

The Hoffa Story—V

'Teamsters' Not Appropriate Name for Hoffa's Giant Union

Editor's note: This is the last of five dispatches on the life and times of Jimmy Hoffa.

By HARRY FERGUSON Washington—UPI—You could search a long time for a word less appropriate than "Teamsters" to describe the world's largest union led by Jimmy Hoffa. Not many men are driving horses these days.

Hoffa is pretty much a lone wolf in the labor movement, and, with apologies to the author of Little Red Riding Hood, what big eyes he has! He thinks people in every line of work should belong to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America. Not long ago he indicated he would like to have professional baseball and football players in his union.

One source of Hoffa's strength is the skill with which he has reached out and brought workers under the Teamsters' tent. Stewardesses on a small airline belong to his union. So do people who wrap bread, people who can fruit, people who manufacture soft drinks, people who are clerks, salesmen who sell bread.

Employers Raiding Tactics There is a permanent state of warfare among unions and guerrilla raids are made almost every day into enemy territory. Like a baseball team, Hoffa doesn't win them all, but his batting average is pretty good. Just the other day a special court set up by the Communications Workers of America (AFL-CIO) expelled a score of officers who had been convicted of attempting to lead their locals into the Teamsters union. The trial board heard testimony that Hoffa was willing to spend \$500,000 to finance the raid.

There are some 900 locals in the Teamsters union. If long-haul truck driver wants to work hard enough (take every available trip instead of sitting one out), the union claims he can earn up to \$10,000 a year.

Area Contracts Hoffa is largely responsible for that. One of the big contributions he made to his union was the concept of "area contracts." In the old days each local conducted its own negotiations with management. Hoffa's idea was that a contract for truck drivers should cover several states and throughout his career he pushed that program successfully. Bargaining is much simpler for a union if it is speaking for 10,000 truck drivers than for 100 in some local union.

Hoffa's aggressive attitude in proselytizing and bargaining isn't something that has developed recently. He has been that way ever since the age of 19, when he led a successful small strike against the Kroger Grocery Co., of Detroit by threatening to allow some strawberries to spoil. He came up the hard way and learned to both give and take hard knocks.

Father Worked in Mine Hoffa was born 49 years ago in Brazil, Ind., the son of a local miner who died of tuberculosis from inhaling too much dust. His mother moved to Detroit where Jimmy quit school after the ninth grade to help support the family.

Two years after the strawberry strike Hoffa had an A. F. of L. charter and led his men into the Teamsters union. In the depression days of the 30s, Hoffa was all over Detroit — organizing, picketing, making speeches, getting arrested 18 times in 24 hours for illegal picketing, but always going back for more. In 1940 he negotiated a contract for truck drivers in 12 central states. From then on his rise was rapid. He became an international vice president of the Teamsters, was elected president in 1957 and re-elected in 1961.

Hoffa earns \$75,000 a year plus an expense account, but money seems to interest him less than power. He lives well but not lavishly. But let somebody try to whittle away his charges of misusing union funds and he fights and makes up his own rules during battle.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



It was this ruthless battling that brought him before the Senate Rackets Committee and its counsel, Robert F. Kennedy. Hoffa had four separate sessions with the committee and the transcript of the 20,000 pages. The final report of the committee included:

"Hoffa has repeatedly betrayed the members of his own union by entering into business relationships with employers with whom his union negotiated. Hoffa has misused union funds for his own benefit and that of his friends. Hoffa has consistently supported the interest of racketeer and criminal friends over those of his own members. Hoffa and his chief aids have consistently repressed democratic rights within the union. Finally, the committee remains convinced that if Hoffa continues unchecked he will successfully destroy the decent labor movement in the United States."

Considering the way Hoffa has been investigated, indicted and tried in the last six years, his power of survival appears to be unlimited. But his old sparring partner, Bobby Kennedy, is now attorney general of the United States and the end of the struggle is nowhere in sight. Federal grand juries in 14 cities are investigating the Teamsters union and Hoffa has trials pending on charges of misusing union funds.

There are supposed to be some 150 lawyers across the country working for the union and they are sometimes referred to as the "Teamsters Bar Association." Whatever their retainer fee, they earn their money and apparently will be busy for years to come.

As for Hoffa, he sleeps soundly, eats well and exercises every day to stay in good condition. For his critics he has these words: "I don't give a damn what they say. Jimmy Hoffa can take care of himself."

MIAMI TOURISM OFF Miami—UPI—Tourism fell off sharply in Miami during July and August with an estimated loss of more than \$11 million in possible spending by vacationers, it was reported Thursday.

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CIRCUIT COURT VIRGINIA Maxine Wicker vs. Roland Earl Wicker, divorce decree. Katherine M. Fueston vs. Gerald R. Fueston, divorce complaint. Wendy May McCuan vs. James Allen McCuan, divorce complaint. Patsy J. Lenderman vs. Eugene R. Lenderman, divorce complaint. Ruby Naomi McPherson vs. Hugh Jabez McPherson, divorce decree.

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STAR GAZER By CLAY R. POLLAN Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Saturday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birthsigns.

Hanson Performance Well Received by Ashland Audience

The team of William Shakespeare and Philip Hanson captivated a noon-hour audience Wednesday in Ashland. Mr. Hanson gave the first performance of his newest one-man show as one of the weekly programs sponsored by the Institute of Renaissance Studies of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, held Wednesday nights at Trinity Parish hall.

