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# Schrunk To seek Immediate Trial

## Portland Mayor Is Indicted by Grand Jury on Bribery

Portland, Ore. —(U.P.)— Mayor Terry D. Schrunk of Portland said today he will demand an immediate trial on bribery and perjury charges filed against him by a grand jury.

"I am convinced that I will be acquitted of these ridiculous charges," Schrunk said.

The Multnomah county grand jury returned a total of seven indictments Thursday against Schrunk, District Attorney William Langley, Clifford O. Bennett, ex-night club operator here, and police officer Richard Suter.

Schrunk, Langley and Bennett recently appeared in Washington as witnesses before the Senate Rackets committee.

Mayor Posts Bond  
Schrunk surrendered to two indictments specifically charging him with receiving and agreeing to receive a bribe, and with perjury. He posted \$1,000 bond on each charge.

Langley was accused of conspiracy to commit the felony of receiving and agreeing to receive a bribe as an executive officer, conspiring to hinder and obstruct justice, and for incompetence, corruption, malfeasance and perjury. He posted \$1,000 bond on each charge.

Langley also had been indicted previously but has remained in office because there is no Oregon law calling for removal of officials under indictment.

However, the attorney general's office has been handling the local grand jury investigation since it was ordered to do so by ex-Gov. Elmo Smith.

Several witnesses testified before the Senate committee that Schrunk, when he was sheriff of Multnomah County, had accepted a \$500 bribe from Bennett during the course of a gambling raid.

Schrunk denied under oath that he had taken any bribe. The indictment did not specify any amount.

Bennett invoked the Fifth Amendment when the Senate committee questioned him about the matter. The grand jury accused him of perjury as a result of his own investigation.

Suter charged similarly. The grand jury also charged Suter with perjury.

The officer testified about the alleged bribe before a grand jury last summer. In November, he signed an affidavit recanting his testimony that he had seen Schrunk pick up an envelope supposed to contain the \$500.

Langley was quizzed by the Senate committee about an alleged tie-up with Teamsters union officials and racketeers to "take over" gambling and other vice operations in Portland. He invoked the Fifth Amendment.

The grand jury handed down four other indictments, but they were not immediately disclosed.

## Police Block Highway After Yreka Alarm

An eight-hour road block was maintained on Highway 99 near the California border last night after state police here received an alarm from the Siskiyou county sheriff's office.

Sheriff's officers at Yreka called state police at 10:42 p.m. Thursday, saying a car believed to be occupied by George Cole, a California man wanted in connection with the recent slaying of a San Francisco police officer, was believed to be headed in this direction. They said the man had been tentatively identified by photographs.

Early this morning, Siskiyou sheriff's officers reported they had located the car and learned the occupant was not Cole. The road block was lifted at 7:15 a.m. today.

### DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York —(U.P.)—Dow Jones financial stock averages: 30 Industrials 474.81, off 0.20; 20 Railroads 144.05, off 0.38; 15 Utilities 71.47, off 0.11; and 65 Stocks 168.00, off 0.19. Sales today were about 1,850,000 shares compared with 1,930,000 shares Thursday.

"Do You Think We've Gotten Any Closer?"



## Oregon Senate Passes Key District Plan

Salem —(U.P.)—The Oregon Senate voted 17 to 13 today in favor of Senate bill 64, known as the key district plan to introduce a new system of distributing state basic school support funds.

Opposition to the measure was led by senators from Portland and from large sections of eastern and southeastern Oregon. Arguments for the measure were voiced by senators from western Oregon outside of Multnomah county and from southern Oregon.

Voting for the measure, which now goes to the House, were Sens. Belton, Cameron, Chapman, Chase, Dimick, Francis, Gill, Hare, Husband, Leth, Lowry, Naterlin, Ohmart, Schlesinger, Sweetland, Thiel and Ziegler.

Voting against the measure were Sens. Bolvin, Brady, Cook, Corbett, Gleason, Hopkins, Lewis, Musa, Pearson, Quiring, Wilhelm, Yturri and Overhulse.

