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Committee Says \$150,000 Estate Bought by Hoffa

Country Home Was Owned by Paul Ricca

Washington — The Senate Rackets committee said today two of James R. Hoffa's Teamsters Union locals paid \$150,000 for the country estate of Capone mobster Paul (The Waiter) Ricca.

Hoffa, accused of being an ally of the New York underworld, told the committee he never met the Chicago hoodlum and could find no trace of his name in the deal for the mansion.

Committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy said one of the union checks for the property bore the endorsement of Paul De Lucia. He said this is another name for Ricca.

"I say we did not purchase from Paul Ricca," Hoffa snapped. The fast-talking Hoffa, probably next president of the Teamsters Union and presently its Midwest boss, said the estate near Chicago was bought by the union as a school in which to teach union officials how to handle welfare and pension funds. Hoffa said the estate was bought by Local 337 and his home Local 299, in Detroit, and turned over to the union's Joint Council 43.

He said after the purchase was first publicized, he had the abstract company check the records and could not find Ricca's name. He said he did not know Ricca and De Lucia were the same — or why someone named De Lucia got the union's check. He said the property was purchased from a trust company.

This was Hoffa's second day on the witness stand. Tuesday the committee went over his personal finances and brought out that he had borrowed about \$120,000 from his Local 299 in Detroit, other teamsters officials and businessmen having dealings with the local.

Most of the loans were obtained without paying interest, signing notes or putting up collateral. He still owes "around about \$70,000" of this, he said.

At today's session, Kennedy said Ricca is "a notorious hoodlum" who was recently ordered deported and was "part of the Capone mob."

The alleged link with Ricca bobbed up as the committee worked up to the main charge of its 15-day hearings: That Hoffa enlisted labor racketeers Johnny Dio and Anthony (Tony Ducks) Corallo to help him grab control of the teamsters in New York.

'Limp Body' Found By Excited Driver On City Thoroughfare

After narrowly missing a "limp body" lying in the middle of Park st., between Catherine and Belmont sts., a passing motorist ran to report the "injury" to city police last night.

Arriving on the scene police saw three juveniles running into the shadows. The three were quickly rounded up. The "body" was found to be a well dressed dummy, complete to eyebrows and glasses.

The three boys admitted they had placed the dummy in the street in the hope of scaring passersby. They were released to their fathers after a stern lecture by the police.

As for the dummy—he was stripped of all good clothes and his glasses and then packed off to the police property room where he wouldn't have to be fingerprinted, according to police.

Another Group of Officers Purged

By WALTER LOGAN
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Pro-Soviet elements in Syria have purged another group of Army officers and replaced them with active Communists to consolidate further their bloodless revolution, Israeli dispatches reported today.

Reports also reached Jerusalem, Israel and Beirut, Lebanon, that Syrian President Shukri El Kuwaly had resigned. But Damascus Radio and Cairo press insisted he would return home in a few days from an Egyptian hospital.

The Syrian-American crisis was heightened Tuesday night when Syria renewed its charges of an "American plot" to over-

throw the government and said "made in America gangsters" were to have assassinated Syria's leaders.

Anti-American Broadcasts

Moscow Radio increased its anti-American broadcasts to the Middle East and accused America of "unprecedented interference . . . in the internal affairs of Near and Middle Eastern countries."

Reports reached Jerusalem, Israel, from Damascus that the leftist military clique in Syria arrested five brigade commanders and Brig. Omar Kabani, former deputy chief of staff and recent military attache to Jordan.

The reports said the arrest of



PRESENTS CHECK—E. K. Peterson (lower right) district forester of the bureau of land management, hands a check for \$1,537,528.15 to Karl Janouch, Jackson county treasurer. Making sure that everything is okay is (standing, left to right) County Commissioner Chester Wendt, Judge Rodney Keating and Commissioner Ralph James. The check was the county's share of the sale of lands and timber during the past year.

