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Truck Firms Get Threat From Hoffa

CHICAGO (UPI)—Teamsters President James R. Hoffa has threatened to call a strike against six nationwide trucking firms if a new national agreement is not reached by next Wednesday.

"I have notified the industry that six trucking firms, all of which have terminals in Chicago, will be struck here and the strike will spread to their operations throughout the country," Hoffa told trucking negotiators and federal mediators Wednesday.

Hoffa and trucking firm negotiators said that many issues, most of them minor, have been agreed upon, but sessions have bogged down on economic issues, including wages, vacations and pension plans.

Hoffa has been engaged in negotiations here seeking a national trucking contract covering 400,000 union members. The talks were scheduled to continue through this week, including Saturday.

Would be Selective
The strike, if called, would be "selective," Hoffa said. The companies, which he did not name, will include two with Western operations, two operating in the East, and two in the South, he said.

Several Chicago trucking officials called Teamster demands "exorbitant."
It was reported the final proposal of the unions calls for a three-year contract with pay increases of 10 cents an hour the first year, 8 cents the second year and 10 cents the third year.

The Teamsters also asked for increases in the pension and health and welfare payments of \$5 a week for each employee with \$1.50 the first year, \$1.50 the second year and \$2 the third year. The truckers now pay \$10 a week into the funds.

Eugene McCarron, general manager of the Illinois Motor Truck Operators Association, said the Teamster demands would necessitate a 15 per cent increase in trucking rates.

Planned Bargaining
Hoffa has sought a national contract for some time. He personally master-minded bargaining that led to contract expiration dates ranging between December, 1963, and September, 1964, so he could negotiate a national contract.

The national contract idea has been supported by some of the big national trucking firms who say it would bring about uniformity in the industry and halt undercutting by some truckers.

Hoffa has been holding down on wage demands in order to obtain a national contract. He has been seeking a three-year, 60-cent package broken up into 30 cents for wages and the rest in fringe benefits.

The nationwide minimum of \$3.03 an hour has been established for truckers and some are getting minimums as high as \$3.27.

Bus Sale To Cubans Angers U.S. Solons

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A British firm's sale of \$11 million worth of buses to Cuba provoked angry congressional criticism today not only of Britain but of U.S. policy as well.

The sale, one of the largest single transactions by a non-Communist nation with Cuba in recent years, was concluded despite the U.S. government's expression of opposition to the British during negotiations.

U. S. regulations prohibit American firms from selling anything but medical supplies and certain foods to Cuba. The United States has never been



PRESIDENT SPEAKS — President Johnson is shown at the Capital in Washington delivering his first State of the Union message to a joint session of Congress Wednesday. Behind him are House Speaker John McCormack, left, and President Pro Tem of the Senate Carl Hayden. (UPI Telephoto)

Visitor Almost Took 'Cleaning'

CALDWELL, N. J. (UPI)—A Uruguayan was almost taken to the cleaners Wednesday, but came out in good shape thanks to a 23-year-old Bible student.

Carlos Salguero, sales manager for a tobacco company in Montevideo, Uruguay came here three weeks ago with a wife to visit old friends.

He followed along a tuxedo for evening wear, and 55 \$100 bills, which he stuffed into a pocket of the tux for safe keeping.

His wife unknowingly took the tuxedo to Katter's Dry Cleaners — with the money still in the pocket.

Shelton Thompson, 23, a Bible student and part-time worker at the store, came across the money while processing the suit. He gave it to the store owner, who put it in a safe and returned it when Salguero arrived Wednesday.

"I feel like a fool," said Salguero. "But a happy fool."

Rockefeller Adds Medford Speech

PORTLAND (UPI)—Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York has added a Medford speech to his Oregon visit Feb. 6-8.

A spokesman for the Republican presidential nomination candidate said Rockefeller would speak at a Lincoln Day dinner in Medford the night of Feb. 7.

Earlier that day he gives a luncheon speech to the Portland Realty Board. On Feb. 8 he will speak at the state Junior Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting in the Salem Armory.

