

# Hoffa Claims Federal Agencies Trying To Force Union Out

## Teamster Boss Says Pressures Being Applied

Washington—UPI—Teamster President James Hoffa told a congressional committee today that federal officials are trying to put his union "out of business" by pressuring insurance companies to deny it surety bonds required by law.

Hoffa testified under oath before the House Labor committee. The group had agreed to hear his complaint at a closed-door meeting, but threw it open to the public at the last minute.

The committee also invited appearances by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, an old Hoffa foe, and Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz. They sent aides instead.

**Charges Made**

The hearings grew out of charges Hoffa made in a letter to the committee earlier this week. He claimed the two federal agencies were making it impossible for the teamsters to buy surety bonds on their officials.

The Landrum-Griffin Labor Law requires such bonds for union officials who handle membership funds.

Hoffa outlined several specific charges of alleged pressure in his letter. But he disclaimed personal knowledge of any of the incidents during his sworn testimony today.

"I personally have not handled bonding," the teamsters leader said. "I have not checked the facts and the information is from what I have been told."

Hoffa's disclaimer brought objections from several committee members who said his testimony would be of little use if it were based entirely on hearsay evidence. But the committee decided to proceed on the basis that Hoffa would be required to identify the sources of his information.

The union leader said the situation was "the latest attempt of the Department of Justice to force bonding companies to do what courts have refused to—put the teamsters out of business."

Hoffa said most of his information about the troubles the union has had come to him from Allan Dorfman, a Chicago insurance man.

He said Dorfman handles health and welfare policy for the Central States Teamster Conference and was trying to help the international union obtain bonds for its officers.

Rep. Frank Thompson told Hoffa that one of the charges in his letter appeared incorrect.

Thompson said the United Benefit Co. of Omaha, Neb., which cancelled its teamster bonds in 1961, lost its license to operate in the District of Columbia and never received a new one. In his letter, Hoffa said United Benefit had been relicensed when it dropped the teamsters.

**Portland Zoo Fails To Attract Visitors**

Portland—UPI—Not a single visitor passed through the gates at the Portland zoo Wednesday or Thursday, director Jack Marks said.

But he said the animals didn't seem to mind the snow and ice.

The penguins were pleased as punch and even the hippopotamus seemed to enjoy it.

## Speed-Up in Salvage of Windblown Timber Asked by Senate Committee

Salem—UPI—A memorial pressing federal departments to speed up salvage of windblown timber in Oregon was unanimously approved Thursday by the Senate Committee on Planning and Development.

The effect would be to give the smaller logging operator a greater share in handling 10 billion board feet of timber felled in the 1962 Columbus Day storm.

Senate action on the memorial is expected next week. The memorial asks Congress to instruct the Departments of Agriculture and Interior to initiate new salvage policies in forest lands managed by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

A key change would be parceling the salvage timber out in small lots manageable by

the small logger. The resolution says sales should be speeded up by letting lots under \$10,000 in value go with a minimum of advertising.

The memorial is sponsored by Sen. R. F. Chapman (D-Coos Bay) and Rep. Carl Back (D-Port Orford) whose area was one of the worst hit by the storm.

Back said he believes the entire forest industry, including large and small operators, stands behind the proposal because of the dangers of letting the downed trees rot.

The bill by Sen. Thomas Mahoney (D-Portland) to eliminate the possibility of parole for persons convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison was discussed in the Senate Judiciary committee.

Mahoney said he realized

the bill "opposed the views of penologists" that there should be a reward to encourage good behavior among prisoners.

Sen. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) suggested lengthening the time a prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for parole.

Sen. Edward Fadeley (D-Eugene) quoted Warden Clarence T. Gladden as advising that prisoners without hope are the hardest to handle.

The committee voted to delay discussion on the measure until after reviewing several of the anti-death penalty bills that have been submitted.

Other highlights: Education—The Senate Education Committee heard a discussion of the basic school fund preliminary to hearings on bills concerning financial support of

education.

