



Tax Evasion Trial Of Beck Enters Into Sixth Week

Tacoma, Wash. — (UPI) — Dave Beck's income tax evasion trial entered its sixth week today with the government continuing its probe into Beck's "repayment" of \$370,110 to two Teamster's union accounts despite the fact that the books showed he never owed a cent.

Court attaches said the government has reached an approximate halfway point in the presentation of its case against the former Teamsters union president, who is accused of evading \$240,000 in income taxes during the years 1950 through 1953.

Returns to Stand
Returning to the stand was Donald D. McDonald, former Teamster bookkeeper, who testified Friday about Beck's repayment of union money through a series of account and satisfaction agreements with the Western conference of Teamsters and the Seattle Joint Council 28 Building association.

Part of Beck's defense is that he "borrowed" Teamster money which he said the government has used in determining its case.

Chief Deputy U.S. Attorney John S. O'Connell overcame the objections of defense attorneys Friday and introduced into evidence the agreements which Beck had entered into Aug. 30, 1954. At that time he stated he owed at least \$300,000 to the Western conference and the Joint Council Building association.

Upward Agreements
At that time Beck tendered a check for \$200,000 written on his private account, the B & B Investment company. He returned \$50,000 in August, 1956; \$20,110 in September, 1956, and \$100,000 in April, 1957, as participants in the agreement agreed on a series of upward revisions of the original accord and satisfaction total.

McDonald has testified that in no case was there evidence in his records that Beck owed any money for loans.

The accord and satisfaction agreement was entered into about seven months after, Claude Watson, walked into Beck's office and announced he was investigating Beck's income taxes.

Wheaton Named Committee Head

Clyde Wheaton was appointed chairman of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce committee to determine the outstanding young man for the Jaycee's Distinguished Service Award. Art Van Leeuwen, Jaycee president, has announced.

Other members of the committee include Hal Gardner, Garry Shuler, Ron James and Charles Henry.

The committee is contacting churches, businesses, clubs and other organizations to determine which young man between 21 and 35 has contributed the most to the community during the past year.

Nominations blanks are available from Jaycee members. The Distinguished Service Award winner from Medford will be entered in the Oregon State Jaycee contest, and state winners will be entered in national competition.

The award will be presented at a banquet early next year.

Vitamins Said To Be of Mental Help

Stanford, Calif. — (UPI) — Vitamins help a youngster mentally as well as physically, a Stanford University research team reported after a year study of some 2,000 school children in Merced and Santa Cruz counties in central California.

About half the participants received regular doses containing most of the known vitamins and minerals needed for good health. The other half received dummy pills which looked real but contained neutral substances.

Investigation showed that the vitamin-fortified youngsters out-grew the others slightly in learning ability; had an "edge" in physical fitness; showed greater endurance; were slightly superior in growth rate; appeared likely to have less tooth decay; and had a better attendance record.

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SNOW PROBLEM—Newsman Al Cocking, visiting Squaw Valley, Calif., scene of the 1960 Olympic Winter Games, inspects steeply pitched roof under board sidewalk to melt snow and eliminate the back-breaking job of shoveling the walks. Presently this is no problem as the area, like most of Northern California, is experiencing the worst drought since the days of the Gold Rush.

Origin of Christmas Star Portrayed at Show In Golden Gate Park

San Francisco — (UPI) — The Christmas star-natural or supernatural?

Experienced astronomers shy away from offering a scientific explanation of the star described in the Bible as having led the wise men to the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem. But they suggest possible answers.

These possibilities are dramatically portrayed at a special Christmas show every day during December at the Morrison planetarium in Golden Gate park here.

Image Off Sky

Against a background of Christmas music, a lecturer operating a complicated projector takes the audience back some 2,000 years by casting on the 65-foot aluminum dome ceiling an image of the sky the wise men may have seen during their search for the Messiah.

What could the star have been? A meteor? This is dismissed as the least likely possibility because "falling stars" were commonplace to men of that time. The wise men would not be apt to regard it as the star of "He who has been born King of the Jews."