Rockefeller is scheduled to arrive in Portland the evening of Feb. 6.

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DALLAS (UPI)—Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald, convinced her husband shot President Kennedy, today prepared for the task of burning deeper the assassin brand on the man she loved.

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fired a sniper's bullet at former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker.

After this testimony, expected behind closed doors this month, the 22-year-old Russian-born woman will start building a new life in a strange land for herself and the couple's two young daughters.

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Nov. 25 at Fort Worth, has been under guard by Secret Service agents since Oswald was arrested. She asked for the protection, but Martin said she was free to move as she pleased.

Her time is spent in a secret motel or hotel rooms. She has moved several times, taking Rachael, 2 months, and June, who is nearly 2 years old, with her. She watches television and often cried when the face of Jacqueline Kennedy appeared on the screen.

Donations have come in for the family, totaling about \$28,000. The Southern Baptist Convention has urged its members to send her money.

Father Of 10 Held In Fiery Death Of Wife

VALE, Ore. (UPI)—Malheur County sheriff's officers today took custody of a father of 10 children who was indicted by a grand jury for first-degree murder in the burning death of his wife.

The indictment against Wilford Harris, 39, Salem, was returned early this morning here. Dist. Atty. John Hutchins said the count accused Harris of "deliberate and premeditated malice" in killing his wife, Vera, 37, by "burning her to death."

Mrs. Harris' body was found in a burned automobile 50 miles north of Jordan Valley, Ore., late the night of Dec. 16, 1963. Oregon State Police records had listed the death as the result of a traffic accident.

British Press Raps U.S. Bid To Halt Bus Sales To Cuba

LONDON (UPI)—The British press today ridiculed U. S. attempts to halt the sale of British buses to Cuba. Newspapers accused the United States of using blackmail and double standards.

There were indications that another ally of the United States, Spain, was determined to go ahead with trade with Premier Fidel Castro's regime despite U. S. disapproval. Informal sources in Madrid believe Spain will build about 100 ships for Cuba worth about \$500 million.

In both the ship deal and the agreement to sell Cuba \$11.2 million worth of British double-decker buses, the argument used by the sellers is the same: If the United States can sell

millions of dollars worth of grain to the Soviet Union and its satellites in Europe, other Western nations ought to be able to do business with Cuba.

Britain said it has no legal means to stop the sale of buses by the Leyland Motors Co. Government sources noted that Britain is not participating in the American trade boycott of Cuba and that the buses have no strategic value.

The British press was more outspoken.
"For the love of Pete!" the London Daily Mail exploded.

"The fact is that the United States applies double standards when it comes to trade with the Communists," it added. "Both the administration and Congress approved the sale of wheat to the Soviet Union — and rightly so. But we could argue that filling a Russian belly is far more strategic than saving Cuba."

The dispute has caused irritation on both sides of the Atlantic, and British officials said they hope it will die down before the meeting between President Johnson and Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home next month.

They noted that the bus deal negotiations have been public knowledge both here and in Washington for months, with each side fully aware of the other's position.

British Avert Cyprus Fight

NICOSIA, Cyprus (UPI)—British troops Wednesday night averted possible fighting between Greek and Turkish Cypriot police who confronted each other with guns drawn around 10 government houses in Nicosia.

After three hours, the British persuaded both sides to withdraw.

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Mishap Involves Bob Kennedy Car

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy was involved today in a rush-hour traffic accident on his way to the Justice Department from his home in McLean, Va.

Kennedy was not injured, but at least one person in the other car suffered injuries.

The accident happened in the morning rush hour traffic along Memorial George Washington Memorial Parkway.

The chauffeur-driven Kennedy limousine was reported struck in the rear when it stopped in a traffic tie-up caused by another accident.

Kennedy, in the back seat with his dog Brumus, was asked if he was injured. He said, "I wasn't. Brumus was okay, too. However, the driver of the other car was known to have suffered cuts from the impact.