If other audiences react as this first one did, the actor need not worry about how it will be received when he goes on tour this coming season. Wednesday's audience thoroughly enjoyed every part of the program; the applause was warm and prolonged.

The new show, Mr. Hanson's fifth of this type, he calls "Villains and Fools." Wearing a business suit and with no stage props other than a straight chair, this young man brought a succession of Shakespeare's famous characters to life on the tiny stage.

There was not even the artifice of lighting to help him—but he needed none. Mr. Hanson has his marvelous expressive voice, face and body, and these are sufficient.

Actor Sets Mood The actor set the mood for his "Villains and Fools" by noting that Shakespeare "had entered into" each of his characters completely and had made them unforgettable. He spoke Miranda's lines from "The Tempest"—"How many goodly creatures are there here! How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world, that has such people in it!"

He then added the lines from Hamlet "What a piece of work is a man!" before listing the characters he had chosen to delineate. The actor said that his study of the villains in Shakespeare's plays had greatly enlarged his understanding of the manner in which Shakespeare had used villainy to build a character, and the various types of villains.

Mr. Hanson used Iago from "Othello" as an example of a scheming, vicious man who tells the truth to wreak his villainy; Edmund from "King Lear" was used as an example of the "pre-ordained" villain.

Angelo from "Measure for Measure" he portrayed as the cold villain without compassion and Aaron in "Titus Andronicus" as the truly horrible villain—the man who enjoys his villainy.

Mr. Hanson earned prolonged applause for his interpretation of Falstaff as both villain and fool, a rogue whose "sins are forgiven because we like the man."

One of his deeply moving sketches Wednesday was that of the pitiful, misshapen Richard III who plots and kills for power because he is deprived of love, but whose conscience finally awakens. Possibly the warmest applause of the program followed this scene.

The actor used Shylock from "The Merchant of Venice" as an example of a man whose chief villainy is that he wants revenge, and presented the famous "I'll be a Jew" speech which thrills every student of Shakespeare.

In order that his show might not leave his audience depressed with the villainy and foolishness of mankind, Mr. Hanson concluded with two speeches from "As You Like It"—the "Amely philosophy of the shepherd who knows that his small, unimportant life is really the good life, and the Duke's speech which concludes with "and good in every thing."

For some in Wednesday's audience, Mr. Hanson's program seemed the finest, truest sort of dramatic artistry. He presented the essence of these characters and without the stage trappings—the costumes, lighting, etc., they became sharper, more vital; the listener "entered into" and understood.

Hanson Introduced Mr. Hanson was introduced by Dr. Margery Bailey, director of the Institute, who said that the occasion was in reality an anniversary, since the actor had introduced his first Shakespearean one-man show, "Kings and Clowns," at just such a program. Mr. Hanson in turn dedicated the program to Dr. Bailey saying "it is because of her that we have this event."

Dr. Bailey, outstanding authority on Shakespeare and not one to give praise unless it is due, said of the actor that "he is a man of style" and "one with a profound sense about his art." He is, indeed, this reporter has been watching Mr. Hanson on stage for 10 or more years; it has been a great pleasure to watch his artistry develop and flower.

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Mariner Responds With Information On Unknown Space

Pasadena, Calif. —(UPI)—America's Mariner-2 spacecraft blaze a trail through the unknown depths of space today relaying answers to interplanetary riddles.

The \$18 million space vehicle began sending back a stream of invaluable data Wednesday as it hurtled toward Venus and a look beneath the mysterious mantle of cloud that cloaks the Earth's nearby planetary neighbor.

Instruments Activated A radio command from the earth tracking station at Johannesburg South Africa, activated the craft's sensitive scientific instruments to begin relaying the vital information Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, tracking headquarters for the venture, said the command triggering the scientific telemetry was sent to the 447-pound space craft Wednesday at 8:13 a.m. (PST).

The information included four phases of investigation—magnetic fields, charged particles, cosmic dust and low energy protons.

JPL scientists said that as of 3 p.m. (PST), Mariner-2 was 497,501 miles from the Earth and traveling at a speed of 7,071 miles an hour.

"The command was executed and some of the experiments immediately responded by sending data," said JPL in an official statement. "However, it will take some time to evaluate the quality of the data. But at the moment it is possible to say all four experiments are in working order."

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White City Legion Will Close Charter

White City — The White City Post of the American Legion will officially close its charter Sunday, Sept. 3. The standing charter record of 161 members, established in 1950 at Scappoose, has been beaten by the White City charter.

William Friend Jr., District 4 commander, will be present to initiate a large class of new members.

About 110 persons attended a Legion cook-out held Aug. 27 at the White City Domiciliary park. Music was furnished by the Astronauts orchestra of White city, and featured speakers were Chaplain John Frazee, White City, and Don Faber, Central Point.

Helping to serve were members of the Veterans Administration Volunteer service. Among them were Polly Offutt, Medford; Myrtle Hall and Rita Holmes, Ashland; Lela Lamb, Central Point; and Enid Holmes, White City.

Officers of the Legion post are Mike Prevost, commander; Bert Vlastelica, post commander; Arthur Kent, first vice commander; Ralph Allen, second vice commander; William Cuddy, chaplain; finance; Egbert Alford, trustee; George S. Fallon, sergeant at arms; Fred Boice, trustee; LeRoy Whipple, judge advocate; Robert Casey, trustee; Gerald Schilling, trustee; Edwin Gunton, service officer; Lewis Ford, historian; and Floyd Glimsdale, trustee.

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