

Government denies attorney's 'frameup' charge in Hoffa trial

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (UPI) — Defense lawyer Jacques Schiffer today accused the government of possibly plotting a "frameup" in the jury-tampering trial of James Hoffa and five others.

The government took immediate exception to Schiffer's statement — which included Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy — and said the defense was trying

"to prolong the case and confuse."

Hoffa and five co-defendants are accused of attempting to influence the jury in Hoffa's 1962 conspiracy mistrial at Nashville, Tenn., which ended in a deadlocked jury. Conviction for Hoffa here could mean a 20 year prison sentence.

The proceedings opened with the questioning by federal Judge Frank Wilson of Walter Sheridan, one of Kennedy's chief investigators, and FBI agent William Sheets of Nashville concerning their interrogation of government witnesses.

The defense lodged its first protest of the day because Wilson would not allow cross-examination. Wilson said the defense could submit its questions in writing through him but defense attorney Harvey Silles objected.

Schiffer argued that Sheridan's and Sheets' destruction of original notes "substantially deprives" co-defendant Thomas Parks of "original" material and takes away Parks' right to cross-examine on the credibility of the investigation.

Schiffer moved to strike testimony of government witnesses James T. Walker and Carl Fields, both of whom implicated Parks.

"How can we know," Schiffer asked, "that the notes were not 'deliberately destroyed by the government'?"

"My defendant may actually be the victim of a plot," Sheridan was questioned about his note-taking during interviews with Walker, a Negro policeman, and Fields, son of a juror in Hoffa's 1962 Nashville conspiracy trial.

Recently taken whale drowns its offspring

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UPI) — A 1,300-pound pilot whale, captured in coastal waters only last Friday, gave birth Tuesday in a tank at the Sea World Oceanarium — but a few minutes later went into a frenzy and drowned her 100-pound offspring.

Kent Burgess, who is in charge of training at the oceanarium, said he was in the tank helping the infant to swim when the 13-foot whale suddenly began thrashing about.

Burgess scrambled out of the water and watched the big creature seize the calf by a fin, holding the young whale beneath the surface until it was dead.

Veterinarian Robert M. Stader said it was not unusual for animals in captivity to destroy their young.

Marksman hits tower light

A KBND tower light was the recent target of a marksman, apparently this past weekend, Frank H. Loggan, station manager, has notified the sheriff's office and Oregon State Police.

A tower climber from a local electric firm in making replacement of the light discovered that a shot had broken the reflector and the globe, as well as damaging the receptacle.

Officials said it is a federal offense to tamper with or destroy property at a radio station licensed by the United States Government.

The station tower is at the northeast edge of Bend, and it is presumed the shot was fired from the surrounding tree-covered area.

Miss Hege describes fellow missionary's death

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (UPI) — "Irene was hit right in the face by an arrow. She fell on top of me, and they left us both for dead."

With these words, Miss Ruth Hege, an American missionary in The Congo, told today how years of tending her jungle mission in Kwilu Province ended in an attack by the half-naked, Communist-trained terrorists roaming the province.

Miss Hege, 48, Wellington, Ohio, and Miss Irene Ferrel, 42, Jerome, Idaho, both members of Baptist Mid-Missions, ran the mission station at Mangungu. They were there last Saturday morning when the terrorists attacked before dawn.

"Irene was hit right in the face by an arrow, over the nose, when we opened the door to the terrorists at two o'clock in the morning," she said. "I was hit in the arm by an arrow."

Left For Dead

"Irene was killed instantly. I was struck down first and she fell on top of me, and they left us both for dead."

"The terrorists smashed up our home completely. I just lay there, not daring to move."

"Somehow, I managed to

crawl to the garage after they had left me, and there, friendly Christian villagers found me and brought me to the village to hide me from the Mulelist terrorists who were looking for me."

The terrorists are called "Mulelists," or "Jeunisse," after their leader, former Congo Education Minister Pierre Mulele, who was trained by the Communist Chinese. The terrorists have sworn to kill all missionaries—but Miss Ferrel is the first white woman known to have been killed by them.

Dairy group seeks damages

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Tillamook Cheese and Dairy Association has filed a \$100,000 damage suit in Federal Court against its former marketing agent, the Tillamook County Creamery Association.

The dairy association asked the court to issue an injunction preventing the creamery association from threatening suits against dealers and customers of the dairy association if they handled the plaintiff's cheeses.

The dairy association alleged that the creamery association sent letters to the dealers telling them that the dairy association had no right to use the word "Tillamook" in the sale of its cheeses.

The dairy association ended its contract with the creamery association, a group of cooperatives, last September. The dairy association manufactures cheese at a factory north of Tillamook.

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"I was carried on a bicycle to safety," Miss Hege went on. "But on the way there, we were intercepted by another gang of terrorists and taken back to the mission — where Irene still lay dead."

Rescued By Helicopter

"They left me there along with a Congolese nurse until yesterday, when a U.N. helicopter came in and got me out."

Miss Hege arrived in Leopoldville on the helicopter Tuesday night and met a friend, Miss Susie Brucks, a Canadian missionary who thought Miss Hege was dead.

Miss Brucks brought with her proof of the terror of the two women at Mangungu during the hours of attack. She said she was at another mission when a runner came to her with a message — a frantically scribbled note from Miss Hege. The note read:

"My co-worker slipped away to higher planes. My heart is near breaking. The Jeunisse left us as dead, but I am alive. But God! — and these lines were heavy underlined — "God, come and help us."

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