

2nd Juror Replaced At Trial of Hoffa

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A second juror was replaced on the James Hoffa trial panel Friday. The juror said, "An FBI agent told me somebody from Detroit or Louisville was trying to contact me."

However, Gratlin Fields, a 70-year-old retired railroad worker, denied that he or any member of his family had been contacted by anybody during the nine weeks the Teamsters Union president has been on trial on conspiracy charges.

Fields' replacement on the jury followed a closed-door session of the trial Thursday afternoon.

noon. No explanation was given in court.

Fields was missing as the jury filed in to hear the windup of closing arguments in the lengthy case which was expected to be given to the jury later in the day.

At his home, Fields said two FBI agents came to him following the secret session and told him they had an order to dismiss him from the jury.

"One of them told me that somebody was trying to contact me from Detroit or Louisville," Fields said. He said he was given no further information.

Mrs. W. M. Johnson of Dickson, mother of seven children and wife of a doctor, moved from the first alternate's seat into the chair vacated by Fields, one of two Negroes on the jury.

Second Change

This was the second change in two weeks in the U.S. District Court jury's makeup.

After Mrs. James Paschal, a Woodbury housewife, was recalled last week, she denied published reports that she or any member of her family had been approached by anyone about the trial.

That change also followed an unusual secret session of the union leader's million-dollar conspiracy trial.

At the start of the trial Oct. 22, four alternate jurors were seated with the regular jurors. One alternate is still left. A third alternate replaced an ill juror at the start of the trial.

The latest secret conference was held to consider a motion government attorneys said they wanted taken up in the absence of press and spectators.

Hoffa is charged with conspiring to violate the Hart-Connery Act by accepting concealed payoffs from Commercial Carriers, Inc., in return for labor peace.

'Peace Insurance'

The government contends Commercial Carriers set up and operated Test Fleet Corp. for Hoffa's benefit as insurance against labor difficulties with the Teamsters Union.

Half the stock in Test Fleet, formed in 1949, was listed in Mrs. Hoffa's maiden name. The government said this was a device to conceal the actual ownership. The prosecution says its evidence shows Hoffa got at least \$51,000 in Test Fleet profits.

The two-count indictment carries with it a maximum sentence of two years in prison and a \$20,000 fine.



Fliers Safe

Capt. James R. Alley, left, and Lt. John R. Loacker, both National Guard fliers from Portland, successfully bailed out Thursday night seconds before their jet fighter plane crashed in a suburban residential area. See Story Page One.

Three Killed, 40 Injured In Truck Train Collision

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. (AP) — The Seaboard Air Line's Silver Star passenger train smashed into a truck at high speed at a crossing Thursday night, killing two of the train's crewmen and the truck driver and injuring about 40 other persons.

Twenty-two of the more seriously injured were admitted to the small Okeechobee General Hospital, including the engineer of the train, E. D. Emerson.

Emerson was burned but thrown clear when his two-section diesel locomotive, jackknifed, overturned and caught fire as the train derailed about a quarter of a mile beyond the crossing where it ploughed through the fully loaded tractor-trailer hauling oranges.

Seaboard Air Line headquarters at Richmond, Va., identified the dead crewmen as William Bell, Tampa, the fireman of the Silver Star and a veteran of more than 25 years with the line, and the baggagemaster, H. O. Slaughter.

A funeral home in Fort Pierce, where the bodies of the dead were taken, identified the truck driver as O. B. Jones, 38, Haipies City, Fla., Jones, father of four, had been driving a load of oranges from Bowling Green, Fla., to Fort Pierce at the time of the accident.

The railroad said the Silver Star carried 160 passengers and 22 crewmen. The train, pulling 14 cars, left Miami bound for New York. The train hit the truck shattering the cab of the truck and scattering oranges and debris along the highway.

School Loan Requested

Bethel school district has applied for an interest-free federal loan to plan school additions needed by 1964 or 1965.