Subdivision Talk Slated For Monday By County Planners

The Jackson county planning commission will discuss the proposed subdivision ordinance at their monthly meeting Monday, Aug. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the planning commission in the county courthouse.

The ordinance, which was approved and referred to the county court at the July meeting, would make it unlawful for anyone to sell or contract to sell any subdivision until all the requirements listed in the ordinance are complied with.

Objectives of the uniform regulations as stated in the ordinance were to create better living conditions within the new subdivision, areas which can be economically serviced and maintained will be developed, land descriptions will be simplified and made more certain, necessary city streets, utilities and public areas may be extended without expensive labor purchases, property values will be enhanced and secured in the subdivision and adjacent lands, and purchasers will be protected from unexpected assessments.

The Planning commission has sent a letter to the county court asking for their comments. Members of the court were not certain today if they would attend the Monday meeting.

If the ordinance is approved by the court they would set a public hearing date.

Juveniles Arrested During House Entry

Three juvenile girls, aged 8, 10 and 11 years, were caught by city police last night attempting to break into an empty residence at 1018 South Grape st., according to police.

The activity of the girls was first noted by a neighbor when they took a strip of molding off a screened window. The police were called and when they arrived they found the screen had been removed and the girls were attempting to hide on the south side of the house.

The juveniles were released to their parents by police after a lecture. No serious damage was done to the window.

Woman Dies When Rural Home Burns

Grants Pass — Mrs. Grace Bagley, about 40, died and her husband escaped with serious burns Tuesday night when their rural home here burned to the ground.

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Bagley told neighbors he and his wife had retired early. He said he was awakened by the flames, and that the room was filled with smoke. He escaped through a bathroom window, and suffering severe burns, drove one-quarter mile to the home of Mrs. E. T. Radcliffe, a neighbor, for help.

Two Performances Set For Pericles

A fifth play "Pericles, Prince of Tyre," will be performed this Friday and Thursday, Aug. 29, by the Shakespearean festival cast.

Friday and Thursday nights are the only two performances of this "bonus" play, festival manager Bill Patton emphasized. A fifth play will not be presented in the "immediate future," he added.

"The strain and exhaustion to the cast due to the extra rehearsals involved is prohibitive," Patton explained. "To produce the extra play the cast is now working 19 hours a day seven days a week."

Advanced ticket sales for both performances have been "quite heavy," Patton commented. However, there are still a number of good seats available, especially for Friday night's performance, he added.

Robert B. Loper, Menlo Park, Calif., is director of the "Pericles" production. This is his second season of directing at Ashland. He is an assistant professor in the department of speech and drama and a staff director at Stanford University.

George Vafiadis, West Columbia, Tex., portrays Pericles. He also has the role as "Orlando" in the play "As You Like It," which has a sellout performance tonight. (A few good seats are still available). He has studied acting and directing under B. Iden Payne at the University of Texas. While there he was Fortinbras and the Player King in Hamlet, Longaville in "Love's Labour's Lost" and took the title role in a special television adaptation of "Othello."

Jean Cartwright of Corona, Calif., is playing the role of Marina, daughter to Pericles and Thaisa. She is a senior drama and art major at the University of California at Riverside. There she has played Denise in Stein's "Yes Is For A Very Young Man" and as Prossy in "Candida." With the Riverside Community Players she has appeared as Cassandra in Euripides' "The Trojan Women," and earned their award as Best Actress of 1957.

Clouds Threaten Hail, Lightning

Thick cumulus cloud formations, building into thunderheads, threatened to produce thunderstorms with heavy lightning east of the valley along the Cascade mountains this afternoon.

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Evaluation of Job Done By Congress Made at Conference

Takes Cautious Stand On Syrian Situation

Washington — President Eisenhower said today he is tremendously disappointed in the record to date of this session of Congress.

At his weekly news conference, Eisenhower also took a cautious stand on the Communist seizure of power in Syria. He said the situation is not an instance at present that justifies any action under the Eisenhower Middle East doctrine.

