

Labor Probers Will Get Look At Tax Returns

President Signs Order Giving Them Such Authority; Inquiry Will Start Up Again Tuesday

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate rackets investigating committee Monday received authority to examine any tax returns for the years 1945 to 1957.

The White House announced that President Eisenhower has signed an order giving the committee power to look over federal income, estate, gift, excess profits, and "certain other returns."

The order stipulates that information the committee obtains is to be kept confidential except that it "may report information pertinent to its investigation to the Senate."

Under general law, tax returns are confidential and congressional committees may not examine them except by express authority from the President.

The White House described Eisenhower's action as routine, and in line with authority granted to various other congressional investigating committees in the past.

However, it puts a powerful new weapon in the hands of the committee.

Certain management practices as well as labor unions operations already are under inquiry, the investigators said.

Robert Kennedy, chief counsel of the committee searching for evidence of racketeering in labor and industry, said later hearings on alleged payment of more than \$20,000 in Teamsters Union funds to Nathan W. Shefferman, a Chicago management consultant, "will lead into certain companies."

He did not name the companies.

The first three weeks of the committee's hearings have dealt with an alleged plot by Teamsters officials to "muscle in" on vice profits in Portland, Ore. The hearings resume tomorrow with more testimony from Frank W. Brewster, West Coast Teamsters boss.

Meanwhile, a federal grand jury was expected to finish today its consideration of bribery charges against James H. Hoffa, reputed to be the real power in the giant Teamsters Union. Whatever action the grand jury decides to take may not be known for several days.

Hoffa, a Teamster vice president and head of the union's Midwest organization, was arrested last week and charged with bribing a lawyer to join the staff of the rackets committee and feed him information. Hoffa, free on \$25,000 bond, has protested his innocence.

Dave Beck, Teamsters president, said in Tacoma, Wash., last night "I intend to ask" Hoffa about the charges. Beck, interviewed on television said he had not talked with Hoffa since Hoffa's arrest last Wednesday night.

But, Beck said in reply to a question, "I am not going to turn my back on any man . . . until he has his day in court . . ."

The rackets committee has given Beck until midday next Wednesday to decide whether he will comply voluntarily with its demand that he furnish his personal

financial records for the 1949-1955 period.

There have been allegations that union funds were used to pay some of Beck's personal expenses.

Asked last night whether the union paid some \$25,000 or \$30,000 to remodel his home in Seattle, Beck replied: "They must certainly did not . . . It most definitely was out of my own pocket."

Beck told his interviewers he had borrowed \$300,000 to \$400,000, interest free, in union funds some year ago, but that "every cent . . . has been repaid."

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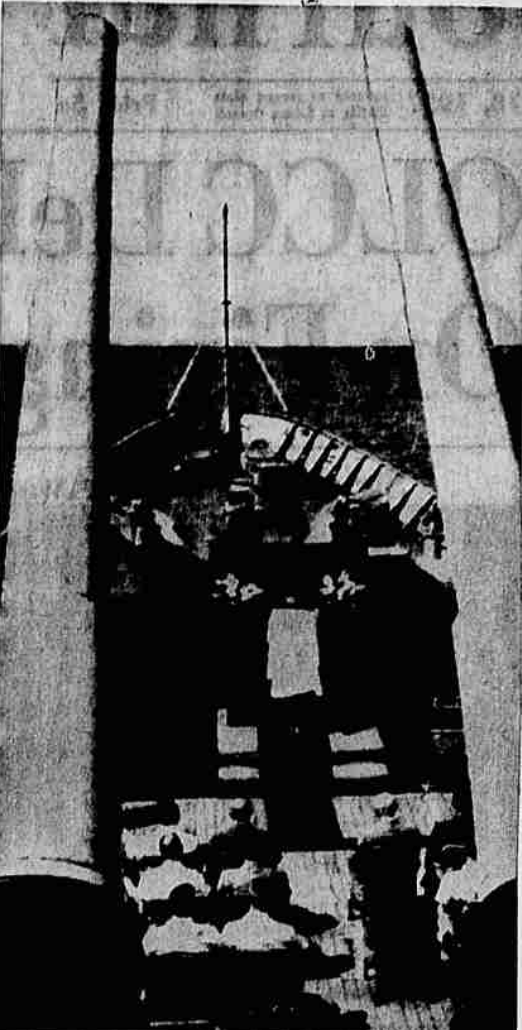
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Ike Attends Chapel Services



President Eisenhower (left, center, front row) attends chapel services aboard the heavy cruiser Canberra yesterday as he cruised toward his March 21 Bermuda meeting with British Prime Minister Macmillan. The altar is framed by the eight-inch guns of the warship on the open forward deck. (AP Wirephoto)

3 Missing Scouts Found in Smokies

GATLINBURG, Tenn. (AP)—Three Boy Scouts, missing overnight on a hike in the rugged Great Smoky Mountains, were found Monday huddling in a shed on 6,993-foot Mt. LeConte.

The boys, members of Greenville, Tenn. Troop 94, were found by a rescue squad near a lodge which stands atop the peak, one of the highest in the Smokies.

