

Beck's Purchasing Agent Denies Knowing Union Funds Used To Pay for \$85,000 Worth of Luxury Items for Union Head

Dave Beck Accused Of Giving Organized Labor a 'Black Eye'

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Pat McNamara, a former union official, said today Teamsters chief Dave Beck is giving all organized labor "a black eye" by refusing to testify before Senate investigators.

He said if he were in Beck's shoes "I would resign."

Accused of 'Covering Up'

In an interview with United Press, the Michigan Democrat accused the burly president of the Teamsters Union of "covering up for Dave Beck on his income tax troubles—and to hell with everyone else."

The gravel-voiced senator added he does not think Beck, in subsequent appearances will have a change of heart and start answering questions of Senate investigators at which he balked Tuesday.

"I think he is going to disprove the theory that money talks," McNamara quipped. This was an obvious reference to the hundreds of thousands of dollars of union money Beck is accused of misusing.

McNamara said a man in Beck's position "is not just speaking for himself" when he is called by the Senate Rackets Committee to testify on his use of union funds.

"He is talking for his members and all of organized labor more or less, about 15 million Americans," the senator declared.

But McNamara added that Beck has made clear that "his whole concern is with his own selfish interests."

"He has not been acting anything like what I think the presi-

Crosby Surrenders To Receive Indictment

Portland—(U.P.)—Clyde C. Crosby, Teamsters Union organizer in Oregon, Tuesday surrendered himself for service of a secret indictment returned Monday by the Multnomah County Grand Jury.

The indictment alleges that Crosby conspired to commit the felony of extortion in connection with the control of pinball machines in the city.

Indictments returned earlier against Crosby, a recent witness before the Senate Labor Rackets Committee, charged conspiracy to commit a felony by acceptance of a bribe, accepting a bribe as a public official and false swearing. Crosby is free on bail.

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\$19 Silk Shirts, Golf Balls Among Items Mentioned

Washington—(U.P.)—Teamsters boss Dave Beck's personal purchasing agent swore today he did not know the union paid for the \$85,000 worth of luxury items, including \$19 silk shirts, which he bought for Beck.

Nathan W. Shefferman, Chicago, admitted to the Senate Rackets Committee that he spent more than \$85,000 for Beck and Dave Beck Jr. from 1949 through 1953 for items including \$54 worth of golf balls and \$15 worth of diamonds.

Shefferman insisted, however, that he never knew the money came from coffers of the Teamsters Union until the income tax people dropped around to study Beck's finances.

Shefferman was recalled to the witness chair as the committee set out to show the defiant boss of the nation's biggest union that it can prove what he did with some of the \$322,000 they claim he took from teamsters treasuries.

From Union Funds
Beck waited in a chair behind Shefferman to resume his own testimony, which Tuesday consisted mainly in invoking the Fifth Amendment's protection against self incrimination.

Shefferman, a friend of Beck for 20 years, said he is a labor relations consultant for management and operates a firm called Union Merchandizing which he said bought \$94,000 worth of goods for Beck, Beck's son, and Norman Gessert, a cousin of Mrs. Dav Beck.

The silver-haired Shefferman said he was told later by investigators that his own records show \$85,000 of that came from union funds.

He said Beck "would call and tell me he'd like to have an icebox, probably, or a washing machine."

The order would then be turned over to a secretary with whatever shipping instructions Beck gave, Shefferman said.

Shefferman sparred mildly with Committee Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) over just what procurement services he had performed for Beck. McClellan finally tagged him Beck's "purchasing" agent.

Audience Kept Laughing
Shefferman stressed that he paid for the material with his own money and "I was reimbursed with union funds."

Then, at the request of McClellan and committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy, Shefferman began reading through the committee's list of sample items "purchased for Dave Beck by Nathan Shefferman with teamsters union funds."

His expressions of amazement at some of the items listed had the audience in the big hearing room in almost constant laughter.

"I don't know where you dug all this out," he said at one point. "Is it in the records?"

Advised that it was all in the records, Shefferman commented with an air of resignation. "Well, if it's there... it's there."

The committee furnished a list of items which it said Shefferman bought for Beck and his football playing son with union funds. Some of the biggest items for Beck were:

Kaiser roofing sheet, \$1,432.27; chairs, table, love seats, settee, etc., \$1,242.45; one renaissance rug, \$991.19; gardening, \$1,918.15.

Purchases listed for Dave Beck Jr. included a chestnut living room suite at \$979.50, a \$218.99 TV set, and a \$250.09 deep freeze. Total purchases for the younger Beck were \$4,592.37, according to the committee's list.

Nylons Were Okay
"Twenty-one pair nylons," Shefferman read early in the list. He said "well," added "uh," and cleared his throat.

"I happen to know that Mr. Beck is a moral man," he said earnestly, "and it's perfectly all right."

