

Motive For Reuther Death Remains Mystery As Police Clap Secrecy Lid

CHICAGO (AP)—Police kept a tight secrecy on their movements in the continuing investigation of the Walter Reuther 1948 assassination attempt. The motive for the 5-year-old assassination attempt, which resulted in the shooting of the CIO leader, remains an official secret. Police are awaiting charges of conspiracy and assault were laid against four men. Positive signs were present of immediate additional "break" in the case yesterday. The same time police were watching all Detroit's points of entry for the possible return of the sole missing Detroit-Santo (Sam) Perrone, 36, Sicilian-born big game dealer in postwar scrap metal contracts who was once

convicted of labor racketeering, was reported from one source to be on his way here from an undisclosed city. There was no official confirmation, however. Perrone, nearly illiterate as a witness before Senate crime investigators two years ago, was one of a motley group named in the charges. Accused with him were his college-educated son-in-law, Carl Renda, 35, also a fortune hunter in scrap metal; Peter Lombardo, 31, inmate of Leavenworth Penitentiary; and Clarence Jacobs, 48, Tecumseh, Ont., television shop owner once involved in alleged alien smuggling. The formal charges said the four men—and four "John Does"—"deliberately, wickedly and maliciously" try to kill Walter Reuther at his home the night of April 20, 1948. A shotgun charge was fired at Reuther through his kitchen window. The next year a similar attempt was made on the life of Victor Reuther, a co-official in the CIO president's Auto Workers Union. Rewards totaling more than \$200,000 are outstanding in both incidents. Renda and Jacobs were arraigned on the charges yesterday. The former in Detroit and the latter in Windsor, Ont. Renda supplied \$25,000 bond for his release pending examination Jan. 14. Jacobs was remanded to jail without bond. Meantime, Wayne County Prosecutor Gerald K. O'Brien said flatly, "we definitely have a motive." But he refused to disclose it. O'Brien also said he did not know whether the Walter and Victor shootings had any connection. In the Essex County Court at Windsor a letter from O'Brien was read which said "Jacobs participated in the actual shooting (of Walter)." Later O'Brien said, however, that he did not mean that Jacobs was the triggerman. He refused to say exactly what he did mean. Jacobs pleaded ignorance of anything concerned with the case. He was arraigned on Canadian extradition warrant. He will be given an international extradition hearing Jan. 14.

Farm Forum Program Set

SPOKANE (AP)—Plans were announced Thursday for a Pacific Northwest "Farm Forum" here Jan. 15 and 16 featuring talks by B. Kline, president of the National Farm Bureau Federation and Herschel Newsom, master of National Grange. The forum will be sponsored by the Agricultural Committee of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce and will be held after similar forums in Boise and Minneapolis. Speakers will be on the two-day program expected to attract more than 500 farmers in the Northwest states. Question and answer periods, panel discussions and special addresses are included. Charles Carroll, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said it's the first forum of its kind in the Northwest. The Spokane Chamber has long recognized an absurd gulf that sometimes exists between city and country, he said. "We are dedicated to fostering a better understanding, greater goodwill and mutual respect between farmers and businessmen." The general theme will be, "The Farmer and the Future." There will be no registration fee. Other speakers announced Thursday include G. Burton Wood of Corvallis, Ore., a member of the President's National Agricultural Advisory Commission; O. V. Wells of Washington, D. C., chief of marketing services for the U. S. Department of Agriculture; and Walter Garver of Washington, D. C., manager of the agricultural department of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. A banquet will be held Feb. 15.

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Vet Farm Loans In State 399

SALEM (AP)—The State Veterans Department made 399 farm and home loans to veterans in December, totaling \$2,603,800. It was the biggest month in the department's history of the program. During 1953, 1,831 veterans borrowed \$10,384,400, also a new record. The previous record was \$7,860,000 in 1950. The average loan since the program started was \$4,492, while the average last month was \$6,537. On last July 21, the \$6,000 loan ceiling was boosted to \$9,000 for homes, and \$18,000 for farms. The department has loaned \$40,864,330 to 11,137 veterans, but more than \$22 millions has already been repaid in principal and interest.

DEBATE

SPOKANE (AP)—Gonzaga University announced Thursday its 15th annual Pacific Northwest high school debate tournament will be held here Jan. 28-30 with 32 teams from Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana entered.

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Hanford Talks Still Stalled

SPOKANE (AP)—Associated General Contractors and representatives of striking AFL carpenters and millwrights scheduled a meeting here Thursday in a new effort to end a walkout that has idled some 7,700 workers on an expansion project at the Hanford Atomic Works. Thursday's meeting was between contractors for highways and other "heavy" jobs at Hanford and the union. A meeting with the AGC's builder's chapter ended without progress Wednesday and another was set for Friday. The "heavy" contractors and the builders hold separate contracts with the 1,200 carpenters and millwrights who are on strike. Charles Hively of the AGC's builder's chapter said the union is standing by its original demand for an increase from \$2.65 to \$2.80 an hour. Contractors have offered \$2.67, he said. The walkout has idled 6,500 workers in addition to the 1,200 involved in the strike.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—The hand to mouth existence Mrs. Barbara Paul (Bobo) Rockefeller says she's living is said to amount to about \$4,000 a month plus a rent-free Park Avenue penthouse. Winthrop Rockefeller's Little Rock attorney announced Wednesday that the multi-millionaire had given his estranged wife \$21,500 since June 1 and that the couple's 5-year-old son, Winthrop Paul, has received \$750 a month from a trust fund set up for him. Edwin E. Dunaway, who has represented Rockefeller since he moved from New York to an elaborate Arkansas ranch last year, said Mrs. Rockefeller also has rent free use of the couple's swank New York penthouse. Saying he wanted to answer Mrs. Rockefeller's charge that she had been left virtually penniless, Dunaway showed reports of canceled checks totaling \$11,500 which had been signed by him or Rockefeller and endorsed by Bobo or her banker since June 1. He added that she had been sent two other \$5,000 checks which he would produce later.

National Defense Plans Calls For More Atomic Weapons, Cut In Manpower

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower gave Congress Thursday the new look at national defense—a "great and growing number" of atomic weapons, expanding air fleets, diminishing manpower. His State of the Union message specifically mentioned a one billion dollar boost in spending for continental defense against enemy air attack. Here are considerations which Eisenhower said went into a program given the unanimous recommendation of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and his own approval after assessment by the diplomatic-military policy making National Security Council: 1. "We take into full account our great and growing number of nuclear weapons and the most effective means of using them against an aggressor if they are needed to preserve our freedom. Our defense will be stronger if, under appropriate security safeguards, we share with our Allies certain knowledge of the tactical use of our nuclear weapons. I urge Congress to provide the needed authority." 2. "New relationships between men and materials... permit economies in the use of men... the air power of our Navy and Air Force is receiving heavy emphasis." Here Eisenhower obviously had in mind the proposed gradual reduction of troop strength, which is expected to bring the Army down from a present manpower level of about 1 1/2 million to a force of about 1,128,000 by the summer of 1955. The build-up in air power is expected to include expanding the Air Force to a strength of 118 1/3 wings during the year, to 127 wings two years hence and later to an eventual goal of 137 wings. Present strength of the Air Force is 110 wings, of which about 105 are all full effectiveness. 3. "Our armed forces must regain maximum mobility of action. Our strategic reserves must be centrally placed and readily deployable to meet sudden aggression against ourselves and our Allies." Eisenhower had presented this

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