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Union Bookkeeper Didn't Know Beck Had Used Funds Of Teamsters; Boss Silent

WASHINGTON — A union bookkeeper testified Thursday he first learned Dave Beck had used teamster funds when Beck repaid \$200,000 of the money in 1954. Beck, himself, invoked the Fifth Amendment for the 151st time when recalled as a witness by Senate racket investigators.

The testimony of bookkeeper Donald McDonald backed up a list of some 52 ways in which Dave Beck has misused his authority, position and trust.

The union boss was confronted with the list, but the first question put to him was whether he would tell the committee the whereabouts of his son, Dave Beck Jr.

"I decline to answer," Beck replied after a conference with his counsel, Edward B. Williams, "on grounds of possible self-incrimination."

The question followed a long discussion in which Williams sought unsuccessfully to persuade the committee to postpone ques-

tioning of Beck until after an income tax case against the union boss is disposed of in federal court.

"I think it is a breach of his rights to call him here and use this hearing as a pretrial discovery hearing for the Department of Justice," Williams argued.

Sen. Goldwater (R-Ariz.) wanted to know whether Beck, if asked to do so, would resign as Teamster president.

"My answer," Beck replied, "is that I know of no such comment (that Teamster officials may ask him to quit)."

The 52 alleged breaches of trust the committee flung at Beck as he went to the witness stand formed, actually, a capsule review of all the accusations against him in the hearings from their start to now.

Bookkeeper McDonald, of the Western Conference of Teamsters, was a surprise witness at the hearing. It had been announced in advance that the session was to hear Beck and Norman Gessert, a relative through marriage in the Beck clan.

Gessert was excused from testifying until at least Friday. This was at the request of his lawyer who said he had just taken the case.

Instead of calling Beck, the senators then put McDonald in the witness chair.

McDonald said he has been keeping books for the 11-state Western Conference since 1949 and the Seattle Teamsters Joint Council 28 building fund since 1950.

As to Beck's borrowings, he said:

"I didn't know about him using any money of the Western Conference."

McDonald said the union has a letter of "intent" now from Beck which "indicates the money was being used with the intent of repaying it right along."

McDonald confirmed reports that the Teamster president has just paid the union another \$100,000 of the money Beck contends was "borrowed."

He said this brings to \$370,000 the amounts Beck has repaid since his first repayment of \$200,000 in 1954 gave McDonald his first information that Beck owed anything.

Beck was waiting just outside the hearing room door while McDonald testified.

The portly, 62-year-old union boss came to the session in an apparently carefree mood.

He told reporters he had no intention—"none in the world"—of resigning and knew nothing of any moves to oust him.

And, he said, "I certainly do intend" to run for re-election.

Cemetery Assn. Schedules Saturday Clean-Up Session

By MRS. GEORGE MUNSON

The Coles Valley Cemetery Assn. of Umpqua will have their regular clean-up day for the cemetery Saturday. All members and those interested are urged to come early.

There will be a potluck dinner served at noon in the Umpqua Community Hall. The annual business meeting will follow the dinner.

Attend Track Meet

The principal of Umpqua School, Earl Rice, took several boys to a track meet on Thursday, at Yoncalla. Danny Baird, an Umpqua boy, won second place in the broad jump.

The Umpqua 4-H Bakeroos Club held their regular meeting at the home of their leader, Mrs. Flo Rippstein on Thursday. Most of the year's work has been completed and plans will be made for the coming Douglas County Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hunt entertained at their home on Mode Lane, with a dinner on Mothers Day for Mr. and Mrs. Dale Swinehart and sons and Mr. and Mrs. D. Moffitt.

The boys and girls baseball teams of Umpqua and Sutherlin met on the Umpqua grounds Tuesday for another game. The scores were, girls game, Umpqua 9, Sutherlin 1; boys, Umpqua 41, Sutherlin 5.

Purchase New Home

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Germond, who have lived on Millwood Drive

Tennille Ladies Plan Braised Beef Dinner

The Tennille Ladies Club will sponsor a braised beef dinner at the clubhouse in Tennille Saturday evening. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Other clubs in the community are participating and their members will furnish one-crust pies and vegetables. A program of songs, dances and skits will be presented and the public is invited.

All proceeds will be used for the expenses of the club house, reports correspondent Mrs. Walter Coats.

BPW Members Go To State Session

Roseburg Business and Professional Woman's Club members Ada Jane Dick, president; Matilda S. Rapelle, president-elect; Arta Terrell, vice president-elect; and Annie S. Klemmer, corresponding secretary, will attend the state convention at Coos Bay today through Sunday. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. at the Tioga Hotel.

Friday the members will have a fun night and Saturday incoming presidents will attend a breakfast meeting in North Bend. A reception for national representatives and incoming officers will be held Saturday evening, followed by a formal banquet.

Elizabeth Randall, dean of girls at Roseburg Senior High, spoke on scholarships from the national level to the local level at the meeting this week. She stated that Roseburg was the only city she knew of whose local organizations offered such wholehearted assistance to students by offering scholarships.

Alvin Wetherell gave a report on applications for the club scholarship awarded each year, which will be presented at the next meeting at the home of Marietta Powers on May 27.

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Indictments To Stand, Judge Rules

PORTLAND — Circuit Judge Charles W. Redding ruled Thursday it would not be necessary to dismiss indictments against four persons who said secret grand jury information had been leaked to a Senate investigating committee.

At the same time the judge ruled that if other proceedings developed that Kaplan or any member of the grand jury investigating vice and corruption here divulged secret information they would be liable to punishment.

Attorneys for Mayor Terry Schunk, Brad Williams, Oregon Journal reporter, former Deputy Dist. Atty. Howard Loneragan and Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputy George Minnelly sought dismissal of indictments against the four on their complaint grand jury information had gone to the committee.

But the judge ruled that the indictments would not necessarily be invalid even if information had been disclosed. He said, however, that if other proceedings developed that Kaplan or any member of the grand jury investigating vice and corruption here divulged secret information they would be liable to punishment.

Manley Strayer, attorney for Williams, introduced a telephone toll slip which he said showed Kaplan held a long conversation with Robert Kennedy, Senate labor racketeering investigating committee counsel, February 7.

The hearing was recessed until Thursday afternoon.

Earlier, Edwin Hicks, attorney for Schunk, said he had obtained hearing subpoenas for William Lambert and Wallace Turner, Oregonian reporters whose series of articles started the vice investigation more than a year ago.

Meantime, Judge Redding ordered Big Jim Elkins, Portland racketeer recently convicted of wiretapping, to appear in court Friday in connection with a hearing on motions attacking indictments against Clyde Crosby, Oregon Teamster Union boss.

Sorority Sates Pastry, Candy Sale Saturday

Gamma Iota chapter, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, will hold a candy, pie and cookie sale Saturday at the City Drive-In Market and Swick's Tots to Teens.

The sale will begin at 10 a.m. and proceeds donated to the Crippled Children's Hospital in Eugene.

SESSION EXPENSIVE

SALEM — The current legislative session, longest in history, will cost \$400,000 more than the most expensive previous session, Secretary of State Mark Hatfield said Wednesday.

He said that if the session ends Saturday, it would cost \$1,143,824. The 1955 session cost \$748,265.

Rummage Sale Scheduled By Gold Star Mothers

A two-day rummage sale will be sponsored by the Women's Society of the First Presbyterian Church in the church parlors today and Saturday. The sale today will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Donations will be picked up by calling either Mrs. George Caskey at OR 3-6377 or Mrs. T. L. Goodwin at OR 3-4976.



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