A comet? Probably not, because these starlike objects with great luminous tails were regarded by the ancients as warnings of disaster, not the heralds of good tidings as the wise men viewed the Christmas star.

Nor was it likely to have been a nova, the occasional star that blows up to become the most dazzling in the sky. The ancients observed the sky a great deal and such a sight certainly would have been recorded somewhere besides the Bible.

Other Possible Answers
This leaves as possible answers either a conjunction of planets or a massing of planets.

A conjunction occurs when one planet passes another and the two stand close by together. Massing may bring three planets together in triangular design.

It is cautiously suggested that either of these phenomena could have been responsible. Astronomers say a rare conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn occurred in 7 B.C., a year in which modern authorities say Jesus may have been born.

The following year Jupiter, Saturn and Mars were massed in triangular design during late February.

Further, the astronomer says, either or both of these events could have been regarded by the wise men who placed great faith in astrology, as an omen heralding the birth of a new king.

Also, neither event would probably have been noticed by many persons other than



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The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Rosemary S.—I am 19 years old and I've been going out with a young man a year older for the past several months. He is not very good-looking, but he is an excellent dancer and we've had good times together.

The problem is that my parents just "don't like his looks" and have asked me not to see him. They have never before acted this way about anyone I've gone out with. I think that they object to him because I picked him up on a bus, but I don't think there is any harm in that as long as he is courteous.

It is true that on our first date he was a little aggressive and hard to handle, but he quickly got over that when I let him know how I felt about that kind of thing. He is well-mannered, but not very sociable and he won't double date.

Mrs. F. S.—We can't understand why Rosemary should take up with a shifty-eyed character like this. Nobody knows anything about him. He never mentions his family or where he lives and he can't seem to look anyone straight in the face.

There are dozens of nice young men in our neighborhood who belong to the young people's organization of our church. Rosemary has gone out with a few of them, but hasn't kept up a friendship with any of them. Why shouldn't she stick to young men she knows something about?

It's true we don't like the idea of this man's being a pick-up, but we aren't so very narrow-minded. Sometimes a girl meets one of her own kind in a casual way. This fellow just isn't our kind. He doesn't like any of Rosemary's friends, either.

The Council—A lot of territory may be covered in those loose expressions "I don't like his looks" or "he's not our kind." Sometimes the terms are an expression of the speaker's own fears and prejudices, but we doubt whether that is true in this case. By

Rosemary's admission, her parents never before acted this way. And there are some fairly strong indications the young man is, at best, a person with difficulties.

A pick-up is not the most desirable way for boy to meet girl, but it can be satisfactory if both are later able to fit well into one another's family setting and get along with one another's friends. In that case, it means that the boy and girl have similar backgrounds and ideals and except for the accident of geography might very well have long been friends.

Occasionally an individual with a strong character and warm, outgoing nature will walk into a completely new setting and make himself perfectly welcome because he is at home with himself and the world at large, but Rosemary's friend seems to actually fear contact with her family and friends. It doesn't seem to us that such a relationship can grow into anything happy for either party.

The question is why does Rosemary seek a relationship that isolates her from her family and friends? Probably she is not at peace with herself and her own background and enjoys few happy, successful relationships within this group. This is a problem she should make a strong effort to solve for few individuals manage to find happiness in isolation from the group that has nurtured them.

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Hillsboro — (UPI) — Two men were killed in a two-car collision at the junction of Highways 8 and 6 just west of Gales Creek Sunday.

Police identified the victims as Edgar R. Tyler, 38, Gales Creek, and Orting Rucks, about 50, Portland. No one

The western states comprise almost 60 per cent of the nation's land area but have only about 30 per cent of the nation's total water supply now available.

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Hollywood Disc Jockey Will Again Entertain in Korea

Hollywood — (UPI) — Movie folk once traveled to Korea by the plane to entertain American troops stationed in that desolate area at Christmas time, but such junkies no longer make news and the tours quit cold.

