

Reservist Tells of Buying Way Out of Army for \$100

Detroit—(U.P.)—An Air Force Reserve officer said Friday he paid \$100 to avoid being recalled to active duty "because of worry over my family."

"I don't know whether you could call it a bribe or not," said Gordon Cook, 28, a B-17 navigator in World War II. "I think they would have disqualified me anyway on physical grounds."

Indictments Announced
Cook, a lieutenant, is one of three reserve officers whose indictment, along with that of the sergeant they allegedly bribed to alter medical records, was announced Thursday by a federal grand jury at Danville, Ill.

The sergeant is M/Sgt. Luther R. Bradley, Staunton, Ill., but Cook said he didn't know whether it was Bradley who accepted his \$100.

"My two-year-old son, Davis, was suffering from an asthmatic condition and needed constant care," Cook said. "My wife had just given birth to a second son. I wanted desperately to get home to them."

"In wartime I'd gladly give my life but in peacetime my family comes before anything else."

He said he was called up for his physical examination at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., in July, 1951, and flunked all five parts of it.

"The reviewing board asked if I wanted active duty and I said no, because of my family," Cook said. "They said they'd let me go. Then came three days of rechecks. And they told me I might have to stay another two weeks for further tests. I thought I was getting the run-around."

Cook said he kept badgering "anybody who would listen to me" until he was approached by an enlisted man who said, "I hate to see you get called back. I think we can fix you up. Of course, there will be a fee."

Cook said he wired home for the money and gave it to the man. He left the base after four days and later was notified he was physically disqualified for active duty.

Indicted along with Cook and Bradley were Joseph A. Crowley of Indianapolis and Edward L. Kanick of Chicago. A Staunton,

CIO Woodworkers, Employers Slate Meeting Series

Portland — (U.P.) — Meetings between logging and sawmill employers and representatives of the CIO International Woodworkers of America have been set for Saturday and next week.

The meetings were scheduled in a move by Federal Conciliators George Walker and Bob McClelland to step up the tempo of negotiations in an effort to end the 11-day strike of some 40,000 workers. The first meeting is to be held here Saturday between the union and the Willamette Valley Operators association. Other meetings will be held Tuesday with three groups — the Tri-County Loggers association, the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations committee and the Long Bell Lumber Co.

A few operators have settled with the union after breaking away from employers organizations and signing independently. At Redding, Calif., 500 workers went back on the job Friday with a 7½ cent hourly wage increase and three more paid holidays. The union gave up demands on three Redding mills for increased health and welfare benefits.

Ill., tavern owner, Martin H. Haase, was indicted on charges of serving as Bradley's collection agent for bribes ranging from \$15 to \$150.



FRESH START—Aided by William Johns, executive director of Guide Dogs for the Blind, Mrs. Melba King of Seattle makes her first try at tackling city traffic with her new guide dog, Gypsy, at San Rafael, Calif. Mrs. King's former guide dog was killed by an auto on a Seattle street.

Senate Expected To Go Slow On Fair Trade Bill

Washington — (U.P.) — Chairman Edwin C. Johnson of the Senate Commerce Committee predicted Friday that the Senate will go slow in acting on the House-approved "fair trade" bill.

The Colorado Democrat said he was "surprised" that such a "controversial" measure breezed through the House with so little opposition.

More Consideration Seen
"I'm sure the Senate will want to give it more careful consideration," he told a reporter.

The House passed the bill Thursday by a standing vote of 196 to 10. It would overturn a Supreme Court ruling handed down last year, and restore the effectiveness of "fair trade" laws in 45 states.

Agreements Provided
The laws provide for manufacturers of brand-name products to enter into price-fixing agreements with one or more retailers in each state. The minimum retail price thus fixed becomes legally binding on all other dealers in that state, whether they sign the agreement or not.

Rep. Emanuel Celler, D-N. Y., who led the badly outnumbered House forces opposing the bill, said he is "certain" that President Truman will veto it if it gets through the Senate.

Trachoma, Disease of Eyes, Found Curable

Geneva — (U.P.) — Trachoma, an eye disease prevalent in poor and backward regions of the world, is curable, according to a committee of experts who met here under the auspices of the United Nations Health Organization.

The disease hitherto has been considered incurable, but WHO tests carried out in the past 18 months among Arab refugees responded successfully to treatment combining sulfa drugs and such antibiotics as aureomycin and terramycin.

The WHO expert committee on trachoma is made up of doctors from the United States, Japan, Italy, Portugal, Tunis, Algeria and Egypt.

Television Used To Study Plane Landings

Washington — (U.P.) — Washington's national airport is televising plane landings to see if television can help make landings safer and speedier.

The main purpose of the televising is to help control tower observers determine weather and traffic conditions at the end of runways—often, three-quarters of a mile from the control towers—when weather is bad.

According to Weather Bureau scientists, who are conducting the experiment, all planes may be equipped in the future with TV screens so pilots can view weather and traffic conditions on the runways when they are still 20 minutes away from the airport.

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New Veterans Hour Show Due Tonight

Central Point — Another in the series of "Veterans hour" radio shows at Camp White will be presented at 7:30 tonight under the sponsorship of Myers-Holland Post 129, American Legion, Central Point. The show will be given in the Camp White theater.

Sponsors said today the show tonight will be one of the best so far, and that the series of broadcasts is proving to be highly popular.

A rebroadcast of the presentation will be aired over radio station KXJC at 7:30 Saturday evening.

The program will include the Eddie Lawrence quartet, from the Red Barn; the Vickie Young trio, from the "Y" club; Miss Arlene Arashiro, a Hawaiian dancer; the Mischoras, a triple trio of girls from Crater high school; a variety act featuring Master of Ceremonies Don Safford and his wife, and a quiz show, with Jimmy Dunlevy as master of ceremonies.

The public is invited to attend.

Soil Conservation Workshop Attended By Area Teachers

Rogue River — Teachers of Rogue River, Sams Valley and Central Point schools took part in a soil conservation workshop here this week, school officials reported today.

Teachers attended a field trip in which gully erosion, sheet erosion drainage and irrigation problems were observed and corrective and preventative measures were discussed by Clem Ault, Medford soil conservation service technician.

Tells of Devices

Dr. Seymour Fowler, Southern Oregon college science professor, demonstrated use of simple devices which can be made in classrooms or homes for teaching soil conservation. Fowler also outlined methods of teaching soil conservation on school grounds and lawns.

George Loftin, chairman of the local soil conservation district, explained function and organization of the district and

benefits received in Sams Valley from the farmer-directed soil

Local Composers Publish New Song

Sheet music of the song "Everybody Knows," written by Frank and Fran Durante and Jerry Miller, Medford composers, is now available in local music stores, Durante reported today. The song was recently broadcast here over radio station KMED.

At the present time, according to Durante, local orchestras are being contacted to make a recording of the song for presentation over local radio stations. Any orchestra interested in auditioning for the recording are asked to contact the composer at Medford 2-4657 any evening after 6 o'clock.

conservation organization. Work of the county soil conservation educational committee was explained by Lester James, chairman of the committee and a member of the district board of supervisors.

Valley Men Reelected

Portland—William G. Howes, Gold Hill, was reelected overseer of the Oregon state Grange at its annual meeting in Portland this week. Roscoe Roberts, Medford, was reelected steward.

All incumbent officers of the Grange were returned to their posts, including Elmer McClure, Milwaukie, state master.

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