He charged that Russia is trying to take over Syria.

On domestic matters, Eisenhower indicated a willingness to accept a compromise version of the jury trial amendment to the civil rights bill somewhere between the Senate version, which he still opposes, and his original position. The compromise proposal will be announced later today or Thursday by House Republican leaders.

Wants Aid Funds

The President also told reporters he earnestly hopes that congressional leaders of both parties will get together and finish action on the civil rights bill at this session of Congress rather than letting it go into an election year. He did not think it would be proper to have the emotions of the people torn over such an issue next year during congressional and state elections.

Other highlights of Eisenhower's meeting with reporters: —He expressed again his hope that the Senate would restore every cent of the reduced foreign aid appropriation to the level of the original authorization bill, then make the best possible deal out of a House-Senate conference.

Special Session of Congress

—He said he sees no usefulness in contemplating a special session of Congress on civil rights. He reiterated that the world situation would have to dictate the necessity of a special session on foreign aid should Congress end up voting what he regards as insufficient funds.

Eisenhower was asked to praise the congressional treatment of the administration program this year and to evaluate the job done by Congress. The President said that he had looked over the long list of recommendations he submitted to Congress last January and was tremendously disappointed that to date so many bills had not been acted on and in some cases not even accorded committee hearings.

Civil Rights Views

He declined to divide the blame between the Democrats and Republicans. He said those who voted against his program which he believed was best for the welfare of the nation had to share the blame.

On civil rights, he was asked whether he would accept the Senate jury trial amendment if necessary to break the House deadlock.

He said that he would like to see the amendment made stronger, but that the Republican leaders had reached a conclusion on a proposal between his original stand and the Senate version and would make this proposal public today or Thursday.

AEC's Budget Requests Cut by Committee

Washington — The House Appropriations committee, taking its final whack of the year at President Eisenhower's budget requests, chopped almost 216 million dollars today from Atomic Energy commission funds.



TWO LADIES—Judy Bradshaw, Lake Creek, member of the Antelope 4-H club, holds the large neck of "Royal Linda," one of many animals on display at the annual 4H-FFA Fair held at the Jackson county fairgrounds. The fair is scheduled to last through Saturday.

Railroad Crossing Problems Given Thorough Examination

Medford's railroad grade crossing problems received thorough consideration by Public Utilities Commission Examiners in a public hearing here yesterday.

Six witnesses gave testimony during the nine-hour session, called at the request of the city to consider regulation of train speeds inside city limits.

PUC railroad engineer C. E. Jaqua gave his speed recommendations, and also suggested two crossing closures and lighting and signaling improvements.

Jaqua recommended maximum train speeds of 20 miles per hour at the outermost city grade crossings, McAndrews rd. to the north and Stewart ave. to the south, and 15 miles per hour at all others.

Present Speeds

Present train speeds, set voluntarily by Southern Pacific railroad company, are 25 mph at Stewart ave., McAndrews rd., Jackson and Clark sts.; 15 mph at Third, Fourth and Eleventh sts.; and 10 mph at Main and Sixth sts.

Where Jaqua proposed 15 mph limits instead of 10 mph already followed, he said he did not think the difference would "add to the frequency or severity of accidents."

His speed recommendations conflicted with those given earlier by both the Medford Safety Council and the safety committee of Jackson County Medical Society. They favored a 10 mph per hour limit at all crossings.

The commission engineer listed steps he thought should be taken to provide "the ultimate and the minimum protection" at each crossing.

He recommended: Street Lighting

At McAndrews rd., improve street lighting, put all tracks on the electrical circuit that activates the warning signal, replace the wigwag device with modern flashing lights warning system. Now, only the main track activates the warning signal.

At Clark st., close the crossing to motor vehicles. If this cannot be done, improve illumination. Clark st. has never been approved as a grade crossing by the commission, Jaqua noted.

At Jackson st., install more street lighting, replace the wigwag signal with flashing lights, put all tracks on the warning signal circuit.

