

# Business, Lawyers Share Blame, Rackets Committee Head Says

Editor's note: In the following dispatch, the chief counsel of the Senate Rackets Committee concludes that dealing with corruption is a problem for business and the bar—for all Americans—as well as unions.

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Washington - (UPI) - In two and a half years, the Senate Rackets Committee has heard a parade of witnesses who have told stories of theft, extortion, double-dealing - or other forms of man's mistreatment of his fellow man. A great deal of this kind of testimony has led some people to the conclusion that the fault lies solely with labor. Nothing could be further from the truth. The committee has looked into relatively few unions, and where corruption has been shown, the AFL-CIO has often moved vigorously and effectively to deal with the problem. The expulsion from the AFL-CIO of the Teamsters and Bakery & Confectionery Workers Unions are two such examples.

**No Action By Business**  
At the same time, the committee has looked into some 50 companies and corporations. No business group has yet to take an action comparable to that of labor against these business enterprises which have been shown to have engaged in unsavory practices.

In addition, we have had a number of lawyers about whom there has been serious derogatory information. Some lawyers have invoked the Fifth Amendment before the committee. Yet, bar associations have yet to take the first action against any of these offending members of the legal profession.

**Not Labor's Problem Alone**  
The corruption we have uncovered weaves from labor to management to lawyers to all segments of our society. This is not labor's problem any more than it is management's or the taxpayer's problem. It is a problem that strikes at every one of us; this corruption is a problem for all of us as Americans.

The committee of necessity has had to explore the seamy side in the field of labor-management relations, but a great many people showed great courage and we should not lose sight of their brave fight against tyranny and corruption.

James Luken of Cincinnati is such an example. A leading Teamster official, he provided a marked contrast to the 100 fellow Teamster lead-

ers who appeared before the committee and invoked the Fifth Amendment. He testified forthrightly about his fight with James R. Hoffa since he became head of a Milk Wagon Drivers local in Cincinnati, and then head of the Joint Council there.

He told without dramatics the threats to his life - how a hearse showed up at his home one day to pick up his body; how flowers were sent to his funeral.

**Fight With Hoffa's 'Man'**  
He told of his bitter fights with William Presser, the

president of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters, whom the committee has labelled corrupt. He related how Hoffa told him: "If you want to get ahead in the Teamsters in Ohio, you take orders from Bill Presser. He's my man." When Presser appeared before the committee he invoked the Fifth Amendment.

The committee has found that the mark of corrupt labor leadership is its affinity for close relationship with employers; the frequent sell-out of union members in Ohio, where the contracts are

higher than the Hoffa-negotiated Michigan contracts. Luken and his associates have had to fight "side deals" executed by Hoffa with large trucking companies, to the detriment of the members. In New York, where the contracts are far superior to those negotiated in the Midwest, Teamster official Tom Hickey stood his ground against Hoffa in 1954 and won for them wage increases far in excess of what Hoffa had told the large motor carriers they could settle for. Luken and Hickey are but

two examples of the majority of Teamster officials throughout the country who are honest and who devote their energies to the improvement of conditions of their fellow workers.

One of the committee's most inspiring witnesses was John McNiff, a 23-year-old lawyer whose New York group took up the cause of thousands of Negro and Puerto Rican workers, working for sweat-shop wages and under sweat-shop conditions in small manufacturing plants in New York.

He found part of the root of the problem was corruptly low locals of the old UAW-AFL (now the Allied Industrial Workers Union). But he also found that for every crooked labor leader there was a greedy employer, only too eager to do business at the expense of his workers and in the interest of his higher profits. McNiff's fight was made much harder by the attitude of these employers who maintained that the signing of "sweetheart" contracts was just part of routine business practices.

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## Blowing Horns Alarms Owner of Garage Fire

Buffalo, N.Y. - (UPI) - Stephen A. Mekarski was rudely awakened by a horn blowing. Instead of ignoring it, he investigated, and was glad he did.

A fire in his garage had caused a short circuit in his auto, causing the horn to go off. The blaze did about \$3,500 damage, but Mekarski agreed things could have been worse if he hadn't paid attention to the horn.

## Tempermental Elm Annoys Housewife

Ithaca, N.Y. - (UPI) - Mrs. George Smith asked the city to cut down the elm tree in front of her house because: -Sap from the tree was ruining the paint on her porch;

-Birds roosting in the tree were leaving "quite a mess" around her house;

-Whenever the city sprays the tree the bugs desert it in favor of her house;

-The tree was "acting sick" and shedding yellow leaves any way.

## Man Wins Money at Cards; Loses It Later

St. Catharines, Ont. - (UPI) - Fred Gaspich will go right home the next time he wins money playing cards.

Gaspich told police the two men he won from insisted he count his winnings after they invited him to stop at a tavern for a drink following the game. He said when he pulled out the \$80, the two grabbed the bills and ran.

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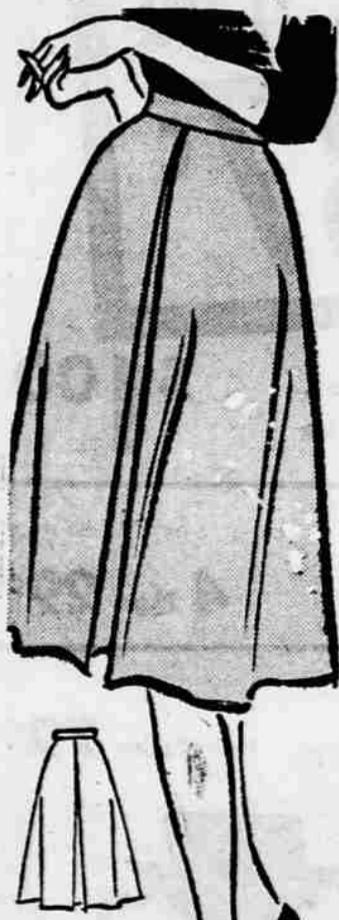
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