

Senate Investigators Seek Answer: Where Did Bobby Baker Get Cash?

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Rules Committee set out today to find the answer to the former Senator Bobby Baker's question: "Where did Bobby Baker get all that cash—mostly in \$100 bills?"

"I think that is the big point raised," said Sen. Carl T. Curtis, R-Neb., of Tuesday's initial public hearing into Baker's outside interests. Curtis, a committee member, said the question

would be pursued in future hearings and asked of Baker himself when the former secretary of Senate Democrats is called to testify.

Gertrude C. Novak, blonde widow of a Baker business partner, testified at the televised public kick-off of the inquiry that Baker gave her \$31,000 or \$32,000, and perhaps more, to be deposited in accounts of the Caroussel Motel, in which the Bakers and Novaks were partners.

The committee staff was reported to be following up two leads that might uncover the source of the cash which, according to Mrs. Novak, was "mostly" in \$100 bills. On one occasion, Mrs. Novak said she and Baker's attractive secretary, Carole Tyler, counted out \$13,300 from money in Baker's desk and the rest was placed in a locked file cabinet in his Capitol office.

No further public hearings were scheduled this year, but there was a possibility that Chairman B. Everett Jordan, D-N. C., would try to lay additional groundwork by taking more closed-door testimony before Congress adjourns.

President Johnson signed an order Tuesday night making available to the committee Baker's income tax file. The Senate investigators had requested the file and the action generally is routine in such cases.

There were indications that Baker's involvement in vending machine enterprises may figure in public hearings shortly after the start of the new year. Much of the preliminary testimony taken in closed session has centered on that phase of Baker's activities.

Baker's outside financial interests were catapulted into the news in September when he was

sued, along with a vending machine company named Serv-U and other defendants, by Capitol Vending. The suit contends that Baker was paid by Capitol to secure and maintain a \$300,000-a-year vending machine contract at Melpar, Inc., an electronics firm in nearby Virginia.

Russians Say More Defense Cuts Studied

MOSCOW (UPI)—The Soviet Union, which has announced a \$660 million cutback in military spending over the next two years, said today that the possibility of "some further reduction" in the strength of its armed forces is being contemplated.

The disclosure was made by Pravda, the Communist party newspaper, as discussion continued in the Supreme Soviet on the budget and economic plan for 1964 and 1965.

The military spending cuts were announced to the Supreme Soviet Monday. They are part of the steps Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev is taking to provide funds for his \$46 billion program to triple the capacity of the chemical industry in the next seven years. He hopes to use the increased production of chemical fertilizers to solve his farm crisis.

Pravda charged the United States was trying to "aggravate tensions and worsen the atmosphere around Cuba" and "revolutionary Cuba will not remain defenseless if attacked by aggressors."

But at the same time, the newspaper called for peaceful coexistence between the capitalist and Communist world.

"The U.S.S.R. not only calls for a bigger effort aimed at improving the international climate," it said. "It seals its readiness for this by important practical deeds."

"The possibility of some further reduction in the numerical strength of the Soviet armed forces is now under consideration. This peace gesture is another contribution by the USSR to the improvement in the international climate, to the cause of peace."

Baptists Slate Yule Programs

The Roseburg First Southern Baptist Church has scheduled two events of major interest during the Christmas season, according to the pastor, the Rev. Lester P. Stone.

This Friday at 8 p.m. the church will be host to the Youth Choir of the Klamath Falls First Baptist Church which will present a concert of sacred music. The public is invited to attend this concert which will feature anthems, negro spirituals and Christmas music. The Klamath Falls choir has been evaluated as outstanding among Southern Baptist churches in the Pacific Northwest, according to Stone. The program will be approximately an hour in length and will be directed by David Ham.

On Sunday, Dec. 22, at the 7 p.m. service the Roseburg church will present its annual Christmas program featuring the children's department. It will consist of musical presentations and recitations appropriate to the season. There will be a short message by the pastor. The public is invited to attend.



BACK TO TREE—Mrs. Sybil Burton returns to pre-Christmas chores in her New York apartment today after she had obtained a Mexican divorce from actor Richard Burton. Sybil, 36, won custody of the Burtons' children, Katherine, 6, and Jessica, 4. She charged cruel and inhuman treatment. (UPI Telephoto)

Presses Roll On First Copies Of JFK Assassination Book

NEW YORK (UPI)—Production of the United Press International - American Heritage hard cover book on the assassination of President Kennedy was placed on an around-the-clock basis Tuesday with a first press run of three-quarters of a million copies.

Forms for the 144-page illustrated volume were locked up this week, and the printing started at two plants.

