

Teamster Union Funds Spent on Jockey, Evidence by Rackets Committee Shows

Washington — U.P. — The Senate Rackets committee produced evidence today that West Coast Teamsters boss Frank W. Brewster on one occasion spent \$700 of union funds on his jockey, Earl James trainer.

Brewster, president of the 11-state Western Conference of the union, said he couldn't recall why he did that. He conceded that the picture presented by the committee "isn't good." He promised to hire an auditor to figure out what he owes the union and to repay it.

Man Accused of Bribing Schrunck Booked Into Jail

Portland — U.P. — Clifford O. Bennett, 34, accused in testimony before the Senate Rackets Committee of saying he had bribed Terry Schrunck when the mayor of Portland was sheriff, was booked into jail here yesterday.

Bennett was freed on bail on a Crook county charge accusing him of setting up a house of prostitution in Prineville last year. He was immediately summoned to appear before the vice-probing Multnomah county grand jury and spent about 90 minutes testifying yesterday.

Doesn't Remember

Brewster testified that he did not recall why he used union money to pay jockey Richard Cavallero's bill at a motel near a couple of California tracks and to stake trainer Eisen to \$353 on the same occasion.

Nor could he explain a number of union financed plane trips for Cavallero and a "B. Eisen," apparently the trainer's son.

The committee confronted Brewster with a series of documents relating to a \$750 check cashed at El Rancho Motel Sept. 29, 1954. There was a photocopy of the check itself, registrations, and an affidavit from an Earl Wilms, resident manager of the motel.

Balancing Act to Kisen

The affidavit stated that Brewster, Cavallero, and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Kisen were guests at El Rancho Motel in Millbrae, Calif., in early October, 1954. Wilms stated that Brewster cashed a \$750 check which paid Cav-

allero's \$397 hotel tab and that \$353 balance was given to Eisen.

Wilms said the check, to the best of his recollection, was drawn on the teamsters. The photocopy of the check, dated Sept. 29, 1954, bore the signatures of Brewster and the late John J. Sweeney, then secretary-treasurer of the Western Conference of Teamsters.

Committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy commented that the funds were charged off in the conference books to "officers and delegates, expenses and allowances."

Brewster Wants to Pay Pressed to explain, Brewster replied that he could not "until I go into it thoroughly."

"Was that union business?" asked Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), referring to the motel-cashed check.

"I can't recall," Brewster replied. Kennedy then asked if El Rancho was four miles from the Bay Meadows race track and just two miles from the Tanforan track.

"I never measured, but I'll take your word for it," said Brewster, who runs his own racing stable.

Brewster conceded that the picture of his use of union funds "isn't good, I would say that."

But he said he will hire an auditor April 1 to determine what he owes to the union so he can repay it.

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