

Textile Union Asks Senate Probe Of Anti-Union Activities in South

By G. MELTON KELLY

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—The Textile Workers Union today asked the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee to look into what it called "corrupt" anti-union activities by employers, police and local politicians, particularly in the South.

Chairman McClellan D-Ark said he had not yet seen the complaint, which the union made public. He said he would reserve comment until after he has had a chance to study it.

The union's letter to McClellan, signed by John W. Edelman, its Washington representative, recited allegations of beatings, threats and other coercion including threats to foreclose the mortgages of strikers living homes.

"We are prepared to show that corrupt or improper activities of textile employers, especially but not exclusively in the South today result in local police and/or other public officials being used as instruments to prevent workers from exercising their rights to join unions of their own choosing," the letter said.

Slugging of Organizers
Edelman cited one case where he said, "a county sheriff and his deputies conspired with corporation officials to bring about the slugging by ex-convicts of peaceful union organizers on a public street in front of a cotton mill at Gaffney, S.C."

He said a National Labor Relations Board report described how "roadies on the company's payroll were handed baseball bats out of the company officials' car as weapons to be used against the union organizers."

Edelman also charged that at Alexander City, Ala., the chief of police "not mentioned by name 'instigated the beating up of a Textile Union organizer; then had

the organizer arrested for alleged breach of the peace.
Stamped on Employees
He cited two cases of incidents he said occurred at Tallapoosa, Ga. In one of these he charged that a giant of a man mercilessly stomped a frail young employee distributing handbills at a plant's gates. He said the victim's

Meany Reprimands Beck During Dismissal Hearing

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WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—The AFL-CIO Executive Council Monday reprimanded George Beck as an AFL-CIO vice president and council member on charges that he used Teamsters Union funds for his own benefit.

George Meany, AFL-CIO president who had taken a stern stand against Beck from the outset of the Senate committee disclosures, met with newsmen shortly thereafter. He said:

"The Executive Council finds that Vice President Beck has been guilty of gross misuse of union funds entrusted to his care. Whether he has violated any laws, state or federal, dealing with theft, misappropriation or embezzlement, is not for us to consider or determine."

There is not the faintest question in our minds, however, that he is completely guilty of violating the basic trade union law that union funds are a sacred trust belonging to the members and to be protected and safeguarded for the interests of the members.

Whether Beck stole the funds or borrowed them, the record shows he took advantage of his position as a trade union official to use money belonging to dues-paying members for his own personal gain and profit.

Beck Kept Waiting
Beck showed up for the hearing on time but was kept cooling his heels while Meany reviewed the situation for Council members. Brought before the Council, Beck heard a general summary of the charges from Meany and got a general dressing-down.

As Meany put it later "I told Joe Baker of Poplar skidded sideways across the rain-slickened highway on a curve approaching a bridge. He said the Ardelean car smashed into the side of the truck. Baker, alone in the truck, was not injured.

Clayton said an inquest will be held Wednesday.

Crash Kills Canadian Trio

POPULAR, Mont., May 20 (AP)—

Three members of a Canadian family were killed and a fourth critically injured today in a crash about three miles east of Poplar.

Roosevelt County Coroner Lyman Clayton identified the dead as Donald Ardelean, 30, his wife, Sadie, 41, and a daughter, Sharon, 11, all from Avonia, Sask., Canada. Another daughter, Shirley, 17, was in critical condition in a Poplar hospital.

Clayton said the accident occurred when a truck driven by

was "knocked unconscious by this chivalrous person" for trying to help her husband.

Edelman said the case led to a Federal Court trial, in which a jury dominated by mill officials threw the case out.

Tallapoosa, the letter said, also was the scene of a case in which a Mrs. Edna Martin, "a widowed mother" and a striker, was abducted by a mob, robbed, and set adrift in the country in her nightclothes.

Told to Invert Charge
Edelman said the union also holds an affidavit "volunteered by a North Carolina sheriff" relating that a textile manufacturer had ordered him to arrest a half dozen strikers on any charges he might invent. The letter didn't identify the manufacturer because, it said, he "is now a changed person and cooperates with the union."

"Most outrageous" was Edelman's description of the closing down of the Darlington Manufacturing Co. of Darlington, S.C. He recalled that an NLRB examiner had found that the company had liquidated the plant to avoid dealing with the union.

In a statement read to the Council, Beck claimed his temporary suspension which had preceded today's trial was a legal nullity. Beck's position was that the charges against him concerned his activities with the Teamsters Union and not as an AFL-CIO officer. Also, he contended the charges related to a period prior to adoption of the present AFL-CIO constitution.

