

# Elkins Testifies Schrunk Told Him He Could Operate Gambling Club In Portland

PORTLAND — Portland gambler Big Jim Elkins testified Wednesday that Mayor Terry Schrunk told him he could operate a gambling club here. Schrunk laughed when he heard the accusation. Elkins made the statement as a prosecution witness at Schrunk's trial on a state charge of perjury. Schrunk, 44, is accused of lying when he denied under oath before grand jury that he had picked up a bribe from another Portland gambler, Clifford O. Bennett, early the morning of Sept. 11, 1955.

Several versions of what took place on the darkened street corner that night unfolded in the state circuit court trial. A city policeman, Merlin Tiedemann, testified he saw Bennett come out of the club, which Schrunk's men were raiding, and place "something" near a drinking fountain. A few minutes later, Tiedemann said, Schrunk walked over and picked up an envelope, "approximately the size of an envelope."

## Idaho Power Company Accused And Praised

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ing" its dams would cost the taxpayer nothing. Watkins said opponents of the bill "are prepared to fight it out if it takes all summer." Among basic objections to the bill, he said, are: "If we authorize this measure, we commit the federal government to spend more than a half billion dollars to accomplish little more physically than the partial, by completed privately financed project can do. "We would subject the federal government to a possible additional loss of many additional millions of dollars which would have to be paid in indemnities to Idaho Power Co. "The authorization of the high federal dam would kill a private power development that would return 282 million dollars to the federal treasury and another 200 million to state and local taxing units in Idaho and Oregon during the next 50 years."

Watkins contended the fast amortization permit is "not a loan nor a reduction in taxes, but merely a deferral of taxes over a period of five years." Jackson, on the other hand, contended cost to the government and profit to Idaho Power will run into millions.

Mrs. Virginia Jenkins, a hat-check girl at the club, said she saw Bennett get a manila envelope that night, the same size as the one the state says Schrunk picked up. Elkins testified that he provided the bankroll for the gambling at Bennett's club and that it was \$500 short the following morning. He said he and Bennett continued their business association, with Elkins backing Bennett's gambling operations, until March, 1956.

He also said he was personally acquainted with Schrunk and that in November or December of 1955 Schrunk—who then was sheriff of Multnomah County—called him to his office and solicited a donation of money and whiskey for a convention of sheriffs and district attorneys.

Elkins wound up his testimony by saying that Schrunk told him some time after the raid that the club had "cooled off" and that it would be all right if it were reopened. Schrunk has denied the bribe accusation and has said it was a plot by gamblers to wreck his political career. Elkins touched off the year-long vice investigation here by turning over to The Oregonian a series of wire recordings which he said proved certain public officials were conspiring with Teamsters Union officers and others in vice and corruption.

## Sen. Byrd Hurls Sharp Criticism

WASHINGTON — Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) Thursday wound up his cross-examination of Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey with a 500-word "question" in which the Virginian asserted the government is "certainly skating on very thin ice" from a financial standpoint. Byrd did not ask the secretary to comment at once, but Humphrey promised to give his best judgment later as soon as he had a chance to digest the senator's views.

The Virginia senator said the nation's fiscal situation as he outlined it in his question "presents to me a picture of the most dangerous implications." Humphrey is the opening witness in the broad probe of the nation's financial condition opened Tuesday by the Finance Committee. Byrd, the committee chairman, quizzed the secretary throughout Wednesday's session and for an hour Thursday.



SHADES OF THE OLD WEST — The flavor of the old West was being captured at the Douglas County sheriff's office this week in conjunction with "Rodeo Dress-Up Week," one of the preliminaries to the Douglas County Rodeo Saturday and Sunday. Shown decked out in western togs above from left are: Undersheriff Carl Smith, James Donnelly, Mrs. Van Svaerud, Patricia Harris, Louis Suiter and Sheriff Ira C. Byrd.

