

Dave Beck May Face Prosecution As Result Of Teamsters Probe

Washington—(U.P.)—Teamster President Dave Beck may face criminal prosecution as a result of revelations by the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee.

Strong new demand also was aired for legislation to protect union funds from misuse and assure union members of democratic procedures.

Committee Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) raised the possibility of criminal prosecution Sunday.

Asked if the committee had enough evidence to warrant such prosecution, McClellan said financial reports the teamsters union is required to file do not show alleged "loans" to Beck.

Coming and Going
"Therefore those reports are fraudulent if he had a loan, and if he didn't have a loan and it wasn't a gift, then he is bound to have taken the money without any authority or consent," McClellan replied.

The committee has charged Beck with taking \$322,000 in teamster money for his own use. Beck has claimed he borrowed between \$300,000 and \$400,000 from the union and paid it back.

McClellan said there also is a possibility of a case against Beck of "using the mails to defraud." Sen. Irving M. Ives (R-N.Y.), a committee member, also said there is "plenty of room" to warrant criminal prosecution of Beck and Nathan W. Shefferman, a labor consultant to business firms, on charges of violating the Taft-Hartley law.

Illegal Payments
Ives said he believes financial transactions between Beck and Shefferman, disclosed in committee hearings last week, violated the Taft-Hartley law's ban on payments between union and management representatives. He

said he believes the Justice Department will enforce the law.

McClellan said the committee has more evidence on Beck's activities than it has divulged and expects "a great deal more" at its investigation concerning complaints against the teamsters boss.

He said it is "probably anticipated" Beck will be recalled for further questioning at a later date.

Johnny Dio May Appear
McClellan also said "the public can reasonably expect the appearance" of John Dioguardi, alias Johnny Dio, before the committee when it holds hearing on alleged racketeering in the New York area. He refused to say whether Dioguardi has been subpoenaed.

Dioguardi is under indictment in connection with the acid blinding of labor columnist Victor Riesel in New York.

McClellan said the committee's investigation in the New York area involve a "paper union," collusion between management and labor" and other matters, "there is so much of it."

Legislation Needed
He said the "paper union" involves a union with nominal membership set up "primarily to extort" and to "control" labor elections.

McClellan, Ives and Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell spoke out for laws requiring stricter union financial reporting. Ives said he favors criminal penalties for filing false reports not now provided.

McClellan also said disclosures thus far "clearly indicate to me now there should be federal legislation to insure the democratic processes in unions" and security of their funds against misappropriation or "loans" to officers.

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Teamsters in Oakland Area Voice Approval To Oust Top Officers

Oakland, Calif.—(U.P.)—East Bay teamsters expressed overwhelming approval Sunday of a motion to oust International President Dave Beck, western leader Frank Brewster, and Jimmy Hoffa, head of the midwest teamsters.

However, the move was temporarily blocked by Cy Stulting, Beck-appointed president of Local 70, who said the motion had to be read at three meetings.

Motion Cheered
The motion, result of current senate investigations into labor racketeering, was cheered lustily by the some 3500 local members who attended the mass meeting at the Oakland Auditorium.

But before it could be brought to a vote, Stulting shelved it his ruling.

Merle Bigenho, 44-year-old truck driver for the University of California, presented the ouster motion, which would have had the effect of placing the

local on record as supporting the AFL-CIO suspension of Beck.

Bigenho said after the meeting that Stulting's ruling was contrary to the local's by-laws. He said the only motions which require three readings are by-law amendments.

The motion read in part: "The rank and file members demand the resignations of Dave Beck, James Hoffa and Frank Brewster from all official positions in the Teamsters union."

No Plans To Secede
Despite the acclaim that greeted Bigenho's motion, there was no indication that Local 70 plans to secede from the Teamsters union.

Sunday's meeting was called to arrange for nominations and election of officers for the local.

Last week, the international relinquished a "trusteeship" it had held over local affairs since 1949, when a \$110,000 shortage was discovered in local funds.

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Two People Suffer Minor Injuries in Auto Accident

Two 15-year-old Medford girls suffered minor injuries in a collision Saturday and five other accidents occurred over the week end in which no injuries were reported, according to city police.

Injured were Judy Jean Christensen, 29 Richmond ave., Medford, who suffered a nose bleed, and Marsha Ann O'Sullivan, 518 North Barneburg rd., Medford, who suffered minor jaw and arm bruises, police said.

Passengers in Car
They were passengers in a car operated by Kathleen Louise Donahue, 16, of 1687 Spring st., Medford, which collided with a

car operated by Donald Chadwick Green, 1410 Euclid ave., Medford, at South Holly and 12th sts., officers reported.

A. Bruce Rawlins, route 2, box 376E, Medford, was cited Saturday for failure to yield the right of way after the car he was operating collided with a car driven by Bessie Edna Thompson, 1116 East 11th st., Medford, at West Main and Hamilton sts., according to police.

Cars operated by Cecilia Sophie Fichtner, 2547 Corona ave., Medford, and Gerald Chester Parsons, 176 Reager st., Medford, were involved in a collision at West Main st. and Myers Court, police said.

Minor Accident
A minor accident occurred Saturday involving cars operated by Harold Edward Baker, 1011 West 11th st., Medford, and Harry Joe Whipple, 1946 Delta Waters rd., Medford, at Riverside ave. and Sixth st., officers reported.

Phyllis Audrey Preston, Hills, Calif., was cited for following too close Sunday after the car she was operating collided with a car operated by George Monroe Carr, route 3, box 230, Medford, at North Riverside ave. and Edwards st., according to police.

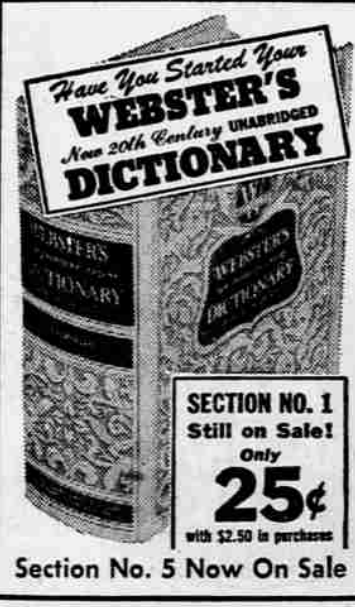
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