Supt. Tom Powers told the school board at its regular meeting Wednesday that he mailed an application for a \$23,300 loan to the Community Facilities Administration of the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

The additions anticipated under the application are three classrooms and an activity room at Fairfield elementary school, four classrooms at Mahlon elementary school, 12 classrooms at Shasta Junior High School, eight classrooms plus physical education space and an enlargement of the heating plant at Willamette High School.

A rough estimate of the total cost of this construction is \$600,000. Powers said the elementary additions will be needed by the fall of 1964, and all of the additions by the fall of 1965.

Society Sets Beak Count

NEW YORK (AP) — It's strictly for the birds as 10,000 watchers begin their annual job this weekend of toting up our feathered friend population in this country and Canada.

The National Audubon Society reports the 63rd inventory will be completed in more than 600 communities by Jan. 1.

Each group of watchers must be accompanied by at least one ornithologist to aid in identification. The designated watching areas are laid out in a circle 15 miles in diameter.

Last year 681 areas were scanned and a total of 37,748,849 birds of 526 species were recorded by 8,677 watchers.

Hopes Dim For Settling N.Y. Strike

NEW YORK (AP) — "Not much progress" was made Friday in efforts to settle New York's 14-day newspaper strike.

A federal mediator made the statement after a morning of separate sessions with both sides. He said earlier he would recommend an indefinite recess if Friday's meeting failed to produce a change in attitude by the two sides.

"I've seen no results which merit continued meetings," mediator Stephen I. Schlossberg said at the end of Thursday's session.

He accused both the striking AFL-CIO International Typographical Union Local 6 and the Publishers Assn. of New York, which represents the nine metropolitan papers blacked out in the dispute, with failing to bargain seriously.

Earlier Recess

Schlossberg noted both sides had expressed concern because the strike had deprived New Yorkers of the 5 1/2 million papers they normally buy each day.

"I suggest that the proper way to display this interest and concern is at the bargaining table," he said.

Talks were recessed by federal mediators once before — from Dec. 12 to 18. Faced with the prospect of another long recess, Local 6 President Bertam A. Powers said: "I hope they are not giving up hope. We haven't."

Amory H. Bradford, general manager of the struck New York Times and chief negotiator for the publishers, said the publishers had tried without success to get the union to modify their proposals.

Strike Endorsed

The Central Labor Council, made up of the city's AFL-CIO unions, endorsed the printers' strike at a nighttime meeting and voted a mass demonstration in their behalf.

Powers, appearing at the meeting, said the ITU struck only against four of the nine dailies and that the other five suspended publication voluntarily. He placed the blame for the newspaper blackout on the publishers.

Nearly 20,000 employees have been idled.

Fog Grips California Winter Puts Icing On Eastern Areas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 456-year-old Mona Lisa suffered no ill effects on her trip from France to the National Gallery of art, experts said Friday.

Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece was removed from its traveling case and showed to a group of newsmen at the gallery.

"My inspection of it shows that it survived the crossing perfectly," said John Walker, director of the National Gallery.

Jean Chatelaine, French director of museums, reported, "there was no difficulty during the trip. Everything went well."

The Mona Lisa, approximately 30 inches high and 20 inches wide, is painted on a single panel of Italian poplar wood. Because of this it is particularly sensitive to changes in humidity.

French critics of the decision to send the Mona Lisa to the United States had been worried that the trip might damage the painting.

But there was no evidence of this Friday. Newsmen and photographers who were taken to the vault found the lady smiling mysteriously as ever.

It is mounted on its golden oak frame from the Renaissance period. There is a red velvet background placed on a wooden board which is sitting between two steel poles in the vault.

In the Louvre, the Mona Lisa rests between two marble columns.

The painting will remain in the vault until Jan. 8, when it will be shown to a glittering first night audience that will include President and Mrs. Kennedy. The public will see the painting starting Jan. 9.