It was pointed out that the basic school aid was inaugurated in 1946. The basic questions involved in the issue are: How much state aid, and how should it be distributed.

Constitution—The House-Senate committee on constitutional revision heard a review of the bill of rights section of the proposed new constitution. George Van Hoomissen and Hans Linde, leaders in drafting the new section, said it provides a good bill of rights that goes beyond the minimum guarantees in the federal constitution.

Signed—Gov. Mark Hatfield signed the bill appropriating \$1,225,000 for expenses of the legislature, including salaries and other costs, through June 30.

## California Legislators To Test Brown's Proposal for Moratorium on Death Penalty

Sacramento—UPI—California legislators returned home for a long week end today to test local sentiment on Democratic Gov. Edmund G. Brown's proposal for a four-year moratorium on the death penalty.

But initial sentiment ran strongly against Brown.

Leadership of the state senate was particularly outspoken in opposition to the governor's limited moratorium.

to end what he called "our modern equivalent of the Roman circus."

Democrat Hugh M. Burns of Fresno, the upper chamber president pro tempore, said flatly: "I don't think a ny change whatever should be made in the death penalty law."

Republican John F. McCarthy of San Rafael, the minority floor leader, promised to vote against the moratorium as he has done in the past because "I sincerely believe that the death penalty is a deterrent to crime."

Cal. Arman Edwin Regan (D-Weaverville) of the Senate Judiciary committee, which the bill must pass before it reaches the upper chamber floor, had this to say:

"I'm opposed to a moratorium. The issue should be put squarely: either end the death penalty or keep it in effect."

Regan has proposed placing a constitutional amendment before the voters in 1964 to let them decide.

Other Action: Budget—Brown will go before the legislature Monday to present his budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. It is expected to exceed \$3 billion for the first time in the state's history.

Communists—Assemblyman Conrad has introduced a bill to bar the Communist party from California primary elections. His measure had 25 co-sponsors.

## Snow Surveying May Be By New Sensor

Everett, Wash.—Snow surveying may soon become an armchair job.

This prospect stems from a contract recently awarded by the department of agriculture asking Electro-Chemical Corporation, Everett, Wash., to design, construct and field-test a prototype remotely operated electronic snow-water content sensor.

The snow sensor and a telemetering system, both developed by the firm, are key elements in a program for automating snow surveys in the United States and other countries.

Presently about 1,500 snow courses are operated by the U.S. department of agriculture as measuring sites. More than 1,200 men are retained for the job. Other government agencies and utility companies also collect snow data.

A system of automatic measuring stations would permit irrigation, hydroelectric power and flood forecasts to be made more accurately and economically without the use of men on skis, snowshoes, Sno Cats and helicopters.

The sensor will be installed on Mt. Hood, Oregon, for months of field operation, along with the firm's Meteor-Echo ultra-power telemetering transmitter. The transmitter will send radio signals to Everett, Wash., indicating daily snow buildup at the remote site.

## Stocks Generally Firm; Steels Mixed

New York—UPI—Stocks were generally firm today.

Bethlehem Steel lost around 1/2 in a narrowly mixed steel section after reporting its 1962 earnings at a 15-year low. Chrysler tacked on close to 1/2 in an otherwise fractionally mixed auto group and Du Pont stead close to a point in a scrambled chemical sector.

Rubbers were easier but some entertainments, drugs, metals and aircrafts moved higher. IBM and Schlumberger added at least a point in the electronics and Amrad added up nearly 1 in the oils.

**DOW JONES AVERAGES**

New York—UPI—Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 682.85, up 4.27; 20 railroads 150.07, up 0.20; 15 utilities 135.67, up 0.31; end 65 stocks 241.08, up 1.04. Sales Thursday were about 4.27 million shares compared with 3.74 million shares Wednesday.

