

Rackets Committee Calls for Testimony on Hoffa-Dio Link

Washington — The Senate Rackets Committee called for expert testimony today on the crux of its New York hearings — the charge that James R. Hoffa, Teamster Union vice president, used Johnny Dio's underworld henchmen to rig a union election.

Counsel Robert F. Kennedy said the committee planned to call 10 witnesses, most of them union officials connected with Dio. That would clear the way

for Dio's scheduled appearance Thursday, he said.

The witnesses, Kennedy said, would be individuals who played a role in the battle for control of New York's Joint Council of Teamsters late in 1955.

The committee previously charged Hoffa obtained Teamster charters for a group of "paper" locals in New York merely to use their votes in that Teamster election. According to committee data, four of the

largely memberless locals were staffed with officers from Dio-controlled locals of the AFL-United Auto Workers Union.

Gives Vivid Picture

Paul Claude, a Brooklyn, N.Y. machine shop owner who said he feared for his children's lives even as he testified, gave the committee a vivid picture Tuesday of how one Dio henchman allegedly operated.

Claude, a nervous man with a furrowed, balding brow, testified that into his shop—Paragon Brass Products, Inc.—one day in 1954 walked Max Chester, a smallish, soft-spoken man with long, dark eyelashes.

Kennedy said Chester also has a long, dark record of nine arrests and six convictions including a recent labor bribery case involving his friend Dio, whose real name is John Dioguardi.

Chester announced he was organizing the shop's 15 employees, Claude testified, and for \$2,000 would grant a contract the machine shop owner could "live with." Otherwise, the witness related, the contract would increase his costs \$12,000 in three years and run him out of business.

Kid of Psychology

He said Chester told him his \$2,000 offer amounted to a gift

of \$10,000 and Claude should be grateful.

The nervous witness said the Dio henchman always inquired solicitously about his family's health and wasn't it a shame how easily his children could be run over by a car?

"He said how he loved his own children and how dangerous it is for children to play in the streets," Claude testified. "I was scared to death. It was a kind of psychology, and it worked on me. He never threatened."

Chester, called to the witness stand, invoked the Fifth Amendment refusing to tell

anything but his name. He refused even to admit his present abode is a New York jail cell where he awaits sentence along with Dio and Samuel Goldstein, an official of a New York Teamsters local. All three were convicted July 25 of exacting money from employers for labor peace.

REALLY FATHER'S DAY

North Tonawanda, N. Y. — Father's Day has a special significance for Joseph Volk. His wife presented him with the couple's third set of twins on that day in 1957.

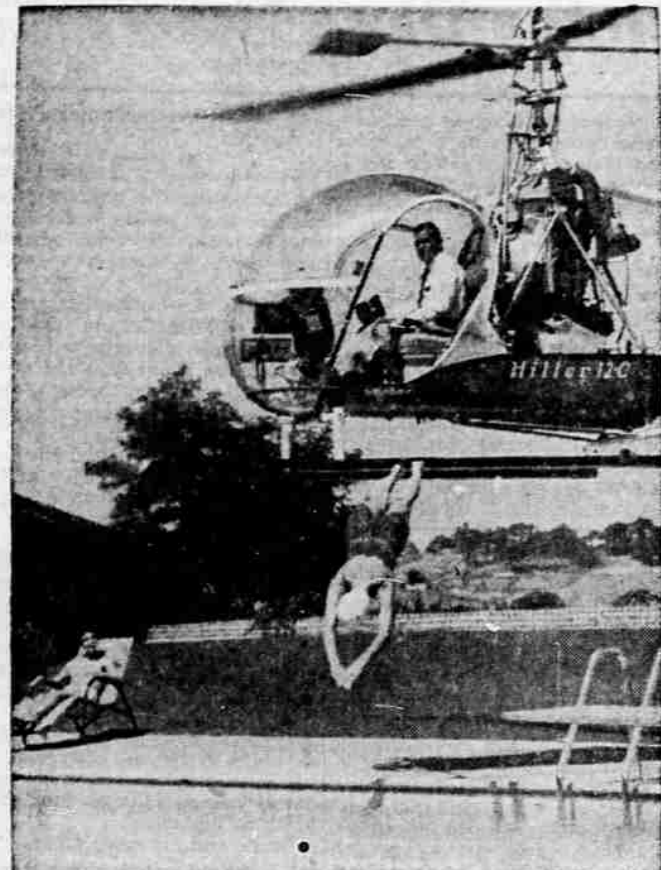
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Skin-Diving Expedition Searches For Seaport

Washington — A skin-diving archeological expedition, believed to be the first of its kind, plans to dig out an ancient seaport built in the first century before Christ.

The expedition, to take place early next year, will try to uncover the old Roman port of Caesarea. It now lies off the coast of Israel in the Mediterranean Sea.

The trip will be sponsored here by the American-Israel Society, the Smithsonian Institution and the government of Israel.

The society's executive director, George L. Cassidy, said that while there have been under-explorations before, this is believed to be the first in archeology. He said the expedition's aim will be to recover Biblical relics from the Mediterranean and to explore further the floor of the Sea of Galilee.