Can Appeal Removal
Meany brushed aside these contentions and maintained the Council acted within proper AFL-CIO constitutional authority. Meany said Beck could appeal his ouster to the AFL-CIO convention next December provided the Teamsters Union wanted to back such an appeal. This is considered unlikely.

In fact, Meany said the Council likely will fill Beck's involuntarily vacated posts as federation vice president and Council member at that Council meetings this week. It was indicated someone outside the Teamsters Union may be chosen.

Ouster proceedings against the Teamsters Union itself, largely based on Beck's own activities, are due to be heard Friday before the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Committee. But the hearing may be delayed to give the union more time to answer charges that it is "corruptly dominated."

Man Yanks Own Teeth
TORQUAY, England, May 20 (AP)—Eddie Mazurek, 37, a restaurant operator, had a toothache—so he yanked eight of his teeth himself. He said he knew what he was doing because he had dental training and used anesthetic only for a tough one at the back.

Students Blamed For \$10,000 Fire At Ellensburg

ELLENSBURG, Wash., May 20 (AP)—Fire, believed set by students who broke into the building through a gymnasium window, did \$10,000 damage to the Morgan Junior High School early Sunday.

The fire was spotted at 2:30 a.m. by a passing motorist as it leapt past a window in a third floor classroom. Firemen quickly brought the blaze under control. Investigation disclosed attempts had been made to set fires in eight places in the building. Fire Chief Jack Caldwell reported.

Caldwell said the arsonist had set three fires on the auditorium stage, three in the main office, one in a nurse room and the other in a class room. Wooden matches and partially burned paper were found. Damage was confined to three rooms.

The chief said he was certain the work was that of pupils. If, however, the purpose was to gain a school holiday, the effort failed.

Satellite Launching Delay Seen

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—

There may be some delay in launching the earth satellite beyond the original September target date, Congress has been advised. Dr. Richard W. Porter, chairman of a technical panel on the satellite program told a House Appropriations subcommittee that he expected there might be some delay till May 1 testimony was released Sunday.

Asked specifically what is holding up the launching of the satellite on the target date, Dr. Porter said: "There are certain aspects of this program which have not yet been solved."

Under the program scientists hope to propel at least half a dozen 2 1/2 pound globes, 20 inches in diameter, and loaded with scientific apparatus, at least 300 miles into the upper atmosphere through rocket propulsion. Scientists hope the globes will circle

the earth. Just how long they are not sure.

Dr. Porter said the program calls for six test vehicles to be made. The satellites will be tracked both optically and by radio.

"Our radio tracking stations would be in place on time of original scheduling," Dr. Porter told the committee, "but our optical stations will not be ready quite so soon."

Hobo Jungle Corpse Still Unidentified

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 20 (AP)—

The body of a nude, savagely beaten man, found Saturday in a hobo jungle here, remained unidentified today as police sought to have his fingerprints checked by the FBI.

The man weighed about 135 pounds and was between 35 and 40 years old. Detective Capt. Eugene White said the only identifying marks were two facial scars and a tattoo.

An autopsy disclosed the man suffered a broken neck, a fractured skull and had been strangled.

Vatican Said To Lift Ban on 'Peace Priest'

BUDAPEST, Hungary, May 20 (AP)—

A government-controlled newspaper said Sunday the Vatican has withdrawn its excommunication of Magy. Richard Horvath, a Hungarian "Peace Priest" leader. He was one of the top men in the so-called "peace movement" of the Hungarian clergy, an organization sponsored by the Communist regime and unpopular with the Roman Catholic Church authorities.

The government Office for Church Affairs said Father Horvath was excommunicated last Jan. 21 by the Vatican because he and 17 other "peace priests" refused to obey Cardinal Mindszenty's order to resign government approved church posts and return