A motion was made by Sen. Ward Cook of Portland to refer the bill to the Senate Education committee on grounds that it contained defects that had to be corrected. But opponents to the motion said the defects could be ironed out in the House. That motion lost and the main question was put.

Speaking for Bill  
Speaking for SB64 were Sens. Monroe Sweetland of Milwaukie, chairman of the education committee; Donald R. Husband of Eugene; Philip Lowry of Medford and Dan Dimick of Roseburg.

Speaking against the measure were Sens. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Jean Lewis and Cook, all of Portland.

The bill was taken up as a special order of business at 10:15 a.m., and a packed gallery heard the debate which lasted until after the noon hour.

The Senate recessed until 2 p.m. with several measures still to come up for third reading and final Senate action.

Under the measure, Portland would be the key district and needs of other school districts throughout Oregon would be based upon a scale using Portland as the standard.

## Workman Faces Suit for Damages

Lawrence Alvis Workman, 25, Seattle, appeared in circuit court Thursday afternoon for pre-trial deposition.

A complaint has been filed by Robert R. Dickey, administrator of the estate of John E. Engler, asking for \$20,000 damages.

Workman was held by police earlier this week as the driver of a vehicle which struck Engler, 25, of Seattle, as Engler was pushing his stalled vehicle north on Highway 99 at Talent Sunday evening. Engler died 3½ hours later in a local hospital. Charges of negligent homicide against Workman were dropped Wednesday after a preliminary hearing in district court because of insufficient evidence.

Workman is represented by James Main with Manville M. Heisel, attorney for the Engler estate.

## Nehru Re-elected Leader Of Governing Congress

New Delhi, India —(U.P.)—Jawaharlal Nehru was re-elected leader of the governing Congress party today, insuring his continuation as Prime Minister.

His election was carried out by Congress party members chosen to Parliament in the recent general elections.

## Convoy of Ships Starts Through Suez Canal Today

By WALTER LOGAN  
United Press Correspondent

A convoy sailed through the Suez canal today for the first time since the triple invasion of Egypt five months ago, but a Jordanian machine gun attack on an Israeli freight train ended hopes the period of Mideast crisis was over.

However, a sandstorm halted the convoy in the Great Bitter Lakes, about halfway up the canal on its way to the Mediterranean. Officials said that it would continue Saturday if the weather permits.

An Israeli military spokesman said machine gun fire was opened on the train Thursday night from the Jordan strong-point of Talkarem, 10 miles north of Qalqilya on the Israeli frontier, scene of a major Israeli retaliatory raid last Oct. 10-11.

No casualties were reported, but the attack north of Jerusalem where Jordan bulges into former Palestine territory was expected to inflame Israeli feelings already tense because of recent ambushes and minor Fedayeen attacks.

The Israeli raid on Qalqilya, which came less than a month before invasion of the Sinai desert, killed 66 persons.

Ten ships entered the 101-mile-long Suez canal at Suez shortly after Egypt suddenly declared the canal open to big ships. The action was timed to come before the West could organize opposition to Egypt's demand for payment first and passage later.

Egypt demanded and received full dues from each ship before it was allowed to sail from Suez into the canal.

In other Mideast developments—Informed sources in Cairo said the \$20 million to pay for the UN salvage operation probably would be collected by imposing a special surcharge on canal tolls.

—Jerusalem dispatches said the Israeli cabinet had decided to recall Ambassador Abba S. Eban from Washington. This would be Israel's admission of failure in agreeing through Eban to withdraw from the Gaza strip, sources there said.

## Auditing of School Budgets Under Way

Auditing of the school district budgets by the rural school board has gone into the third day, according to county school officials.

During the audit any necessary changes are made in the budgets that have been compiled by the individual districts. Before April 10, the board will notify the districts of any changes and they may request a hearing.

Notification of final action on the budget by the board will be April 20.

## Provision for Marketing Areas Removed by House

Salem —(U.P.)—The House bill 535 removing a provision in the law for setting up timber marketing areas on state land passed the House 41-13 yesterday.