Escaped Convict Remains at Large

Salem — Andrew Taylor, 40, a "dangerous" convict who escaped in broad daylight from a Marion county courtroom here Monday by slugging a guard, was still at large today.

State police and sheriff's deputies were following leads that the elusive escapee had been seen in a car near Lyons, about 35 miles east of Salem, and that he also had been spotted eating breakfast in a restaurant in Linn county Tuesday morning.

Taylor and fellow convict Leonard Miller, 31, bolted down a fire escape to make their daring getaway from the courtroom where they were awaiting a hearing.

Miller was recaptured a short while later in a nearby garage, but Taylor apparently slipped through roadblocks and patrols after doubling back towards the downtown Salem area.

BOLT CAME TWICE

Beekmantown, N.Y. — Farmer Elihu Pierce, one of whose cows was struck dead by lightning near a gate post 48 years ago, used to laugh when told about it striking twice. Recently another of his cows was struck dead in the same spot.

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A Special Ship

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and the Jews. Since wood should be preserved in this fresh water lake, the possibility of finding Roman galley or biblical fishing boat is good.

They were the first in modern times to define the boundaries of the sunken harbor. Using light diving equipment, they established that the ancient Palestinian port was at least four times the size of the one that still exists there.

The Links also found some remarkably well-preserved relics in other preliminary explorations. In recent years, Israeli fishermen have stumbled across ancient objects by the hundreds.

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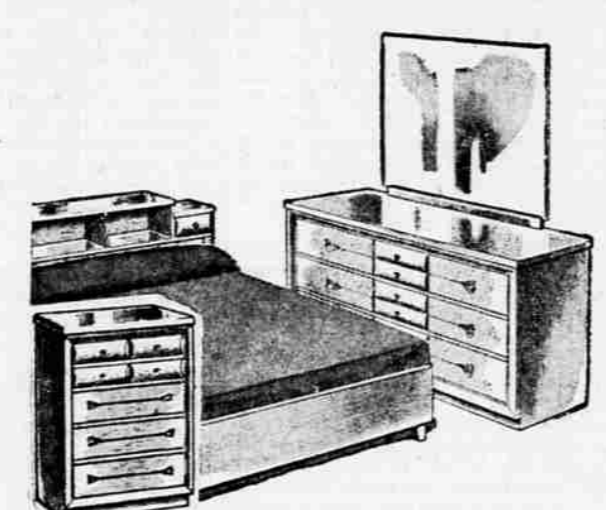
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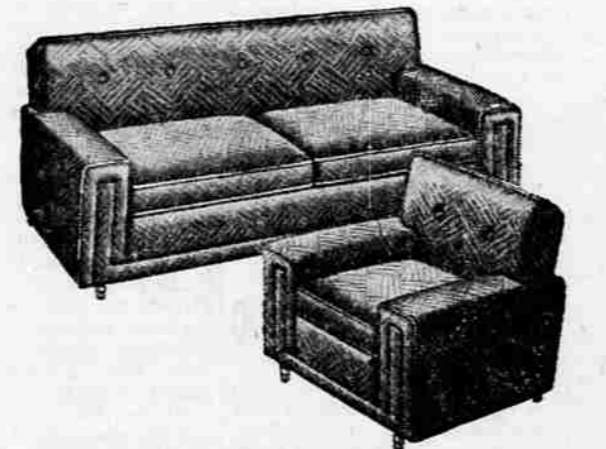


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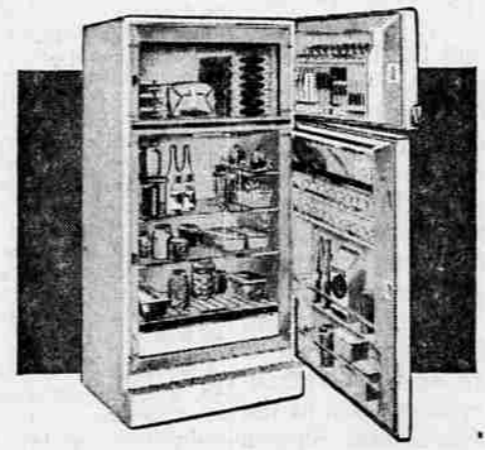
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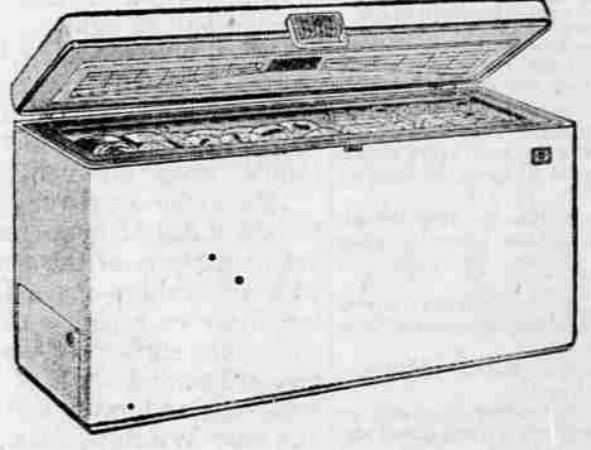


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