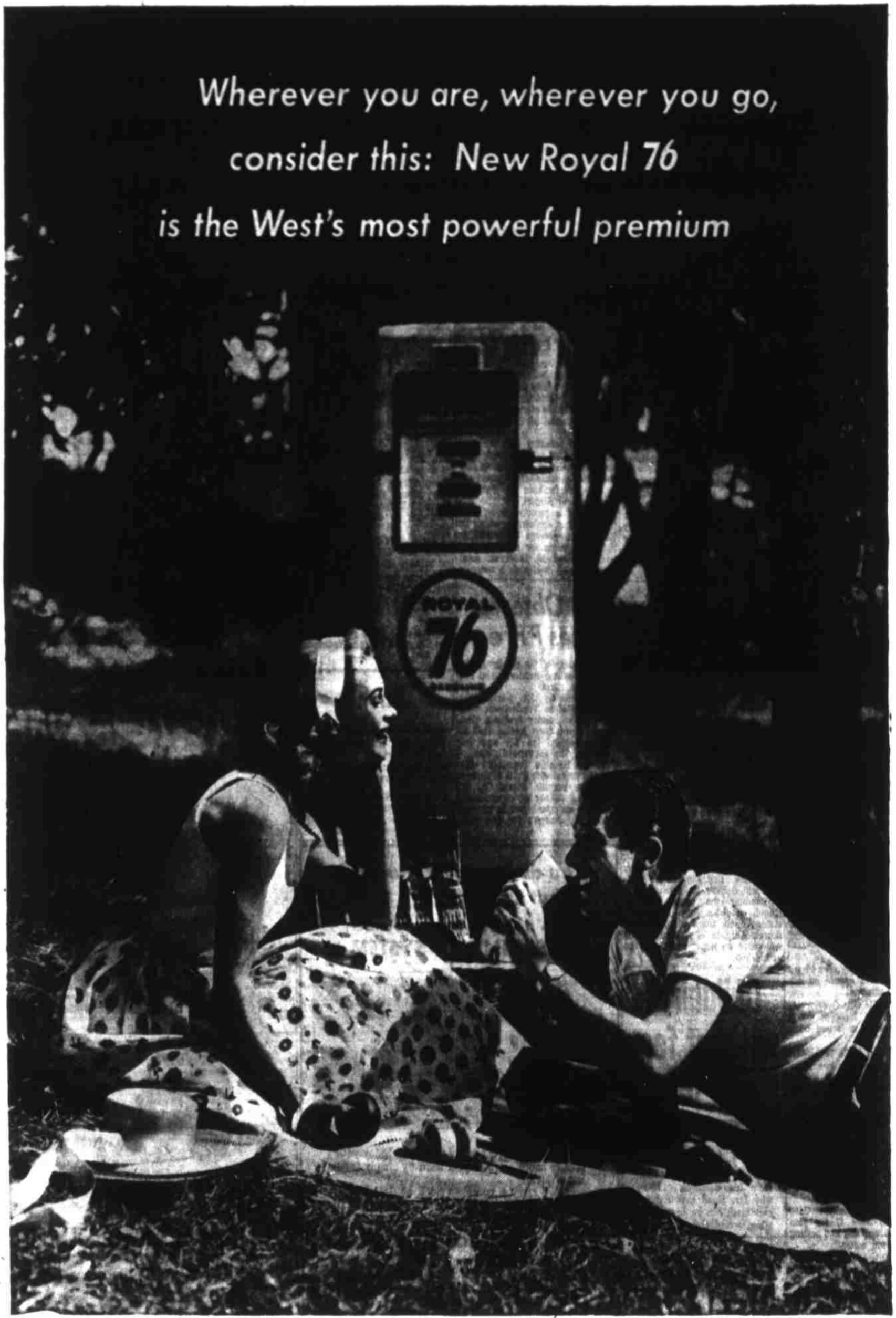
to their former parishes.

The Sunday newspaper Heti Hirlap said tonight the Vatican issued a new decree April 17 authorizing Bishop Mihaly Endrey, apostolic delegate of Estestergom, to annul the excommunication.

At Vatican City, it was said there has been no publication of such a decree and no Vatican authorities would comment.

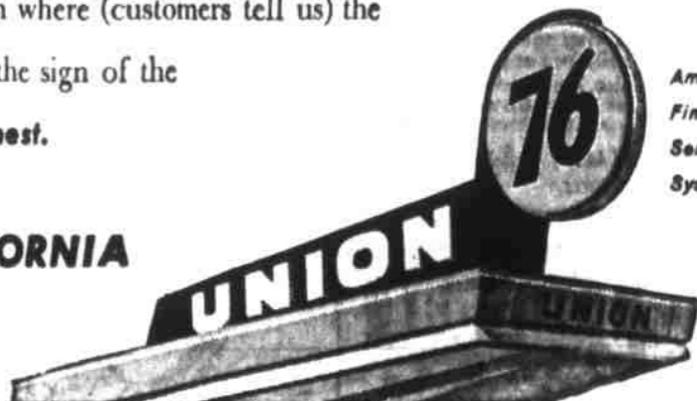
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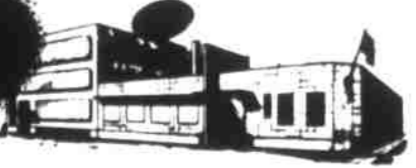


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