## Federal Court Upholds Legality Of 'Hot Cargo'

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court has upheld the legality of "hot cargo" clauses in labor contracts.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in an opinion written by Chief Judge Charles E. Clark said Wednesday: "We do not accept the argument that 'hot cargo' clauses are against public policy. The advocates of this view ignore the statutory language to talk about secondary boycotts and the undoubted congressional dislike of them."

A "hot cargo" clause provides that employees of one firm will not handle the products of another firm where the employees' union is engaged in a dispute. The court ruling grew out of the 1955 refusal of Locals 338 and 689 of the Teamsters Union to handle products of Crowley's Milk Co., Inc., where the union was seeking collective bargaining rights. The National Labor Relations Board held the two locals guilty of unfair labor practices. In its reversal, however, the appellate court said: "The statutory language is clear; there is no violation unless the union encourages the employees to coerce the secondary employer. Where the employees are encouraged only to exercise a valid contractual right to which the employer has agreed there is no coercion."

## Justice Dept. Appeals Decision In Girard Case

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States, not of the individual soldier. The decision whether or not to exercise that right is one for the United States to make in its discretion and in the light of the best interests of the country as viewed by the government. The arrangements certainly do not confer on each accused an option to be tried by court-martial or local court as he might choose. The petition said too that "unfettered and unmeasurable damage to the foreign relations of the United States will inevitably result if its hands are to be tied by the type of judicial intervention which this respondent seeks."

Referring to Judge McGarrah's decision, that Girard's constitutional rights would be waived if he were turned over to the Japanese for trial, the petition argued that: "Under international law the foreign sovereign has complete and absolute jurisdiction in its own territory. . . and an American has no constitutional rights against exercise by Japan of its undoubted territorial jurisdiction. In seeking to speed a decision, the Justice Department asked the Supreme Court to order that Girard's counsel file an answer to Thursday's petition within the next two days."

## Officials Deny Charge In Atomic Bombs Tests

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials said today the United States is prepared to accept suspension of atomic weapons tests only under a first-step disarmament agreement providing also for halting production of nuclear weapons. President Eisenhower had created the impression at a news conference Wednesday that the United States might have reversed its policy on banning tests and might be about to accept a Russian proposal for a test moratorium separated from other major disarmament proposals.

IN BUS ACCIDENT — Mrs. Willie Dennis of Winston, Ore., was one of four persons injured Wednesday when a Continental Trailways bus plunged off U. S. Highway 40 east of here. Her injuries were described as minor.

## Carrier Franklin Roosevelt Suffers Second Accident

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt limped into port early Thursday, the victim of its second accident at sea in two months.

On board were two dead and five seriously injured crewmen. One of the injured was from Everett, Wash. They were sprayed by live steam when a pump exploded deep inside the 45,000-ton warship Wednesday. Twenty-nine other crewmen were stricken with heat prostration or exhaustion, many of them in efforts to rescue trapped comrades.

Capt. T. W. Hopkins credited heroism and the training of Navy men with holding down the number of casualties. He said "I can't pinpoint one single man" for heroism; "all are equally deserving of praise." Fifty to 60 men entered the fierce steam for rescue work or to help contain damage. The explosion blew pieces of the pump through two bulkheads as well as the steam lines. Hopkins said, however, he did not think the ship would need drydocking for repairs.

The Roosevelt is scheduled to join the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean in July. Hopkins told newsmen the ship was on a routine training exercise when the accident occurred. At 12:42 p.m., about 100 miles off the coast.

## Camas Valley Board Fails To Set Vote

Members of Camas Valley's School Board must know what it feels like to be stuck in a revolving door—with two swinging doors attached. The three-member board failed in attempts to get together on three occasions this week at special meetings arranged to settle a problem brought about by misprinted school budget election ballots. By meeting, the board had hoped to determine a new election date for the special levy figure. In the budget election held earlier this year, Camas Valley voters approved the budget, including the special levy. But later it was discovered that a misprint on half the ballots made the special levy figure read \$5,236.43, which was \$1,000 below the actual proposed levy figure.