Thursday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	45 1/4
Alum Co Am	37 1/2
American Air Lines	20 1/2
American Can	40 1/4
American Tobacco	20 1/2
A T & T	12 1/2
American Tobacco	30 3/4
Anaconda Copper	48 1/2
Armco	34
Bendis Corp	37
Bethlehem Steel	31 1/2
Boeing Air	48 1/2
Brunswick	10 1/2
Caterpillar Corp	28 1/2
Chrysler Corp	34 1/2
Coors Cola	30 1/2
C.I.B.	47 1/2
Continental Can	43 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	49 1/2
Crucible Steel	12 1/2
Curtis Wright	18 1/2
Dow Chemical	39 1/2
Du Pont	24 1/2
Eastman Kodak	12 1/2
Firestone	33 1/2
Ford	43 1/2
General Electric	48 1/2
General Foods	44 1/2
General Motors	42 1/2
General Portland Cement	18 1/2

## Foreign Briefs

**RED CHINA ISSUES 229TH 'SERIOUS WARNING'**

Tokyo—UPI—Red China charged today that an American military plane flew into Communist air space off the coast of Kwangtung Province Thursday.

The announcement was broadcast by the New China news agency in the name of Red China's foreign ministry. The News agency said Red China issued its 229th "serious warning" as a result of the incident.

**FRENCH WORKERS PRESS WAGE CLAIMS**

Paris—UPI—A 24-hour strike of postal, telephone and telegraph workers began at midnight to press claims for higher wages.

The work stoppage curtailed long-distance telephone calls, the sending of telegrams, mail sorting and other related jobs not done mechanically.

**ESKIMO SCHEDULES VISIT TO GHANA**

Accra, Ghana—UPI—The first Eskimo to visit Ghana will arrive Feb. 12 for a 20-day stay as guest of the government. It was reported today.

The Ghana news agency said Mary Panegoshko, 23, editor of Canada's only Eskimo-language magazine, Unuktitut, would talk to students and visit various sights. Miss Panegoshko is an employee of the Canadian Welfare Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

## Receiving Stolen Bonds Brings Jail

Paris—UPI—Antoine Sinibaldi, a hotel cook who was arrested in San Francisco during the police security check which preceded the 1960 visit of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, was sentenced to eight years in prison Thursday for receiving stolen bonds.

The charge against him dated from 1946. At that time, Sinibaldi, a barman in Paris, received and tried to dispose of \$44,000 worth of bonds stolen from the Indo-China bank.

When police started a search, Sinibaldi fled to Marseilles and later to San Francisco, where he lived for 10 years, married an American woman and had a child.

It was by chance that San Francisco police picked him up in a routine security check of hotel personnel during Khrushchev's visit. He was extradited to France.

## Sledging Accident Kills High School Girl

Kalama, Wash.—UPI—Prudence Downey, 17, Kalama high school student, was killed Wednesday when she was thrown against a concrete culvert on a city street here.

Kalama police said Miss Downey was thrown from a sled and hit her head on the culvert.

## Sliding Accident Kills High School Girl

Wilkesboro, N.C.—UPI—Grover McNeil, 34, pleaded no contest Thursday to charges of kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon and assault on a female—all filed by his wife, Judge H. L. Riddle, who gave him a 12 month suspended sentence only on the weapon charge, said, "it's hard for me to understand why a man would want to kidnap his wife."

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**SAFETY HAZARDS**

Dublin, N.H.—UPI—The state board of fire underwriters Thursday declared a safety hazard and "unacceptable," Dublin's fire station and one of its fire engines. The local fire building committee said it would recommend appropriations in the 1963 town warrant to correct the situation.

## HEINZ HEIR BOUGHT

Santa Monica, Calif.—UPI—Clifford Heinz, 43, heir to the Heinz canned goods fortune, was sought today on a bench warrant because he failed to appear in court Thursday to answer charges he had not paid \$3,500 monthly temporary support payments to his estranged wife, Mrs. Virginia Heinz.

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