

Van Doren Confesses All TV Quiz Show Appearances Rigged

Washington — (UPI) — Charles Van Doren made a "soul-searching confession" today, all his TV quiz appearances were rigged from beginning to end.

The 33-year-old English instructor who won fame and \$129,000 on the now defunct show "21," made a clean breast of his "deception" during 90 minutes of sometimes emotional testimony before a House subcommittee.

Changing his previous story of innocence because "I could no longer lie," Van Doren admitted under oath that he followed a script written in advance and that he didn't even tell the truth to his lawyer or a grand jury.

Van Doren was dry-eyed and somber as he read a prepared statement to the subcommittee but tears welled in his eyes when he was questioned by members.

"Deeply Involved" Van Doren, whose brow-mopping gestures in the quiz show's isolation booth were known to millions of TV viewers, said "I was involved, deeply involved in a deception."

"I have deceived my friends, and I had millions of them," he added.

The quiz whiz said that Producer Albert Freedman supplied him with questions and with some of the answers, before each of his 14 appearances. He said that Freedman and Co-Producer Dan Enright were the only persons who knew his appearances were rehearsed.

Van Doren said that he asked Freedman to "let me go on the program honestly, without receiving help" but was told "that was impossible."

He said he was "deeply troubled by the arrangement" but as time went on the show ballooned beyond his "wildest expectations" and "to a certain extent this went to my head."

He said that in his "folly" he did not tell his attorney the truth and that his testimony before a New York grand jury was "not in accord with the facts."

In response to subcommittee questions, Van Doren testified that he:

Has heard he probably will be fired from his job as English instructor at Columbia

University, although this decision hasn't yet been made. Realizes he faces possible prosecution for perjury for denying under oath to a New York grand jury that he was coached on the quiz show "21." Van Doren, who conferred last week with District Attorney Frank Hogan, said he had no understanding with Hogan on this point.

Still held a \$50,000 contract as TV commentator with NBC when the hearing began, but he doesn't know whether he's still on the payroll. NBC suspended him, with pay, four weeks ago until questions raised by the Congressional

Admitted that "money" was one of the reasons he participated in the quiz show "deception," but insisted "that was not the only reason."

Maurice T. Moore, chairman of the Columbia University Board of Trustees, said in New York that Van Doren's resignation was not on the agenda for a board meeting set this afternoon.

"I just don't know whether we will take it up or not," he said.

Van Doren was excused after about 90 minutes on the witness stand.

Van Doren Commended Subcommittee Chairman Oren Harris (D-Ark.) dismissed him with a "God bless you. The committee thanks you."

Harris and several other members commended Van Doren for revealing "the truth." Rep. Walter Rogers (D-Tex.) a former prosecutor called it "The most soul-searching confession I've heard in a long time."

Major Subjects On Western Agenda

Washington — (UPI) — U. S. officials said today President Eisenhower believes Berlin and disarmament will be the major subjects at the Paris meeting of Western leaders starting Dec. 19.

They acknowledged that the United States and Britain must convince German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and French President Charles de Gaulle it is worthwhile getting ready for another round on Berlin with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev at the East-West summit next year.

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Lawyer To File Chessman Appeal Before High Court

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Attorney George Davis left here Sunday night for Washington to file an appeal today in the lengthy case of convict-author Caryl Chessman before the U. S. Supreme Court.

Davis said the appeal would raise 14 points, including that the original record of Chessman's 1948 trial was inadequate and that Chessman's detention for the past 11½ years on San Quentin's Death Row amounted to "cruel and unusual punishment."

The high tribunal recently set aside Chessman's seventh execution date to allow Davis time to file the latest appeal.

A. L. Wirin, counsel for the Southern California branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, said his organization also would file a brief before the court supporting Chessman's appeal.

Davis said he also planned to file a pauper's oath before the Supreme Court to show that Chessman is "absolutely broke."

Chessman, convicted of 17 felony counts including robbery, kidnaping and rape, has written four books since his commitment in Death Row. But he claims to have spent more than \$75,000 in royalties for legal fees.

Davis estimated it would take at least about two months for the Supreme Court to make a ruling in the case.

Versailles, France — (UPI) — Roger Bouvet, 29, confessed to police today he had made up a story about being robbed of 70,000 francs (\$140) because he was having financial arguments with his wife. The confession caused him double pain. He had hit himself on the head with a rock to make the robbery look realistic.

Wall Street Chatter

New York — (UPI) — Demand for U. S. built autos in 1960 gives promise of being the largest since the 1955 record year, says the Value Line investment survey.

The boost in sales will come partly from demand held over from 1958-59, but it could also borrow in part from 1961, Value Line points out.

"Response to the showing of 1960's all-new compact cars was immediate and electrifying... The public liked what it saw — and scrambled to buy," it notes.

"While there is an old saying about not selling on strike news, business cycle literature points out that if industrial disputes are major, they can take on the character of an originating cause of a cycle," says Joseph E. Granville of E. F. Hutton & Co.

Gervin of Wall Street says the present steel strike could be a harbinger of things to come, as automation becomes more prevalent and fewer workers will be required.

"The unions are aware of this and that such a condition means potentially fewer members. Thus," he points out, "the next few years probably will witness more such power struggles as both sides jockey for position."

Spear & Staff notes Marine Midland has paid higher dividends in seven of the past 10 years. The stock currently is selling about 10 per cent below the year's peak, reflecting the effect of the recent sell-off in the market. The Spear letter says the stock is "strong" and should be bought.

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Railroads Propose Rule Overhaul To Cut Featherbedding

Chicago — (UPI) — The railroads today handed five big operating brotherhood proposals a full overhaul of work rules to wipe out "featherbedding" and strengthen the industry in its battle for economic survival.

