

J. Hoffa Confronted With Big Business Transaction His Wife Was Involved In

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (AP)—Teamster boss James R. Hoffa was confronted Tuesday with evidence his wife and a friend—the wife of another union official—ran a \$4,000 stake into \$125,000 dealing with a firm for which Hoffa helped settle a strike.

Hoffa, in the witness chair of the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee, did not dispute the figures presented by committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy but said Kennedy apparently was speaking of profits "before taxes."

"Oh, did they pay taxes," Kennedy said.

The profitable business dealings of the two women, dating back to 1949, were developed as Kennedy dug into the background years of the 44-year-old Midwest Teamsters chief, now risen to the point where he seems heir apparent to national leadership in this country's biggest union.

Kennedy went too into Hoffa's police record, and brought from the witness an acknowledgment that he once returned more than \$7,500 to some grocers after he had been charged with extortion.

On this, Hoffa protested that the charge had been reduced to a misdemeanor and contended the matter was being put in an unfair light in its presentation at the committee's hearings.

Mrs. Bert Brennan, wife of the president of Teamsters Local No. 357 in Michigan, was named as Mrs. Hoffa's partner in the business venture.

Under Kennedy's questions, Hoffa said the two women used their maiden names—Mrs. Hoffa's was Josephine Poszywak and Mrs. Brennan's was Alice Johnson—to set up a firm in 1949 known as Test Fleet.

Hoffa said he thinks they incorporated it in Tennessee.

The firm engaged in leasing motor equipment to an automobile hauling company named Commercial Carriers.

Hoffa said he had helped to settle what he called an illegal strike against Commercial Carriers in 1949.

Sen. Ervin (D-N.C.) remarked that Hoffa's putting a private trucking business in the name of his wife and having it incorporated in Tennessee indicated some effort to hide his own connection with it.

Hoffa said he could understand how it might appear that way. He said he thought Tennessee was chosen as the place of incorpa-

tion because of some sales tax situation.

He said the wives used their maiden names "for the purpose of not involving them in some of the labor suits that I as a labor representative get involved in."

The 44-year-old Hoffa was brought to the stand as the culmination of three weeks of hearings into charges that he placed rackets in key New York Teamsters Union posts to capture union political control of the area for Hoffa.

Kennedy asked how many times Hoffa had been arrested.

"I don't know, Bob," Hoffa said. "I think it was about 17 times I was picked up. In many instances the charges were dismissed but in three of these cases there were convictions."

Kennedy said in one case the grand jury charged Hoffa with extortion in the collection of money from some grocers.

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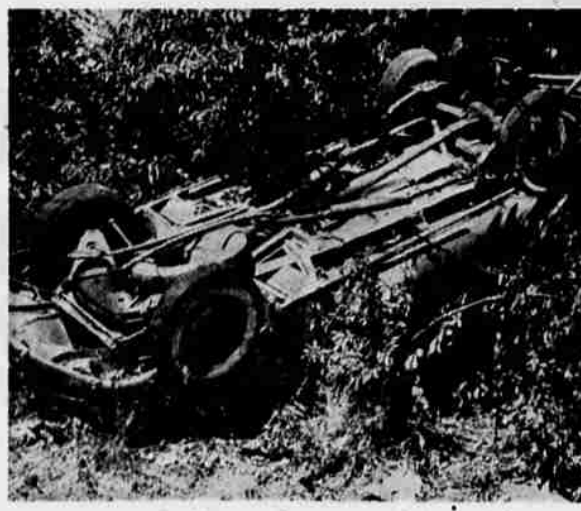
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TOTALLY WRECKED—Occupants of this 1953 sedan escaped serious injury when it went out of control and plunged over the bank on Highway 99 about 500 feet south of the Green Bridge Monday. Taken to Community Hospital by Walt's Ambulance were Gerald Griesse, 17, Dillard, and Terry Counts, 16. Winston Griesse was hospitalized with bruises and contusions of the back with his condition listed as satisfactory this morning. Counts, said to be the driver of the car, was released when he was found to be uninjured. (Kash photo)

Ex-Boxer Held For Attempt On Costello's Life

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (AP)—A burly ex-boxer accused of trying to murder racketeer Frank Costello last May was held without bail in felony court Tuesday for a further hearing Thursday.

