

Beck Passes Up Another Chance To Tell if He Will Hand Over Records

Washington — (U.P.) — Teamsters President Dave Beck passed up a chance today to tell the Senate Rackets committee whether he will hand over his personal financial records next Tuesday.

Committee Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) said he received a new telegram from Beck but "the reservations are still there" on whether Beck would surrender his records or invoke the Fifth Amendment and refuse to give them up.

"Only he (Beck) can say what he means," McClellan told newsmen. "It is not clear whether he intends to make his records available for committee inspection, or merely means to have them physically present."

Under the law, a subpoena could require Beck to bring his records to the hearing room. He has already promised to do this next Tuesday. But he could not be compelled to hand them over to the committee if he wished to invoke the Fifth Amendment and swear they contained information which might tend to incriminate him.

Personal Finances

McClellan disclosed Beck's telegram as the committee recalled Frank W. Brewster, West Coast teamsters boss, for more questioning on his own personal finances.

Brewster told reporters the committee has about all of his personal books except a checkbook for routine household expenses.

Brewster said the committee

could have the checkbook if it wanted it.

Senate investigators produced at today's session a teamsters check for \$3,115 signed by Brewster. They said the check backed up a charge that union funds had been used to buy an automobile in 1954 for Mary James, Bothell, Wash. She was described as the "girl friend" of Terry McNulty, a Teamsters Union organizer who also drove a horse van for Brewster.

Brewster denied knowledge of the matter.

Pierre Salinger, a committee investigator, told of two telephone interviews, the most recent Wednesday — with Miss James about the auto bought from the Harry Apple Agency, Los Angeles, in 1954.

Change Her Story

Salinger said Miss James first said the auto was a gift from McNulty. But Wednesday she changed her story, according to the investigator, to say she had paid McNulty \$1,800 on the purchase price.

McNulty was quoted as telling a staff investigator he added the remainder of the purchase price and turned it over in cash to the late Gordon Lindsey, then secretary-treasurer of the Teamsters' Western Conference.

Carmine Bellino, a committee staff accountant, said the teamsters' records showed no such receipt.

McClellan asked Brewster if he had any explanation.

News To Him

"I do not," Brewster said, "it certainly is news to me."

The teamsters' official added that at that time he signed checks in blank. But, he added, "I am not signing them in blank now."

Asked what the committee would do if Beck refused to hand over the records, McClellan said:

"We've got lots of subpoenas. Beck promised Wednesday to bring his records 'without prejudice to my rights under the Constitution and Bill of Rights.' But he suspected it included possible use of the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination.

Beck—if subpoenaed—is required by law to come to the hearing room with his records.

Elkins-Clark Trial Slated for April 16

Portland — (U.P.) — James Elkins, Portland racketeer, and his employee, Raymond F. Clark, are slated to go on trial April 16 to face a nine-count federal indictment charging wire tapping.

Judge William East set the new trial date yesterday after an attorney for the pair had pleaded for a delay from the original date of March 26.

Attorney William J. Crawford urged the delay on grounds that he had not had sufficient time to prepare a defense. He also said the amount of publicity given the case through news media necessitated a delay.

But he can invoke the Fifth Amendment against handing them over to the committee if he feels they would tend to incriminate him.

Brief Early Questioning

However, should Beck withhold records on the plea of possible self-incrimination, there would remain many avenues still open for committee investigation of his personal financial activities.

President Eisenhower opened a principal one earlier this week when he authorized the committee to have access to tax returns of persons it is investigating.

Regardless of Beck's decision, the committee does not plan to question him extensively this week. It wants to get his records if possible, question other witnesses, gather information about Beck's financial activities from other sources and then recall him.

State Selling Short, Gov. Holmes Claims

Portland — (U.P.) — Gov. Robert D. Holmes declared here last night that Oregon sells itself short when it fails to call the nation's attention to its assets and needs.

Holmes spoke at a meeting before the Propeller Club of Portland and representatives of Columbia river and Oregon coast ports.

The governor said abundant

Syphilis Vaccine 'Real Possibility'

Washington — (U.P.) — Venereal disease is increasing throughout the nation for the first time in eight years, but a vaccine for syphilis is "a real possibility," the Public Health Service has told Congress.

Dr. A. C. Smith, chief of the service's venereal disease program, said 266,000 cases of syphilis and gonorrhea were reported last year—55 per cent of them among teen-agers or young adults.

He told a house appropriations subcommittee in testimony taken Feb. 15 and made public today that increases were reported "in all areas of the nation."

Of the 126,219 syphilis cases reported in 1956, Smith said New York had 21,061—by far the largest state total. Next highest was Ohio with 8,409, followed by California with 6,647 cases and Florida with 6,469.

Vermont had the lowest total—41 cases—followed by Nevada with 61 and North Dakota with 63.

Of the national total of syphilis cases, 48,519 were white people and 77,700 were non-whites.



WEARING silk hat used since 1900, James M. Curley, ex-Massachusetts governor, is early arrival at Boston's St. Patrick's Day parade. He is recovering from abdominal surgery. (International)

Amended Indictment Returned for Judge

Hillsboro — (U.P.) — An amended indictment against Harry M. Seabold, former county judge, has been returned by the Washington county grand jury.

The amended indictment which alleges bribery in connection with sales of county timber when Seabold was in office was received yesterday by Circuit Court Judge Carl A. Dahl. It is a modified version of the indictment returned Nov. 28, 1956.

The original indictment was returned to the grand jury by Judge Dahl after defense attorneys filed a demurrer charging that the language of the original indictment was vague and unclear.

Seabold is free on \$1000 bail at present.

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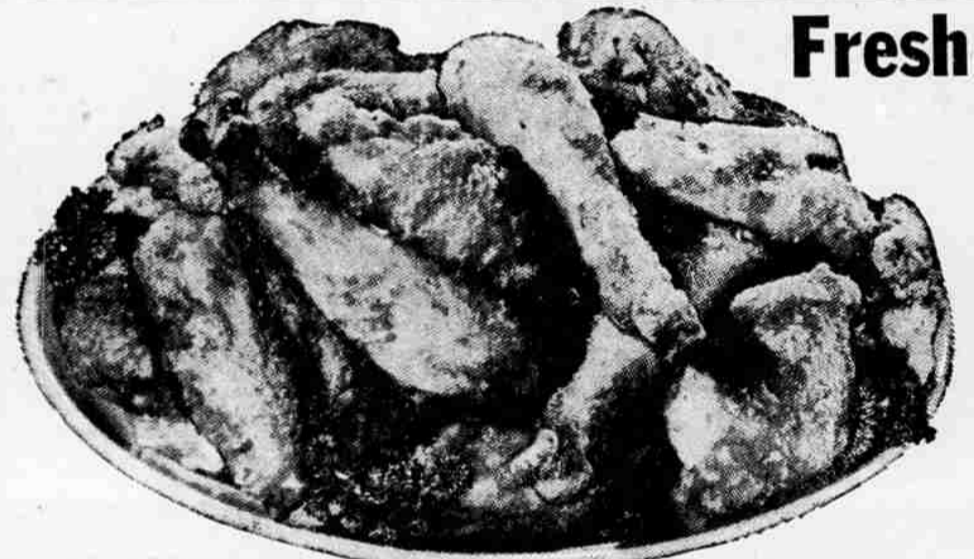
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STAGING A LOBBY FIGHT these top teamster officials found themselves deep in trouble before a Senate committee in Washington. James R. Hoffa, vice president of the union, surrounded by reporters, above, faces bribery charges. Frank W. Brewster, right, admitted "borrowing" union funds for his personal expenses. (International Soundphoto)



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