

Teamsters' Bigshot Hoffa Indicted on 3 Charges of Bribery

WASHINGTON (AP)—James R. (Jimmy) Hoffa, hooey little bigshot of the Teamsters Union, today faced an indictment accusing him of conspiring and bribing to get secrets of the Senate's racket probes.

Named codefendant with the 44-year-old Hoffa is Hyman I. Fischbach, Miami attorney who in the past has served as counsel to congressional investigating committees.

Chairman McClellan (D-Ark) of the Special Senate committee probing labor union activities said he was gratified at the prompt indictment. He expressed the hope Hoffa and Fischbach will be tried "at an early date."

Fischbach said in Miami that "when I am tried, I shall be exonerated." He said he had been retained by Hoffa "but not for anything even remotely connected with the accusation."

Hoffa himself rested on his statement after his arrest a week ago tonight in which he vowed he was innocent of wrongdoing and said he will "fight this case until I am cleared."

The three-count indictment against Hoffa and Fischbach was returned late yesterday before Federal Dist. Judge Richmond B. Keech. No date was set for the defendants to answer.

In brief, here are the charges, with maximum penalties if convicted:

1. Conspiracy to bribe, conspiracy to obstruct operations of the McClellan committee, and conspiracy to defraud the United States "of and concerning its legislative and governmental functions and rights;" five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both.
2. Bribery by giving John Cye Cheasty, a member of the committee staff, \$2,000 "to influence and induce him to divulge" committee secrets and to turn over documents, papers and memoranda from its files; three years plus three times the amount of the bribe. The FBI says Cheasty reported the alleged bribe and cooperated fully in the investigation leading to Hoffa's arrest.
3. Obstructing and impeding the committee's "due and proper exercise of the power of inquiry;" five years, a \$5,000 fine, or both.

House Passes Vehicle Bill

The House passed and sent to the Senate Tuesday a bill that would open motor vehicle accident reports to inspection by persons involved in an accident or members of the family of persons killed or injured.

Present law makes these reports confidential.

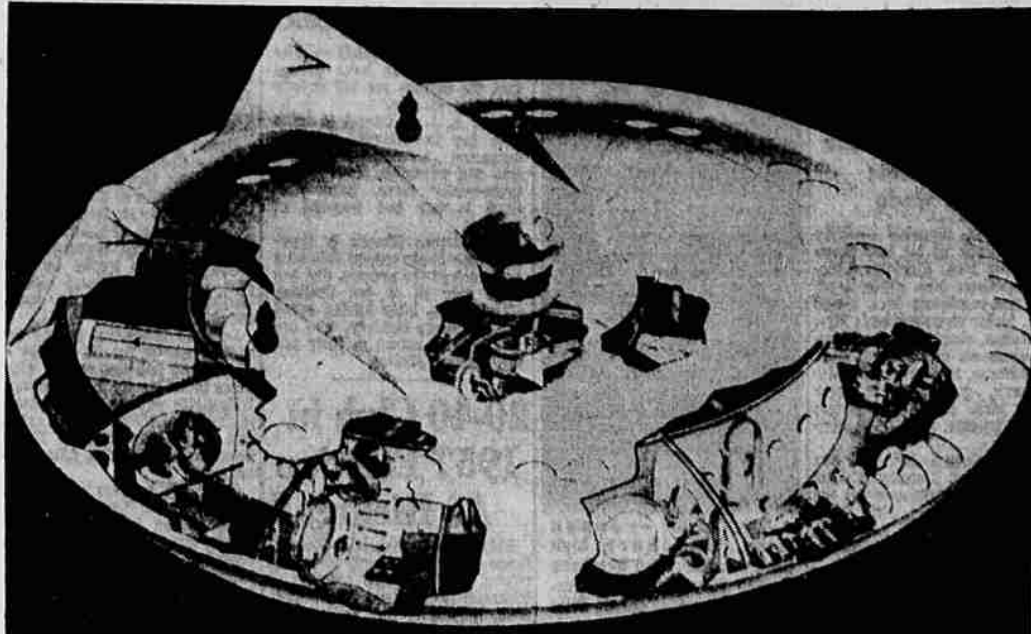
Rep. Robert Bennett (R), Portland, said the proposal would restore in part a 1925 law requiring reports and inspection to permit public inspection. In 1942, the Legislature decided they should be confidential.

Bennett said the proposal would give either party in an accident an unfair advantage in damage claim cases. But Rep. Guy Jones (D), Salem, an insurance executive, argued a report could be used to "bully or coerce" an accident victim into recanting his report or waiving damages because of an inadvertent misstatement.

Bennett replied that secrecy has hindered traffic safety studies.

"What good are statistics if you can't obtain the basic facts involved in an accident?" he asked.