At Third st., improve lighting.

At Fourth st., install flashing lights warning device, include all tracks in the signal system, improve lighting.

At both Sixth and Main sts., include all tracks in the signal system.

Close Crossing

At Eleventh st., close the crossing to motor vehicles. If this cannot be done, possibly include several side tracks in the signal system and improve street lighting.

At Stewart ave., move the warning device to a less obscured position, preferably replacing the wigwag with flashing lights, increase illumination, consider integration of stop lights on Stewart ave., and Highway 99 with the grade crossing signals, and establish right-turn lane on Stewart ave. going east between the tracks and the highway.

The witness stand Louis Sinnar, Eugene, foreman of engineers for Southern Pacific's Eugene to Ashland line.

Sinnar estimated stopping distances for trains under various conditions of speed, loads and weather.

Next on the stand was L. R. Smith, Portland, SP division superintendent.

Smith offered rebuttals to five criticisms of railroad practices presented in the morning by a Medford Safety Council representative.

He explained "flying switching" where boxcars are "dropped" or "kicked."

A "dropped" car is detached from behind an engine to proceed alone onto a side track. A "kicked" car is in front of the engine when detached for the same purpose.

Protect Traffic

Train crew members protect motor vehicle traffic when cars are "dropped" or "kicked" across grade crossings, Smith said.

The superintendent testified that it would be "extremely unsatisfactory to the railroad and industries it serves" if dropping and kicking practices were prohibited.

Morning testimony at the hearing came from the Medford Safety Council, the safety committee of the medical society, and Claude C. Haggard, 405 J st.

Engineer Jaqua, besides giving recommendations for grade crossing improvements, presented and explained a study of grade crossings and accidents at crossings in 12 Oregon cities from 1938 to 1956.

The study showed Medford had 8.7 accidents per grade crossing, the highest ratio among the 12 cities. Yet only 4.6 persons per 100 accidents were killed or injured at Medford crossings, compared with a state average of more than 15.

Town and Country Opens At County Fair Grounds

Kiwanis "Town and Country Holiday" opens at the fairgrounds tomorrow and will run through Sunday. Displays and entertainment are designed for people of all ages, according to Ray Johnson, entertainment chairman.

Youngsters can take pony and mule rides, see shows starring G.I. Joe, and watch an "educated" pony and three clowns.

Eddie Peabody, "King of the Banjo," will strum in nightly stage shows, headlining a program that features local semi-

professional entertainers competing for a chance to represent this area at the Oregon State Fair.

Medford Fire department will demonstrate equipment Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Foreign and domestic automobiles will be on display, with several custom vehicles owned by members of the Southern Oregon Timing association.

Several other groups will sponsor displays. Included are the Pomona Grange agricultural exhibit; the 4-H "Town and Country" exhibit; an array of deadly weapons confiscated by the Medford police department; Indian artifacts, paintings, handicrafts, rocks, gems and jewelry from the Roxy Ann Gem and Mineral club; and hobbies and crafts from the Veterans Administration domiciliary at Camp White.

Local service and fraternal organizations will sponsor concessions and games.

Negotiations Settled By Local Teamsters

Negotiations between Teamsters Local 962 here and beer distributors have been completed, it was reported recently.

A one-year contract has been approved by both parties which will run from June 1, 1957, to May 31, 1958. The contract gives the teamsters a retroactive 12½ cent an hour increase and an additional 2 cent an hour increase as of Jan. 1, 1958.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati	0 5 1
Brooklyn	8 11 0
Jeffcoat, Nuxhall (7), Fowler (8) and Bailey; Newcombe and Roseboro. Home run: Cimolo, Brooklyn.	

St. Louis 6 10 3 |

New York 13 13 2 |

L. McDaniel, Merritt (3), Schmidt (5) and Landrith; Miller, McCormick (5) and Thomas. Home runs: Moon, St. Louis; Musial, St. Louis; Mays, New York; Sauer, N. Y.; Miksis, St. Louis.