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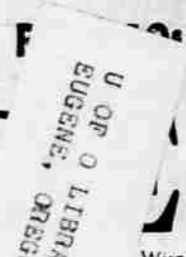
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Rackets Committee May Unfold 'Goon Squad' in Hearing

Scranton, Pa., Phase To Start This Week

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate Labor Rackets committee will unfold a case study of coercion and "goon squad" violence in public hearings this week in the Scranton, Pa., area, chairman John L. McClellan disclosed Saturday.

Briefing newsmen on the committee's forthcoming hearings, the Arkansas Democrat said the series "involves conspiracy between officials of different unions, violence and coercion that deprived members of their union rights."

'Use of Threat'
"The use of threat and violence would appear to be very prominent in this," he said.

He estimated the Scranton phase of the committee's much publicized hearings will take three or four days and involve 12 to 15 witnesses. It is understood to involve use of violence by union officials to force their way into construction jobs and to discipline balking members.

McClellan said "there also has been evidence of violence in other areas" in which the committee is investigating. Committee Counsel Robert F. Kennedy said the "activities of a goon squad" are at the center of the picture which the committee plans to present starting Tuesday.

Goon Squad Operations
The goon squad operations, McClellan said, involve the use of violence against management groups as well as labor union members.

He said one aspect of the case "will present a very grave question of ethics." He said union officials who have been convicted in court of "offenses that should disqualify them for holding office" are still in their posts exercising as great or greater control than before their convictions.

As it did in the committee's five week series of hearings, McClellan said the Teamsters union—the nation's largest—will figure in the Scranton inquiry. He said three AFL-CIO building trades unions also will be involved. Kennedy identified them as the Carpenters and Common Laborers unions and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

State Institution Interest Defended

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Robert D. Holmes Saturday defended his record of interest in state institutions from charges made by Secretary of State Mark Hatfield.

Hatfield claimed the governor had violated the requirement that every board of control member visit state institutions every 90 days.

Governor Holmes said he had visited all state institutions except the Pendleton mental hospital before taking office. He added that in 1953 he served as chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee which studied institution budgets.

"At that time it was generally agreed I showed more interest in institutions than anyone else," he said.

The governor added that he was particularly active in getting money for the state tuberculosis program.

Mass Rally Scheduled In Portland Today

Portland—(U.P.)—Rank-and-file committee representing Teamsters in southwest Washington and Oregon completed the drafts of resolution to be presented at a mass rally in a public auditorium in Portland today.

Robert Miller, chairman of the committee, said the mass meeting was organized after the Oregon Joint Council of Teamsters "turned down a petition calling for a meeting of the rank and file."

Miller said officers will be elected to replace the temporary committee now headed by him. Miller added, "we want to advise the rank and file as to what is being done to correct the situation."

United Nations, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld probably will turn down a belated invitation to visit Communist Hungary, observers said Saturday.

"Who's Ahead?"



18 Dead After Fire Guts Home for Aged

Montreal—(U.P.)—Fire turned a 200-year-old suburban home for the aged into a stone-encased inferno last night, fatally burning more than one-third of the

Father, Daughter Killed in Crash South of Dunsmuir

A. E. Pisch, 51, and his daughter, Marjorie, 5, were killed in an automobile accident about four miles south of Dunsmuir, Calif., according to reports made by friends here Saturday.

Injured in the same accident were Mrs. Pisch, 46, and Ray Wyatt, 62, proprietor of the Table Rock store north of the Rogue river.

Mr. and Mrs. Pisch, whose home is in Hayward, Calif., recently acquired a cabin on the north slope of Table Rock, and planned to construct a home there, friends in the area reported. They had been frequent visitors in recent months.

Critical Condition
Mrs. Pisch was said to be in critical condition in Community Hospital at Mt. Shasta, Wyatt was in the same hospital with a fractured skull, broken arm, and cuts and bruises, the reports indicated.

The Pisches were en route to their home in Hayward, accompanied by Wyatt, who was going to visit his son, Kenneth, at San Lorenzo, Calif. They were traveling in the Pisches' car, a 1953 station wagon. According to reports reaching here, the car struck the under part of a lumber truck trailer which had jackknifed in the highway ahead of them. The car was said to have been demolished.

Friends said the Pisches are believed to have had four children other than the little girl who was killed.

First Vertijet Plane Makes Successful Test

San Diego—(U.P.)—Ryan Aeronautical company announced Saturday its radical new X-13 vertijet plane, which can takeoff and land vertically, had undergone successful flight tests at Edwards Air Force base, Calif.