Vincent L. (The Chim) Gigante, 29, did not plead to the charge of attempted murder, which was placed against him Monday night seven hours after he surrendered voluntarily at midtown police station.

Gigante's lawyer, David M. Markowitz, said his client was 500 miles from the scene at the time of the shooting and first heard of it "on television."

Gigante told Markowitz he "nobly identified me" a reference to witnesses who were paraded past him Monday.

The lawyer said Gigante was living "about 500 miles out of New York" during the months police were seeking to question him, but said he did not know the precise location.

Markowitz protested in court attempts to set bail as high as \$150,000 on Gigante, and said he would rather have no bail than an amount that large.

"There's nothing here more than an ordinary assault," Markowitz said. "Just because it's some person who is in the public eye doesn't make it attempted murder."

Gigante had been held overnight pending his arraignment.

President Hopeful Senate Will Vote More Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (AP)—President Eisenhower was described Tuesday as "quite hopeful" the Senate will vote more foreign aid money than the House did. Shortly after his view was reported by Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) the Senate Appropriations Committee agreed to hear further from the administration.

Knowland said after the regular Tuesday morning White House conference of GOP congressional leaders that Eisenhower hopes the Senate will restore a good part of the \$99 million dollars cut out of the bill to finance military and economic assistance abroad in the year that began July 1.

Then the appropriation group, which met in closed session with advance indications it might take action, put off all decisions at least 24 hours.

Chairman Hayden (D-Ariz.) told reporters that witnesses from the Defense Department and the International Cooperation Administration (ICA) will be questioned at a hearing at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

"A number of the senators expressed a desire to get a further clarification of some of the figures, including carryover funds from previous years," Hayden said.

Hayden was asked who moved for the postponement. He replied that several of the senators wanted "more detailed information."

Adjournment May Be Delayed By Rights Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (AP)—Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) said Tuesday adjournment of Congress may be delayed until sometime next month because of the squabble over civil rights legislation.

Congressional leaders previously had talked of winding up this session no later than the end of the month.

Knowland, the Senate minority leader, expressed his views at the White House after he and other GOP congressional leaders had held their regular conference with President Eisenhower.

At the same time, House Republican leader Martin of Massachusetts said he is "not adverse to a compromise" on civil rights so long as any such move "would strengthen the civil rights bill passed by the Senate."

Eisenhower has sharply criticized the Senate version. The bill approved by the House follows administration recommendations.

Although Martin spoke of willingness to compromise, he said in response to a question that he is not willing to accept a compromise suggested by Rep. Celler (D-N.Y.).

The Senate added to the House bill a requirement for jury trials in all federal contempt of court cases. Eisenhower has singled out that provision for criticism, saying it would tend to weaken the courts.

The civil rights bill is now stymied in the House Rules Committee, but a group of northern Democrats has moved to put it before the House for action.

Aged Woman Feels Fine After Ordeal On Mountain Slope

WHITE SALMON, Wash. (AP)—A 76-year-old grandmother who said she felt just fine when rescued from the slopes of Mt. Adams early Monday, continued under observation in a hospital here Tuesday.

At first following her rescue Mrs. Luella (Betsy) Leathers, scoured use of an ambulance, turned to her home here and said she was going to set about her normal household chores.

But a chest pain some hours later prompted her to call her doctor who ordered her into the hospital.

Tuesday morning the physician said she was suffering from bronchitis, might possibly have a touch of pneumonia and "has some heart difficulty." But, he added, he considered her condition "quite satisfactory."

Mrs. Leathers, who became lost while berry picking Sunday and was found after a search of some 14 hours, will remain in the hospital for several days her physician said. He called this routine for people of her age because "we don't know how much reserve they've got left."

Unander Isn't Ready To Say If He's Candidate

PORTLAND, Aug. 19 (AP)—State Treasurer Sig Unander said Monday night that reports that he will seek the Republican nomination for governor are "in the realm of speculation."