Two binderies, with a total capacity for handling 60,000 copies a day, will begin shipping orders to UPI subscribers shortly after the first of the year. All copies are scheduled to be shipped in the first week of January.

Meanwhile, at the Roseburg News-Review, orders for the book were far beyond expectations. At the last count, almost 1,000 of the books had been ordered. Orders will continue to be taken at the News-Review through Dec. 23. If the cost of \$2 (or \$2.25 for those to be mailed) is paid in advance, those placing these orders will receive their books first. Those who have ordered but have not paid will then receive their books.

Because of the great demand for the books, it may not be possible to fill all the orders from the first press run. However, efforts will be made to fill all orders during January.

When the joint project was announced on Dec. 2, plans were made for a press run of 250,000. A flood of orders by UPI subscribing newspapers and broadcasters for resale to readers and listeners increased

Sheriff's Posse Has Election Of Officers

Willis Allen was elected captain of the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse at a meeting of the group this month.

Frank Gaylor is first lieutenant; Justin Estes, second lieutenant in charge of drills; Everett Partin, second lieutenant in charge of games; and Don Martin, secretary-treasurer.

On the board of directors with Allen are Larry Strode, C. (Tolly) Tollefson, George Jameson and Darrell Hanneman.

Thousands Of West Berliners Line Up For Christmas Passes

BERLIN (UPI)—Thousands of West Berliners waited for hours in bitter cold today to obtain passes for Christmas visits to Communist East Berlin for the first time in three years.

Arrangements to permit an estimated 800,000 West Berliners with relatives in the Communist-controlled Eastern sector to cross the Red-built anti-refugee wall for Christmas were completed Tuesday.

The East Germans opened 12 offices in West Berlin today to process applications for the passes, being issued for the first time since the wall was built in August, 1961.

Each pass will be good for a one-day visit on any day from 7 a.m. to midnight, starting Thursday and ending Jan. 5. The visiting deadline is extended to 5 a.m. on New Year's Eve.

One man, Dieter Gehrke, 31,

a locksmith, said he and his wife wanted to see his wife's mother, "bringing all the food we can carry."

The pass applications—about the size of a postcard—were issued by East German postal workers, who were wearing new uniforms for the occasion. There was one pass office in each of West Berlin's 12 boroughs.

Christa Schlieve, 22, one of the applicants, said she wanted a pass for Dec. 22 to visit her husband's mother and father.

In line since 4:45 a.m., Christa said she hadn't eaten since Tuesday night.

"I've been too excited," she added, her eyes glowing.

The pass agreement was negotiated between West and East Berlin officials for what both sides said were "humane reasons."

and Western Allied authorities said the arrangement had changed nothing in their view that the East German and East Berlin regimes are legally non-existent.

But the Communists lost no time in making propaganda out of the agreement, while the West Berlin and West German press warned that the city must be on its guard to see that the arrangement cannot be used to undermine the city's position.

The visits will be the first permitted West Berliners since 12 days after the Communists built the wall on Aug. 13, 1961, splitting the city and many of its families.

East Berliners, sealed behind the wall and guarded against escape attempts, will get no chance to come to West Berlin under the visiting agreement. If they did, there would be no way for the Communists to make them come back.

Sale Of Savings Bonds Gain In November

Sales of U. S. Savings Bonds in Douglas County through Nov. 30 were over \$80,000 above the figure for the same period in 1962.

The year's sales totaled \$707,945, as compared to the figure for the first 11 months of 1962 of \$624,492.

For the month of November, the figure was \$56,904. During the previous November, the November total was \$51,055, reports county chairman L. J. Fullerton.

On the state level, the total through November is \$31,988,770, a gain of 8.3 per cent over the same period of 1962.



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my Christmas Electric
Dishwasher. Think how
glad I'd be to have it now
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dishes, glasses, flatware, pots
and pans during the holiday
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P.S.: Santa—
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want an Electric Dishwasher!

House Gets Water Bill

The U.S. House of Representatives Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has received a water bill which 4th District Rep. Robert Duncan calls "one of the three most important conservation bills before the House this session."

The bill is designed to help solve water problems of the state with the help of research. "This bill will be of particular help to the 4th District," he said. "In Southwestern Oregon, only 137,041 acres of farm land out of a total farm area of 2,437,479 acres is currently able to be irrigated. We also have a continuing problem of water pollution," he continued.

Duncan said he had long been worried about the future supply of fresh water in the entire state. "Oregonians tend to take their water supply for granted. We can no longer afford to do this, as it is becoming more scarce and more polluted by the day," he said.

The bill, if enacted, would provide up to \$950,000 for each state over the next 10 years to finance a research center to conduct investigations, experiments and the training of scientists in the fields of water and resources which affect water. The center in Oregon would be located at Oregon State University.

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