

Rackets Committee Told Union Funds Used To Pay Writers Of Book On Beck

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Rackets Committee Thursday received testimony that two writers for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer were carried on the Teamsters Union payroll while writing a life story of Dave Beck entitled "The Driver's Seat."

Beck, president of the union, was said to have repaid the money.

Carmine Bellino, accountant for the Senate investigating committee, said Teamsters Union records showed the writers, whom he named as Nard Jones and Douglas Welch, were put on monthly retainers by the union on Feb. 1, 1955.

Bellino said Beck, with a check dated May 7, 1957, has repaid the Teamsters Union \$12,987.31—the money put out to the writers.

Jones is chief editorial writer for the newspaper and Welch one of its reporters.

Bellino read into the committee record a memorandum signed by William T. Mullenbach, controller in the union's Washington headquarters here.

It said that on Beck's instructions Jones was to be put on monthly retainer of \$416 and Welch at \$208 a month while writing the book about Beck.

At Seattle, the Post-Intelligencer released a copy of a telegram Welch sent to Kennedy May 14 explaining the book project.

Welch said he and Jones entered into a written agreement with Beck Jan. 15, 1955, to write the book. The P-I reporter said Beck was to make personal advances totaling \$15,000, was to be owner of the book and be reimbursed for his advances before the writers shared in royalties.

"We had no reason initially to doubt Beck's statement that he would make the advances personally," Welch said. "However, when the first checks arrived after we had worked two or three months, we were surprised to find them drawn on the International Teamsters' Union."

"Mr. Jones and I immediately asked Beck who was paying us, he or the union, and we pointed out that our agreement provided that title to the book would be vested in him personally. He told

us he had no means of reminding himself to forward our advances in monthly installments, that this was merely a bookkeeping detail and that the union understood he would pick up the whole tab when all advances to us had been paid."

Welch said "we were subsequently reassured" on this point when Beck later paid Jones \$2,500 as the remainder of his advance by personal check, and also set up a trust fund with Seattle Catholic University as beneficiary, identifying himself (Beck) as owner of the book.

"If there is any question about the manner of the payment of our advances," Welch added, "it is a question between Beck and the union."

He said the book has been delivered to Beck and that he received \$5,000 and Jones \$10,000, each for two years' work. The Post-Intelligencer management, Welch said, was kept informed of the circumstances.

The Post-Intelligencer explained that under its American Newspaper Guild contract such off-duty work is permitted. The newspaper carried an article last March 14 telling of the book writing project by Jones and Welch.

County Court Adds 5th Veterinarian, District

A fifth county veterinarian was named Thursday by the county court, which also added another district to the county.

William R. Bayless was appointed veterinarian for the southwest district. The order noted that the additional district would provide more adequate and convenient testing of cattle in Douglas County.

In 1952 the county court divided the county into four districts for testing cattle for Bangs disease and tuberculosis and assigned Donald Rone, Don E. Bailey and Dallen H. Jones as veterinarians. They alternated in covering the fourth district.

Robert C. McKnight was named deputy veterinarian in District 4 in 1955 and was to serve alternately under the jurisdiction of the other three veterinarians.

This week's change assigns Rone to the northeast district, Bailey to the southeast, Jones to the central-western, and McKnight to the northwestern district.

Myrtle Creek Infant Dies At Age Of 3 Days

Graveside funeral services for Alice Louise Lindley, 3 days old, Myrtle Creek, will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the IOOF Cemetery at Myrtle Creek.

She was born Monday in Myrtle Creek and died Thursday at Winston while en route to a specialist in Eugene with relatives.

Survivors include the mother, Shirley Mae Lindley, and a sister, Vera, both of Myrtle Creek; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wagner, Myrtle Creek; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lindley, Indio, Calif.; and the father, Walter Lindley, Indio, Calif.

Arrangements in care of Ganz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek.

Local Dealers Request Statewide Price Action

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by others in different communities in the state, outside the retail dealers; the committee would seek the governor's counsel in bringing about a more settled condition in the industry," according to Gilkeson.

Gilkeson pointed to "threatened outbreaks at Springfield, as well as the situation at Salem, which has been brewing for more than a year."

One member at Thursday night's meeting observed that his company had advised him that all of the dealers operating for that company in Salem prior to the crisis there had been forced to sell out to others because of the crisis.

The local dealers also laid plans for a picnic sometime next summer.

