

House Committee Turned Tables On The Inquisitive Newsmen

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The notice said this was a hearing on whether congressmen should have to make public what they spend on overseas travel. But this must have been wrong.

It turned out to be an inquiry on why newspapermen are always picking on Congress, asking questions about matters like that.

I hadn't realized how obnoxious reporters can be, always nosing around, demanding to know which of his relatives a congressman has on his payroll, whether he rents his front porch to the taxpayers, and — lately — how much counterpart money (that U.S.-owned foreign currency) he spends when he travels abroad.

Rep. Samuel N. Friedel (D-Md.), the chairman, opened up by saying the press hasn't been fair.

He contended we've led folks to believe that Congress has been secretive about some of these matters.

Rep. Wayne L. Hays (D-Ohio) said it seemed funny to him we reporters don't spend more of our time looking for thievery in the executive branch of the government.

Says News Distorted

Rep. George M. Rhodes (D-Pa.) complained that news sometimes is distorted and slanted.

And Rep. Frank Smith (D-Miss.) intimated that when it comes to padding expenses, newspapermen do pretty well for themselves.

They pretty near had me shedding a tear for the Congress. Fortunately, though, Rep. H.R. Gross (R-Iowa) kept reminding us why we were here. Namely, to consider Gross' bill, by number H.R. 5401, to stop free-wheeling counterpart spending, if any, by junking congressmen.

Friedel said he hadn't heard of any abuses. Gross said he had, but if the rumors were wrong then surely nobody could object to passing his bill, which would relieve us reporters from having to wonder.

Gross' bill was introduced last March 9, and I almost said it had been "gathering dust" ever since. But I guess Friedel wouldn't like that kind of reporting. He said somebody already had written that Gross' bill was "pigeonholed," and he couldn't understand where they got that impression.

Friedel Favors Bill

As a matter of fact he is for it, Friedel said, but he isn't sure it will work. Hays seemed to think maybe the idea was a good one, too, and Rhodes came right out and said he would vote aye despite the fact the press hadn't been fair.

Hays said he has quit worrying what the newspapers say about him.

"One paper in my last campaign," he recalled, "ran 16 or 17 editorials calling me the Marco Polo of the 85th Congress. They said I must have spent \$5,000 on travel. I told 'em it was nearer \$10,000."

"When the election returns came in they called up to ask to what I attributed my great victory. I said, 'I can't make up my mind — whether it's your lousy newspaper, or that people like Marco Polo.'"

Gross said he already had inquired about the flight, which cost over \$5,000. So what about the other expenses?

Hays, who got up the trip, said things like hotel bills for the five-day session were to be paid for by a private committee. Gross said this sounded odd.

"Well," said Hays, "since the gentleman is worried about it I'll just call London today, and have it paid out of counterpart funds."

So there went another \$2,000. Whether anything else comes of the hearing remains to be seen.

Jim Walker Garners Top Honors In Rodeo

Jim Walker, Huntington, won a buckle and the honor of all-around cowboy at the Elgin Junior Rodeo last Saturday and Sunday.

Walker's position in the Oregon-Washington-Idaho Junior Rodeo Association, because of his recent win, jumped from fifth place to top spot in the competition for the saddle given for the tri-state all-around cowboy.

Maureen Beck, Imbler, won the buckle as all-around cowgirl of the show. Maureen is second in the tri-state competition for all-around junior cowgirl.

Kathleen Norton, Ashwood, winner of the saddle last year, is still at the top of the junior girls' competition.

Andy Conforth, John Day, holds top position in the tri-state race for all-around junior cowboy and Marcella Peterson, Canby, is in the first for all-around senior girl.

Walker, Huntington, calf roping; Jim Beck, Imbler, 440 races; Tom Norton, Ashwood, Cow cutting; Jim Walker, bareback bronc riding; Fred Stephens, Union, boys' cow riding; Marcella Peterson, Canby, girls' cow riding; Sandra Thompson, Halfway, Texas barrel; Jim Walker, bulldogging. Jim Walker is tied as top contender for the tri-state buckle in bulldogging with Jim Beck, Imbler.

Winners of buckles for junior all-around events were Maureen Beck, Imbler, junior stake race; Andy Conforth, John Day, Texas barrel; Kathleen Norton, Ashwood, cowcutting; break-away calf roping, Mike Stitzel, Union; Maureen Beck, girls' calf riding; Mike Stitzel, boys' calf riding; Bob Stephens, Union, 440 race.

Three Divorce Cases Reported

Divorce proceedings before the Circuit Court include the case of Burley Bruce Ashford, plaintiff, vs. Katherine L. Ashford, defendant. The charge is desertion.

In the case of Ella Mae McMurphy vs. Willard McMurphy, Mrs. McMurphy charges cruel and inhuman treatment.

Cruel and inhuman treatment was also the charge in the case of Bernetta M. Murphy vs. Martin W. Murphy.

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PORTLAND (UPI)—(USDA)—Livestock:

Cattle 900; includes 10 loads fed steers, 2 loads heifers; trade active; fed steers 25-50c higher; fed heifers firm; cows fully steady; to strong; bills about steady; one load and small lot 935-1075 lbs. low choice fed steers 29; load 1275 lb. 28; few load mixed good and choice 28-25-29.50; good grades 27-28; standard 25-26.90; short load mixed good and choice 790-877 lb. fed heifers 27.75; load and a half 727 and 769 lbs. 27.50; utility cows 16.50-18; canners and cutters mostly 14-15.50; heavy cutters to 16; light cutter loads 18-22.

Calves 125; trade moderately active, steady; good and choice vealers 25-28; few high choice to 30; utility and standard vealers and calves 20-25.

