

# Schrunk Offers To Take Lie Detector Test; Zusman Flunks in Similar Test

Washington — (U.P.) — Mayor Terry D. Schrunk of Portland denied today that he took a \$500 bribe from a gambler and offered to take a lie detector test to prove it.

The 43-year-old former sheriff of Multnomah county, where Portland is located, told the Senate Rackets Committee he was not "stupid enough" to accept a bribe in the presence of three witnesses.

Two policemen and a bartender have testified that they saw Schrunk pick up an envelope gambler Clifford O. (Jimmy) Davis deposited behind a telephone pole outside a night club Schrunk threatened to close down.

Schrunk, sheriff at the time, said he had called city police to the scene to pick up a bicycle he had found.



**VICTIM**—The body of Victoria Zielinski, 15, of Ramsey, N. J. (shown in skating costume) was found by her parents in a lover's lane area near Mahwah, N. J. She had been savagely beaten. The school girl disappeared after leaving a girl friend's home late at night. Her parents searched for her all night long.

"It's fantastic that I would have called city police officers to watch me take a bribe," Schrunk said. "I don't know how silly you can be."

**Flunks Lie Detector**  
Schrunk said he is willing to take a lie detector test from the FBI or the Secret Service to back up his denial.

He testified after Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) read a letter from Secret Service Chief U. E. Baughman which said that an earlier witness, naty Nathan Zusman, proprietor of a Portland night club showed signs of "untruthfulness" in a similar test.

Zusman had flatly denied testimony by a bawdy house madam that he encouraged her to open up for business and then shared in the profits.

He sat poker-faced in the hearing room as McClellan read Baughman's report on tests which Zusman had said would prove the madam was lying.

McClellan has sent the conflicting testimony of Zusman and the madam, Helen (Big Helen) Hardy, to the Justice Department for possible prosecution for perjury.

**Mundt Suggests Test**  
After Schrunk's flat denial of the bribery charge, Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) suggested that the mayor follow Zusman's lead and submit himself to a lie detector test.

Schrunk volunteered to take one and McClellan announced that the Secret Service would administer it.

Schrunk described the \$500 bribe charge as a "fantastic frame."

James B. Elkins, self-confessed Portland racketeer, gambler and bootlegger, testified earlier that Bennett, his partner in the 8212 Club in Portland, told him

he paid Sheriff Schrunk \$500 on Sept. 11, 1955. Elkins said Bennett told him he handed over the money to ward off a raid and keep his customers from being arrested as they left his illegal after-hours drinking and gambling club.

**WHO IS 'FISHING'?**  
Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—Clyde Ashby, 31-year-old trailer salesman, was acquitted Thursday of charges that he fished without a license on nearby Lake Mead after a friend verified his fish story. The friend-told Justice of the Peace Art Olsen that Ashby was merely trying to "fish out" a fishing rod which had been lost in the lake.

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**Questions Refused**  
Bennett refused to answer any questions about the incident. All he would tell the committee was that he now lives in Great Falls, Mont. The committee immediately moved to

cite him for contempt of Congress.

The committee refused to let Schrunk put in the record an affidavit from Bennett because the latter refused to be cross-examined. The mayor later showed the affidavit to newsmen. In it, Bennett declared he would testify that Schrunk "has never asked for money or anything else and at no time ever made any promises that I could have protection to do anything illegally . . ."

## Legislature Briefs

**Salem—(U.P.)**—Five more House bills, all providing for the financial operations of board and commissions, have been signed by Gov. Robert D. Holmes. State agencies in the group included the Board of Accountancy, Capitol Planning Commission, State Board of Cosmetic Therapy Examiners, State Board of Engineering Examiners and the Oregon State Board of Optometry.

Agriculture Department agronomists gained more efficient forage production and increased returns per acre by applying nitrogen as ammonium nitrate to range grasses in North Dakota.

**Salem—(U.P.)**—The Senate voted to create a pioneering interim committee to study any problems that might arise between sessions despite some objections that its powers might be too broad.

**Salem—(U.P.)**—Special controlled hunts for deer and elk which are damaging agricultural crops would be set up under terms of House bill 366 which passed the House with little opposition.

The bill now goes to the Senate.  
**Salem—(U.P.)**—A hearing on the community college bill will be held in the State Capitol here at 7:30 p.m. next Monday.

**Salem—(U.P.)**—The Oregon Legislature has taken final action on Senate joint memorial 2, urging Congress to deepen and widen the Columbia river channel from the river mouth to Portland.

Vote in the House was unanimous on the measure.

**Salem—(U.P.)**—The House agriculture committee discussed House bills 411 and 412 which re-write provisions of the state's fencing laws and provide that no money can be collected for damages caused by livestock on another's land unless the person can prove his land was fenced.

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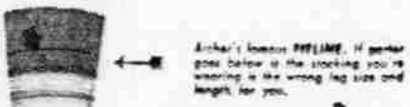
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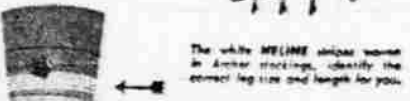


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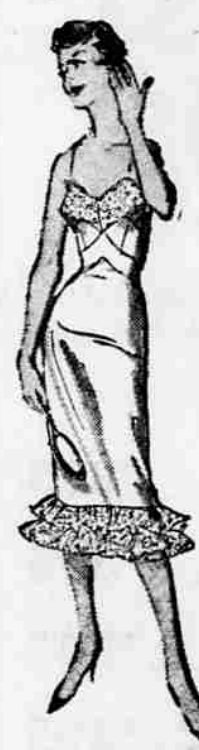
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