Negroes Hold Prayer Pilgrimage At Capital

WASHINGTON (AP)—A "prayer pilgrimage for freedom" brought thousands of "pilgrims," mostly Negroes, to Washington today—the third anniversary of the Supreme Court's ban on race segregation in public schools.

Sponsors estimated 50,000 persons would attend a noon service at the Lincoln Memorial with Senators Douglas (D-Ill.) and Javits (R-N.Y.) and Representatives Powell (D-N.Y.) and Diggs (D-Mich.) among the listed speakers. Powell and Diggs are Negroes.

House Passes Oil Well \$150,000 Incentive Bill

SALEM (AP)—The House wants to offer \$150,000 reward as an incentive for discovery of oil or gas in Oregon.

It passed and sent to the Senate Thursday a bill offering the money to anyone owning the first oil or gas well in each new field which produces oil in commercial quantities for two years.

The bill was introduced by the House Taxation Committee.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Divorce has ended the eight-year marriage during which actress Joanne Dru and actor John Ireland managed to accumulate \$33,388.66 in debts.

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ON TRIAL—Arthur Miller, prize-winning playwright and husband of Marilyn Monroe, arrives at court in Washington for opening of his trial on charge of contempt of Congress. Charge stems from his refusal to give names of authors at Communist meetings he attended in 1939.

Senate Group Approves Six As Ambassadors

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved six nominations for ambassadorships Friday after a closed session lasting three hours.

Questioning of the nominees took so long that the committee never got around to a public session on the nomination of Roy Richard Rubottom Jr. as assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs.

The open hearing on Rubottom, set up at the request of Sen. Morse (D-Ore.), will be held later. Chairman D. C. Hoey announced.

The committee approved the following nominations, to be brought up in the Senate for confirmation next week:

Robert C. Hill, now assistant secretary of state for congressional relations, as ambassador to Mexico.

Frances Elizabeth Willis, former ambassador to Switzerland, as ambassador to Norway.

Joseph S. Farland, owner of the Farland Fuel Corp., Morgantown, W. Va., as ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

Career officer Walter P. McCaughy, as ambassador to Burma.

Career officer Don Carroll Bliss, as ambassador to Ethiopia.

Stassen Hopes For Success On Disarmament

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harold E. Stassen, returning from London, said Friday that Russia and the Western powers are seriously trying to negotiate a "partial" disarmament agreement, providing for a cutoff in arms, man power and defense costs, and for an inspection system.

Stassen made clear that the "first step" goal in the United Nations talks is more than simply creating a test zone in which there would be international aerial inspection of Soviet and Western territories.

He said he would report to Secretary of State Dulles in mid-afternoon but did not know when he would see President Eisenhower or consult with other top officials.

Stassen's consultations here are expected to produce important new decisions on U.S. policy for negotiating with the Russians.

The London talks were suspended Thursday until May 27. They involve the U.S., Great Britain, Russia, Canada and France.

Stassen said that "all five countries are concentrating on an effort to negotiate successfully on what can be described as a partial agreement on limited reduction as a first step."

Suburban Voters Reject Annexation To Eugene

EUGENE (AP)—Annexation of two areas near Eugene was rejected by suburban voters Thursday.

Eugene voters approved the annexations by comfortable margins, but the measures were defeated since approval is required from the suburban areas as well as the city.

In the River Road district, northwest of Eugene, annexation was rejected 1985 to 128 according to incomplete returns from all five precincts.

In the Willakenzie area, across the Willamette River, the vote was 2282 to 1279 in incomplete returns from the four precincts.

In Eugene annexation of both areas was approved by a margin of about 1,000 votes.

1252 MADE HOMELESS

HONG KONG (AP)—A 40-minute fire in a squatters' area of Hong Kong's mainland Kowloon area last night destroyed 60 huts and left 1,252 people homeless—approximately 20 per hut.

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Ways, Means Committee Tables Bill For State Aid

SALEM (AP)—The legislative joint Ways and Means Committee Thursday tabled a bill to provide \$3 million dollars in state funds to help local school districts that have bonded to their limit construct new classrooms.

After the vote, the committee discovered it had closed the door to the possibility of obtaining federal aid to education funds, and a subcommittee was directed to see what could be done to re-open that avenue.

The committee approved for introduction legislation to give the attorney general \$35,000 to hire special prosecutors in the Multnomah County vice investigation cases. Atty. Gen. Robert F. Thornton had asked for \$100,000, but the committee said the Justice Department could ask the emergency board for additional funds when the need arose.

