

# Blackmail Try Laid to Elkins By Wife of DA

PORTLAND, Ore.—The wife of Dist. Atty. William Langley swore yesterday that Portland gambler Big Jim Elkins once tried to blackmail her for \$10,000.

Mrs. Langley, mother of five young children, was a witness for her husband at his trial on a charge of deliberate failure to enforce gambling laws here.

# Welfare Chief Seeks Medical School Grants

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Welfare Department today proposed a 225-million-dollar program to help medical and dental schools build more research and teaching facilities.

It announced it was asking Congress to authorize a five-year program of grants in place of a three-year, 90-million-dollar program approved by Congress last year for health research facilities alone.

In voting the three-year program, Congress rejected a five-year administration proposal for a five-year, 250-million-dollar program covering both teaching and research construction.

Secretary of Welfare Folsom said that under the new proposal 195 million dollars would be earmarked for medical facilities and 30 million for dental facilities. Recipients of grants would have to match the federal aid 50-50.

It is proposed that schools of medicine, including osteopathy and public health, and schools of dentistry could use the federal aid for construction of both types of facilities.

Grants to other institutions could be used only for research facilities. Folsom said the need for medical research scientists, physicians, dentists and other personnel in the health fields is increasing faster than the capacity of medical schools to train them.

# SAGE Base Start Nears

ALBANY, Ore.—Roy Collins, Chamber of Commerce president here, said Thursday construction would start in the near future on the SAGE project at the nearby site of former Camp Adams World War II army post.

First plans for the SAGE project, which would be part of the country's air warning system, were announced long ago by the Defense Department.

Collins said military authorities in Washington, D. C., would receive bids on the project May 2 and the contract would be let the same month.

Included in the project, which he said was expected to cost about one million dollars, would be the construction of a four-story building and a two-story powerhouse.

The Chamber official added that the station was expected to have a permanent staff of about 600 men, mostly Air Force personnel.

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# Big Jim Tells of Payoff



PORTLAND, Ore.—Portland gambler James (Big Jim) Elkins testified today that Multnomah County (Portland) Dist. Atty. William Langley took a cut of gambling profits here. He was a state witness at Langley's trial on a charge of failing to enforce gambling laws. (AP Wirephoto)

# 2 Civil Rights Bills Sail Through House

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. Associated Press Writer  
Two bills to provide stronger enforcement of the civil rights laws and to extend their application to publicly-financed housing have received strong approval by Oregon's House of Representatives.

The law already applies to such places as hotels and restaurants. The second bill, passed with only 10 dissenting votes, forbids discrimination in housing which is financed by any governmental body; which is located in a parcel owned or assembled into a parcel by a governmental body; or which is wholly or partly exempt from real property taxation.

Supporters argued the bills are needed to guarantee minority rights, but opponents objected that they are attempts to legislate morals.

With nine votes against, the House sent to the Senate a proposed constitutional amendment to increase the \$800 annual pay for legislators to \$1,000. It would have to be voted upon by the people in November, 1958.

The resolution also would let legislators vote themselves an expense money for the first 100 days of a session.

**Bruce in Germany**  
FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—David K. E. Bruce arrived Thursday to assume his duties as the new United States ambassador to West Germany.

**Dies at 20**  
In authorizing self-determination in bargaining for large groups of engineers, mechanics and office workers, the convention overrode the opposition of a small minority that charged the UAW was abandoning the principle of industrial unionism.

**Death of Actor's Daughter Puzzles**  
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Microscope examinations have been ordered by the coroner's office to determine why the 20-year-old daughter of swimmer-actor Buster Crabbe died in her sleep yesterday.

An autopsy failed to fix the cause of death. A coroner's physician said the attractive coed, Karen Lynn (Sandel) Crabbe, weighed only 60 pounds.

Miss Crabbe was a student last semester at the University of Southern California. She lived with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Held, where death occurred.

Dr. Carl D. Strouse, the girl's physician, said he declined to sign a death certificate because he was not present at the time of her death. He added, however, that she had been suffering from anorexia nervosa, an ailment characterized by an inability to eat.

"It's tied in with an emotional disturbance," said Strouse.

Miss Crabbe continued to eat something, but not much, up to the time of death, her physician said. He declined to comment on a report that she went on a strict reducing diet last year. Strouse said he had treated her only since March 4, when she was referred to him by a psychiatrist.

Classmates at USC said Miss Crabbe began dieting when she weighed 120 pounds. She was 5 feet 4 inches tall. The grandmother conceded Caren had "lost a lot of weight," but she said also that the girl was stricken with virus flu about a month ago.

The parents, who now live in Rye, N.Y., left at once for Los Angeles to attend funeral services today.

**Who's Right?**  
COLUMBUS, Miss. (AP)—A new sign at the east end of the bridge identifies the river as the Luxapallia. The new sign at the west end says it's the Luxapallia. The State Highway Department's own maps agree with other authorities that it's really the Luxapallia.

# 1500 Portland Unionists Flay 'Funds Misuse'

Effigy of Dave Beck Displayed Outside Auditorium

PORTLAND (AP)—Some 1500 members of Teamsters Union Local 162 met at the civic auditorium here Thursday night, and members said they unanimously approved a resolution censuring national and Western Conference officials for "misuse and misappropriation of our funds."