However, one little five-five Hollywood disc jockey will be making his 12th trip to Korea this week with a plane of pretty girls, entertainers and musicians to cheer the lonely GIs.

He's Johnny Grant, a cherub-faced platter spinner for radio station KNPC.

Johnny says there are approximately 100,000 servicemen still sweating it out in Korea and that they are starved for entertainment from the states.

"We'll be out there 16 days, doing two shows a day," he said. "There are 17 performers in our troupe, 10 of whom are well-stacked girls. Some of those poor guys haven't seen gals from home since they shipped out."

Uses Hope's Jokes

Johnny's cornball humor is supplemented by a complete file of Bob Hope's jokes—including the usual jibes at officers, Army food and hard-boiled sergeants. He wears a chestful of phoney ribbons and a 30-gallon Texas hat decorated with five stars.

In the past, Johnny has managed to provide such stars as Debbie Reynolds, Piper Laurie, Jane Russell, Terry Moore and Jayne Mansfield.

This Christmas all the stars Grant asked to go along begged off. Neither Johnny nor any other members of the troupe are paid for their efforts. Nor are Johnny's jaunts publicized.

"We do it for fun. And because I'm a big ham at heart, too," he grinned. "Talking out a radio every day you don't get any audience reaction. Out there those soldiers and sailors are the best audience in the world."

The shows are held on makeshift stages, sometimes out in the middle of snow storms. But we always have a huge crowd.

"One year I ran through my usual patter to warm up the audience, but nobody laughed. I looked closely at the crowd and realized that of about 2500 men there were only 40 or 50 Americans. The rest were Oriental GIs. So I

asked a liaison officer to interpret for me.

"When I cracked a joke he would translate it for me. The monologue was a howling success. After the show I thanked my interpreter for handling my gags so well."

"Your stuff?" he said. "Heck, I used my own material."

This year Johnny's troupe includes Japanese actress Mikko Taka, Connie Stevens and Valerie Allen. But Johnny himself is the star of the show and a great favorite of the GIs, who write to him and stop by for visits when they return to the United States.

He also contacts as many Southern California servicemen as possible, then calls their parents or wives on his return to give them news of the men overseas.

"It's the only vacation I have all year," Johnny explained. "And I can't think of a better way to spend it."

California Plans To Restore Vineyards

San Francisco — (UPI) — The State of California plans to restore the vineyards which flourished a century ago around the home of Gen. Mariano Vallejo, the last Mexican military commandant of California.

The Vallejo home, Lachryma Montis, is now a state museum. It is located 35 miles north of San Francisco in the Valley of the Moon, one of California's choice table wine districts.

Aubrey Neasham, historian of the California Division of Beaches and Parks, said the division would like to replant a 25-acre tract on either side of a lane leading to the old mansion.

He said it is hoped that varieties of grape used for winemaking by the General himself can be re-established, "as well as some of the finer varieties brought to the valley from Europe in the middle 1800's."

Neasham indicated that planting the vineyard would take place in the next several years.

Hints To Prevent Chimney Fires

Ithaca, N.Y. — (UPI) — L. W. Knapp of the College of Agriculture at Cornell University offers these hints for preventing chimney fires this winter:

—Rattle a light chain at the end of a rope inside the chimney to remove the soot and creosote from last year's fires. Using a mirror at the base of the chimney, make sure the job is complete.

—If there is a fire, call the fire department and then dump baking soda or salt on it. Do not use water. It can break the chimney and set the whole house on fire.

—Keep a screen at the top of the chimney to prevent dry leaves from dropping on embers.

Fishing Vessel Smashed on Rocks

Garibaldi, Ore. — (UPI) — The 17-ton fishing vessel Heron was smashed on the rocks near this coast town late Saturday night but the three crewmen aboard were rescued.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the craft hit the jetty and rough seas pounded it to pieces. Loss was estimated at \$20,000.

Taken from the boat were Harrison Ray Douglas, master of the Heron, and crewmen Jud Douglas and Clifford Slaughterback. None was injured.

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