Union leaders said counter-proposals would be formulated at meetings of individual brotherhood committees in Chicago starting Nov. 11.

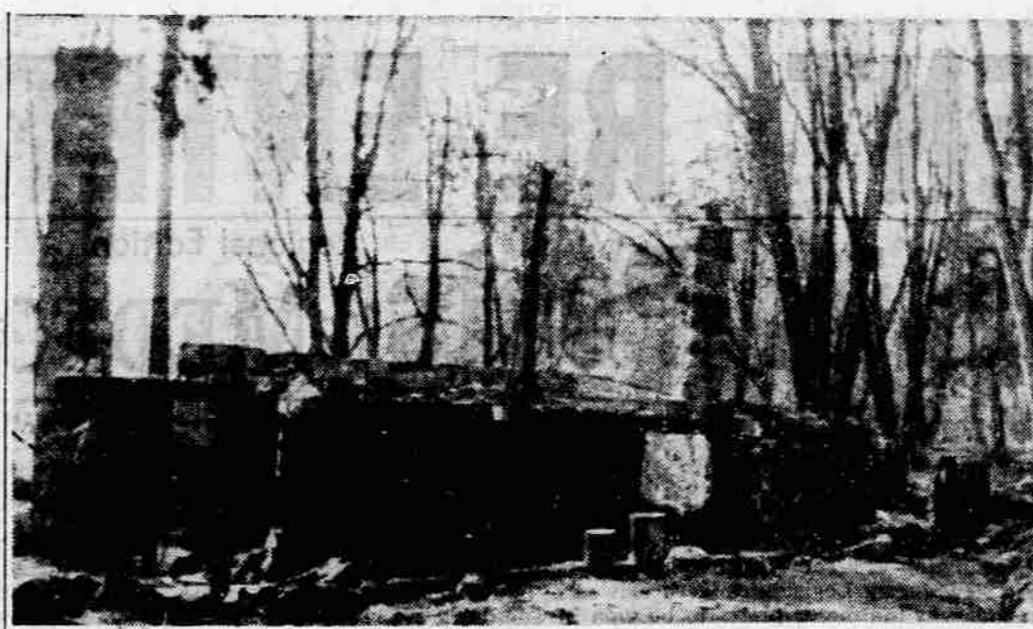
The railroad move, coming close on expiration of a three-year moratorium against work rule changes, signaled the start of what is expected to be long and bitter bargaining.

The specific proposals for re-writing rules governing job assignments and pay methods for 210,000 operating employees—the men who run the trains—were being served today by 113 individual railroads upon local brotherhood officials throughout the nation.

Aimed at Firemen The work rules changes proposed by the railroads would hit hardest at firemen. If eventually put into effect, they would eliminate up to 35,000 firemen's jobs on diesel and other non-steam locomotives in freight and yard service. The railroads estimate they could save about \$230 million a year by eliminating "firemen who fire no fires."

The railroads want to "establish the right... for management to determine when firemen should be used on diesel and other non-steam locomotives in freight and yard service." Fireman jobs on passenger trains would not be affected, the carriers' announcement said.

Other proposed rule changes would: —Revise pay standards so that engine and train crews, which now may receive a basic day's pay for covering 100 miles, could be required to make 160-mile runs. —Open the way for crews



BUILDINGS DESTROYED — A 2500-acre destroyed 20 buildings. This home, a show-place of the area, belonged to Capt. and thousand persons to flee their homes and Mrs. Frank Hicker. —(UPI Telephoto)

Three Major Forest Fires Out Of Control in North California

By United Press International Nearly 3,000 firemen fought today to control three major forest fires — the last of a series of blazes that destroyed an estimated 80,000 acres of valuable timber and watershed in northern California during the week end.

The three uncontrolled blazes have destroyed nearly 40,000 acres or 400-million board feet of timber — enough to build 25,000 standard homes.

Two other fires were controlled Sunday, but not until they had consumed another 40,000 acres.

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A 10,000-acre blaze at Jaybird and a 15,000-acre fire at Icehouse — both in the Placerville area — also were out of control.

500 Indians Join Lines Nearly 500 Indians from Arizona and New Mexico were expected on the fire lines today to join crews which already include Army, Air Force and National Guard personnel.

One of the fires controlled Sunday was the 2,500 acre blaze that blocked U.S. highway 40 and drove a thousand people from their homes in the area of Auburn.

State foresters said about 20 buildings — including a half dozen homes — were destroyed before the fire was contained. However, most of the residents of the area have returned to their homes in the mountain communities of Monte Vista, Gold Run, Poverty Flat, Dutch Flat and Alta.

Also controlled was the smaller Bear River blaze along state highway 88 in Amador county.

Two Missing as Tender Overturns

Taft, Ore. — (UPI) — Two employees of the Sause Brothers Towing Company were missing and feared drowned today after a 22-foot bar tender overturned in the treacherous breakers of Siletz Bay.

Henry Sause Jr., president of the firm, was recuperating in a motel.

Police here said the craft tipped over in the breakers while checking markers to figure out a course for the Columbia Queen, the ocean-going tug that was beached Oct. 24. The tug had been pulled free of the spit, but salvage crews were unable to get her back to sea.

Missing were Ralph Hunt, skipper of the Columbia Queen and Mel Jorgenson, her engineer. An air-sea rescue search was under way.

A recent survey found that 36 per cent of all Austrians between the ages of 18 and 29 play at least one musical instrument.

Concrete mixed with iron ore instead of stone is used in Sweden's atomic research station at Stusvik, south of Stockholm.

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