Demo Solons Push For Early Action On LBJ's Program

By FRANK ELEAZER

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Democratic leaders turned on the pressure today to shove through Congress major parts of President Johnson's program and to get them enacted by summer, as he bluntly suggested.

They set tentatively for February a House vote on Johnson's top priority measure, a broad anti-discrimination bill aimed at safe-guarding Negro rights in voting, schools, jobs and use of public accommodations.

Hearings started on the measure today in the rules committee.

In the Senate, leaders stepped up the timetable for final committee action on a House-passed \$11 billion tax cut — next on Johnson's legislative must list — and tentatively planned to put it to a floor vote in February, about the same time the House acts on civil rights.

Pushing For Speed
Senate leaders also were acting on new moves to speed the lagging legislative machine for earlier-than-usual handling of other controversial chores, such as the dozen or more annual money bills Congress must pass.

In his first State of the Union message Wednesday Johnson put the civil rights and tax bills at the top of his list, but packaged them with an array of other welfare and economic requests. Congressional leaders said privately some of these simply could not be handled this year.

One problem area is a "poverty package" which Johnson outlined in general terms. He is expected to detail the plan more fully in an economic message to be sent to Capitol Hill on Jan. 20.

Senate Democratic Whip Hubert Humphrey, Minn., said Johnson already was at work on another message limited strictly to farm issues, which some members complained went unrecognized in Wednesday's speech.

Humphrey said this would propose new legislation dealing with wheat, cotton and other commodity support programs, and also would outline special steps to combat rural poverty.

Democrats Lead Message
The general Democratic reaction to Johnson's State of the

Union address was that it was, in his appeal to Congress to act and act fast.

"All this and more can and must be done," he said. "It can be done by this summer."
The first session of the 88th Congress runs until Dec. 30. This session should wind up before the Republican National Convention starts July 12 and, in any case, before the Democratic convention starting Aug. 24.

Johnson In Plea For Tax Cut Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson told Senate writers today that each month's postponement of enactment of the \$11 billion tax cut bill keeps \$600 million out of wage earners' take-home pay.

The President asked the Senate Finance Committee to pump hundreds of millions more dollars into the economy this year by cutting the present 18 per cent payroll withholding rate to 14 per cent as soon as the bill measure is enacted.

Johnson spelled out in a letter to Chairman Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., the proposed 14 per cent

rate that he said Wednesday in his State of the Union message he would ask to be put into effect this year.

Under the house-approved tax bill before Byrd's committee the withholding rate would be cut to 15 per cent as soon as the measure goes into effect but would not drop to 14 per cent until next Jan. 1.

The President said that unless the lower rate is made effective as soon as possible, it would delay "a significant part of the economic stimulus from the tax program until... sometime in late winter (of 1964) or early spring of 1965."

Johnson, still pushing for popular support of the tax bill, also scheduled White House meetings today with two groups. They were the executive committee of the Business Committee for a Tax Reduction, headed by Henry Ford II, and the Citizens' Committee for Tax Reduction and Revision, a group set up to help the administration at the grass roots level.

Prodded by Johnson, the Senate Finance Committee is gaining momentum in its drive to complete work on the tax cut — biggest in history — by the end of the month.

The 17-member committee met in a voting mood for the second day of closed sessions to act on sections of the measure.

Barring any surprise upsets, prospects improved that the panel would finish its drafting work and send the bill to the Senate sometime within the next three weeks.

Argentine Plane Crash Claims 25

ZARATE, Argentina (UPI)—An Argentine ALA Airlines plane crashed and burned here early today.

At least 25 of 31 persons aboard were killed, according to first reports.

Police headquarters said the plane, a DC3 with 28 passengers and three crewmen aboard, plunged to earth just short of the local airstrip and exploded into flames.

Authorities said the pilot earlier reported a fire aboard while airborne and that he was trying for an emergency landing.

The flight originated in Santa Fe, north of Buenos Aires, with a scheduled halt at Rosario. It was to have arrived in Buenos Aires at 9:30 a.m.