Saucer for the Future



DETROIT—Lovell Lawrence, Jr., a Chrysler Corp. engineer, said today this is what a flying saucer of the future may look like from an engineering standpoint. He hastened to add he doesn't believe current reports of saucers containing little green men from Mars. Lawrence said the ship is designed to fly about 25,000 miles per hour and would be 50 feet in diameter. It would contain an atomic reactor for power or else use burning, high energy gas. The ship would whirl slowly and create a gravitation pull within the saucer. A trip of 4 million miles to Mars would require 9 to 12 weeks, Lawrence estimated. (AP Wire-photo)

New Rocket Using Solid Fuel Unveiled

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON (AP)—A big new rocket engine, using solid instead of hard-to-handle liquid fuel for powering an intermediate range ballistic missile, has been developed and put under test.

This was disclosed today in a routine annual report to stockholders by the General Tire Co., which seemed to contain considerably more information about some weapons than has been announced by the Defense Department. The report said the new rocket motor went into its testing stage last October.

The motor was designed by the company's Aerojet-General Corp. and, said the report, is "the largest solid propellant power plant ever used in any ballistic missile." The motor was developed for the Jupiter IRBM, the company reports.

However, Army experts told a newsman that Jupiter IRBM program does not now include use of a solid instead of liquid fuel. This appeared to indicate the new rocket engine may be intended for use by the Navy in its Polaris IRBM. The Navy started out with the Army on joint development of the Jupiter, but a few months ago announced plans to go ahead with its own project.

For reasons of handling and stowage aboard ships at sea, the Navy favors a solid fuel instead of the fuming nitric acid and oxidizer used generally in Army and Air Force ballistic missiles.

Fondas in Hollywood
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Actor Henry Fonda, 51, is in town with his 24-year-old Italian bride, Baroness Aldera Franchetti. They were married 11 days ago in New York.

GI, Japanese Girl Receive Death Penalty

SENDAI, Japan (AP)—An American soldier and his Japanese girl friend today were sentenced to death by a Japanese court for robbing and killing a Japanese woman, then setting her home afire to hide their crime.

The death penalty was the first imposed on an American by Japanese authorities since the end of World War II.

Pvt. Orvis L. C. Boone, 24-year-old Galveston, Tex., Negro, and Sheeko Sasaki were sentenced by Dist. Judge Mizuo Yamada to be hanged for the triple crime last Sept. 4 in Sendai. The prosecution had asked only for life imprisonment.

The conviction can be appealed first to Japan's appeal court and later to the Supreme Court.

Boone already is under an Army court-martial life sentence for the bludgeoning slaying of U.S. Army Specialist Edward K. Munk, 21, of Honolulu, last July 31. His court-martial included testimony that Miss Sasaki would lure victims to an isolated spot for Boone to rob them.

Pilot Announces Baby
JEFFERSON, Okla. (AP)—When his wife gave birth to a daughter, Johnny Krittenbrink, a flying farmer, climbed into his plane and flew low over each home in the neighborhood. Painted on the bottom of the plane's fuselage were "Cheryl Lynne."

9 Die in Elevator Plunge in Florida

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—A cable snapped, and a construction elevator carrying 19 workmen plunged five floors to the ground yesterday. Five of the men were killed and the rest injured.

"It sounded like an explosion when it hit—then there were screams," said Bob Barsh, an insulation superintendent at the new Duval County courthouse the men were helping to build.

Among the horrified witnesses were women waiting for their husbands to finish up for the day. The 83-foot fall killed George Edward Leach, 31; Dewey Woods, 39; Glenn D. Idol, 23; Jack Monroe Thomasson, 24; Dave Almore, 58. All were white except Almore.

The injured were distributed among five hospitals. Their conditions were reported serious or critical.

The elevator was on the outside of the new courthouse, a seven-story building being constructed along the St. Johns River in downtown Jacksonville.

Arthur W. Aveni, vice president of George D. Aucher Co., general contractor for the project, said he could not explain what caused the accident. Safety devices on the elevator were "100 percent," he said, "but for some reason they didn't hold when the cable broke."

J. W. Waters, crane operator who was running the elevator from the ground, said it had been lifting marble slabs most of the afternoon. He said he threw the brakes when he saw it falling but they would not catch. He was hospitalized for shock.

Blast Kills 3 In Drug Plant

LINDEN, N.J. (AP)—An explosion killed three men and injured at least five early today at the Merck and Co. pharmaceutical plant.

All the casualties were working in Building 82, where the blast occurred.

Fire broke out but was extinguished by company fire equipment. All the injured were being treated at the plant dispensary.

Cowpoke a Father
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—It's a baby boy for actress Hope Lange and Don Murray, the fumbling cowpoke of the movie "Bus Stop."

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