

# Teamsters' Constitution Vague On How to Proceed With Charges

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Washington—(U.P.)—If "John Q. Truckdriver" wanted to bring union action against his boss find information on how to proceed in the Teamsters' constitution.

The constitution gets specific about filing complaints against local officials. It is vague about means for dealing with international officers.

The constitution specifies that charges preferred against any member or officer of a local shall be filed in writing with the local secretary and local executive board—in duplicate—and the accused tried by the local board in "not less than 10 days."

Elective Officials  
Trial of elective international officers, on the other hand, "shall be before the general executive board at such time and place as fixed by the general executive board."

Presumably charges against an international officer would also be filed in writing. But the constitution does not spell this out nor say with whom they should be filed.

A member or officer of a local, the constitution states, may appeal a conviction to a joint council if one exists or to the general executive board. Conviction means automatic revocation of his membership.

An executive officer of the international may appeal any action against him to the full Teamster membership at the next Teamster convention.

Beck has said he plans to run for reelection at the next convention in Miami Beach next

September and is willing to "rise or fall" on the verdict of the union membership. AFL-CIO officials consider the Teamster constitution trial procedure academic because the convention will give the members a chance to bounce Beck if they choose.

## Navy Rejects Four Alternate Sites

Washington—(U.P.)—The Navy has rejected four alternate sites for the Port Chicago, Calif., ammunition depot on grounds ranging from poor climate, remoteness, high costs and insufficient labor.

The reasons were spelled out Thursday in a letter from Navy Undersecretary Thomas S. Gates Jr., to the House Armed Services committee.

Gates recommended that the installation be left where it is, and that the Navy acquire a 10-mile "safety zone" around it.

The rejected alternate sites, suggested by a private engineering firm, were Tulalip, Wash., Bellingham, Wash., Tubbs Island, Calif., and Collinsville, Calif.

Gates said the Tubbs Island site in San Pablo Bay northwest of Vallejo, Calif., was the only site in the bay area which could conceivably service large naval vessels directly without resorting to barging of ammunition.

But he said the cost of maintaining waterfront facilities at the island and the lack of proper railroad connections made it undesirable.

Nevertheless, if a rank-and-file member filed a complaint against Beck he might be dismayed by the way the constitution provides for trial of an international officer.

It says the general executive board may have such a trial conducted before a panel appointed by the president "consisting of one or more disinterested members thereof."

Members of the Teamster board are President Dave Beck, Secretary-Treasurer John English and 11 vice presidents including James R. Hoffa, head of the Teamsters' Central State conference, under indictment for bribery; Frank Brewster, head of the Western conference, indicted for contempt of Congress; Einar Mohn, indicted for contempt of Congress; and Sidney Brennan, now appealing a conviction for illegally accepting payments from an employer.

Most union constitutions provide for trial by the executive board as the most appropriate union body to handle such affairs.

## Grange Notes

Upper Rogue Grange  
Members of the Upper Rogue Grange are asked to bring plants, food or any saleable articles for the Home Economics display table for the next Grange meeting on April 4.

The serving committee for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Schuder and Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn.

## School Group Elects Fowler President

Cave Junction—James Fowler of Fruitdale school was elected president of the Josephine County Rural Education association at a meeting Wednesday night at Evergreen school, Cave Junction.

Other new officers who will take over at the beginning of the school year in September are Ralph Burns, Illinois Valley High school, vice president; and Ann Ward, Murphy school, secretary-treasurer. William Love, principal of Selma school, is the outgoing president.

SOC Man Speaks  
Dr. Lawrence Butler of Southern Oregon college spoke on objectives of discipline. He said good discipline methods channel children's activities toward making them useful members of society. He emphasized that discipline should not be considered in terms of punishment. He added he was convinced there comes a time with certain children when physical force is the only thing they can understand.

Current legislation as it affects Oregon schools was discussed by Dave Bronson, principal of Murphy school, and legislative chairman for the group.

A report on plans for the May 6 centennial celebration at Grants Pass was given by Marge Varner of Fruitdale, who said Gov. Robert Holmes has accepted an invitation to visit the OEA sponsored affair.

An executive board meeting is set for April 23 at the office of the county-unit school superintendent. Next regular meeting will be at Merlin school on May 1.

## 16-Year-Old Boy Found Frozen to Death on Fence

Amarillo, Tex.—(U.P.)—A love-smitten 16-year-old boy who tried to walk 35 miles through a savage blizzard to see the girl he loved was found slumped on a barbed-wire fence, frozen to death, Thursday.

A cowboy, riding the fence-line in search of breaks caused by the storm, came upon the body of Chester A. Simpson, 16 miles northwest of Amarillo, which had been the boy's destination when he set out last Saturday.

Authorities said Simpson apparently had been overcome by the numbing cold and wind-whipped snow that piled up huge drifts over the week end.

Field Jacket, Dungarees  
Wearing a field jacket and dungarees, Simpson headed for a nearby highway to try to hitchhike a ride to Amarillo late Saturday afternoon after the approaching blizzard had cancelled a bus run from Boys Ranch, a home for homeless and wayward boys.

Cal Farley, director of the ranch, said Simpson had fallen in love recently with a girl in Amarillo, and was determined to see her Saturday. The storm struck early that evening, apparently while Simpson was walking toward the city, 35 miles from Boys Ranch. The girl was not identified.

Even before the blizzard began, ranch staff members searched the area, seeking to find and dissuade Simpson from continuing his trip. The search was resumed, on horseback, Monday.

## Quotes From the News

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Hollywood—Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor on turning down a movie studio's \$100,000 offer if she shaved her head for a film role:  
"One Yul Brynner in Hollywood is enough."

Birmingham, Ala.—Don James, president of the Birmingham Transit Co., on a financial crisis faced by his firm because of a union dispute and a mass test of bus segregation:  
"The Negroes are scared to death and the whites aren't riding."

Washington—Undersecretary of State Christian A. Herter on the Mideast situation since Israel's withdrawal from Egyptian territory:  
"We believe the present situation, particularly with regard to Gaza, gives cause for concern."

Key West, Fla.—James H. (Rickey) Richardson, 25, after his arrest for the murder of supermarket cashier Vicki Candoni:  
"I knew you'd get me sooner or later. I'm glad it's over with."

Chicago—Dave Beck to a reporter who asked if he would resign from the presidency of the Teamsters union:  
"Why should I?"

## Yugoslav Refugee Returned to Canada

Detroit—(U.P.)—A 27-year-old Yugoslav refugee who entered the United States by padding across the Detroit river on a board will be returned to Canada today by immigration officials.

Joseph Siter, a male nurse and X-ray technician before he emigrated to Canada, told officials he entered this country to find a job, a wife and a happier existence.

"If you send me back," he said, "I'll just come right back again. I will do anything to stay here. This is a wonderful country."

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**Malay Strip Teaser Insures Her Curves**  
Singapore—(U.P.)—Malaya's pioneer strip tease artist, Rose Chan, said today she has insured her curves for 100,000 Malayan dollars (\$33,000).  
The buxom stripper took out an insurance policy in preparation for her trip to Paris in May to compete in the international "Miss Strip Tease" contest.  
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