

San Francisco Tax Collectors Under Scrutiny

King Committee Checks Charges

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Congressional investigators sought to determine whether the San Francisco Internal Revenue office was corrupt or simply mismanaged.

Deputy Tax Collector Thomas J. Doolan goes before the House Ways and Means subcommittee to testify on his 15 charges of irregularities in the office.

He first made the charges in a letter to Sen. Tobey (R-N.H.) last March.

THEY WERE taken up by a federal grand jury which indicted Collector James G. Smyth and his two chief deputies on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government.

Doolan's charges largely were repudiated before the House Committee by a special treasury intelligence agent, William Frank of Seattle.

He said he found little corruption but that the office was mismanaged by a group of "unqualified" political officeholders.

An Internal Revenue auditor, H. H. Stikleather of Oklahoma City, named Smyth and the five ousted aides as the "incompetent" command of the office.

THE TWO investigators said there was no evidence of graft and that any irregularities such as back-dating of documents—resulted from political favoritism.

Smyth's lawyers are seeking to have the indictment quashed. They charged Doolan and assistant U. S. Attorney Charles O'Gara tampered with the jury that indicted the ousted collector.

O'Gara told the Senate Finance committee last August he had found corruption in the local tax office that "turned my stomach."

AT A SECRET tax subcommittee hearing Thursday, Stikleather submitted the names of taxpayers whose uncashed checks former field deputy John J. Boland turned in when he was suspended. Neither the names, nor the number involved, was reported, Stikleather testified the \$31,480 in checks were in Boland's office desk or at his home.

Other developments at yesterday's closed hearing of the subcommittee headed by Rep. King, R-Calif.

California liquor lobbyist Arthur H. Samish and an associate Frank X. Flynn, were quizzed separately. Presumably Samish was asked about the \$935,000 public relations fund he collected from major California breweries in a six-year period.

Frank told the House subcommittee the Internal Revenue Bureau has assessed no taxes against the fund, as recommended by the Senate Kefauver Crime Committee.

Russell Duke, Portland, Ore., promotion man, was questioned. He is under indictment on charges of lying to the federal grand jury that conducted the tax probe.

An information witness was Attorney Stephen F. Chadwick of Seattle.

A former national commander of the American Legion, Chadwick said he was asked about Duke, who once brought suit against a labor union Chadwick represented in court.

12 Children Bit by Dog

BINGEN, Wash. — (AP) — Bingen residents feared a rabies outbreak here Friday.

A dog bit 12 children in the grade school yard here Thursday, and worried parents afterward learned that the same dog had nipped other children but somehow had gone unreported in the previous two days.

The dog was killed, and Police Chief Maynard Mitchell was to take it to Seattle for a rabies examination by the State Health Department.

A 13th child was bitten by another dog at the same time the other 12 were being nipped Thursday. That child also was listed as a rabies suspect. Pasteur treatment for the children was delayed while the town awaited word from Seattle on whether the dog had rabies.

Police Force Resigns In Cleveland Suburb

BEDFORD, O. — (AP) — All 12 men on the police force of this Cleveland suburb resigned Thursday night.

Chief James F. Gresham, who read a joint letter to city councilmen, said Bedford officials had not given proper consideration to policemen's demands for more money.

Councilmen called a meeting for Monday to consider the situation.

U.S. Workers Get Discount

Boise Newspaper Reports on Survey

BOISE — (U.P.) — The Idaho Daily Statesman reported Friday that at least two groups of federal employees here are banded together to purchase merchandise and goods on a preferential or discount basis not enjoyed by other consumers.

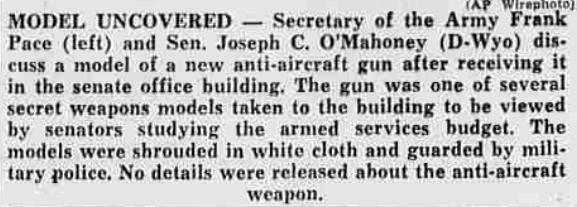
The newspaper said that its survey showed that discounts in the purchase of many types of merchandise are given by a number of Boise merchants to employees of the Reclamation Bureau and the Veterans' Administration.

THE STATESMAN published the latest discount list released by the Veterans Employees Assn. It said that an effort to obtain the full discount list of the Reclamation Employees Assn. "was not successful." It reproduced a letter from the association's welfare committee which listed two firms to be added to the group's discount list.