Subzero cold clutched the area with autumn still on the calendar until 3:15 a.m. Saturday. The mercury dipped to 27 below zero at Wanakena, N.Y., in the northern Adirondacks, and Boonville, N.Y., had a -26 reading. New York City awoke to a shivering 10 above.

A snowstorm trailed a thick carpet from Kansas to Virginia, with a 9-inch fall deepening in the Shenandoah Valley west of Staunton, Va. Depths ranged from two inches upward from the plains to the Appalachians.

Sleet and freezing rain iced roads and highways across the central Mississippi Valley and in the Ohio Valley. The slippery coatings caused hundreds of accidents, some of them fatal.

Only efforts of sanding crews kept traffic moving in such hilly cities as Cincinnati, Ohio, where a two-inch snow Thursday was followed by sleet and freezing rain, with more snow expected.

Up to a foot of snow was reported in some mountainous West Virginia sections, and chains were a must for hilly roads.

With snow continuing and heavy accumulations forecast for most of the Ohio Valley and Middle Atlantic states, schools closed in some Maryland and Virginia localities.

The cold plunged much of New York state and virtually all of Maine below the zero mark. Syracuse, N.Y., had 7 degrees and Albany -3. In Montpelier and Newport, Vt., the low was -19. St. Johnsbury, Vt., had -17. Lebanon, N.H., -14. Greenville, Maine, -11. It was 3 above in Boston.

There was light snow in the Great Lakes region and in the far Northwest, rainy weather dampened coastal Washington. Honolulu, Hawaii, residents shivered Thursday in the lowest temperature on record. The mercury fell to 54, one degree lower than the previous record set in March, 1955, and February, 1961.

A 1,000 foot layer of fog returned to central California on Thursday night for the second night in a row. Thousands of holiday travelers were stranded at the San Francisco Airport and three traffic deaths were blamed on the fog.

U.S. Congo Role Explained by Adlai

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — Adlai E. Stevenson declared Friday that the sole objective of the U.S. military mission to the Congo is to strengthen the efforts of Secretary-General U Thant to carry out his unification plan.

The U. S. chief delegate told

a news conference he knew of no Soviet interference in the Congo and said there were no political implications in the Congo visit of the eight-man U. S. mission.

"As to Soviet interference," he said, "as far as I know there isn't any whatever. I hope I am properly informed on that subject."

Stevenson's remarks were made as Robert K. A. Gardner, the U. N. chief in the Congo, headed back there to push Thant's plans for unification.

Gardner, a Ghanaian, followed an eight-man U. S. military mission headed by Lt. Gen. Louis W. Truman.

Truman's group left Andrews Air force Base in Maryland late Thursday for Leopoldville.

Truman said he expected to spend five or six days in the Congo studying whether the United States could fill specific requests for military equipment for the U. N. Congo force.

He said there were no plans for him to leave anybody in the Congo and no plans for a U. S. military training mission there. He declined to say what kind of military equipment the United Nations had asked of the United States but U. S. Deputy Delegate Charles W. Yost said he doubted that the United States would supply fighter planes.

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Congolese Protest U.S. Action

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP) — Lt. Gen. Louis W. Truman and a U. S. military mission arrived here Friday amid a storm of opposition protests in the Leopoldville Parliament.

Gen. Truman is here to assess the U. N. Congo Army's needs for military equipment. But extreme nationalist Congolese members of Parliament earlier in the day accused his mission of being the forerunner of an attempt by the United States to set up "once again a military base in the Congo with the complicity of the United Nations."

An opposition resolution presented in the lower house called on the president of the House to write a protest letter to U. N. Secretary-General U Thant against Gen. Truman's mission.

The House also called unanimously for release of ex-Deputy Premier Antoine Gizenga within 48 hours. Gizenga, who set up a Communist-backed secessionist regime in Stanleyville last year, has been held since February on the island of Bula-Bemba in the Congo River.

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