With only one week remaining to settle on a re-voting date, a meeting of the board was scheduled for Monday. But only two members, including the chairman, showed up. Chairman James Combs decided to put the meeting over to Tuesday. Tuesday, one board member and the school district clerk showed up. No chairman and no third board member. The meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday. Before the meeting time, however, one board member instructed that he would not attend and again the meeting was cancelled.

## Missing Elkton Boy Is Turned Up Safely

State police reported that a 15-year-old Elkton boy was located near the town today after having been missing from home all night. The boy is John Paul Goldson. Police had little information about the incident other than the boy and his dog "went for a walk." A deputy sheriff said the dog returned home without his master Wednesday night.

ACTOR INJURES BACK — Actor Yul Brynner is back before the cameras after fracturing a vertebra in his back on an MGM movie lot.

## Stassen Says U. S. Would Cut Forces If Russia Agrees

LONDON — Harold Stassen told the disarmament conference Thursday the United States is ready to cut back its armed forces to 2½ million men as part of a limited East-West disarmament treaty—if Russia does the same. This would mean a cut of about 300,000 under the estimated 2,800,000 now in the U.S. armed services.

The American delegate's statement at a session of the United Nations disarmament group here made it clear the United States was attaching no political precondition to the proposal. He said, however, it must be related to an agreement providing for a suspension of nuclear weapon tests. Stassen said he would make a series of proposals at the conference to define the position of the United States. Thursday's was the first.

He said the proposed cutback of American and Soviet forces to 2½ million men should be carried out within 12 months of the signing of any treaty. Stassen added the United States was ready to consider even further reductions in force levels in its wish to meet Russia half way. He gave no indication of what the lowest ceilings might eventually be but said that they could be carried out in two further stages—depending on the solution of various political problems. This appeared to be a reference to East-West differences on the future of Germany.

## Auto Accidents Take Four Lives

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS — Highway accidents claimed at least four lives in Oregon Wednesday. Two of the victims were children.

At Salem, Sarah Kurtti, 3, one of nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Refael R. Kurtti, of rural Salem, was killed when struck by an automobile. Police said the little girl apparently was lying flat in the street at the time. They identified the driver of the car as Clark Benjamin Luchau, 17, who lived in the same neighborhood. Earlier in the day the girl's parents had reprimanded her for playing and lying in the street.

## Dimick Lauds Role Of '57 Legislature At Reedsport Meet

State Sen. Dan Dimick was guest speaker at a western Democratic meeting in Reedsport Wednesday night. He related his legislative experiences and discussed key bills passed at the last session. Taxation, education, labor and general welfare items were discussed. The senator asserted that the past session accomplished more for the people of Oregon than any prior session despite "obstructionist tactics" by holdover Republicans. Dimick predicted that the next election would remedy the 15-15 Senate tie.

Robert D. Holmes is an outstanding governor, he said, and the voters will elect a clear-cut Democratic majority in the senate to carry out the governor's bold and progressive program in 1958. Chairman Clyde DeWitt congratulated Sen. Dimick and asked that more elected officials report to the voters. This was the first of a series of such appearances by Sen. Dimick. He speaks before the Myrtle Creek Chamber of Commerce tonight at 7 p.m. at the Myrtle Hotel.

## Two Drunken Drivers Fined, Jailed By City

Two men were convicted of drunken driving in Roseburg city court Wednesday and today, and each drew five days in jail and \$100 fines. Sentenced today by acting Judge John Horn was Kermit Ocklund Perrine. His jail sentence will start June 23 at the termination of a sentence he presently is serving. Perrine was arrested by Roseburg police May 10. He changed his plea from innocent to guilty just as a trial was to start in court today.