J. Lyle Cunningham, acting personal regional director of the bureau, said that merchants said that the merchants had asked the reclamation employees' discount list not be released.

A FORMER reclamation employee told the newspaper that bureau workers were urged not to tell others outside the federal government that such discounts were available. When discount buying first started "several years" ago, the former employee said, merchants were asked for 20 per cent discounts. Discounts now listed by both agencies, the newspaper said, range from 5 to 33 1/2 per cent on its items, which include anything from canned goods to jewelry.

Secretary-Manager Earl C. Reynolds of the Boise Chamber of Commerce said the discount practice was opposed by the chamber's retail merchants committee. "We tried to discourage the merchants from giving any preferential treatment to any single group," Reynolds said.



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MODEL UNCOVERED — Secretary of the Army Frank Pace (left) and Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) discuss a model of a new anti-aircraft gun after receiving it in the senate office building. The gun was one of several secret weapons models taken to the building to be viewed by senators studying the armed services budget. The models were shrouded in white cloth and guarded by military police. No details were released about the anti-aircraft weapon.

Standards Bureau Checks Everything

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — The National Bureau of Standards, one of the feature writer's best friends, has just turned 50 years of age.

I have been into there dozens of times and never left those vast acres without getting a good story. The fabulous bureau does just about everything. Its scientists had a hand in development of the atomic bomb. Right now its emphasis is on projects to meet the particular needs of the Army, Navy and the Air Force. Plus a lot of other things less important.

BUT WHAT I like about the bureau is that, mostly, the elaborate research there doesn't cost us

Indians Fight Deschutes Dam

PORTLAND — (U.P.) — A new fight appeared in the offing over proposed construction of Pelton dam on the Deschutes River by Portland General Electric Company—this time Indians against the state.

T. Leonard Brown, The Dalles, attorney for the Warm Springs Tribal Council, dropped hints of impending action this week when he announced tribal permission for PGE engineers to survey and test drill Indian lands adjacent to the dam site.

Brown said an 1855 treaty gave the Indians exclusive rights to fish in streams flowing through and bordering the reservation. This would include the Deschutes from its confluence with the Metolius to a point 40 miles downstream.

"There are approximately 1200 Indians and only 4400 acres of tillable land on the whole reservation," he said. "Their only resources are power, timber and a recreational area. The Indians intend to build fish hatcheries of their own in the very near future, stock the streams and sell fishing permits."

Measles Cases Rise During First Month

WASHINGTON — (AP) — There have been more cases of measles in the country so far this year than any year since 1938, the Public Health Service has reported.

Scattered outbreaks of respiratory infections of influenza-like disease also were reported during the past week in New York, Maryland, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arkansas and Virginia.

There were 18,825 cases of measles listed last week, making the year's total for five weeks 76,728.

8 Women Killed

MANILA — (AP) — Eight women were killed when a heavy truck knocked a bus off a bridge in LA Union Province Thursday night.

Senators Eye Treaty Ruling

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Fifty-six Senators—43 Republicans and 13 Democrats—introduced a proposed constitutional amendment Thursday designed "to prevent treaties and executive agreements from being used to undermine the sovereignty of the United States."

Sen. Bricker, R-Ohio, chief sponsor of the measure, set forth its purpose in those words in a Senate speech.

"The paramount issue of our time is whether or not the sovereignty and the constitution of the United States shall be preserved," Bricker said.

He said developments in the United Nations underlined a need to protect American sovereignty.

The resolution was tossed into a Senate dispute over the President's power to send troops abroad. The issue has sprung up in debate on the proposed admission of Greece and Turkey to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

There was no opposition voiced to admitting them, but action was sidetracked by the new dispute.

Textbook Gets Approval Vote

RICHLAND, Wash. — (AP) — The Richland Parent-Teacher Council has registered a vote of confidence in the Magruder textbook on American government.

The widely used textbook has been the center of a Tri-Cities area controversy over whether it included passages which were weighted toward Socialistic theory.

The Council adopted a resolution of approval on recommendation of a special committee, which had been suggested by the school board.

Two of the seven committee members voted against keeping the book as a school text.