A Ryan spokesman said the turbojet plane made a vertical takeoff Thursday, went through horizontal flight tests and then returned to the air force base where it made a vertical landing. The X-13 is the first vertical takeoff-landing plane using a turbo-jet engine.

Medford Police Arrest Six Juvenile Boys in Connection With Recent Thefts

Medford police cleared a reported break and entry and a series of thefts of articles ranging from hubcaps to a 1957 automobile Friday after arresting six juvenile boys.

Thefts last January of five hubcaps from cars owned by Dan A. Parker, 235 South Oakdale ave., and Earl A. Mercer, 1414 East Euclid ave., were reportedly admitted by a youth who was arrested with two companions for discharging firearms within the city limits.

The boys, ages 15, 16 and 17, were arrested Friday after officers received a complaint that

38 trapped pensioners and attendants as they slept. Morgue officials reported 16 dead after a check of the charred ruins of the Henri Old Persons' home. Police said 14 bodies were recovered from the blackened wreckage of the ancient building, and two other victims died after being taken to hospitals.

Officials of the home said the 18-room converted mansion in suburban Pointe Aux Trembles housed 30 pensioners from 55 to 80 years old, and 8 attendants.

The survivors were rushed to a nearby hospital. Their conditions were not disclosed.

Fire Chief Luc Delorme said the fire was "the worst in my 32 years with the department." Delorme said the victims "died in their beds."

Out of Control
The fire started about 7:10 p.m. FST and raged out of control for five hours through the isolated home.

The roof of the structure collapsed shortly after firemen arrived at the scene, hampering rescue and search operations.

Firemen indicated the blaze apparently spread through the old stone building within minutes after it broke out. They said it was believed to have started in the electrical wiring, which carried the fire like fuses to all parts of the structure.

U.S. Responds to Red Search Appeal

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States has ordered American Navy patrol planes to search for three Russian seamen who disappeared from a Russian motor launch in the Denmark Straits April 2, the state department disclosed Saturday.

The search was ordered in response to an appeal Friday by the Soviet Embassy here in the hope the men may still be alive on ice floes in Denmark Strait between Greenland and Iceland, where their boat went down.

Upon receipt of the request, made by Soviet Embassy Counselor Sergei R. Striganov, the state department contacted the defense department, which issued instructions to authorities at the Keflavik, Iceland, air base.

Acting state department Press Officer Luther J. Reid said U.S. Navy air patrols operating in the Denmark Straits have been ordered to search for the seamen.

He said the United States is "extremely eager" to meet the Soviet request.

House Member Asks Resignation of Postmaster-General

Lesinski Says He Should Be Prosecuted

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. John Lesinski (D-Mich.), a member of the House Post Office committee, demanded Saturday that Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield resign for halting Saturday mail deliveries and making other cutbacks in postal service.

Furthermore, Lesinski said, Summerfield should be prosecuted under the anti-deficiency law, which is designed to punish government officials who so mishandle their agencies' money that acute shortages result.

Summerfield ordered the service cutback on grounds that his department has nearly run out of money and Congress hat not yet voted it more.

Maximum Penalty
The maximum penalty on conviction under the anti-deficiency law is a \$5,000 fine and two years of imprisonment.

Lesinski's was the second demand by a member of the post office committee for Summerfield's resignation and prosecution. A similar one was made on Tuesday by Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.).

Meanwhile, Summerfield made good on his threat to halt regular mail deliveries yesterday and follow this up with other postal service cutbacks Monday because Congress failed to give his department an extra \$47,000,000 in operating funds.

Across the nation, post offices closed and letter carriers failed to make their appointed rounds. Only a trickle of mail, most of its special delivery letters, got through.

Chairman Clarence Cannon of the house appropriations committee charged that Summerfield "had no justification whatever" for cutting postal services.

'Cash on Hand'
He said the post office department actually has \$449,180,000 "cash on hand" to keep it running until July 1 when it will get its annual appropriation for the new fiscal year.

Summerfield has insisted that he cannot count on actually getting the extra funds, however, until both House and Senate approve the committee action.

The shutdown began to create a heavy backlog of mail in the post offices of larger cities. This resulted because even though post office windows were closed the lobbies remained open for depositing letters and collecting mail in drop boxes.

If the backlog is heavy enough, mail that normally would be delivered on Saturday will be delayed in reaching its destination in some cases for several days.

Subscribers May Get Friday Paper Monday

About 600 subscribers to the Mail Tribune in Jackson county, and about 300 outside the county, who have U.S. mail-delivered subscriptions, probably will receive their Friday and Sunday papers at the same time.