Victor Thorne Jr., 13, and eldest of the trio, said they reached the lodge about dusk Sunday after hiking from Newfound Gap, eight miles distant.

"I knew enough from my Scout training to stop at dark," Victor said. "We couldn't get into the lodge because it was locked, so we went into a shed where wood was stored."

"We kept fairly warm until about midnight, when the wind came up and it began hailing."

Others missing with young Thorpe were Jimmy Grubbs, 11, and Mike Harmon, 12.

The three boys were among 21 members of the troop who set out Sunday on a routine hike from Newfound Gap on U.S. 441 to Mt. LeConte and then back to the highway. Nine boys completed the trip and nine others turned back safely to Newfound Gap.

MORE DOCTORS
CHICAGO (UP)—A record number of students entered medical schools in the 1955-56 academic year, an American Medical Association survey showed. The AMA said 7,686 students were enrolled. Seventy-five per cent of this number, or 5,733, had four years of college education.

Wolfson Might Sell Out AMC
DETROIT (AP)—President George Romney of American Motors Corp. said Monday he would confer "this week" in Miami with financier Louis E. Wolfson, who has become the largest individual stockholder in the automotive firm.

Wolfson confirmed a week ago he has acquired 350,000 shares of American Motors stock and expects to make "certain suggestions" to Romney on operations.

Wolfson, 45-year-old one-time Florida junk dealer, said his suggestions might "call for a trimming, paring and pruning of certain unprofitable operations and possibly the expansion of others."

Some published reports said Wolfson might recommend sale of American Motors' automotive division, which manufactures Nash, Hudson, Rambler and Metropolitan automobiles and which has been a consistent money loser. The firm also makes Kelvinator appliances.

There were published reports Monday that sale of the automotive division to Chrysler Corp., which would continue manufacture of the Rambler, was under consideration by Wolfson. Chrysler reportedly would pay in its stock, not cash.

WRONG SPOT
MT. CLEMENS, Mich. (UP)—Embarrassed city commissioners voted to transplant the recently installed "permanent" municipal Christmas tree after the Lions Club pointed out it obscured the World War II heroes' monument.

AF Says Its Hawk Missile Super-Deadly

It Plugs Defense Gap Against Tree-Top Level Attack

By ROBERT EUNSON
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—Army Ordnance has plugged a hole in America's defenses with a new guided missile it calls the Hawk.

Those who know say it is capable of destroying anything that flies, no matter how low.

Yank airmen long have been saying that America's air defense was a sucker for tree-top-level attack. They base this belief on the fact that antiaircraft weapons in this country are designed primarily for high-altitude work.

What if the Russians hurled low-flying aircraft or missiles at American cities and industrial areas from submarines off San Francisco or New York?

Army Ordnance says the Hawk, details on which are yet to be released, is designed to stop such an attack.

"They can send it right down the road," one Army officer said, "and we'll kill it dead."

This new missile, when it is released, will carry an atomic warhead, capable not only of shooting down the target it goes after, but destroying also whatever weapon the enemy missile or aircraft will have on board.

The Hawk will become part of the Nike system of the Army Antiaircraft Command when Ordnance is satisfied with its final tests in New Mexico.

The Ajax and Hercules missiles are designed primarily for attack against high-flying targets. The Hawk will take care of low-flying targets.

Interviewed at his headquarters in Colorado Springs, Lt. Gen. Stanley S. Mickelsen, head man of the Army Antiaircraft Command, would only go this far: "We are perfecting a new weapon designed for the most effective operation against low-altitude flying."

His use of the word "perfecting" is interesting.

The Hawk already is a deadly, screaming missile, with electronic power to think for itself and to seek out and destroy once the target has been detected.

As soon as Ordnance is satisfied the Hawk is ready for use it will be turned over to Mickelsen's men.

Mickelsen's battalions of Nike antiaircraft batteries surround every major population and industrial area in the United States.

Thief Steals 1,000 Coins From Toyland

A thief who stole more than a thousand coins from the Toyland store in the Capitol Shopping Center Saturday night may have a little trouble spending them, city police reported.

The coins were collector's items, officers said. They were taken from display counters and the store office. Also taken was about \$30 in up-to-date cash from the store's cash register, according to Norman E. Shaw, partner in the store.

A plate glass door window was broken, making a hole big enough for the thief to crawl through, police said. The break-in was discovered about 9 a.m. Sunday by William Hamilton, shopping center custodian.

The old coins were mostly pennies valued at from 5 to 25 cents, although there were a few more valuable ones, including an 1875 20-cent piece valued at \$40, Shaw said.

Labor Chiefs Quit Reds
ROME (AP)—Two prominent Socialist labor leaders announced Monday they have quit the big, Communist-led Italian Federation of Labor (CGIL).

Giuseppe Della Motta and Aldo Ramella, both secretaries in industrial Genoa's CGIL organizations, said they had joined the Free Socialist Italian Labor Union (UIL).

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MEET THE LEGISLATORS



REP. STAFFORD HANSELL

After turning over operation of his farm to his brother Bill, Stafford Hansell came to Salem from Athena, to take over the house seat vacated by the death of Rep. Irvin Mann of Adams.