Rep. W. O. Kelsay, Roseburg Democrat, said the marketing areas had never been used and that the state board of forestry did not intend to use them to limit processing of timber to local areas.

Marketing Areas  
Kelsay said there are marketing areas now only on bureau of land management forest lands, but he said the bureau was considering abandoning them.

Rep. Clarence Barton, Coquille Democrat, opposed the bill on grounds it might open up some 6,000 acres of Coos county land now managed by the state to "raiding" by other counties who had managed their timber less effectively.

Barton's move to have Coos county excepted from the Act

## Committee Receives Proposed Budget

A proposed budget of \$2,807,146.59 for 1957-58 has been submitted to the Jackson county budget committee. It will be considered at a meeting of the committee late next week.

The proposed budget exceeds the approved 1956-57 budget by \$161,877.52. The current budget is \$2,645,269.07.

## Guy Cramer Found Innocent by Jury In Klamath Falls

Klamath Falls —(U.P.)— Acquittal of Guy Earl Cramer, 76, of a first degree murder charge because of insanity left a legal snarl in its wake today.

A Circuit Court jury here yesterday found Cramer innocent of the slaying of Fred Peterson, county welfare commission chairman, on Jan. 4. The jurors adjudged Cramer insane at the time he shot up a welfare commission meeting, killing Peterson and wounding two others.

The jury decided Cramer was insane as of Jan. 4. Since Jan. 4, a Klamath county medical examiner ruled Cramer was sane. The result has left officials uncertain as to legal procedure, but Judge David R. Vandenberg ordered the county clerk to proceed to call a jury for Monday to try Cramer on a charge of assault to kill Mrs. Altha Urquhart, county welfare administrator.

Judge Vandenberg said present law does not specify procedure for committing Cramer to an institution nor the institution to which he should be held.

Cramer attorneys based their plea by saying their client suffered from hallucination and that he claimed that his guardian angel instructed him to "cast fire on thine enemies."

Peterson was killed and Mrs. Urquhart and Jerry Rajnus were wounded during a welfare meeting.

## Youth Pinned Under Vehicle in River

Rogue River — A badly skinned leg was the only injury suffered by Ray Hilton, 19, of 2599 Lone Pine rd., Medford, early Wednesday morning after the car he was operating plunged into the Rogue river at Fouts creek, trapping him under the water.

Hilton barely escaped death when his car was submerged in 18 to 20 feet of water after he lost control of the car and it swerved across Pacific highway into the river.

The 19-year-old boy was reported as saying, "I had to push with all my strength to get the door open against the current." He was slightly injured when water pressure forced the door against his leg. Once free of the door, he swam ashore and went for help, it was reported.

He was picked up by a California-Oregon-Nevada freight run on a pre-dawn run to Medford. The car was pulled from the river by Dick's Wrecker service of Medford Wednesday night.

The youth, lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hilton, Medford.

## Trial Set April 12 On Assault Charge

The trial date of an Ashland man and a Medford couple was set for April 12 at 10 a.m. by District Court Judge Rawles Moore Thursday afternoon.

The three had pleaded innocent in district court earlier to charges of assault and battery in connection with a reported beating of Mrs. John Drager, 272 Orange st., Ashland, in Ashland Sunday.

Released on \$500 bond each are Guy Fred Witham, 62, of route 1, box 101, Ashland, and Mr. and Mrs. Lorren Cecil Keck, 2645 South Stage rd., Medford.

Harbison and Piazza law firm is representing the three.

## Individual county department heads made requests totaling \$1,158,499.20 for the 1957-58 budget. Other proposed expenditures, including those for general road, county library, emergency, civil defense, courthouse construction and county school purposes, total \$2,073,320. Outside of the 6 per cent limitation are the Jackson county Historical fund, \$18,864, and the juvenile detention home operation and maintenance fund, \$12,500.

Estimated receipts for the 1957-58 budget year total \$2,807,146.59, the same figure as the proposed budget. No tax levy would be required if the proposed budget were to be adopted, according to committee members.