Unander, mentioned as a candidate against Democratic Gov. Robert D. Holmes, said he hasn't made up his mind as to how he can perform the best service for the people, and that he first would have to find out how much support he would get if he ran for the state's top office.

Unander appeared on a television panel KGW-TV, and was questioned by Tom Lawson McCall, TV commentator; Tom Humphrey, editor at large of the Oregon Journal; and Mervin Shoemaker, political editor of The Oregonian.

Unander severely criticized the state's tax structure, saying that high income and property taxes are preventing industry from locating in the state.

But he avoided answering questions as to whether he would support a sales tax, saying that the subject deserves study.

He proposed that industry be polled as to why it doesn't locate in Oregon.

Unander also renewed his proposal that a study be made to see whether 11 million dollars of surplus state tax revenues should be returned to the taxpayers.

He said a special session of the Legislature would be necessary to return the money, and added that there's a good chance that the Legislature wouldn't vote to return the surplus, anyway.

The Legislature, he said, might vote to spend the surplus instead of returning it to the people.

Highway Lifesavers Select Local Area For Driver Course

Roseburg and Douglas County have been selected by the Highway Lifesavers Committee of Oregon Citizens as one of 10 counties where a free course in driver instruction will be offered in teaching one person the fundamentals of safe driving.

The free course is being offered to one member of the County Highway Lifesavers Committee, or to a person designated by it, so that the Committee would have at least one technically trained driver who could teach others in the county.

The course will be given by Leonard B. McKellar, plant personnel assistant of the plant safety department for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. in Portland, which has a state-wide driver training program for its vehicle drivers.

McKellar will be in Roseburg on Wednesday, and Robert G. Davis, Roseburg, chairman of the Highway Lifesavers Committee in Douglas County, will work with him in setting up the course for the one designated person.

The purpose of the training program in 10 different counties is to have at least one person in the County Highway Lifesavers Committee who would be a consultant and teacher of those desiring fundamental training in safe driving.

St. Helens Official Dies At His Home

Ollie C. Slonaker, resident of W. Ball Street, died early this morning at his home. He was superintendent of the St. Helens Wood Products.

He is survived by his wife, Stella, Roseburg, and two sons, William, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jack, of the Hawaiian Islands.

The body has been removed to The Chapel of the Roses and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

San Francisco Veteran Dies At VA Hospital

William A. Goley, 64, formerly of San Francisco, died Saturday at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

He had been a patient there for 14 months. He was born Oct. 30, 1892, in North Carolina. He served in the Army in World War I.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Taylor of Van Nuys, Calif., and Mrs. Dorothy Koefeld of Denton, Tex. Graveside funeral services will be held at the Veterans Administration Cemetery Wednesday at 11 a.m. Ganz Mortuary of Myrtle Creek is in charge of arrangements.

Negro Family Meets Protest At New Home

LEVITTOWN, Pa. (AP)—A Negro family moved into this all-white community under police protection Monday. Some residents greeted his arrival with jeers and stone throwing.

"All I want to do is be a good neighbor and I hope others do the same," said William J. Myers, 34, in his new ranch-style home.

Last night, 42 state policemen were busy keeping some 250 protesting neighbors in this sprawling development of 15,000 homes pushed back two blocks from Myers' home.

Rocks were hurled and a troop and a news photographer were struck. One man was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Twenty-two troopers lined up with riot sticks and forced the crowd back. The sticks were used on one resident who Wicker said was cursing officers and resisting the police line.

By midnight, all but a handful of the crowd had returned to their modernistic, low-slung houses.

Boy, 13, Found Chained To Bed

CEREDO, W. Va. (AP)—The parents of a 13-year-old boy found chained to his bed were released in \$500 bail Tuesday.

Robert Adkins, 36, and his wife, Dorothy, about 32, were arrested Monday night by policemen waiting for them when they returned home. They were charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor and waived preliminary hearing.

The boy, Charles Adkins, was found Monday manacled to a bed by a chain and padlock. The officers freed him with a hacksaw and hatched.