Walter Gray, 21, of 4625 NE Stephens St., was convicted in a non-jury trial Wednesday. He was arrested May 10 by Roseburg police. The appointment of Reed Gross to the Canyonville City Council was approved this week. Gross fills a vacancy left by Lynn Jones. In other business, P. F. Wilhoit was granted a license for an ice cream and sandwich business. The matter of dog control was discussed, but tabled.

## Canyonville Councilman Appointment Approved

An ordinance was passed declaring that weeds, grass, brush and rubbish on city lots are a nuisance when they constitute a fire hazard, reports correspondent Pearl Moore.



NINE PERSONS rode this car over a 40-foot embankment on Little River Road Wednesday without serious injury. The car was stopped short of the river when it struck a tree. (Staff Photo)

## Car Carrying Nine Persons Goes Over 40-Foot Bank

A car, driven by Mrs. Guy Mullins, carrying children to Bible school in Glide plunged over a 40-foot bank on Little River Road Wednesday sending the driver and two other adult passengers to the hospital. Their injuries were reported "not serious." The car skidded on loose gravel, then crossed the road and went over the embankment, investigating state and county police said. It was stopped short of the river when it struck a tree. The car, a 1948 Nash, was a total wreck. Hospitalized were the driver; her mother, Mrs. George Neal; and the driver's daughter, Vivian.

## Appeals Court Denies Delay In Hoffa Trial

WASHINGTON — The U. S. Court of Appeals Thursday denied any new delay in the conspiracy-bribery trial of Teamsters Midwest Boss James R. Hoffa. The trial was due to resume Thursday afternoon and proceed with selection of a jury. Counsel for Hoffa and a co-defendant argued before the Appeals Court Thursday morning for at least a week's continuance on the ground the defense had not had sufficient time for preparation. A delay until October also was sought on the ground that an "avalanche" of publicity regarding the Senate racket committee hearings prevented a fair trial now. The motions were denied a short time later by the Appeals Court without comment.

## Hungary Accuses U. S. Attache Of Taking Pictures

BUDAPEST — Hungary's Communist regime Thursday accused Col. Welwyn F. Dallam Jr., U.S. air attache here, of photographing military objectives. It ordered him to leave the country within a week. Col. Dallam's ouster came less than a month after the government of Premier Janos Kadar ordered the U.S. legation to cut its Budapest staff. As a result, nearly half the legation's American employes will leave by July 6. In April the foreign minister made espionage accusations against Capt. Thomas R. Gleason, assistant Army attache, and put him out of Hungary on 48 hours notice. Col. Dallam said he plans to leave Tuesday. He has been in Hungary more than two years and was due for transfer at the end of this summer. The three-page Hungarian note said Col. Dallam took photographs of military objectives even before last fall's anti-Russian revolt, and was active during and after it.

## HUBCAPS STOLEN

Charlie Starns, an employee of the St.illard Motor Co., reported to the sheriff today that eight hubcaps from two cars had been stolen from the company.

## Swedish Air Attache's Daughter, Page Boy Come Out Of Hiding

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — The pretty blonde daughter of a Swedish air attache and a Senate page boy—whose parents feared they were rushing into romance—too fast—emerged from 15 days of hiding Thursday only to run afoul of a highway speed patrol. State police stopped Christina Wennerstrom, 16, and Huw Williams, 18, as they sped along U.S. 15 on their way back to Washington from Canada.

State Police Sgt. Leray Faulrod quoted the girl as saying she and young Williams had been married in Charles Town, W. Va., after leaving their homes June 2 and that they had spent most of the last two weeks at Wisagan, Ontario, near Toronto. However, her mother—who put through a hasty telephone call to the state police barracks at nearby Montoursville, Pa., when informed the couple had been found—said Christina denied she was married. Christina and the page boy she met at a school dance had been the object of an intense police search since they disappeared shortly before her father, Col. Stig Wennerstrom, was due to return to his homeland for reassignment.

The father since has gone back to Sweden but Mrs. Wennerstrom remained in Washington while the search for her daughter continued.

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