One of them, Claude Lyeis, said he felt it was biased. The 1950 edition is being used, and Lyeis said 1952 revisions of controversial points stand as "the biggest condemnation" of the book that is being used.



(AP Wirephoto)

CAPT. CARLSE IS A HAT — This hat, exhibited by the Paris fashion house of Svend, is called "Captain Carlse," in recognition of the hero of the SS Flying Enterprise. It is in white pique and black satin, with a veil held to the satin by a golden buoy.

Harvard Sophs Defeat Reds In Slap Derby

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — (U.P.) — Two Harvard sophomores scored a smashing victory over Communism in an international slaphat contest Thursday when they broke a Russian record by slapping each other's face for 48 hours and 10 seconds.

The final score: Harvard 17,281, Russia 17,280.

There was only one black spot in the triumph of the Harvard slaphatners, Richard Mortimer, 20, of New York City and Oakleigh B. Thorne, 18, of Bedford, N.Y.

RED-CHEEKED and red-eyed after slapping each other non-stop every 10 seconds for two full days, they had to postpone their victory nap when their house master summoned them for an immediate reprimand.

Even that, however, could not dim the triumph of the two slaphappy sophomores who started their stunt when they heard that two unidentified Russians had slapped each other 17,280 times in exactly 48 hours.

BY THE MARGIN of one slap and 10 seconds, Mortimer and Thorne outslapped the Russians and gave Harvard's Crimson a victory over Stalin's Reds. They also won \$128 from fellow students by completing the slaphat which began at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The two contestants sat opposite each other, resting their aching arms on pillows and stuffing their crimson faces with bananas, orange juice and black coffee. Hot jazz records blared in their room as they exchanged 360 slaps an hour.

Montana Bonds Turned Down

HELENA — (AP) — A credit restraint committee Thursday turned down as "inflationary" the 22 million dollar bond issue to finance the Montana World War II veterans bonus.

But the State Examiners Board decided to go ahead and try to find a bond house willing to take the bonds despite the adverse ruling by the committee.

The turnout by the committee came to Gov. John W. Bonner in a letter from A. K. Browne of San Francisco, vice president of the Western Investment Banking Voluntary Credit Restraint Committee.

Move Proposed In Rail Dispute

McFarland Urges Presidential Action

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — Sen. Ernest W. McFarland (D-Ariz) proposed Friday that President Truman make a new personal move to end the long stalemate between the major railroads and the engine-men, firemen and conductors.

The Senate Democratic leader said after talking with Mr. Truman that he had suggested that the President call the disputants to the White House.

"I feel encouraged that he will do something like that," he said. McFarland said he thought the nearly two years that the Army has held the railroads has been too long and that the time had come for a new government effort to straighten out the situation.

THE LONG dispute began late in 1949 when the brotherhoods served notice on the carriers for a substantial wage boost and shorter work week for yard employees.

Constant negotiations at the White House and mediation board have resulted in only one settlement last year. That involved the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen who won hourly wage increases of 38 cents for yard workers. The other brotherhoods while virtually agreeing at times to this wage increase, have refused to go along with carrier-proposed changes in working rules.

THE DISPUTE has erupted at times into wildcat walkouts, and when the trainmen threatened a nationwide strike, the Army seized the roads in August, 1950. The trainmen, who walked off their jobs in 1950, were fined for striking while the government controlled the railroads.

Several presidential emergency boards have attempted to settle the dispute. The unions have turned down the recommendations because they would have meant a change in working rules.

Crime Probers Check Slaying

SAN MATEO, Calif. — (U.P.) — Another indication that the dynamite slaying of Thomas Keen, dog track operator and former Capone associate, was linked to a national underworld network was brought out Friday.

Keen was killed Tuesday when he pressed the starter button of his car, setting off dynamite sticks under the hood.

Investigators checking a report that Keen had borrowed \$66,000 to finance construction of a new totalizer system for dog tracks said Keen had almost 50 partners in the totalizer company. He was thought to be the sole owner.

They also became interested in the unusually strong terms of the construction loan. Keen, it was said, had paid interest on the loan for two years but made no payment on the principal.

It also was reported authorities were seeking to locate J. H. Quinn, St. Louis, gambler and underworld figure, for information regarding the loan.

Details of the involved financial structure of the totalizer company were brought to light as Police Chief Martin McDonnell said a special crime council will investigate the Keen killing.

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