Request by individual county departments and comparisons with 1956-57 budget allocations are as follows: county court, \$24,021.40 (3.7 per cent increase); circuit court, \$21,540.40 (10.5 per cent increase); district court, \$12,252.50 (12 per cent increase); justice court, Ashland, \$7,336 (3.4 per cent increase); justice court, Gold Hill, \$2,680 (1.3 per cent decrease); sheriff, \$101,305.64 (9.2 per cent increase); clerk, \$70,871.20 (13.8 per cent increase).

County compensation, \$360 (no change); Red Cross, \$1,500 (no change); indigent veterans, \$1,500 (no change); coroner, \$1,200 (no change); juvenile, \$32,504.62 (81.5 per cent increase); health department, \$96,341.40 (0.02 per cent decrease); mosquito control, \$8,500 (41.7 per cent increase); surveyor, \$9,635.40 (no change); water master, \$16,805 (7.3 per cent increase); district attorney, \$19,021.40 (7.4 per cent increase).

Other Requests  
Fruit inspection, \$1,550 (12.3 per cent increase); county agents, \$19,662 (no change); miscellaneous general county, \$119,540.78 (3 per cent decrease); veterans service officer, \$8,285 (14 per cent increase); board of equalization, \$650 (35 per cent decrease); constable, \$8,190 (0.7 per cent decrease); and planning commission, \$11,000 (10 per cent increase).

Requests for other services include: general road fund, \$1,286,841.72 (0.2 per cent increase); Jackson county library fund, \$30,000 (25 per cent increase); emergency fund, \$50,000 (25 per cent increase); civil defense fund, \$8,021.67 (8.5 per cent decrease); and courthouse construction, \$35,000 (40 per cent increase).

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DAVE BECK  
Trial Date Set

## Beck's Heir Pleads Innocent to Trying To Bribe Prober

Washington —(U.P.)— Pudge James R. Hoffa, heir apparent of Dave Beck as president of the giant Teamsters Union, pleaded not guilty today to charges of trying to bribe a Senate Rackets committee investigator.

Miami attorney Hyman I. Fischbach, a codefendant, also entered a plea of innocent.

Federal Judge Richmond B. Keach fixed the date of trial for both for May 27.

Hoffa's attorney, Edward Bennett Williams, said he would prefer a date during the first week in June. Keach said he should take up the possibility of a postponement with the assignment commissioner.

Declines To Comment  
The judge gave Williams three weeks in which to present motions which the attorney described as "transcendent and overriding importance."

Keach continued Hoffa's \$25,000 bond and directed Fischbach to post a local bond of \$10,000. The attorney previously posted bond in Miami.

Questioned by newsmen after the arraignment, the pint-sized teamsters official said: "I have no comment whatever. This is a legal matter, and not one to be tried in the papers. I'm sure you understand."

He did tell newsmen, however, that "Nobody has been after our records." He made the statement when asked if the Rackets committee has been seeking his records in the Central States Teamsters Conference.

Williams, asked for comment on the "very complex" motions he intends to offer, said he could not comment on them at this time.

Williams, a noted young trial lawyer, defended Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) during Senate censure hearings in 1954.

A grand jury returned the three-count indictment against Hoffa and Fischbach March 19. The jury was hastily called March 14 less than 24 hours after FBI agents arrested the chunky labor leader in a plush Washington hotel.

The government charges that Hoffa, a ninth vice president of the teamsters, passed \$3,000 in bribe money to Senate investigator John C. Cheasty to file committee documents on him when he was arrested.

Williams, who was arrested by Oregon state police Aug. 14, 1956, has previously pleaded innocent to the charge and trial was set for March 28.

He was fined \$250 plus \$5 court costs and given a 30 days suspended jail sentence during good behavior by District Court Judge Rawles Moore. McBeth also had his driver's license suspended for 90 days.

## Jacksonville Man Enters Guilty Plea

Alan John McBeth, post office box 152, Jacksonville, pleaded guilty in district court Thursday to charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

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## Visiting Officials View Local National Guard Armory

About 12 officials from Marion and Polk counties, Salem and the state military department were in Medford yesterday to inspect the new National Guard armory, now nearing completion in south Medford.</