With Saturday deliveries cut off by the post office department, and none made on Sunday, the Friday papers going out by mail will not be delivered until the first regular delivery Monday.

The 900 mail subscribers to the paper from only a small part of the total number of subscribers, which amounts to almost 17,000. Most of these are delivered by carriers, either boys on bikes, or mounted carriers on the rural routes.

New Delhi—(U.P.)—Indian archeologists have unearthed a 2,300 year-old city complete with dockyard and modern-style underground drainage.

Halim Nimr Forms Jordan Government



JUDGE TAKES OFFICE—James M. Main, Medford attorney, appointed by Gov. Robert Holmes to succeed the late Judge Rawles Moore took the oath of office at the courthouse Friday afternoon in a ceremony conducted by County Clerk Bereth Hopkins.

Witnesses were, left to right, County Clerk Deputies Lucile Smith and Doreen Strauss. His appointment will be effective until January, 1959.

Former Defense Minister Opposes Ike's New Doctrine

Syrian Troops Move Into Jordan

Beirut, Lebanon—(U.P.)—A Syrian radio announcement said Saturday that anti-western former defense minister Abdul Halim Nimr has succeeded in forming a new government for Jordan and has presented his cabinet list to King Hussein. It would oppose the Eisenhower doctrine.

Simultaneously, diplomatic sources in the Jordanian capital of Amman said an armored battalion of Syrian troops moved into Northern Jordan to reinforce another 3,000 Syrian troops which have been stationed there since the Suez crisis last fall.

Demonstrations
Anti-American demonstrations erupted throughout Jordan. Jordanians paraded in Amman, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and elsewhere in orderly but noisy parades chanting slogans against the Eisenhower doctrine.

The tiny kingdom, wracked by a political crisis resulting from Hussein's search for a middle-of-the-road government leaning away from Russia, was hemmed in by the troops of three of its neighbors.

Saudi Arabia also has 3,000 troops stationed in southern Jordan. King Saud supports Hussein.

Israel, alarmed by the Jordanian crisis, warned through foreign minister Mrs. Golda Meier yesterday that any "false moves" by Arab troops in Jordan could result in Israeli action.

Reports Ridiculous
However, sources in Amman said that an armored Syrian regiment had "invaded" Jordan were "ridiculous." They said a single armored battalion with Soviet-supplied T-34 tanks was moving in under Jordan's mutual aid pact with Syria and Egypt.

Nevertheless, Hussein was reported opposed to the presence of Syrian troops. It appeared that the young monarch had lost out to the anti-western and pro-Syrian and Egyptian elements led by ousted Premier Suleiman Nabulsi.

The king called in Nimr, the defense minister in the Nabulsi cabinet and a member of Nabulsi's National Front (Socialist) party after failing in efforts to organize a more moderate government.

Attempt to Blow Up Recording House Told

An apparent attempt to blow up a water recording house on Biddle rd., north of the California Oregon Power company sub-station, was reported to Sheriff Howard Gault Friday by the Jackson county water-master.

The attempt was believed to have been made sometime last week. It was discovered when officials made a routine check of instruments in the structure Friday.

Deputies said some boards from a walk in front of the building had been torn away by the blast, but the building itself apparently was not damaged. Part of a fuse was found lying on the premises. Deputies said they were unable to determine what type of explosive had been used.

LANGLEY FOUND GUILTY

Jury Deliberates Hour, 40 Minutes In Multnomah Case

Portland—(U.P.)—District Attorney William M. Langley was found guilty Saturday of a charge that he was negligent in failing to prosecute a gambling operation at a private fund-raising party.

The verdict by a circuit court jury of six men and six women came at 3:05 p.m. after one hour and 40 minutes of deliberation. It was the first case to come to trial out of indictments by a vice probing Multnomah county grand jury.

Failing to Prosecute
The 41-year-old District Attorney was charged specifically with failing to prosecute William B. Nettleton, a former Portland gambler, with setting up and operating gambling at a charity bazaar sponsored by the Portland Paint and Varnish dealers in February, 1955.

The jury verdict was 11 to 1 on the misdemeanor charge. Defense Attorney K. C. Tanner immediately asked Judge Frank J. Lonergan for an arrest of judgment which the judge granted. While the jury verdict will be filed, the arrest motion means that no judgment by the court will be entered until Monday.

Judge Lonergan set April 26 as tentative date for sentencing Langley.

Little Outward Emotion
The district attorney, under other indictments by the Grand Jury, showed little outward emotion as the jury's verdict was read.

