

# Factor Takes Lie Detector Test in Roger Touhy Death

Chicago — (UPI) — John (Jake the Barber) Factor today underwent a voluntary lie test to prove he didn't have anything to do with the shotgun murder of Roger Touhy, a man he sent to prison and later sued for libel.

Police said an hour before the lie test they had no interest in Factor's desire to face the polygraph because they cleared him previously of any connection with the Wednesday night gangland-style shooting.

**Officer Observes Test**  
However, a sergeant was sent to observe the test, held in a private laboratory. Police said they don't have much to work on in trying to solve the ambush that also wounded Touhy's bodyguard, Walter Miller, 62, a retired police sergeant.

Federal officials said the assault was carried out by the Mafia, the notorious international underworld organization, to seal Touhy's lips forever.

There seems to be no shortage of men who could have ordered the pint-sized prohibition era bootleg figure murdered. The job could have been arranged by hoodlums

from Touhy's roaring 20s past, or by representatives of the current crime syndicate. The police labor unit was ordered into the investigation under the assumption that criminal elements trying to muscle in on union affairs might have had a hand in the shooting.

Touhy was known as a talented organizer and once sold automobiles to union business agent. Police thought someone might have believed Touhy might have been ready to use his organizing talents again.

There was hope, but not much, that Miller might be able to help in the investigation if he recovers. When police arrived on the scene Wednesday night, Miller said he didn't know who pulled the trigger.

Miller, a longtime friend of Touhy and a defense witness at his parole hearings, was in critical condition, but showing some improvement. He had been shot in the legs, buttocks and back.

Factor, a Chicago promoter during Touhy's days as a gang chieftain, was here Wednesday night in connection with a \$3 million libel suit he had filed against Touhy for statements made in Touhy's auto-

biography, "The Stolen Years." Police believed Factor's appearance here was only coincidental with Touhy's death, but the wealthy Beverly Hills, Calif., real estate operator took a lie test.

He also told Chicago police he had received a threat on a postcard in Los Angeles after filing suit against Touhy. The card said:

"You goniff, you'll be taken care of, and I don't mean for \$3 million."  
Goniff is a Yiddish word meaning thief.

## Czech Official Blamed for Salt Poison Attempt

Munich, Germany — (UPI) — A Red Czech vice-consul stationed in nearby Austria masterminded last month's unsuccessful attempt to poison employees of Radio Free Europe, the U. S. Army announced today.

"The counter-intelligence corps investigation shows that Jaroslav Nemecek, a vice-consul of the Czech Consulate in Salzburg, Austria, on Nov. 16 gave a Communist agent salt shakers containing atropine for placement in the RFE cafeteria in Munich," the Army announcement said.

**Discovered in Time**  
A spokesman for the radio station, which broadcasts to Czechoslovakia and other satellite nations, had reported earlier that the poison-loaded salt shakers were discovered just in time.

He said the amount of the deadly alkaloid contained in the doctored salt probably would have been sufficient to cause at least some deaths among the 1,200 employees using the cafeteria.

The Army announcement said the Red agent sent by Nemecek to plant the salt shakers thought they contained only a "mild laxative."

## Tax Law Overhaul Chances Ruled Out

Washington — (UPI) — Chairman Wilbur D. Mills of the house ways and means committee today ruled out the possibility of a major overhaul of tax laws next year.

The Arkansas Democrat commented as his committee wound up five weeks of hearings during which it heard tax reform proposals from 175 tax experts, economists and others.

Mills said in a prepared statement that the hearings were "exploratory" and the next step would be for the staffs of the committee and the Treasury to sift through the mountain of suggestions.



**IKE GETS HORSE**—President Bourguiba, center, of Tunisia, looks on as President Eisenhower pats the nose of a horse given him by the Tunisian President on Ike's arrival in Tunis. (UPI Radiotelephoto)

## West Coast Phone Reveals Plan for Improvements

Portland — (UPI) — West Coast Telephone company today unveiled a 1960 construction program budget providing \$3,250,000 for improvements in 27 exchanges in northwestern, southeastern and southwestern Oregon.

The budget allocates an additional \$334,000 to the company's Camas-Washougal and Woodland exchanges in Washington and \$372,620 to the wholly-owned West Coast subsidiary, Beaver State Telephone company in Lake and Klamath counties.

**20 Complete Programs**  
The Beaver State program calls for completion of building programs in Chemult, Fort Klamath, Chiloquin and Rocky Point next summer, and dial conversions at Chiloquin and Rocky Point.

Nine other projects will use another \$175,000 in Lake and Klamath counties' long-distance service.

