

Congressman 'Cleaned' on Recent Junket to California

WASHINGTON (UP)—Rep. Usher L. Burdick complained to his constituents in a letter today that he was "cleaned" on a recent "junket" to California.

The North Dakota Republican, a well known cracker-barrel statesman, said prices charged for meals, hotel rooms and other services were so steep he's afraid to put them on his committee expense account.

And to top things off, Burdick said, a thief entered his Los Angeles hotel room the last night of his trip and took all the money he had left.

Lists Expenses

The congressman explained in the letter that the trip was the first committee "junket" he had ever taken. He is a member of a House Judiciary Subcommittee investigating claims of California Japanese-Americans interned at the outbreak of World War II.

Here were some of the expenses he listed:

"A small beefsteak"—\$6.35, plus \$1.30 in tips. Payment to redcaps for carrying his bags at San Francisco—"a bill ... longer than a criminal's dream of heaven." Hotel bill—\$13 dollars a day (he claimed there was no hot water and the bar of soap was "about as big as one of Wrigley's gum sticks." A newspaper—12 cents.

He Cashes Check

Burdick said he tried to cash a \$15 check when he went broke. The cashier, when he learned Burdick

was from Washington, said: "Oh, I suppose you're one of those lawmakers. I have heard they want more pay, but they never have any money. Now, mister; if that check bounces I will have you investigated by the McCarthy committee."

The congressman added that the hotel refused "to do a thing" after the theft of his remaining money the last night.

"Well, I knew ... that I was going to be robbed and hoped they would not prolong the proceedings," he wrote. "They didn't either."

Polish Sailors Stage Mutiny, Seek Asylum

WHITEBY, England (AP)—Seven Polish seamen told British police Thursday they staged a "freedom mutiny" on their trawler. They beat up the political officer, locked up the captain and other crewmen, and sailed to this Yorkshire port to ask political asylum.

Authorities here who boarded the trawler, the 200-ton Puszczyk, found the skipper, Capt. Kobryn Wiktor, locked in the lavatory and seven other crew members in cabins. All were released.

One man, identified by the multi-neers as political officer Naciszek Franciszek, had suffered knife wounds on the hand and head and face injuries when the seven took over Wednesday night in the North Sea, police said. He was treated at a hospital here and then returned to the trawler.

As the Polish vessel approached the Yorkshire coast, crews of British trawlers noticed it was flying several weird signals.

Police here questioned the seven, who freely explained what they had done. They said that, acting under their first mate, they quickly seized control of the trawler as it was lurching through the sea.

Airman Drowns Near Depoe Bay

SEATTLE (AP)—Coastguardsmen helped rescue a Seattle man from the surf near Depoe Bay, Ore., today but a companion was lost.

Thirteenth district headquarters here identified the rescued man as George Osburn of 1027 Bellevue Court Seattle. The Coast Guard said the companion was an Air Force man and his name was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The Coast Guard said Coastguardsmen from the Depoe Bay station and private citizens joined in the rescue but had no other details.

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