It was the first of seven indictments against Langley to be taken into court and it brought a direct clash between the embattled district attorney and Racketeer James B. (Little Jim) Elkins, a recent star witness before the Senate Rackets Investigating Committee.

Elkins testified that he put up \$5,000 to bankroll the gambling operation at a fund-raising party of the Portland Paint and Varnish Dealers in 1955. He said he grossed "about \$600." Langley, the Portland vice overlord testified, took a cut of the proceeds and later complained about it being "a piddling amount."

Langley denied he ever took any money from Elkins and actually was not well acquainted with him. "I despised Elkins the first time I saw him," Langley told the jury.

'Neither Rain Nor Snow . . .'

Knoxville, Tenn.—(U.P.)—The Knoxville News-Sentinel Saturday printed this headline across the top of the postal stoppage on its front page: "Neither Rain Nor Snow . . . But money can."

Boundary Board Sets Hearing on Petitions

The Jackson county district boundary board will meet Tuesday, April 23, to consider several petitions requesting changes in boundary lines of the Medford and Lone Pine school districts, according to Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent and secretary to the board.

Mekvold said the reason for considering boundary changes was due to the recent purchase of a future high school site of the Medford school district. At present the property is within the Lone Pine school district, and the petition was submitted to include the area into the Medford area.

Location of Site
The site is located between Springbrook rd. and Crater Lake ave., Buckshot Hill rd., and Roberts rd.

The second petition under consideration is for 6 1/2 acres which was transferred from the old Kenwood district to Medford in 1952, Mekvold said. The purpose of the transfer at that time was to give Medford an additional school building site. Mekvold indicated it was later learned the site could not be used because it was in line with the Medford airport flight approach pattern.

The petition requests the property be returned to the Lone Pine district. When the Kenwood district was dissolved last year, the portion would have gone to Lone Pine if it had not been part of Medford. The change of boundaries would return it to Lone Pine. The site is between Roberts rd., Crater Lake highway, Whittle ave., and Crater Lake ave. There are no residences near school population involved.

Mekvold said the hearing is scheduled at 10 a.m. April 23.

Spring Cold Wave Hits East Coast

BY UNITED PRESS
A record-breaking spring cold wave spread over the eastern seaboard Saturday while temperatures moderated over the central and northern plains.

A team of four icebreakers freed five of nine ice-bound freighters in Whitefish Bay near Sault Ste. Marie. The Coast Guard said the other stranded ships must be broken loose before great lakes shipping can be resumed.

In addition, 22 more freighters were waiting in lower St. Mary's river to move through the Soo locks into Lake Superior where another 13 freighters were standing by to move through a narrow shipping lane cut in the ice three feet thick to the locks.

A hard freeze was expected from the New England states southward to South Carolina and Georgia by Sunday morning due to a disturbance several hundred miles off the North Carolina coast.

Annual Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt Set

Medford Kiwanis club will hold its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 20, at Hawthorne park.

Starting time will be 9 a.m. Cochairmen Norm Buwick and Darrell Miller said that all children of the Medford vicinity are invited to participate.

Three separate areas will be set up for the hunt: one each for children 1 to 3, 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 years of age. The chairmen said that an ample supply of eggs will be scattered in each area, giving all youngsters an opportunity to find some.

Specially marked eggs will entitle finders to prizes.

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Viet Nam May Seek More Aid From U.S.

Washington—(U.P.)—President Ngo Dinh Diem of South Viet Nam is expected to ask for a substantial increase in American aid when he visits President Eisenhower here next month.

The American-backed leader is due May 8. He is said to anticipate increased Communist activity in southeast Asia which will make necessary heavier expenditures by anti-red regimes in that area.

South Viet Nam is at present receiving about \$280 million a year in U. S. military and economic aid. Viet Namese officials say the Communist-controlled northern part of the country is getting much more than that from the Communists.

Berlin—(U.P.)—The East German Communist Workers militia waged mock war against "counter-revolutionaries" in East Berlin Saturday to practice for any Hungarian-style uprising.

Weather

FORECAST: Rain this morning turning to showers this afternoon and tonight. A few showers and occasional sunny periods Monday. Cooler temperatures with high next days near 55. Low tonight near 38.

Highest this Morning	53
Lowest this Morning	37

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	5:31 a.m.
Sunset	6:52 p.m.
Moonrise	7:36 p.m.
Last Quarter	April 21
PROMINENT STARS	
Aldebaran, sets	9:51 p.m.
VISIBLE PLANETS	
Mercury, sets	8:06 p.m.
Mars, above Aldebaran	
Jupiter, high in southeast	8:12 p.m.
Saturn, rises	11:16 p.m.