Some \$1,206,000 has been earmarked for the Coos Bay division which includes a new central office building in North Bend. A new central office in Brookings will cost \$28,000.

The budget provides for \$365,350 in the La Grande division and \$2,096,440 for the Beaverton division, not including Camas, Washougal and Woodland. The figure includes work on additional land and buildings.

## Government Calls Steel Negotiators

Washington — (UPI) — The government today summoned union management negotiators to Washington Monday afternoon to resume talks in the steel dispute.

Federal Mediation Chief Joseph F. Finnegan said he would resume mediation efforts Monday in his offices in the Labor Department.

Bargaining talks under Finnegan's direction broke off Dec. 10. He reported then that no substantial progress had been made toward a settlement.

President Eisenhower's fact-finding board plans to reopen public hearings on the dispute the following Monday, Dec. 28.

Half the states rate the tourist trade as one of their three largest sources of income. In New Jersey and New Mexico it ranks first.

Average depth of Lake Erie is only about 58 feet and because of this shallowness it is unusually subject to sudden violent storms.

Any person is competent to make a will legally with the exceptions of infants, persons of unsound minds, and those legally adjudged to be idiots.

## Stocks Firm Under Lead of Electronics

New York — (UPI) — Stocks firmed today under the lead of electronic and special issues.

Gains in the electronics ran to nearly 5 in Texas Instruments, more than 3 in Ampex, and more than 1 each in International Business Machines and Beckman.

Superior of California tacked on 17 in the oils where the majority favored the upside.

Steels backed away somewhat after the president of the steelworkers union advised his negotiators to reject the companies' last offer no matter what it was.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York — (UPI) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 673.90, off 1.30; 20 railroads 154.33, off 0.66; 15 utilities 87.01, off 0.03 and 65 stocks 218.16, off 0.46. Sales Thursday were about 3,040,000 shares compared with 3,270,000 shares Wednesday.

Thursday's prices on selected stocks:  
Allied Chemical 117 1/2  
Alum. Co. Am. 104 1/2  
American Can 41 1/2  
American Motors 78 1/2  
A. T. & T. 76 1/2  
Anaconda Copper 65 1/2  
Arco Steel 72 1/2  
Bendix Aviation 34 1/2  
Bethlehem Steel 54 1/2  
Boeing Air 30 1/2  
Chrysler Corp. 69 1/2  
Continental Can 45 1/2  
Crown Zellerbach 55 1/2  
Curtiss Wright 30 1/2  
Dow Chemical 99 1/2  
Du Pont 205 1/2  
Eastman Kodak 109 1/2  
Firestone 135 1/2  
General Electric 93 1/2

## Migratory Farm Wages Defended

Chicago — (UPI) — The American Farm Bureau federation ended its 41st annual convention Thursday with a defense of wages paid to migratory farm laborers.

"Incomes of farm workers may not be high; neither are those of farmers," said a resolution passed by the nation's biggest farm organization.

But wages of migratory workers "have increased approximately twice as fast as the cost of living during the past 10 years," the resolution said.

"Virulent and often uninformed criticism of farm wage rates has ignored the fact that such rates in 1959 averaged 47 per cent above the 1947-49 levels."

Moths will eat Americans out of as much as five billion dollars worth of clothes and other woolsens this year.

Tel Aviv, economic center of Israel, started as a planned city in 1909 and now has 500,000 inhabitants.

## Fir Market Prices Firm

Portland — (UPI) — Crow's Lumber Market News Service said today heavy buying in the past two weeks had resulted in a sudden firming of the fir lumber market. Prices were up \$2 to \$3 per 1,000 board feet.

Buying reached a peak in the week ending Dec. 11 with orders on the West Coast Lumbermen's Association weekly barometer report totaling 163 million board feet.

This was 47 per cent over production and the highest weekly volume of orders reported to the Association since August, 1950, Crow's said.

Light production is expected over the holiday season and prices traditionally strengthen at this time. Crow's also said part of the heavy buying was due to dealers wanting to buy for inventory before winter price advances take place.

Because of the heavy buying, standard and better grade green two-by-fours have moved up to the \$70 mark for random assortments with eight-foot studs at \$60 for the utility and better grades. These prices represent advances of \$2 to \$3 per 1,000 over the past 10 days.

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Only \$45.95 . . . nationally \$59.95. Full length cabretta leather coats. Lovely back detail. Pretty pockets. New wing sleeves. In beige and white. First on her Christmas list. Shop tonight. See our ad in tonight's paper on Page 1A.

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