The youth told police his father put him in chains before he went to work in nearby Huntington because "I ran off yesterday and stayed a long time."

The mother was away from the house when the police investigated after getting complaints from neighbors. A 13-year-old child was caring for five other children, the youngest about nine months old.

House Approves Atomic Reactors

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (AP)—The House passed and sent to the Senate Tuesday a bill providing for government construction of atomic reactors, including two projects at the Hanford Works in Washington State.

The bill, worked out by a Senate-House committee after the two branches had disagreed on details, authorizes the Atomic Energy Commission to proceed with a \$32 million dollar construction program subject to appropriations to be provided in a separate measure.

Most of the construction projects are noncontroversial items in the AEC's regular program.

House action ahead of the Senate came as something of a surprise.

Hoffa Denies Plan To Form Single Nationwide Union

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (AP)—James R. Hoffa said Tuesday he has no idea of forming a single nationwide union of all types of transportation workers.

Saying he favors a loose-knit advisory group of present separate unions, the Midwest boss of the Teamsters Union told the Senate Rackets Committee he was recently misquoted about his ideas on the subject. The Teamsters Union represents truckers, warehouse workers and related groups.

The matter was brought up by Sen. Ives (R-N.Y.), who said he was "bothered no end" by the idea that Hoffa was fostering a single nationwide union of all truck, air, rail and dock employees.

"A strike by such a group could paralyze the nation," Ives said.

Hoffa said he had no such idea. Anyway, he added the human element would serve to prevent the separate unions from such collaboration.

What he has in mind, he said, is an informal council of the separate unions to iron out mutual problems, not get into joint bargaining endeavors.

Ives said he was asking the questions because he was assuming, from what he has read in the papers, that Hoffa is going to be elected to succeed Dave Beck as president of the Teamsters, the nation's largest single labor union. Beck has said he will not seek re-election.

Referring to Hoffa's candidacy for the top Teamsters job, Ives said: "You know now what's coming; I can see you anticipate it." Hoffa broke out in a wide grin, but said nothing.

Leukemia Blamed For Death Of Boy

Allen Blaine DeGnath, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. August J. DeGnath of Olalla, died at a local hospital Monday following a prolonged illness. His death was attributed to leukemia. He was born at Roseburg on Dec. 9, 1950.

Surviving besides his parents are four sisters and one brother, Laura DeGnath, Roseburg, Mrs. R. W. (Irene) Meredith, Albany, Mrs. W. F. (Delores) Loftin, Imperial Beach, Calif., Mrs. Leonard (Shirley) Moritz, Hawthorne, Calif., and Norman DeGnath, Olalla.

His body has been removed to the Long & Orr Mortuary and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Subcommittee Okays Moore Site Transfer

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by the historical society to gain title to the property for a museum.

The land had been deeded to the federal government years ago when Miss Moore, a pioneer daughter, died. She bequeathed in her will that the property was to be used as a museum.

Former Proposal

The historical society had once proposed moving the house to the city park lot beside the old city library, then combining the two buildings for the museum.

That was after the House a year ago approved another bill which would give the house over to the city to give in turn to the society. However, the lot didn't go with that deal.

The Historical Society, led by Mrs. V. J. Micallef, protested, and Rep. Porter promissed action.

After several witnesses and the Department of Interior reported favorably on the bill, the subcommittee approval was made.

Supporters of the bill included the late Mrs. Douglas Waite of Roseburg, granddaughter of Oregon's first territorial governor, Gen. Joseph Lane, who stayed at times with the Moore family in the house which still stands.

Sent Affidavit

She sent an affidavit to the subcommittee, as did Mrs. George A. Wilcox, Oakland, stating that they knew Miss Moore and her wish for establishment of a museum.

Award of the lot apparently came after a letter from Robert Caley, chairman of the Central Labor Council here, was read. It said that part of the building probably would be destroyed if there was an attempt to move it.

Another witness was a member of the subcommittee, Rep. Earl Chudoff, Pennsylvania, who said he had inspected the property while a member of a congressional joint committee on federal timber policies. The joint committee toured the Northwest in November 1955, stopping in Roseburg for a one-day hearing.