The huge auditorium was used after last week's scheduled meeting had to be postponed because more members showed up than could be seated in the Teamsters hall.

Reporters found outside on the sidewalk an effigy of Dave Beck, international union president. They hung it up and had photographs taken of it. The dummy had a sign on it reading: "It's later than you think." Members said after the meeting that a seven-man committee had been appointed to recommend changes in the Teamsters' constitution. They said that it was voted unanimously not to support with union funds any Teamster official under fire for misuse of union funds.

Another member said that a few boos were heard when it was reported that Clyde C. Crosby could not attend because he was in Los Angeles on Teamster business.

The case of Harry Federspiel was tabled, a member reported. Federspiel had been threatened with expulsion for violating the union constitution by making statements to the press, critical of national and local Teamster officials.

Officials had hired seven off-duty policemen to keep order, but there were no incidents requiring police attention.

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**Reuther Wins All He Sought At UAW Meet**  
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Walter P. Reuther achieved all the major objectives he sought at the constitutional convention of the United Auto Workers.

The 3,200 delegates were ready to return home after filling in unfinished details at today's session. The convention last night voted almost unanimously to give Reuther a \$4,000 salary increase. He has been getting \$18,000. Salaries of other union officials also were increased.

In their weeklong convention, the Auto Workers re-elected Reuther to a seventh term and overwhelmingly adopted his key proposals:

1. A public review board of seven private citizens to act as a watchdog on union affairs.

2. Revision of the big industrial union's bargaining procedure to permit skilled workers to negotiate supplemental contracts.

3. Provision for a special convention next January, probably in Detroit, to shape demands for 1958 contract talks with the auto, aircraft and farm-machinery companies.

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# Effigy Found Outside Meeting



PORTLAND, Ore.—This effigy of Dave Beck, international president of the Teamster Union, was found outside the public auditorium here last night. Inside the building members of Teamsters Local 162 were holding a closed meeting. Members said that a resolution censuring national and Western Conference officials for "misuse" of union funds was approved. (AP Wirephoto)

# Probers Will Recall Dave Beck to Stand; New Evidence Found

WASHINGTON (AP)—Teamsters Union President Dave Beck apparently is headed for another session with Senate rackets investigators.

Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.) told newsmen yesterday that in the light of newly uncovered evidence, "it is highly probable Beck will be called back at some future time."

McClellan did not give any clue to the nature of the evidence, nor did he say when Beck might be recalled.

The Arkansas senator is chairman of the Senate committee which last month sought without success to get replies from Beck to its questions about his finances.

The committee, which is charged with searching out evidence of corruption in labor and management, has said Beck used \$32,000 in Teamsters Union funds for his own purposes.

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# Water Advisory Unit Hears Complaints at Rate-Project Session

By STEPHEN A. STONE Capital Journal Associate Editor  
Salem water rates were discussed, criticism was leveled at the new water project on grounds that it is too extensive, and suggestions were made for economies in water administration at a City Hall meeting Thursday night.

The meeting was called by Carroll Meeks, chairman of the special Water Advisory Committee, most of whose members were present to hear what the people had to say. Attendance was smaller than the committee expected.

A rate structure has not yet been definitely prepared, but Peter Gunnar, chairman of a sub-committee working on it, said it would be ready in a few days.

It is anticipated that it will re-adjust rates, for one reason to lighten the burden on summer lawn irrigations. But, it is not expected to reduce the total revenue of the department.

A report of the subcommittee on the net earnings projection was adopted. Among its recommendations was one "that the City Council take positive action to sell water to the suburban areas now. . . . It is strongly recommended that a selling program be started without delay."

David O'Hara, a member of the committee, was critical of the City Council for setting up and selling bonds to pay for a new water supply line that will triple the supply. It would be enough at this time to double it, he thought.

"If you were doing a job for yourself," he asked Lloyd Clark, another member of the engineering firm that designed the project, "would you consider it good business, with costs at their present peak, to build so far toward the future, rather than depend on economic cycles that might bring lower costs later? Wouldn't it be a good gamble to depend on cycles?"

Clark didn't agree. "He said it was economy to add a few inches to the size of the supply line and make it good for 30 years or so, rather than later have to go through the expense of easements and other high costs for a separate new line. In support of his argument, he cited Portland's experience in underbuilding."

Don Madison, 1655 N. 24th St., sided with O'Hara in his argument. Clark reminded them that the engineers' report and design had been made public in January, 1956, and could have been criticized at that time.

He suggested that water department overhead might be cut, and that home users should not be discriminated against in favor of industrial and commercial users.

Since the new line is to triple the supply, O'Hara said the city will have a great surplus of water, and that it should be made available to home owners for irrigation at a rate they can afford to pay.

The financial set-up proposes a reserve fund of \$5,454,996 at the end of 30 years. This came in for criticism by O'Hara and Madison who saw in it a burdening of the present generation with costs that should be borne by a future one.

There was a difference of opinion about the function of this reserve. Some saw it as an accumulation to apply to whatever project might be launched 30 years from now. Others saw it as money for pay-as-you-go use of the department during the 30-year period.

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