The committee revived a bill it had tabled and appropriated \$6,000 for an interim committee study of migratory farm labor problems. The action was prompted by recent disclosure of a situation at Boring, where a group of workers from Arizona was living in conditions described as "deplorable."

A proposal to appropriate \$350,000 for planning and acquiring a site for a new Portland army was approved after the committee reduced the appropriation to \$100,000 and eliminated the land purchase provision. Committee members said they wanted Portland to purchase or donate a site as some other cities in Oregon have done.

The committee chairman, J.M. Alexander of Roseburg, Ore., said at an open session Thursday that he was unlikely that an immediate decision would be reached on the proposal.

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ABOUT BECK—The Senate labor rackets committee in Washington heard testimony which they said proves that Teamster Union president Dave Beck stole more than \$322,000 from his union instead of borrowing it. A. M. Burke, (above) head of the mortgage loan department of Occidental Life Insurance Co., of Los Angeles, tells the committee that Beck's own financial statement in 1951 listed no such loan.

Proposed Lumber Standard Bitterly Opposed By Mills

WASHINGTON (AP)—The American Lumber Standards Committee met in closed session Friday to consider a proposal to relate moisture content with lumber sizes, a move bitterly opposed by West Coast operators.

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Flood Dangers Add To Losses From Tornadoes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flood dangers appeared increasing in wide areas of Oklahoma and Kansas today after two days of torrential rains and no indication of an immediate letup in the downpours.

The stormy weather that battered the plains states again yesterday, hitting hardest in Oklahoma and Kansas after striking areas in Texas, spread into parts of the Mississippi Valley early today. Thunderstorms, hail and heavy rains were reported. Several funnel clouds were sighted and tornado winds lashed many rivers.

Deaths in tornadoes in Texas and drownings in Oklahoma and Kansas since Wednesday night mounted to 27.

Many streams were reported overflowing and others nearing flood stage in Oklahoma and Kansas. Seven deaths have been attributed to floods in Oklahoma and one in Kansas.

"Very serious" flooding was expected along the middle and lower reaches of the Cimarron River in northern Oklahoma. All communities and residents along the river have been alerted of possible flooding.

The vote, winding up a two-day debate on the British-French attack on Egypt, defeated a Labor motion to censure the government for "damaging Britain's prestige and economic interests." Had it lost—which nobody expected—the government would have had to resign.

A U. N. Security Council meeting was set for Monday to take up the French proposal that Egypt be "invited" to comply with the council's six principles for operation of the canal. The six principles, which include freedom of passage for all ships and insulation of the operation from the politics of any one nation, were adopted by the council last October.

At U. N. headquarters in New York, an Egyptian source declared Egypt is complying with the six principles and professed to be mystified as to what France wants.

The district's attorney, James Richmond of Roseburg, has been authorized to prepare a prospectus for bidders and to take other action necessary to sell the \$260,000 in bonds approved by voters for construction of the system.

The district has an agreement for buying water from the City of Myrtle Creek.

Electronic Brain Will Compute Satellite's Orbit

WASHINGTON (AP)—Scientists working on the earth satellite project received today a huge new electronic brain. It will be used to calculate the satellite's orbit hundreds of miles above the earth.

The country hopes to launch an artificial satellite during the International Geophysical Year which starts in July.

Dr. John P. Hagen, satellite project director at the Naval Research Laboratory, said the electronic computer will be used to produce a "celestial timetable" of the satellite's orbit as it swings about the earth at speeds upwards of 18,000 miles an hour, some 200 to 300 miles above the earth's surface.

The electronic computer was built by International Business Machines Corp. at its Poughkeepsie, N.Y., plant.

BODY RECOVERED

PORTLAND (AP)—The body of Marilyn Wagner, 10, who drowned in a boating accident on the Willamette River May 5, was recovered by sheriff's deputies Thursday.

L. Newman drowned in a futile attempt to rescue the girl after she and her father fell from the cabin of a small cruiser. The father was rescued.

Newman's body has not yet been recovered.

FLU EPIDEMIC

MADRAS (AP)—Some 2,000 Indians from flu-stricken Singapore settled down Thursday to spend five more days aboard the liner Rajula, anchored a mile and a half outside Madras port.

VANDALISM REPORTED

Five telephone directories were ripped to pieces and light bulbs broken at telephone booths in the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. building, 915 SE Mosher Ave., Roseburg police were informed today. The damage by the vandals was reported by Leonard Smith, janitor.

House And Senate Speed Action On Appropriation