on its negotiations with Egypt over operation of the nationalized waterway.)

workers. Firms having one worker now are exempt.

Brown said that if the Republicans won't go for the new bill, labor will fight for its original demands.

Sen. Dan Dimick (D., Roseburg), presented the new bill to other members of the committee. He said "it is a good, modest approach to the problem for this session."

The committee voted 6-1 to provide separate three-member commissions to administer the unemployment compensation and industrial accident laws, with Chairman Phil Brady (D., Portland), dissenting.

Both laws now are under a single commission. The Senate defeated the original bill 15-15 when it called for having a single administrator for the unemployment compensation laws. Then the Senate sent it back to committee.

The Senate Taxation Committee split along party lines as it voted 4-5 for a bill to give \$2,000 property tax exemptions on homes occupied by the owners, and to double the property tax rate on utilities.

The committee's four Democrats favored the bill, the principle of which Democratic Gov. Holmes said he opposes. The three Republicans voted against it.

The bill departs from the principle that the property should be taxed at uniform rates.

Other legislative action included:

The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation proposed that the House-passed bill to reorganize school districts be changed by taking the House's 5 per cent share of state liquor profits to 15 per cent, or from \$640,000 a year to \$1,920,000. Since this would deprive the state general fund of about \$2,000,000 in a biennium, it poses a serious budget problem.

The House Local Government Committee indicated it would throw cold water on the bill to create service districts outside cities so that suburban areas could give themselves water, sewerage and other services. It is an amendment so that no such district could be created within two miles of a city.

The same committee voted 5-4 for a bill to abolish the position of county judge in counties which have district court judges. In those counties, the judge would become a county commissioner.

And the committee tabled a bill to permit counties to contract for medical and accident insurance for families of county employees.

The House Education Committee voted for the Senate-passed bill to provide free textbooks to grade schools, even though they can't meet the physical standards set up by the state Department of Education. The present law provides books only for standard schools, but more than half of Oregon's now are non-standard because of overcrowding. The books, supplied by the school districts, are given to public, private and parochial schools.

Two Students Die In Auto Crash

EUGENE — Two high school students were killed and two others seriously injured Monday evening when their car collided with a log truck on the McKenzie Highway, about 45 miles east of here.

Killed were Dick Hornbeck, 17, son of a McKenzie Bridge forest ranger, and Linda McMullin, 15, daughter of a McKenzie River guide.

Seriously injured were Linda Bunell, 14, of Leaburg, who suffered two broken legs and other injuries, and Tim Graves, 17, Leaburg, who suffered a broken leg and possible skull fracture.

The Hornbeck youth was pinned in the auto wreckage for over an hour and died about 15 minutes after reaching a hospital in Springfield. The McMullin girl died at 2 a. m., about 8 hours after the crash.

State police said the car collided with a log truck driven by Mitchell Carlton, of Blue River, who was not hurt. The teenagers had just left McKenzie High School, following a baseball game.

Japan To Urge Relations With Communist China

HONG KONG — The secretary general of Japan's opposition Socialist Party said Tuesday he will urge the Japanese government to establish diplomatic relations with Communist China.

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On other matters, Dulles said:

1. The State Department favors letting American newsmen go to Red China in a strictly limited number and on a pool basis provided there is assurance this would not lower the bars generally to travel by Americans to the Communist-held China mainland.

2. The United States sees no way that nuclear test explosions can be halted at this time without risking giving Russia a chance to gain a decisive upper hand in atomic power.

3. Russia's decision to make public at this time a warning the Kremlin sent Britain and France before the Suez fighting last fall appears to be an effort to make propaganda in the Middle East.

4. Whether the United States meets with Russia again in an East-West conference depends largely on whether the Russians are seriously ready to move forward in such fields as disarmament, freedom for the satellites and German reunification, or whether they are simply interested in making propaganda.

5. Harold E. Stassen, President Eisenhower's special disarmament aide, has no new instructions as he returns Tuesday to London disarmament talks. The Russians appear more serious about making progress than in propagandizing, and that is a hopeful sign.

Peddler Ordinance Protested Before Roseburg Council

Obviously skirting the happenings which created their feelings, Mr. and Mrs. William Woods appeared before the Roseburg City Council last night to protest provisions of the peddlers ordinance.

Mrs. Woods, who said she takes orders for an encyclopedia, said she had started to obtain a permit "to do what was right." However, somewhere along the line in getting the permit, she apparently balked at the procedure.

City officials said after the meeting that Mrs. Woods had objected to being fingerprinted when she was told that it would have to be repeated annually when licenses were obtained.

Her husband voiced most of the objections to the ordinance which he termed unconstitutional if applied to order takers or those engaged in interstate commerce. The city law, aimed at house-to-house peddling, calls for licenses to cost \$25 per week, \$50 per month or \$100 per year. It was passed April 18, 1949.

Mrs. Woods seemed to feel that such a law should give consideration to residents of the city and that character and financial references should be included in the provisions.

Woods told the council that since his wife ran into difficulties regarding the license, they had obtained considerable material covering such laws and had discovered that cities do not have the power to license order takers.

He asked if it would be necessary for them to make a test case or if the city attorney could rule on the constitutionality of the ordinance. James Richmond, acting city attorney, said an opinion could be given.

In referring to the role of the police department in the issuance of such licenses, Woods said he didn't know before that police had the duty of interpreting laws. He went on to say that he had no objections to fingerprinting but feels "that a citizen who has lived here should have some consideration."

At one point in the discussion, Woods said (referring to the ordinance as it is written and enforced),