Without waiting for conclusion of the investigation, the AFL-CIO high command moved swiftly to crack down on Beck for refusing to answer the committee's questions.

No sooner had Beck pleaded the Fifth Amendment Tuesday than AFL-CIO President George Meany summoned an extraordinary meeting of the 28-member Executive Council for Friday to consider the issue.

CAT 'BUILT-IN'
Sysosset, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. Irving Scott couldn't explain the strange noises that escaped from the walls of their new house, but friends told them "Don't worry, new houses make funny noises." The sounds continued and the Scotts contended with their problem of insomnia.

Thursday night, they discovered the wailing was concentrated in the bathroom. Scott pulled the medicine cabinet loose and out stumbled a weary and hungry cat.

Beck Quiz Providing Hottest Show In Capital Since Army-McCarthy

Washington—(U.P.)—The quizzing of Dave Beck, who rose from laundry truck driver to the biggest wheel in the Teamsters Union, is providing the hottest show on Capitol Hill since the 1954 Army-McCarthy hearings.

It is taking place in the same arena—the cavernous caucus room of the Senate Office Building where white marble walls stretch two stories high, cameramen cuss each other in the crush and newsmen are packed at press

tables like sardines without olive oil.

Only the red carpet has been changed. The old one wore out. The taxpayers show up for this one. They were in line 2½ hours before Tuesday's opening session waiting for seats.

There was the big man who wasn't there: Former Sen. James H. Duff (R-Pa.), who recently became Beck's attorney, but, as he made plain at the time, did not show up to sit with him. In-

stead Beck was counseled—frequently—by Arthur D. Condon, a member of Duff's firm.

But Beck seldom let the senators forget that one of their former colleagues was in his corner. For more than an hour he hauled "Big Jim" Duff's name into nearly every answer, saying Duff advised him to invoke the Fifth Amendment, though sometimes he phrased it more elegantly than that.

One assiduous reporter figured Beck invoked Duff's name about 100 times.

Finally Sen. Pat McNamara (D-Mich.), himself a former union official, announced he was "not at all impressed" by the invocation of "ex-Senator" Duff—and he stressed the "ex."

AFL-CIO Top Brass Criticize Beck for Using 5th Amendment

Washington—(U.P.)—Several members of the AFL-CIO high command today sharply criticized Teamster President Dave Beck for losing a flood of Fifth Amendment pleas rather than answer the questions of Senate investigators.

But most willing to comment said they would wait until the AFL-CIO Executive Council's extraordinary meeting Friday before taking a stand.

The council was certain to have before it a demand that it punish Beck by attempting to break his power as head of the nation's biggest labor union. That could start a monumental struggle within organized labor.

Beck's use of the Fifth Amendment Tuesday before the Senate Rackets Committee apparently flouted the AFL-CIO Executive Council's code of ethics.

The code states that a union official who invokes the Fifth Amendment's protection against self-incrimination is unfit to hold office and should be ousted. Beck voted against the ban when the council passed it.

The council, at Friday's meeting, is expected to consider two moves:

Preschool Clinic Scheduled in Salem

Salem—The Oregon State school for the deaf in Salem will hold its ninth annual preschool clinic for parents of young deaf and hard-of-hearing children April 15, 16, and 17. Superintendent M. B. Clatterback has announced.

The purpose of the clinic is to assist parents in working with their deaf child and to acquaint them with the educational facilities for the deaf in the state.

Parents will have an opportunity to observe classes from the kindergarten level through high school work. Various members of the staff will discuss problems of the deaf and there will be demonstrations and exhibits by the 4-H groups, Boy Scouts, rhythm band, literary society, pep squad, and Christian Endeavor.

Parents are asked to bring their deaf or hard-of-hearing child with them and living accommodations will be furnished by the school during the clinic without cost to the parents.

Anyone who is interested in attending should contact their local county health department or write directly to M. B. Clatterback, superintendent, Oregon state school for the deaf, Salem.

Damage Suit Filed Here Totals \$10,000

Art Hanshaw, 305 North First St., Medford, and Frank D. Hatfield, White City, are defendants in a \$10,000 suit filed this week in circuit court, according to records in the county clerk's office.

Plaintiff in the case is Ben F. Conley, Williams. Conley charges the defendants with carrying away a D-4 Caterpillar belonging to the plaintiff and converting and disposing of it to their own use.

The Caterpillar, he states, is valued at \$3,000, and was used by Conley in connection with logging operations. The plaintiff seeks \$5,000 general damages, \$5,000 exemplary and punitive damages, plus costs and disbursements of the legal action. Irving C. Allen, Medford attorney, is representing Conley.

NEW APPLICATION
Portland—(U.P.)—An application for dates from May 17 to July 20 was made yesterday by the Portland Turf association to conduct horse racing at Portland Meadows track here. The application was for the same dates as one filed a week ago but which was returned by the State Racing commission because of technical faults in the application.

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