Hogs 1200; trade slow; strong to 25c higher; 1 and 2 butchers 190-225 lb. mostly 17.50-17.75; few lots mostly No. 1 butchers 18; mixed No. 1, 2 and 3 lots 16.75-17; few 150-170 lbs. 16-17; sows strong; moved No. 1 and 2 sows 285-350 lbs. 14-15; 400-500 lbs. 11-13.

Sheep 3000; trade slow; spring lambs mostly 50c lower; feeder lambs and ewes about steady; low choice 105 lbs. high yielding range lambs 23; good and choice 80-105 lb. nearby spring lambs mostly 21; good and choice feeder lambs 65-90 lbs. 16.50-17.50; cull to good slaughter ewes 24-50.

Helm Is Retiring From Bar Position

Carl G. Helm Jr., La Grande, and four other attorneys will be replaced as members of the Oregon State Bar's board of governors in an election August 17.

In addition to Helm the retiring members of the board, one from each congressional district, are: George L. Hibbard, Oregon City, president; Hugh L. Biggs, Portland and Andrew J. Newhouse, Coos Bay.

Helm is vice president of the board.

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Forest Fire Is Still Out Of Control

SIERRAVILLE, Calif. (UPI)—A forest fire started by a 6-year-old boy playing with matches raced eastward on high winds through the Tahoe National Forest, still out of control in its fifth day today.

"We've lost it completely on the east," said Forest Service dispatcher John Bigley. "I have no idea when it will be controlled."

Bigley said the weary firefighters were able to wear a forest service radio relay station at Harding Point Sunday night "but it was real close."

More than 10,000 acres of timberland have been destroyed so far. Winds which reached 50 miles an hour in gusts Sunday forced fire fighters to run for their lives. The weather Bureau predicted even stronger winds for today.

One hundred men were withdrawn from the main fire fighting line in a desperate effort to save the Harding Point station.

"If that tower goes it will be an expensive loss," Bigley said, "not only for the loss of the equipment, but it will seriously impair our radio communications with the men on the lines."

The mountain town of Loyalton, two miles north of the fire line, remained on alert for evacuation. Its 1,000 residents have been able so far to extinguish the wind-blown embers which have threatened it.

Forest rangers disclosed Sunday that a child, whom they refused to identify, had acknowledged starting the blaze. They had said earlier that it appeared to have grown from an unextinguished campfire.

Five Are Killed In Car Accident

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (UPI)—Five persons were killed — including a mother and three of her children — and a 2-year-old child seriously injured late Saturday night when their car collided with a truck.

Mrs. Wanda Lois White, 23, of Caney, Kan., and her three children aged 8 months to 6 years were killed along with another passenger in her car, James Patrick Roberts, 24, Mrs. White's fourth child, Mathew Edwin White, was taken to Flagstaff Hospital.

An Arizona highway patrolman said Mrs. White's car apparently crossed the center of U. S. Highway 66 just east of here, side-swiped another car and smashed head-on with a truck. Drivers of the other car and truck both escaped injury.

Belgian Ship Burns In Gulf; Crew Unhurt

CAMERON, La. (UPI)—Navy, Coast Guard and civilian craft early today rescued 37 crewmembers and one woman who abandoned a burning Belgian cargo-tanker in the Gulf of Mexico.

Twenty-four crewmen and Mrs. Henri Sanglier, the wife of the captain, fled the 442-foot motor vessel "Anvers" Sunday night when the fire raged out of control seven miles offshore.

The skipper and 12 other crewmembers, aided by fire parties which had boarded the craft, stayed aboard to battle the flames but shortly after midnight they too were ordered by the Coast Guard to abandon ship.

Two destroyers, four Coast Guard cutters, two tugs and a motorship picked up the survivors from life rafts. Two crewmembers were injured during the blaze, neither one seriously.

The 9,800-ton ship, whose cargo included 800 tons of fuel oil, was bound from Antwerp, Belgium, to Lake Charles, La., when fire broke out in the engine room.

When flames spread rapidly, Capt. Sanglier ordered his wife and 12 crewmembers to the remaining crewmen, assisted by fire fighters tried to contain the blaze. When their efforts failed they were ordered off the burning ship.

A tug took the "Anvers" in tow and, escorted by two destroyers, headed for shore in an effort to beach the burning cargo-tanker in shallow water off this port city.

Cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

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Extortion Cases Eyed By Kennedy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Rackets Committee began digging today into what Chief Counsel Robert F. Kennedy described as "a couple of extortion cases."

Kennedy said the committee would look into the cases when it resumes hearings this afternoon on activities of the Teamsters Union. He said the committee hoped to wind up the present phase of its inquiry this week.

Before ending it, however, the committee planned to challenge the boast of Teamster President James R. Hoffa that his union's contracts are the nation's best. Hoffa was scheduled to testify later in the week.

A move to oust Hoffa as Teamsters president meantime was underway. An attorney for 12 rank-and-file Teamsters said he would start legal action in a month or two to have Hoffa disqualified or expelled from the union.

Godfrey P. Schmidt said current charges lodged against Hoffa and his administration "are substantial enough to oust Hoffa as provisional president" of the Teamsters. This would prevent him from succeeding himself as president, Schmidt said in a television interview.

Schmidt recently resigned from a three-man board of monitors appointed by a federal court to keep tabs on the Teamsters following charges that Hoffa's election was rigged.

Summoned to appear today were three New Jersey Teamster officials and several other witnesses from the same area. Kennedy named the Teamsters as John Conlin, secretary-treasurer of a Hoboken local and an international vice president; Tony Provenzano, president of Teamster Council 73 and Anthony Castellito, a Teamster business agent.

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