The Bureau of the Budget had opposed the bill, but the opposition was overridden by the subcommittee action.

The Department of Interior report, which has jurisdiction over the property now reported that the house, built by Edwin Moore, Miss Moore's father, in the late 1860's, was one of the oldest in Oregon.

A bill similar to Porter's has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger.

Syria Asks U.N. To Probe U.S. Mid-East Action

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—Syria Tuesday instructed its United Nations delegation to call the attention of the Security Council to a "serious threat to Middle East peace" stemming from an alleged American plot against the Syrian regime.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Syria did not demand any specific action by the Security Council.

Relations between Syria and the United States have been sagging steadily and reached a new low with Syria's announcement that it has broken off diplomatic relations with the United States, demanding the oust of President Shukri Kuwatly.

On the basis of this accusation, Syria last week ordered three members of the U.S. Embassy staff to leave the country.

Syrian Foreign Minister Salah Bitar blames the Eisenhower Middle East doctrine for the poor relations between the two countries, contending the doctrine aims at destroying the independence of the Arab world and delivering it "into Zionism and imperialism."

Alleged Drunk Driver Asks Lawyer's Advice

Time is an attorney was granted to Chester Edward Wellington, 44, 614 NE Clover Lane, Monday by Sutherlin Justice of the Peace Ward Watson. Wellington was arrested by a sheriff's deputy on a drunk driving charge and is free on \$100 bond.

Fred Robert Siles, 52, 417 SE Sikes St. was fined \$23 by Judge Watson for being drunk on a public highway. He was arrested by state police.

Man Forfeits Bail On Conduct Charge

Bail of \$35 posted on a disorderly conduct charge was forfeited Monday by Leonard Steven Smith, 34, 421 SE Main St., when he failed to appear in municipal court. Smith's wife, Georgia, 39, pleaded guilty to the same charge and was fined \$25 by Judge Randolph Slocum. The couple was arrested by Roseburg police following a disturbance in front of a downtown bar.

Ballon Sets Altitude Record, Begins Descent

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interrupted by a vivid display of the Aurora Borealis.

"I have a ringside view of the heavens—it is indescribable," was the terse radio message ground trackers received from Simons.

The giant polyethylene bag, 280 feet long and 200 in diameter, was launched from a 450-foot-deep mine pit here at 9:30 a.m. Monday.

Aside from condition reports, ground crews tracking the ballon said Simons' radio is used mostly for data to be used in evaluating man's chance for survival in outer space. He also is taking hundreds of pictures.

Col. J. W. McCurdy of the Air Force evaluation team on the ground, said Simons had reached the estimated 100,000 feet over Detroit Lakes-Fergus Falls, Minn. last night. The previous mark for manned balloons, 96,000 feet, was set in June by Air Force Capt. Joseph Kittinger in a test run for the current project.

TEST OFF AGAIN

ATOMIC TEST SITE, Nev. (AP)—Stormy weather has delayed "Doppler" code name for the Atomic Energy Commission's 13th nuclear test this year. It is tentatively scheduled for tomorrow morning.

STRIKE ENDED

SINGAPORE (AP)—A 44-day-old strike of nearly 1,000 employees of Singapore's telephone board has been called off after intervention by Chief Lim Yew Hock.

SALESMAN NAMED

Mark S. Bailey this week was announced as a new sales representative of Plywood Service, Inc., for California, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah.

AT MINNEAPOLIS

Jack West, who owns the Diamond Shop, Roseburg, was among the 30 national directors of Jewel House, Inc., who attended the annual meeting of the organization's board of directors in Minneapolis, Minn., last week.

Guest Speaker Sunday At Westside Church

Wendell Wagner, a student last year at Northwest Christian College in Eugene, and a resident of Winston, will be guest speaker Sunday at the Westside Christian Church.

He will be speaking in the absence of the pastor, George Knox, who is on vacation. Wagner has spoken several times at youth, and other church meetings. He will speak at the 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. services.

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