Rep. Hansell, Republican, was chosen by the Umattilla county court upon recommendation of the Umattilla Republican Central committee.

He is a native of Athena, born on a ranch near there on Nov. 23, 1913. He attended the University of Montana and Whitman College, graduating in the class of 1939.

For nine years Rep. Hansell was a member of the Union high school board in his district and has been active in Parent-Teacher activities. He is a member of the Oregon Wheat League, the Oregon Pea Growers Association and the Athena Gun Club.

Rep. Hansell is married and has a son, John, 10. His principal interests lie in agriculture, water resources and education. In this legislature he is serving on the Agriculture and Livestock, Elections and Reapportionment and Commerce and Utilities committees.



REP. E. A. LITRELL

Rep. E. A. Littrell, (R) Medford, returned to the house for his second term, is a quiet but well informed legislator.

"Al" as he is called by his friends is a prominent business man of Medford, heading a wholesale firm dealing in automobile parts. At one time he had five stores, one located in California but now he is concentrating in the business in Medford.

Rep. Littrell is also secretary-treasurer of the Jackson Investment company, owner and operator of Medford business property.

During the years 1933-1934 he served on the Medford City Council. He is past chairman of the Defense Transportation Advisory Committee and was president of the Medford Lions club in 1937. He is a member of the Masons, the Shrine, Elks, Rotary club and the Rogue Valley Country club.

Rep. Littrell was born at Colfax, N.M. Sept. 21, 1900, later living at Raton, N.M. He is married and has four children.

In present legislature he is vice-chairman of Commerce and Utilities committee and is serving on Highways and Commerce and Utility committees.

10-INCH RAIN Twisters Rip Texas Coast

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Torrrential rains and winds of hurricane force lashed the Texas Gulf Coast yesterday. At least one person drowned when heavy rains flooded streets and highways and a tornado injured several persons and caused scattered damage in the Galveston area.

More than 10 inches of rain fell at Texas City, where every street was flooded for a time by knee-deep water. Several families left homes in low-lying sections. Winds up to 80 miles per hour

knocked down power poles, uprooted homes and cut off telephone and electric service at several towns in Galveston County.

The rains, however, began tapering off along the coast early today.

Twisters also were reported yesterday at Houston and near San Angelo. Lighter rains fell over most of east Texas and hail fell at San Antonio and Bryan.

James J. Simpson, 45, of Texas City, drowned when his car went out of control on a rain-covered highway and careened into a culvert filled with more than five feet of water.

Mrs. Ernestine Martin was injured when the twister swooped down near Port Boliver, blowing her home off its foundation. A drive-in grocery was unroofed and at least a dozen other buildings in the area were damaged. Several other persons were hurt.

The turbulent weather came when thunderstorms rumbled across the state as moist air from the Gulf collided with a cool front moving down from the Texas Panhandle. Only traces of rain fell in west Texas, however.

Dispatcher C. W. Whitman of the Galveston sheriff's office said the tornado struck on the C. H. Boyd ranch near Port Boliver, which lies across a ship channel from Galveston Island. He said it blew two homes 300 feet off their foundations.

At nearby Arcadia, high winds damaged at least 12 houses and a garage. The gales hurled a new wing of the First Christian Church into the air, spun it around and demolished it. Several homes were unroofed.

Heavy hail and rain pounded San Antonio and Bryan. Deputy Sheriff Gordon Taylor said he believed a small tornado struck a Negro section of Houston. Heavy rain flooded streets and winds tore the roof off one home.

THE CULPRIT
DETROIT (UP)—Police in suburban Birmingham spent two weeks searching for someone they dubbed the "mad center" after residents reported a rash of car fires denting during the night. The search was finally abandoned when Lt. Merlin Holmquist decided the "mad center" was probably one of the city's snowplows.

SHOOT HIM, GEORGE. SHOOT HIM!
Palese fired and the first bullet hit the girl. The second dropped Murray. Clara suffered a flesh wound of the left arm.

Syracuse police said the couple had been arrested together twice in the last year—once in Milwaukee and once in Oswego, N.Y. They said Murray, an unemployed dishwasher, is married and has a child and that he lives across the street from the girl's family.

The pair—both of whom wore dirty, muddied jeans and plaid wool shirts—told Camden police they left home a month ago and had been to Erie, Pa., and to Florida before taking jobs on a south Jersey farm near Clayton.

Clara was remanded as a juvenile delinquent to the Camden County children's shelter.

Wife Held for Killing Hubby

PORTLAND (AP)—Robert Williams, 53, a construction worker, was slain here Saturday night and his wife Elsie was jailed Sunday on a murder booking.

Detective Al Vigna said she told him of a family quarrel in which, she said, her husband made a dive for a .38 caliber pistol under the pillow of their bed but that she beat him to it.

Emmies Won by Two Youngs



HOLLYWOOD—Loretta Young, whose aching foot caused her to discard her shoe, and Robert Young hold the television academy Emmies they won at the ninth annual award show tonight. Miss Young won hers for the best continuing performance by an actress in a dramatic series, while Young won his for the best continuing performance by an actor in a dramatic series. (AP Wirephoto)

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