Airline sources said while the flight was approaching this port city 50 miles northwest of Buenos Aires, the pilot reported mechanical trouble. He asked for the local airstrip to be cleared for an emergency landing.

"The plane is on fire," he told authorities.

The crash site was just a mile north of this city of 50,000 population. The Zarate hospital reported four badly burned survivors. Two other survivors were reported in the Belgrano clinic.

Search For Plane Draws Near End

HONOLULU (UPI)—The greatest air search in Pacific history was drawing to a close today without having turned up a trace of its object—an Air Force G124 Globemaster cargo plane which disappeared on Jan. 1 with nine men aboard.

Military planes from Hawaii, California, Guam and Japan have logged more than 4,000 flying hours in nearly 300 individual search sorties.

Planes and ships covered and recovered some 600,000 square miles of ocean in the search for the Globemaster, lost on a flight from Wake Island to Hawaii.

No trace of the plane or its occupants was found although several radio signals believed to be distress messages were reported early in the search.

There also were reports of flare sightings, including a red flare early Wednesday, but these were checked out with negative results.

At one phase there were 69 aircraft specifically assigned to the search, and on one day there were 46 planes flying their precise search patterns simultaneously.

Three Navy picket ships, the Lansing, Falgout and Hall, have been continuously on station—assigned the job of investigating reports from the aircraft.

The last message from the plane was received just three hours before it was scheduled to land in Hawaii. A search minutes after the Globemaster's estimated time of arrival because the cargo plane still had not appeared on the scopes of Hawaii's elaborate radar defense net.

Dale Hoskins To Head Rural Fire Department

Dale Hoskins has been elected president of the board of directors of the Roseburg Rural Fire Department to preside for 1964.

Other new officers elected at Wednesday's meeting included Cecil Thompson, vice president, and Jim Sulter, secretary-treasurer.

A dinner for the board of directors and their wives will be held Jan. 15 at the Roseburg Country Club to honor Roy E. Crain. Crain is a past president of the board of directors of the Roseburg Rural Fire Department.

for the Daughters of the American Revolution, heartily endorsed the museum. She stated that members of her organization had many things to share with the public if only there were a place for them. The Roseburg Business and Professional Women's Club also went on record as endorsing the museum.

Kenneth Barneburg, superintendent of county schools, and Kenneth A. Stuart, superintendent of Riddle schools, both urged the establishment of a museum as an important aid to education.

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Judge V. T. Jackson of the County Court said that it is evident that citizens do want a museum, and that a seven-man board would be appointed. He said it was good to see such a substantial representation at the meeting.

He pointed out that the establishment of a board would be only the first, and easiest, step in acquiring a county museum. In his opinion, he said, "A way would be found."

Further work in this direction would depend on the findings of the committee, he stated.

The Weather

AIRPORT RECORDS

Mostly cloudy with occasional showers today, partly cloudy with patches of night and morning fog tonight and Friday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 48
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 33
Highest temp. any Jan. (59) 65
Lowest temp. any Jan. (62) -1

Precip. last 24 hours .1
Normal Jan. precip. 5.56
Precip. from Jan. 1 2.11
Precip. from Jan. 1 13.93

Sunset tonight, 4:57 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:00 a.m.

CRIED WOLF TOO OFTEN

GRANDOLA, Portugal (UPI)—Antonio Domingues, 42, a local eccentric, threatened suicide so often that villagers paid no attention Wednesday when he bought a coffin, put aside money for burial fees and promised to fire a firecracker before killing himself.

A few hours later Domingues was found dead on the floor of his home between the coffin and the firecracker—a dud.

Residents Urge County Museum At Court Meet

Forty citizens, including professional people, educators and club representatives, were on hand Wednesday at the County Board to present their views on the establishment of a county museum board.

The Douglas County Court scheduled the public meeting in order to hear testimony on the county Historical Society petition requesting establishment of a seven-person board.

No dissenting voice was heard. All urged establishment of a committee, and ultimately a museum.

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